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San Marcos family celebrates adoption during Christmas season

ALEYSA GONZALES
LANCE WINTER

City of San Marcos employees, first responders and community members gathered at Victory Gardens Park on Thursday evening to celebrate the end of the neighborhood project and participate in a community meeting.

Ray Garcia, City Senior Project Engineer, started the meeting, with a project overview and introductions. According to Garcia, there are a few touch-up items to be done before the project is complete.

“We’re glad to get together for this final, what I’m calling the fi nal, the grand finale, of our Victory Gardens project,” Garcia said. “It’s been three years coming and I’m glad that everybody has had the patience to go through all of this.”

San Marcos Chief of Police Stan Standridge also addressed those in attendance regarding safety in the Victory Gardens neighborhood. Standridge spoke of a new comprehensive plan created by the police department called Violent Crime Comprehensive Response (VCCR).

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SAN MARCOS CISD

SMCISD board votes to keep current election format

NICK CASTILLO
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The San Marcos Consolidated School Board chose to keep its current election format by rejecting a move to seven single-member districts during Monday’s regular meeting. The motion to change to the seven-single-member election format failed by a 3-4 vote.

The trustees decision came as the current maps for SMCISD trustees are being redrawn following the 2020 U.S. Census. The current maps came as the current maps for SMCISD trustees are being redrawn following the 2020 U.S. Census. The current maps are being redesigned.

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Above, John and Allison Hardy sit with their son Turner, and Ella, Maya and Joanna during an adoption ceremony where the Hardys adopted the three girls. Below, the Hardys watch a judge during an adoption ceremony at the family’s home on Friday, December 17, 2021.

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The San Marcos Consolidated Board of Trustees chose to keep its current election format by rejecting a move to seven single-member districts. Currently, the makeup of the board consists of five members who represent a single district in San Marcos.

“After years of struggling with fertility issues the two celebrated the arrival of their first child, Turner, born in 2015. But with a deep genuine love for children, the couple knew they wanted their son to have siblings but weren’t sure how that was going to happen.

On Friday, the prayers were answered when the family of three became a family of six. Ella (1), Maya (3) and Joanna (4) — three of the most beautiful little girls — joined the Hardy family during an adoption ceremony at the couple’s home in San Marcos.

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BUSINESS

Above, Valentine’s, a beloved Paris joint that closed years ago, is set to reopen under new management in 2022. Valentine’s is located at 110 N. LBJ Dr. Daily Record photo by Lance Winter.

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Valentino’s, 2 more restaurants to open in 2022

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There’s been idle chatter around the downtown square about its return. Social media has been abuzz about its revival. It’s true — Valentine’s is back, well almost.

“We’ve gotten our construction permits from the city,” said an excited co-owner, Cody Taylor. “We’re estimating an 8-to-10-week construction timeline if all things go as planned. So, ideally we are looking at a first quarter opening in 2022.”

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