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City Receives National Government Transparency Award

New Braunfels, Texas – The City of New Braunfels is among a select few governmental agencies to receive a Sunny Award from the Sunshine Review, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to government transparency. The award, which identifies the most transparent government websites in the nation, went to 214 government entities across the country.

"It is very important to uphold transparency in all that we do," said Mayor Gale Pospisil. "We are honored to accept this award and will continue to empower citizens by keeping them well-versed on the actions their government is taking on their behalf."

For the 2012 awards, editors at the Sunshine Review analyzed more than 6,000 government (city, county, state, school district, etc.) websites and graded each on a 10-point transparency checklist. They sought information on items such as budgets, meetings, public records, taxes and the ease of use and availability of that information. The winners of the Sunny Award all received an "A" grade during the extensive grading process.

"The first of our core values is Integrity," said Mike Morrison, City Manager. "We define integrity as holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance, transparency, accountability and ethical conduct. An indispensable component of that commitment is making public business readily available and easily understood."

The Sunshine Review is about state and local government transparency, engaged citizens, and holding government officials accountable

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