

Business Bits

ProTect Painters owner aims to provide 100% satisfaction to his customers

Since opening his ProTect Painters business in 2009, Dan Schaeffer has provided the Austin community with affordable, top-quality painting services.

Prior to opening his ProTect Painters business, Dan spent ten years working in the hospitality and food and beverage industries in a variety of management roles.

He moved to Austin in 2004 and received his MBA from the University of Texas at Austin in 2006. Most recently, he worked in the Private Label group for Whole Foods Market, the Austin-based supermarket chain.

"My experiences working in the service industry have shaped how I run my business. First and foremost we're a service business dedicated to providing a great painting experience. My goal is that every customer is 100% satisfied with us."

Once he left Whole Foods, Dan found a new career in ProTect

Painters, a national franchise of professional painting contractors, and a member of the Service Brands International family of brands which includes Mr. Handyman and Molly Maids.

"The ProTect Painters franchise model was one that truly appealed to me," said Schaeffer. "A fresh coat of paint is something that every home eventually needs and painting can be an extremely time-consuming task for homeowners. I liked that ProTect Painters offered a business model that makes sense. I was equipped with the tools, infrastructure, and ongoing support to run a successful painting business."

In addition to providing top-notch painting services, ProTect Painters supports the local community through sponsoring school and other charity fundraisers, a Little League team, and participating in career fairs.

"I also donate \$10 from every job

to charity as a way of giving back to my community. I had decided a long time ago that when I owned a business I would donate a portion of my sales and it's an extremely gratifying feeling."

Specializing in residential and commercial exterior and interior painting, Dan Schaeffer and his painting crews offer the latest in environmentally friendly products. ProTect Painters provides local homeowners and businesses with highly-skilled, trustworthy, and fully insured painting professionals who provide superior craftsmanship.

"As Austin continues to grow, I believe the demand for professional painting services will remain high," says Schaeffer. "I oversee all my jobs from start to finish and my painting crews mirror my level of dedication to quality and service. That has helped us tremendously so far and will continue to drive the business forward."

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Public hearing on the proposed Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan for FY 2012/13 Thursday, June 16 at 10 a.m.

Texas Workforce Commission
Main Building, 101 E. 15th St.,
Room 244

The CCDF State Plan addresses state-subsidized child care services for the period of Oct. 1, 2011, through Sept. 30, 2013. The proposed CCDF State Plan will be posted on the TWC website at www.texasworkforce.org. Members of the public who wish to testify should bring written copies of all testimony to the hearing.

Comments may also be mailed to the Texas Workforce Commission, Attn: TWC Policy Comments, 101 E. 15th St., Room 440T, Austin, Texas 78778-0001; faxed to (512) 475-3577; or emailed to TWCPolicyComments@twc.state.tx.us. Comments must be submitted or postmarked by June 17, 2011.

Public invited to get involved in city budget process at Boards/Commissions

Throughout May and June

Austin residents will have 30 opportunities at Boards and Commissions

meetings in May and June to hear departmental budget presentations and give input for the development of the Fiscal 2012 budget.

During these meetings residents will have the opportunity to hear departmental budget presentations and provide input. This summer the City will also conduct several public hearings for additional input.

This year the City has taken additional steps to make the budget information accessible to more people and earlier in the budget process including: Publishing key budget reports earlier in the process; Developing an Annual Performance Report and City Dashboard that will improve the ability to make data-driven decisions; Using community focus groups to better understand the meaning behind key outcomes from the annual Citizen Survey that rates customer satisfaction with City services and programs; Improving alignment of the Capital Improvement Project budget with City priorities.

The budget development documents for Fiscal Year 2011-12 are available at www.cityofaustin.org/finance.

For the complete list of Boards and Commissions meeting dates visit www.cityofaustin.org/finance.

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