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*"If all the economists were laid end to end, they'd never reach a conclusion."* George Bernard Shaw. <u>www.quotegarden.com</u>

*"Democracy is a government where you can say what you think even if you don't think."* Author Unknown. <u>www.quotegarden.com</u>

#### FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES (Courtesy of Vince Capell, City Manager)

Good Job Award!!!

Teresa Orr recently went above and beyond in her job duties as

a Kennel Attendant for the City-County Health Department. The Animal Shelter received several donated puppies, because the owner did not want them. The newborn puppies were so small they needed to be bottle fed in order to survive. Teresa took it upon herself and asked if she could care for and feed the puppies on a 24 hour basis requiring her to take them home every evening and bring them back to work every



Teresa Orr Kennel Attendant

morning. For several weeks Teresa bottle fed the puppies, not only caring for them at work, but still performing all her daily duties never once complaining or asking for assistance. Teresa nursed the puppies until they were old enough to be weaned off the bottle and eat on their own. All three puppies have since been adopted and are now in forever homes. Teresa has shown her love, compassion and dedication to not only the City County Health Department-Animal Shelter but to all animals that come to us to be cared for while they are sheltered with us. She does her job exceptionally well with a smile and a friendly hello for anyone she comes in contact with. I would like to take this moment to say that Teresa is a great asset to the City of Kingsville and an exceptional asset to the City-County Health Department-Animal Shelter. Congratulations to Teresa Orr on a job well done!

Emilio H. Garcia, City-County Health Director

Let's Remember & Recognize Our Award Winners!!! 2012 Safety & Recognition Awards Jennifer Bernal – Employee of the Year Task Force Department – Injury Free Award Avelino "Java" Valadez – Safety Hero Award

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2013 Good Job Awards				
Teresa Orr	City/County Health Dept.	7/08/13	Going the extra mile/compassion	
Carol Rogers	Public Works & Risk Mngt.	6/24/13	Commitment to work & coworkers	
Myrna Barrera	R.J. Kleberg Public Library	6/10/13	Helpful and welcoming to all	
Theresa Cavazos	Planning	5/28/13	Fundraiser for PDAP	
Norma Cavazos	Finance / Accounting	5/13/13	Payroll processing excellence	
Luke Stevens	Public Works Sanitation	4/22/13	Assistance to other departments	
Capt. Roel Carrion	Fire Department	4/08/13	Selfless service as Interim Chief	
Jessica Storck	Planning & Development	3/25/13	Customer service excellence	
City Employees	City of Kingsville	3/11/13	Assist. Com Ken Starrs' fundraiser	
Chuck Jennings	Tourism	2/25/13	Working effectively with Sheriff	
Cpl. Jorge Flores	Police Department	2/11/13	Prompt/caring customer response	
Ptlm. Javier Aleman	Police Department	2/11/13	Prompt/caring customer response	
Ptlm. Henry A. Cantu Police Department		2/11/13	Prompt/caring customer response	
Ptlm. Allen Brown	Police Department	2/11/13	Prompt/caring customer response	
Cindi Flores-Falcon	Communuity Appearance	1/28/13	Resolving a neighborhood problem	

#### CITY MANAGER (Courtesy of Vince Capell, City Manager)

The City Manager will be out of the office from Thursday, July 4th through Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Vince says that he takes vacations not to give him a break, but to give his staff a break.

During its recent goal setting and planning retreat, the City Commission identified the following 15 goal areas, which are not necessarily in priority order:

- (1) Economic development
- (2) Parks & recreation
- (3) Competitive wages for municipal employees
- (4) Housing
- (5) Truck/transportation loop around Kingsville
- (6) Animal friendly/responsible owner community
- (7) Comrehensive street plan
- (8) Comprehensive plan for public safety
- (9) Creative community
- (10) Quality services youth & seniors
- (11) Education K-12 grades
- (12) Community appearance
- (13) Good government
- (14) City/Community image
- (15) Development and beautification of 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Street corridors. During the next several months, during the budget process and beyond, the City Manager and his staff will assist the Mayor and City Commission in refining and defining these goal areas.

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#### **CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Emilio H. Garcia, Director)**

#### Food Service Inspections (June 17, 2013-June 27, 2013)

Food Service inspections are conducted on a quarterly schedule per year based on the risk category to insure compliance with the Texas Food Service Establishment Regulations and local food sanitation ordinances. Risk levels include low, moderate and high risk. Establishment scoring is based on a demerit system, as per The Texas Food Establishment Rules. There are two types of violations. Critical violations are 5 and 4 points demerits per violation and non-critical violations are 3 points demerit violations.

*Critical Violations* are improper practices and actions that directly contribute to food contamination and temperature abuse that may pose a potential risk to the public health, resulting in food borne illness. Critical violations must be corrected immediately or as directed by the Health Department.

*Non critical violations* are unacceptable practices that normally relate to the physical condition of an establishment, including equipment, cleaning and storage. Non Critical violations must be corrected before the next routine inspection or as directed by the Health Department.

Lydia's (Re-inspection)-77	Taqueria Jalisco (Re-inspection)-89	Linda's Main Street Café-86
Superette Food Mart-96	Taiwan Family Restaurant-83	China West-96
Sunny Market-95	4 Breeze Drive Thru-100	Summer Snow-94
Chili's-92	Pizza Parlor-95	Baffin Fisherman-100
K-2 Food Mart-90	K-2 Food Mart (6 <sup>th</sup> St)-88	Wing Stop-87
Butch's-100	Riviera School-96	Ricardo School-97
Agave Jalisco #4-78	Boys & Girls Club-97	Kingsville Leadership Academy-100
Sixth Street Café-100	H.M. King High School-100	Harvey Elementary School-96
Café 5-96		

#### Food Handler & Fundraiser Food Handler Classes

Food Handler Class	10 Student	Regular Food Handler Class
Fundraiser Food Handler Class	11 Student	Fundraiser Food Handler Class

#### **Permitted Temporary Food Events**

Sandi Reyes	Hamburger Fundraiser Sale @ Home Smart
Texas Bandits (Baseball)	Hamburger Fundraiser Sale

#### **Animal Food Donation**

<u>Thank you Wal-Mart</u> - Our local Wal-Mart Store donated 140 pounds of dry dog food and 12 cans of wet cat food to our animal shelter. The Health Department received another generous donation from our

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local Wal-Mart Store when it donated 50 pounds of dry dog food, 8 boxes of doggie treats, 16 pounds of dry cat food, 2 bags of cat litter, 60 cans of cat food and 1 pet taxi. Thank you Wal-Mart!





#### **Animal Control**

<u>Helping Lost Animals</u> - The Health Department recently purchased a new scanfindr i Max + portable scanner to scan dogs and cats for microchips. The new scanner will be beneficial for helping lost animals that are microchip to be reunited with their owners. Pictured are Teresa Orr, Kennel Attendant and Jason Torres, Health Inspector II scanning a dog. The picture to the right is Jason Torres explaining to Teresa Orr and Jessica Montalvo, Customer Service Representative how to use the new scanner. The City-County Health Department, Animal Control Division encourages all pet owners to get their animal's microchip, vaccinated and spayed or neutered.





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#### Dangerous hazards at work

<u>Three Foot Baby Rattler</u> - This 3 foot baby rattlesnake was found inside our carbon monoxide chamber. It was curled up and ready to strike. Fortunately that did not happen. Animal Control Ernest Espinoza used a restraining pole to capture the snake. The snake was taken to the Texas A&M Kingsville University National Natural Toxin Research Center-Serpentarium.



#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Mark Rushing, Director)

#### **Finance Administration Division**

<u>What is an Encumbrance?</u> An Encumbrance is the name given to money that has been reserved when a purchase order (P.O.) is finalized. When a P.O. is processed, funds are placed aside for that transaction. Those funds are no longer available for use in other transactions, but also have not been included in the Actual Expended Funds balance because a payment has not yet been generated and the funds have not physically left. The purpose and main benefit of encumbrance accounting is avoiding budget overspending.



<u>Early Payroll</u> - Due to City Offices being closed for the Fourth of July holiday, payroll will be administered on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please submit your payroll records to Norma

Cavazos by 11 a.m. on Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>.

<u>New Hire - Stacie Pena</u> - The Finance Department is pleased to welcome Stacie Pena as our new Accounting Supervisor. Ms. Pena graduated from Texas A & M Kingsville and has a Master's of Professional Accounting. She is currently working towards attaining her C.P.A. License. She has already passed 2 parts of the exam and is well on her way.

<u>Incode Software Maintenance</u> - The City's software (Incode) was updated June 21<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and moved to a secondary server. The update went as planned and there were no issues reported. The upgrade provided the Utility Billing, Municipal Court, and the Finance Department with several new reports to assist in daily operations. It also increased exponentially the backup speed for Incode.

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<u>Incode Upgrade</u> - Finance and I.T. will start having regular status calls with Incode pertaining to converting to their latest software version. The first one will be held June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. Incode will have the City's hardware checked and look at some dates for consulting and training. Additionally, they have provided some documents that need to be completed to go ahead with the move. They have also provided the current VX hardware specifications. The VX software is not an "upgrade" from InVision; rather it's a whole new software system.

<u>Budgeting</u> - Finance held a budget introduction meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> and provided the City Directors with binders containing a calendar of important budget deadlines, information on how to determine CORE costs, their current year department financials, and the forms needed to request supplemental expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2013-14 proposed budget. Training on how to enter Departmental budgets into Incode will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Police Department Training room. Subsequently, the Finance staff will be meeting with various City Departments to assist them with their budget estimates and preparations.

In relation to the Budget, the Finance Department has been contacting the City's outside providers for revenue projections pertaining to stormwater rates, utility rates and ambulance fees as well as preparing internal revenue estimates. Supplemental employee request forms for the proposed budget need to be submitted to the Finance Department by July  $2^{nd}$ , 2013 for consideration.

<u>Project Costing for Streets</u> - Finance has been meeting with the Engineering Department to calculate projected Street improvement costs. Project Costing is a method which uses technology to measure cost and productivity through the full life of the projects. Project Costing encompasses several specific functions of project management that include estimating, job controls, field data collection, scheduling, accounting and design.

Estimating, a vital tool in Project Costing, uses actual historical data to accurately plan all aspects of the project. As the project continues, job control uses data from the estimate with the information reported from the field to measure the cost and production in the project. From project initiation to completion, project cost management has an objective to simplify and provide effective and effective managerial oversight.<sup>[</sup>

#### **Utility Billing Division**

<u>Fun Water Facts</u> - The first water pipes in the U.S. were made of hollowed-out logs. Typically, households consume at least 50% of their water by lawn watering. Inside, toilets use the most water, with an average of 27 gallons per person per day. http://www.washoecounty.us/water/wtrconservation/water\_facts

<u>Reminder -</u> City Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4th, 2013 in observance of 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. Refuse changes are :

Residential- Mon/Thurs. to Mon/Wed. & Tue/Fri will remain the same Commercial-Thurs/Fri. service will be done on Friday

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All roll outs must be out by 7 a.m. for trash pickup. Once your roll out has been serviced, it must be removed immediately from the curb or street.

For all Community Appearance Issues please call 361-595-8093. For all Sanitation Related Issues please call 361-595-8094.

#### Did you know? -

TO OPEN UP NEW WATER SERVICE WE ASK FOR THE FOLLOWING:

A. Valid acceptable forms of identification (any one of the following 1-5):

- 1. Valid Driver's license
- 2. Texas valid picture I.D.
- 3. Military I.D.
- 4. Alien registration card
- 5. Employer or tax payer identification number, AND
- B. Social security card
- C. Current lease if renting
- D. In lieu of a lease, a notarized statement that includes name of lessee, effective move in date, and signature(s) from the property owner and/or property manager, and/or realtor.
- E. A copy of tax payer information, if the owner of the property
- F. A completed water application (must have original signature)
- G. A deposit (residential \$100, commercial \$200)
- H. If at the time service is set up a "bad debt" is found, then <u>the full balance must be paid in full in</u> <u>addition to the required deposit amount in order to be able to open water services.</u>
- I. Any requests of new water service/disconnects made before 2 p.m. will be processed the same day; anything after 2 p.m. will be processed the next business day.

## RESIDENTIAL SERVICES REQUIRE A \$100 DEPOSIT AND MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME SERVICES ARE SET UP.

COMMERCIAL SERVICES REQUIRE A \$200 DEPOSIT AND MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME SERVICES ARE SET UP.

<u>Paving liens</u> - On March 11, 2013 the Commissioners voted to extend the waiver of interest on paving liens for anothr year. The Collections Department will continue to accept principal payments through March 11, 2014. Property owners that have received a release of lien must record the release of lien at the Kleberg County Courthouse.

The Collections Manager does request that when calling in for a payment over the phone or paying in person that the correct paying job number is provided to the cashier for correct posting. The Utility Billing office does accept Visa and/or MasterCard, checks, money order, and cash. The Visa and/or MasterCard payment can be made over the phone at no cost to the customer.

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Once payment is received in full, a release of lien will be processed that must be recorded at the Kleberg County Courthouse.

<u>Welcome</u> - The Utility Billing Department welcomed Bisente Zamora to the Utility Billing Team on June 18th, 2013. Congratulations Mr. Zamora on acquiring the Meter Tech position. Jerry Trevino, Meter Tech Supervisor is currently training Mr. Zamora for the next couple of weeks. Jerry Trevino has been with the City of Kingsville for over 20 years and is very knowledgeable in his field.

#### **Municipal Court**



Order of business during the period of June 12, 2013 through June 25, 2013 <u>New cases: 247</u>

Kingsville Police Department

State Prosecutor Office: Traffic violations- 197

Failure to Appear charges- 2 State Penal Code violations- 27 City Ordinance "Junk Vehicle" violations- 6 City Ordinance (Nighttime Curfew) violations- 3 Parking violations- 7

Officer of the Court Failure to Comply with MIP court order- 5

#### <u>Settlement</u>

Closed cases- 69 (includes court hearing cases) Driving Safety Course cases- 3 Deferred Adjudicated cases- 4 Dismissed by Proof of Compliance cases- 37 Dismissed by "Current" Proof of Insurance cases- 3 Court Dismissal "Not Guilty" cases- 17 Executed Warrant Orders- 57 Unresolved New Warrants Orders- 21

A total of \$23,919.32 dollars collected in fees and fines.

<u>Open Court - June 20, 2013</u> - there were 231 court cases set, of which 112 people were to make their court appearance. The final adjudication for these cases presented in court ruled as follows:

Full Payment - 22 Payment Plan Orders- 33 30 Day Extension Order- 14 Reset for New Court Date -39

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Set for Trial - 3 Other: Dismissals - 3 Jail Time Order- 7 Forwarded to the Warrant Department - 110

Ominibase - 913 cases reported as of December 19, 2012

<u>Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson Attorney Office</u> - 1,800 cases reported on May 28, 2013, Total of 2,345 cases have been reported to the collection agency.

<u>Special Thanks</u> - The Municipal Court would like to send a special thank you to the Kingsville Police Department for providing security during the June 21<sup>st</sup> court day.

Court Dates: July-September 2013July 11, 2013July 25, 2013August 15, 2013August 22, 2013August 29, 2013September 12, 2013September 26, 2013

<u>Special Reminders to all Citizens</u> - Citizens are encouraged to contact the City of Kingsville Municipal Court by calling 592-8566 or in person at 200 E. Kleberg regarding any outstanding warrants or city traffic and ordinance citations.

Now available on the city website is the option to pay for any outstanding balances due in court, including active warrant orders. Citizens may also make payment on active payment plans and extensions by visiting the city website. Interested persons can visit this website at <u>www.cityofkingsville.com</u>.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Joey Reed, Fire Chief)



**Fire Department Mission Statement** Safely respond to fire, medical, and other emergencies. Provide public safety education and prevention programs to protect our community because we care.



#### Community Participation / Events Kingsville Public Housing Authority Fathers Celebration

A Fire Department unit participated in the Fathers Celebration at the Connel Villa Park on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

NOTE: Due to the increased number of simultaneous emergencies that are occuring within the City, the Fire Department will not be able to assign personnel or equipment to remain at the location of special events. The Fire Department and it's personnel are happy to be involved in community events,

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but must remain available to respond to emergencies and ensure the fastest possible response times. Personnel may be requested for events through the Fire Chief's office. Daily staffing levels and training schedules may effect resource availability.

#### **Training and Professional Development**

Station Drills - Fire crews participated in various training drills throughout the period.

<u>EMS Training</u> - HALO Flight instructor presented a 12-Lead Kenematic cardiac monitoring course to all 3 shifts between June 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Incident Command Training</u> - A class was presented to 2 shifts of fire station personnel and to volunteer firefighters regarding basic incident command. The class covered things such as size ups, assumption of command, span of control, unity of command, company unity, organizational chart, assignment of companies, and communications.

<u>Target Hazard Pre Fire Planning</u> - Each of the shift Lieutenants was tasked with leading a pre-fire plan through a location or facility within the City. The pre-fire plan includes reviewing the facility's operations, fire protections systems and FD connections, hazards, access and egress points and methods, ventilation options, special considerations, and other issues. Pre-fire plans in businesses or facilities that pose a large loss of life potential will become an annual requirement so that firefighters are better prepared to respond to incidents at those locations. This is also a requirment of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

#### Planning

<u>County Planning</u> - The Fire Chief attended the Nueces County Fire Chiefs Association meeting in Corpus Christi. During this meeting things such as uniform numbering of apparatus in Nueces County was discussed. Shared training programs that are available from various organizations were presented and discussion on creating an updated mutual aid system in the area was discussed.

#### **Other Department Activities**

<u>Fire Department Phone System</u> - The Fire Department is still continuing to have problems with the phone system and is searching for solutions.

<u>Building Survey</u> - A survey of both fire stations was conducted by the Fire Chief and Engineer James Creek (Department Construction Manager). Areas of needed repair or improvement were noted for allocation of current funds and for future budget requests. City Engineer Charlie Cardenas also toured the stations with the Fire Chief to discuss issues such as renovations or street widening.

<u>Low Hanging Obstructions Street Survey</u> - Fire Department crews have begun driving City streets using the Brush vehicle with long pvc poles strapped to the front bumper. The poles are designed to measure the height of obstructions hanging over the street that may block access for the Fire Department's ladder truck. Personnel have been directed to compile a list of all obstructions in the City

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within two weeks. Once the obstructions are identified, a plan to begin clearing them will be developed.

<u>Rehabilitation Cache</u> - The Emergency Response Trailer used by the Fire Department is now equipped with a cache of supplies to help firefighters get cooled down faster and return to the fire fight. The cache includes: several cases of bottled water, one large ice chest with bottled water, another large ice chest with just ice, 4 misting fans with water reservoir, 6 folding chairs, and 2 cots. The trailer is equipped with air conditioning and generators.

<u>Mobile Air Cache</u> - A rapid deployable cache of spare SCBA air bottles and air packs for use by personnel on an emergency incident have been placed in the reserve command vehicle. These items may soon be moved into the Emergency Response Trailer so that both the Rehab and Air caches are colocated and delivered together.

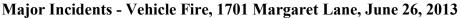
#### **Committee Meetings**

<u>Apparatus Committee</u> - The Apparatus Committee met on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The main topics of the meeting were **policy development for Ladder Tower operations**. The outline was reviewed and discussed with more detail needed. **Apparatus Repairs:** Engine 2 has a severe water leak, we are waiting for a vendor to inspect and give us a quote.

<u>Equipment Committee Meeting</u> - The Equipment Committee met with primary emphasis on wildland PPE and commercial extractor washing machines. This machine is needed to meet State requirements for cleaning firefighter bunker/turnout clothing.

#### **Fire and EMS Response Statistics**

Fire/EMS crews responded to (30) fire/other calls, (107) EMS calls, for a total of (137) emergency calls between June 14th and June 26th, 2013.



Fire Department units arrived on scene within 5 minutes and reported a vehicle well

involved in fire and burning up against a home garage. Firefighters made a quick attack on the vehicle fire and exterior of garage. Personnel pulled hose lines into the home and opened the garage from the inside. The attic was searched for fire extension and the edges of the garage door and roof area were pulled down to extinguish fire that had extended into the hidden spaces. The van was a total loss and there was minor damage to the exterior of the home.

## Firefighter extinguishing vehicle fire and cooling exterior of home.





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#### HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Diana Gonzales, Director)

#### Do you know?

The Texas Workforce Commission doesn't just advertise for jobs or pay unemployment. It has many programs for assistance. One of the programs started in 2011. This program is the College Credit for Heroes program which is designed to recognize the knowledge and skills gained by military service members and to award college credit for their military experience. More information is available at <u>www.collegecreditforheroes.org</u>

#### **Advertised Positions and/or Pending Hire**

Fire - Firefighter/Paramedic Landfill – Equipment Operator II Landfill - Maintenance Worker Library - Library Director Sanitation - Equipment Operator III

#### **New Employees**



Stacie Pena Accounting Supervisor Finance



Bisente Zamora Meter Reader Tech. Collections-Finance



Veronica Fernandez Lab Technician Wastewater-PW

**Separations - 0** 



Adolfo Deluna Utility Worker Water – PW



Roberto Isassi Planning & Development Services Director Planning

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#### **Temporary Assignment**

Aileen Escamilla temporarily assigned duties of Customer Billing Specialist in the Collections Division of the Finance Department.

#### Promotions

Manual Buentello – Building Inspector

#### Milestone Anniversaries – 5, 10, 15, and 20+ years

May – 5 years: Daniel Ramirez- Planning; 15 years: Jose Mendietta-Fire Dept; 20+ years: Michael Luna – Fire Depart.; Don Erebia – Fire Dept.; Ruth Valdez-Library

June – 5 years: Jennifer Bernal – Planning; John Crawford – Police Dept.; Vincent Murray- Police Dept.

#### Workshops

The 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Professional Development program is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>.

HR Director attended a Texas Business Webinar hosted by the Texas Workforce Commission at Texas A&M University on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This is the first time TX Workforce has held this type of webinar for the training usually conducted at a bi-annual Texas Business Conference. There were several speakers and topics included state and federal legislation as well as recent legal developments and court decisions that could impact day-today operations.

On June 19<sup>th</sup> the HR Director also attended "Health Insurance Reform/How Will It Affect You?" presented by Eric Johnson and sponsored by Carlisle-Corrigan Benefits, L.L.C. The speaker went over some of the known changes for small and large employers as well as the new fees and penalties that can be imposed on businesses.

#### General

The HR office and Risk Management will be working on this year's Employee Appreciation and Family Event with the assistance of the Employee Recognition and Safety Committee.

HR personnel address employee issues daily in person, phone and by email.

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (Courtesy of Robert Isassi, Director)

#### **Planning Division**

<u>New Director on Board</u> - Just in case you were wondering who was walking around in and out of Mike Kellam's office. It's our new Planning and Development Services Director, Robert G. Isassi.

Robert is a life-long resident of Kingsville. He is a licensed professional engineer who received his degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M -



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Kingsville. Robert has worked for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) these past 14 years and has been involved with many aspects of transportation engineering, project management, maintenance planning, and budgeting over his career with TxDOT. Robert has surveyed, designed, planned, and constructed many infrastructure improvement projects within the Coastal Bend. He was the on-site construction engineer for the Crosstown Interchange Project in Corpus Christi, managed the installation of hike and bike trails at all city parks along Ocean Dr. in Corpus Christi, managed the construction of ferry landing improvements in Port Aransas, designed and constructed numerous overpasses in the area, developed maintenance plans to prolong the life of State roadways. Robert has received departmental awards for construction safety and was nominated for a national highway construction quality awards throughout his career with TxDOT. Robert is excited about serving the City in which he was born and raised.

Robert has been assigned to head the Richard St. and 6<sup>th</sup> St. revitalization and improvement teams, as well as the Economic Development Team. Robert is a member of the City's Technology Team, Streets Team, Beautification Board, and Historic H.M. King High Adaptive Reuse Team.

<u>Mobile App Update</u> - We are in the process of collecting quotes from different companies that can meet our needs for the City's new mobile app. In the coming weeks we will bring the 3 final quotes to the Technology Team Board so a decision can be made on who give us the best service. As part of this service, there will be an ongoing monthly maintenance fee that will need to be budgeted.

<u>H.M. King High School Renovation – Adaptive Reuse Project</u> - The City-Foundation Coordination Team met on June 18th to continue implementation of established plans toward the completion of the buildings and site. Insurance was one of the topics spoken about and who should carry it. The project will also incorporate a topographic survey of the property which was recently approved. It was also agreed upon that a security fence will need to be put around the school until the project is complete. AG/CM Inc. and Nathan Swinney have continued to work diligently on the all

contracts that are not approved to date.

#### **Building Services Division**

Permits - The following permits were recently issued:

Remodel- 9, Sprinkler- 4, Electrical- 9, Fire Inspections- 12, Plumbing- 4, Mechanical- 8, Roofing- 7, Residential Meter- 11, Commercial Meter- 4, Gas Inspections- 7, Curb Cut- 3, New Residential- 1, Commercial Building- 2, Certificate of Occupancy-1, House leveling- 1, Moving- 1. *Total Permits: 84* 



<u>New Business</u> - Because I Can Boutique @ 228 E Kleberg is now open for business.

<u>Plan Submittals</u> - Plans are in review for the New Pump House on 6<sup>th</sup> St.

#### **Community Appearance Division**

Recent activity (June 13 - June 26) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows -

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Activity:	Results:
Notices Sent- 158	Compliances- 43
Inspections- 212	Abatements- 24
Re-Inspections- 61	Court Cases- 0
Illegal Dumping Cases- 0	Referral to other Department- 2
Obsolete Sign Violations- 1	Placards Posted- 25

Community Appearance monthly performance measurements to be met-minimum 320 notices/150 compliance cases per month.

<u>Typical Violations & Compliances</u> -Below are photos of recent examples of success in the removal of trash and debris due to our community appearance division efforts:



### 1030 E Ave A – Abated by Property Owner



413 S. 19<sup>th</sup> – Community Appearance Abated AF



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#### 313 W King – Obsolete Sign Abated by Property Owner





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#### **Community Appearance Activities**

<u>Corridor Landscaping on Santa Gertrudis-</u> 62 Cedar Elm trees were planted in the center median in the West Santa Gertrudis corridor, specifically the area west of Seale to Hwy 141. As the City of Kingsville staff and commission focus on beautification this is the second phase of tree planting in our

city. The 140 Palm trees along the General Cavazos corridor are thriving according to professionals in the forestry service. Community Appearance operators are scheduled to mow along General Cavazos around the palms as well as trim any palm



tree limbs that are brown and dying. Community

Appearance will apply the same duties to the newly planted trees along Santa Gertrudis. Recently



Community Appearance operators mowed along the median. We are expecting BorderLink LLC to place a mulch berm around the base of the trees to assist in the retention of moisture with in the upcoming month. Meanwhile they have watered the trees weekly. The next phase of tree

planting will be along the 6<sup>th</sup> St. corridor. Plans are being made on type of trees and negotiations with Union Pacific to plant in their right-of-way are in works. More to come on that project.

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<u>Dumpster Enclosure Project</u> -Enclosure project is off and running again. After finalization of plans, the next phase of dumpster enclosures has begun. Contractors begun work on 14<sup>th</sup> & Corral heading South on 14<sup>th</sup>. 20 businesses have been listed for the next phase. Most have the initial construction done



which includes the sinking of poles at the four corners, several have been totally completed. A list of businesses will be provided in the following weeks.

<u>Gateway Maintenance</u> - Community Appearance operators are hard at work maintaining our designated gateway corridors. These include Hwy 77 & Corral, Santa Gertrudis, King. Operators mow, weedeat, trim trees and of course spray weed killer to maintain these gateways. We are targeting the high traffic of the busy highway to attract passersby to our city.









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<u>Demolitions</u> - The Building Services Division will present five dilapidated structures to City Commissioners on the July  $22^{nd}$  meeting. The demo team plans to submit five structures to Commissioners for review on the last meeting of the month. A goal of 25 demos per fiscal year has been set and has been surpassed. GREAT JOB DEMO CREWS!!

#### Demolition of dilapidated structures for FY '12-'13

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Commission Approved	22
Property Owner Agreement	26

Below is an update pertaining to the noticed properties in violation awaiting a demolition order and the already agreed upon and approved properties scheduled for upcoming demolition:

Date	Property Location
Pending	519 N. 6 <sup>th</sup> St Awaiting re-hearing for Demolition Order Request
7/2/2013	306 W Huisache – Commission approved demo order
7/3/2013	603 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> W Ave D - Commission approved demo order
7/9/2013	426 W Huisache - Commission approved demo order
7/10/2013	822 E Ella - Commission approved demo order
7/11/2012	609 E Mesquite - Commission approved demo order
7/16/2013	2029 General Cavazos – Property owner agreement
7/18/2013	1107 W Kenedy – Property owner agreement
Pending	609 E King – Property owner agreement
Pending	423 W Ave D – Property owner agreement

<u>Top Ten Priority Property Clean Ups</u> - Community Appearance Inspectors are following up on previous City abatements to ensure compliance since abatement. Additionally, inspectors have determined the properties, sent notices and obtained photos of those to be listed in the top ten clean ups for the 16<sup>th</sup> phase to be completed in July. As in the past, owners or occupants of the properties have failed to abate these nuisances after being noticed. The current top ten properties are as follows:

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Phase**

Property Address	Tentative Date of Abatement
710 E Huisache	7/3/13
1908 Martin	7/3/13
318 W Lee	7/3/13
150 W Ave C	7/3/13
840 E Caesar	7/3/13
1404 E Yoakum	7/3/13
1309 E Fordyce	7/3/13
714 E Ave D	7/3/13

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[	516 E Nettie	7/3/13
	1202 E Ave B	7/3/13

1407 W Kenedy One of our Phase 15 "Top Ten" Property Owner Abated BEFORE AFTER





Cumulative count of abatements conducted by the property owner for "Top Ten" monthly private property cleanups

As shown in the below table the number of owner abatements on noticed properties within the "top ten" monthly clean ups has risen. The intent is to get to 100% property owner compliance with no reoccurring junk and debris violations. These numbers indicate the property owners are increasingly taking the initiative to come into compliance, thereby indicating a change in behaviors hopefully due to increase public awareness of City codes.

Top Ten Phase #	#of Cleanups Conducted
	by property owner
PHASE 1	0 out of 10
PHASE 2	2 out of 10
PHASE 3	2 out of 10
PHASE 4	3 out of 10
PHASE 5	3 out of 10
PHASE 6	3 out of 10
PHASE 7	4 out of 10
PHASE 8	7 out of 10

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PHASE 9	5 out of 10
PHASE 10	8 out of 10
PHASE 11	7 out of 10
PHASE 12	8 out of 10
PHASE 13	9 out of 10
PHASE 14	6 out of 10
PHASE 15	9 out of 10
PHASE 16	

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief of Police)

#### Half a Million in U.S. Currency Seized!

A U.S. Currency Seizure in the amount of \$501,020.00 was made by the Street Level Operations Team assisted by Patrol Division personnel.

The vehicle, a white in color, Chevy Silverado was stopped for a traffic violation by US 77 southbound and Trant Rd.

The criminal investigator on the stop was able to develop probable cause leading to a search of a vehicle and the subsequent discovery of the US Currency





hidden in the passenger side console area.

The driver was placed under arrest for the offense of Money Laundering. The driver was taken to the Kleberg County Courthouse where he was booked and incarcerated without incident.

<u>SWAT Presentation at Texas A&M - Kingsville</u> -Members of Kingsville Police Department SWAT conducted a presentation at the SUB on the TAMUK Campus on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The presentation included subject matter such as positions that make up a SWAT unit and their

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responsibilities.

Attendees were allowed to examine the equipment used by SWAT. This included the use of a pepperball gun which was fired by several of the students. (The ammunition used was inert and was fired at a stationary wooden target.)

Material was also handed out on the dangers of drug use and it effects to the attendees.

- 13-16693 Taffic stop was made and vehicle had an altered registration sticker.
- 13-16702 Mcfatridge, Thomas Michael was arrested for DWI with 2 prior convictions. Due to pending case law, an actual warrant for blood draw made and signed by Judge Mendosa.
- 13-16752 Pursuit of an evading vehicle which came back stolen out of Houston. Pursuit began at 1700 E. King and continued to Santa Rosa and Corral. Vehicle plowed through 3 fences on the King Ranch Property.
- 13-16753 Criminal Mischief at Double A's, truck had the window shattered.
- 13-16754 Gregory Kipple was arrested for PI after being seen walking in the middle of the street in the 100 block of W. Corral.
- 13-16756 Shaquille Hudson was arrested for Consumption of alcohol by minor.
- 13-16757 Rolando Perez and Felipe Navarro got into a fight. Perez used brass knuckles hitting Navarro on the l eft side of face. Perez was arrested for Agg Assault /deadly weapon
- 13-16823: Theft of a gas cap reported at 303 W. Ailsie.
- 13-16824: Alex Ostrom reported that his vehicle's mirror had been broken while he was parked at the Country Luau the night before.
- 13-16832: Isaac Cavazos arrested on a \$900 city warrant. Ricardo Gonzalez was in the same vehicle and had a confirmed county warrant. However, he had an open wound on his torso from a traffic accident last year. He had a staph infection which was not being treated. He was not arrested and advised to contact the county court on Monday.
- 13-16868: Adrian Guevara contacted on traffic stop. He was arrested for POCS because he had hydrocodone in his possession which he admitted to using without a prescription.
- 13-16884 Traffic Stop on 900 E. Alice resulted in Homero Silva being arrested by Ptlm. Brown for a Nueces County Warrant and POCS (multiple corners of cocaine)

13-16890 - 520 E. Richard had a class C assault between Santos Mireles and Mindy Alegria

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- 13-16894 Traffic Stop on 600 N. 6th resulted in Roel Silva being arrested for a Kleberg County Warrant and Geronimo Urbina was arrested for PI by Ptlm. Cantu #93. While Silva was being booked in it was found that he had been clinching on to a piece of cocaine. The charge of POCS was added.
- 13-16960: Officer Rideau stopped John Monroe on a traffic stop. He had a misdemeanor MTR from Nueces County and was arrested without incident.
- 13-16963: Officer Davis received info that Maria Inez Rodriguez was at 203 W. Nettie. With patrol assistance, Officer Davis arrested Rodriguez on a felony indictment.
  - 13-16992 Possession of Marijuana arrest at 2700 S. US 77 of Alejandro Munoz 21YOA.
- 13-17082: Attempted Burglary/Criminal Mischief at Double A's. Store owner bought a good video surveillance system last week and it already paid off. At approximately 3:40 AM, a male tried breaking in the front and back doors. He put a ladder on the roof and crawled up there twice. He did some damage to a vent opening and to the front door cage. He is on video for about 20 minutes. The video was given to us on thumb drive. We showed all the working officers and the officers from mid shift. Nobody recognized. Five photos were placed on Crime Stoppers Facebook page. By 3 AM, one CrimeStoppers tip had been received, identifying the subject.
- 13-17105: Amanda Amador reported being assaulted by boyfriend Joseph Villarreal at 203 W. King #3. Joseph had already left prior to officers' arrivals.
- 13-17124: *Deborah Green* and *Rolando Delarosa* fighting again. Deborah won this round. Deborah went to jail, Rolando went to the hospital, then to jail. Photos of injuries were taken. An Emergency Protective Order was filled out on Deborah.
- 13-17124 1000 W Corral Assault Family Violence Debra Green 48YOA and Rolando Delarosa 54YOA were both arrested for assaulting each other. Delarosa was taken to SKMH for medical clearance but refused treatment.
- 13 17192 Warrant Arrest 219 E Alice 13:02 Captain Lawson 20YOA (actual name not title) was arrested and taken to the county jail.
- 13- -17193 Theft 617 W Ave H 13:18 Jesus Beltran advised that someone had stolen his property and had pawned it at EZ Pawn located at 14<sup>th</sup>/Lott.
- 13 17198 Warrant Arrest 2331 Brahma "Rue 21" Joanna Reyes Ude 28YOA was arrested and taken to the county jail.
  - 13 17207 Warrant Arrest/CTW issued 1210 S 6<sup>th</sup> "The Office" Carlos Johnson 38YOA was arrested.
- 13 17214 Accident Minor 4601 S Hwy 77 15:25 Vehicle received damage from debris from an unsecure load. Other driver was identified at the landfill report taken.
  - 13 17218 Assault 835 W Ave G 16:20 Homer Esquivel 29YOA assaulted Pamela Esquivel 30YOA. See also 13 17239 Mom Yvonne Esquivel is accusing Pamela of breaking into the residence and taking a TV.
- 13 17280 14th/Santa Gertrudis DWI Amanda Perez Muniz 38YOA

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- 13 17302 Accident Fail to Leave Info 406 Carlos Truan Apt # 4 "Kingsville Point" 07:02 Kathrine Allen 07/19/88 struck a vehicle over night and failed to leave info. Her vehicle was towed and a hold was placed on it. She came in later and spoke with detectives and the hold was lifted.
- 13 17326 Burglary Habitation 722 W Yoakum 11:44 HP laptop silver in color was stolen no serial # was taken.
- 13 17332 Assault Class A 1304 E Richard 12:29 Elias Alvarado 01/21/75 assaulted Alejandro Alvarado 11/25/81. Elias was 95'd and Alejandro was transported by EMS to SKMH for a possible broken nose.
- 13 17345 Assault Class C 720 W Kenedy Apt #10 Stephanie Lerma 10/08/1986 and Reynaldo Lopez 09/21/89 were arguing over a civil matter.
- 13 17360 Criminal Mischief 600 E General Cavazos 15:46 Roxanna Ortiz 11/06/78 had her vehicle window broken. Vehicle was a Red GMC Yukon.
- 13 17470 Theft 1133 E General Cavazos "Walmart" 13:24 Rochelle Hardiway 19YOA and Leonel Barrera 25YOA were arrested for theft \$50>\$500.
- 13 17474 Internal Theft 1133 E General Cavazos "Walmart" 14:12 James Wheatley 21YOA was the offender \$50<\$500.
- 13 17491 Criminal Tresspass Issued 2700 S Hwy 77 "Texas Star/McDonald's" 16:40 Benjamin "Montezuma" Johnson 49YOA was given a CTW for the McDonald's side of the business.
- 13-17518 POCS and Dangerous Drug at HEB. Call was initially for a found wallet. Inside the wallet two corners of cocaine were located. Owner of the wallet (Callie Robisheaux) arrived back at HEB looking for her wallet where she was subsequently arrested.
- 13-17525 Diana Herrera advised she was assaulted (choked and drug) by her husband earlier in the evening but was unable to call the Police because her husband broke the phone.
- 13-17528 Christiana Acuna ran away from home, but returned a short time later.
- 13-17558 Jonathan Yarbrough was sucker punched by David Segovia at Cow Girls and knocked out. Last check on Yarbrough's information said that he had a broken jaw.
- 13-17571 Benjamin Johnston (Montezuma) was arrest for trespassing at Texas Star.
- 13 17628: Harassment. Manuela Madrazo having many problems with her ex. While taking the report, ex continued calling her. He had taken her house keys, she finally got the landlord to change the locks. She requested protective order and was advised of the process.
- 13 17654: Recovered UUMV. Officers Fierova and Garza attempted to stop black Chevy pickup on North 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Vehicle continued northbound and dispatch advised that it was a stolen vehicle out of Houston. Pickup continued to FM 1355 and went westbound. North of the city limits, pickup drove through a fence and onto King Ranch property. Driver fled on foot. Officers found seven illegals in the bed of the pickup. Pickup was driven out of the ranch and onto the road. Wrecker took pickup. Border Patrol took the 7. Message sent to Houston PD regarding the recovered stolen vehicle. King Ranch Security on scene for fence repair.

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- 13 17655: Hit and Run. Black sedan struck a parked vehicle in the Walgreen's parking lot. Fled scene going westbound on King.
- 13-17701- DWI King/8<sup>th</sup>- Demetrio Casarez 22YOA was taken in for driving while intoxicate.
- 13-17706- Assault- Rolling W 1600 W Johnston 94- Jacob Layton 22YOAwas assaulted by 3 male subjects. The subject also broke the front window to the trailer trying to get to Jacob. No names for the subjects and they were not located.
- 13-17708-Disturbance- 1413 n 4<sup>th</sup> Ruben Deleon was assaulted and transported to Emergency Room for a laceration to the top of his head. Rocky Deleon 21YOA is the suspect and was not located
- 13-17712- Assualt- 805 E Kenedy—Aarika Wilson 31YOA was assaulted by Armando Mora 38YOA who was arrested for Assault Family Violence
- 13 17764: Drug Paraphernalia. Caller reported a red van in front of 316 W. Avenue A with people smoking crack inside. Officers contacted Martin Resurez, Tiffany Bennett and Jose Morales inside the van. No drugs found but crack pipes, scouring pads and a spoon were located. Martin Resurez was taken to jail for Drug Paraphernalia. Tiffany Bennett was cited for Drug Paraphernalia. Jose Morales cited for Drug Paraphernalia.
- 17768: Traffic Violations. Just as Officers were making contact on the above three, Martin's nephew pulled up to smoke with them. David Resurez was taken to jail for No DL, No Insurance instanters.
- 17780: City Warrant. Priscilla Perez stopped for traffic violation. She had \$445 in city warrants. A friend came and paid the fines and she was released.
- 13-17815 2801 Brahma (Suspicous Activity) While Ptlm. Cervantes was handling a call he found that the trailer in question did not have any registration tags and that it appeared to be new. Ptlm. Cervantes requested other units check Tractor Supply and Lowes to see if the trailers had the security wire cut. The security wire at Tractor Supply was found cut and it was determined the trailer had been stolen from that location.
- 13-17827 Simon Conde was arrested for PI
- 13-17836 Efrain Acevedo was arrested for DWI and provided a breath specimen of 0.177
- 13-17837 503 W Ave B. April Davila claimed that she was assaulted by her fathers girlfriend Emily Molina. April did not want to give any other information
- 13 17871: Minor accident in the 1100 block of E. Santa Gertrudis. Jason Hernandez was not at fault for the accident but was arrested for DWI. He admitted to being under the influence of alcohol and Xanax. He refused to provide a blood sample but provided a breath sample of .00 BAC.
- 13 17889: Theft Over \$50. Trisha Ramirez of Falfurrias was arrested for shoplifting undergarments at Wal-Mart. She admitted that she was stealing them for her friend (different size) but the friend did not have any property on her.
- 13 17892: Suspicious Activity. Lindsey Rios reported that she rarely goes into one room in her home (2115 Louisiana) and we she entered today, there was a pentagram painted on the wall.
- 13 17898: Agg Assault. Officer C. Garcia found a person lying in the street at 13<sup>th</sup> and Doddridge. John Wysack had head and facial injuries and was flown to Corpus Christi

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(Memorial). It was obvious that the assault occurred on the sidewalk in front of 722 S. 13<sup>th</sup>. Patrick Atkinson and Adrian Cantu said that they beat Wysack up because they found out that he had messed with a 13 year old girl several months prior. Atkinson arrested for Class A Assault. Cantu arrested for Aggravated Assault. Sergeant Campos came out and took statements. House is the location of the a suicide a month ago. Statements indicate there is a lot of marijuana use going on there. At 3 AM, I called the hospital and Wysack was about to be released.

- 13-17916 Rose Longoria wanted to make a report about receiving a call from a male named Ethan who said he opened 2 credit card accounts in her name. Rose advised she did not know who Ethan was.
- 13-17917 Armando Mora called and stated that Aarika Wilson was at he house assaulting them. No signs of assault were seen on anybody there and Wilson had already left.
- 13 17994: Criminal Mischief. Resident of 522 E Lee reported that her A/C unit had been tampered with her fence broken. She believes that unknown hooligans were attempting to steal copper.
- 13 17990: Accident. Elias Alvarado, Homer Esquivel and others were involved in a minor accident in the Wal-Mart parking lot. They requested ambulance.
- 13 18006: Criminal Mischief. Resident of 703 W. Richard said that her gate was broken.
- 13 18010: Criminal Trespass/Resisting/Found Property. Eloy Hernandez reported that his sister Adela Lugo (21) was a drug addict and that he had found pills in the house (psychobenzlapine) and believed they were hers. Officers Aleman and Cantu went next door to speak to her but she was difficult. She eventually ran inside the neighbor's house. The resident was saying that he did not want her there and she had gone inside, several times, and refused to leave. Lugo asked to be arrested but the officers attempted to speak to her about her problem. She refused to leave the neighbor's front porch. Eventually, the neighbor advised that he would press charges. The fight was on. They eventually got her inside a unit and took her to jail for trespassing and resisting. She then challenged the jailers and they placed her in the "Isolation Cell."
- 13 18019: Assault-Family. Lori Olivarez reported that her husband, Jose Olivarez, had assaulted her days before.
- 13 18023: Suspicious Activity. It was learned that a 12 year-old boy had been making his 4 year-old cousin strip naked. Report should be finished and more info will be provided in SGT Figueroa's email.

13-18032 = Matthew Felder was 95ed for County Warrants.

- 13-18112 = Corina Rodriguez was 95ed by Officer Escobedo after she assaulted Pedro Gomez.
- 13-18167 = Fabian Navarro was 95ed for warrants by Officer Escobedo. Result of a field contact at 300 East Kleberg.
- 13-18176 = Daniel Cano was 95ed by Officer Escobedo for DWI.
- 13-18286 = ASSAULT FAMILY X2 + CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR (630 E. Henrietta) Officers responded to this residence a few times. The first time was because of an argument and it was later discovered that they were calling police trying to get each other arrested. No offense had occurred yet just arguing between two females. By the third call, the

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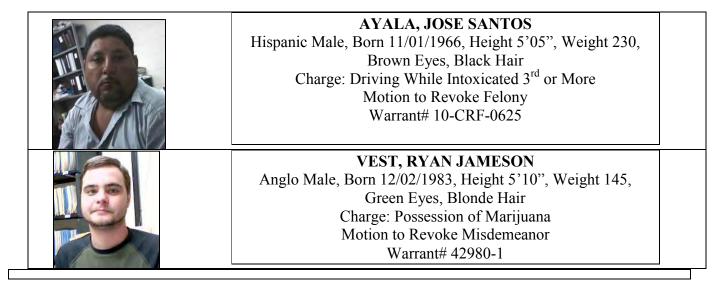
home owner who was not involved in the argument called and said the other two were now fighting. Officers arrived and arrested Crystal Payne and Veronica Gaona for Assault Family. They are currently dating and living there together. Still done know what argument was about. Home owner said she could hear a physical fight from the other room. While on location Shelby Gaines walked over to see what was going on and being 19 and intoxicated, she was 95ed for Consumption.

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If you have any information on any of these fugitives call Crimestoppers (361) 592-INFO; Kingsville Police Department 361-592-4311, <u>http://www.kingsvillepd.us/</u>; Kleberg Probation Department 361-595-8558 Ext. 102, <u>www.kcscd.com</u>. Crimestoppers offers a reward for information leading to an arrest or indictment.

CASTRO, BENJAMIN ANTHONY Pacific Islander Male, Born 03/05/1983, Height 5'11", Weight 245, Brown Eyes, Brown Hair Charge: Assault Causes Bodily Injury Motion to Revoke Misdemeanor Warrant# 40707	
GARCIA, LAWRENCE Hispanic Male, Born 12/15/1974 Height 6'02", Weight 235, Brown Eyes, Brown Hair Charge: Driving While Intoxicated Motion to Revoke Misdemeanor Warrant# 41094	
HERNANDEZ, RENE JR Hispanic Male, Born 04/01/1984, Height 5'06", Weight 260, Brown Eyes, Black Hair Charge: Driving While Intoxicated Motion to Revoke Misdemeanor Warrant# 40589-1	

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#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, Director)

#### Engineering (06/14-06/28)

Partnering with Texas A&M Kingsville School of Engineering - The City of Kingsville's Engineering

Department and Texas A&M University Kingsville's College of Engineering has teamed up on several projects throughout the city. The team work is a great opportunity for the college students and delivers a great product for the city. An example of this partnership is the Kleberg Ave. project. Where Kleberg Ave. will be constructed to accommodate pedestrians with disabilities and improve drainage.

<u>H.M. King High School Renovation Project</u> - The Engineering department is also partnering with other agencies and departments on several projects. One of those projects is the renovation project of the "original" H.M. King High school. Engineering is working with the Planning Department in the preliminary stages of construction.



#### Robert Isassi, Director of Planning and Development and Charlie Cardenas, City Engineer, review H.M. King plans.

<u>Staff Dedicated to making G.I.S. a valuable and widely available tool</u> - Engineering continues to excel in support services for the city. The Graphic Information System (GIS) project is underway with internet services (web based) being provided this summer. Engineering continues to support the street construction project by surveying and shooting drainage elevations. Surveying operations were also performed for a proposed water well site and to mark property boundary lines for clean-up abatements and other departments.

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#### Street Division (06/10-06/26)

<u>Paving</u> – Crews worked road construction on:

- Finished road construction on Huisache
- Cut and hauled material to the landfill. Since this portion of roadway is fairly long (4 blocks) the department used Munoz Trucking to haul off over 30 loads. This work would have lasted over a week and a half, with the additional trucking, this operation took two days.





Correcting drainage issues during 18<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction project



### Munoz Trucking and cutting 18<sup>th</sup> Street

<u>Sweeping</u> - The following is a list of streets the Division swept during the period of 06/10/13 through 06/26/2013. The division also swept Downtown and blew out Downtown street corners.

- Carlos Truan from 14<sup>th</sup> to Hwy 77
- Henrietta from Armstrong to Seale
- Armstrong from Santa Gertrudis to King
- Kenedy from  $6^{\text{th}}$  to  $14^{\text{th}}$
- Lott from  $14^{th}$  to  $6^{th}$

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- Huisache from  $14^{th}$  to  $6^{th}$
- Fordyce from  $14^{\text{th}}$  to  $6^{\text{th}}$
- University Blvd from King to Santa Gertrudis
- Santa Gertrudis from University to Hwy 141
- Santa Cecilia from Santa Elena to Santa Rosa
- Santa Monica from Santa Elena to Santa Rosa
- Santa Maria from Santa Elena to Santa Rosa
- Santa Fe from Santa Elena to Santa Rosa
- Santa Rosa from Santa Gertrudis to Santa Fe
- 6<sup>th</sup> St from Yoakum to Caesar
- General Cavazos from 14<sup>th</sup> to Hwy 77
- 14<sup>th</sup> from General Cavazos to Corral
- King from Hwy 77 to Hwy 141
- cleaned drains on 16<sup>th</sup> & Huisache
- $15^{\text{th}}$  & Lott
- 15<sup>th</sup> & Huisache
- $5^{\text{th}}$  & Huisache
- Ragland, Warren, Doddridge, Johnston, Fordyce, Huisache from 2<sup>nd</sup> to Armstrong
- Armstrong from Corral to Caesar
- Corral from Armstrong to 77
- all of City Yard
- watered palm trees on General Cavazos, Caesar from 6<sup>th</sup> to NAS Apts and on 6<sup>th</sup> St (east side) from King to Armstrong

Mowing - Crews mowed:

- $6^{\text{th}}$  from Alexander to Dick Kleberg Park
- Police Department
- Armstrong to Ave D
- Tranquitas Creek from 14<sup>th</sup> to N Armstrong
- Loop 428 from Alexander to Ailsie
- Ditch on the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> & Alexander
- 6<sup>th</sup> from General Cavazos to City Limit Sign heading South
- Ditch on W Sage Rd
- 14<sup>th</sup> from General Cavazos to Escondido
- Caesar from Bypass to  $14^{th}$ ,
- Caesar from Armstrong to  $3^{rd}$
- Franklin Adams from Caesar to General Cavazos

<u>Gutters</u> – Crews cleaned gutters on:

- Kenedy from Armstrong to  $2^{nd}$
- 1<sup>st</sup> from King to Kenedy

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- Wells from King to Kenedy •
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- Kenedy from  $1^{st}$  to  $6^{th}$  $1^{st}_{th}, 2^{nd}, 3^{rd}, 4^{th}$  from King to Lott •
- 5<sup>th</sup> from King to Huisache

Trimming – Crews trimmed brush, trees and shrubs on:

- Corral at US 77 Bypass
- Santa Gertrudis at US 77 •
- Kenedy at 5<sup>th</sup> St •
- 6<sup>th</sup> St in front of concrete near Corral
- Elizabeth from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> •
- Corral at 17<sup>th</sup>
- Santa Monica from Santa Elena to Santa Gertrudis •
- King from University to US 77 •
- Corral from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> •
- Public Works Yard •

Weed Control - Crews sprayed weed killer on:

- 6<sup>th</sup> from Huisache to 1<sup>st</sup> on north side of street •
- Kenedy from 1<sup>st</sup> to Armstrong •
- 77 Bypass and King Ave •
- Public Works Yard •
- Lott & 10<sup>th</sup> St both north and south side of street
- 6<sup>th</sup> from King to Caesar on the east and west side of the street
- Kenedy from 6<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> •
- Kenedy from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> on both north and south side of the street
- all of Zone 10 •

Patching - Crews patched with cold mix (number of pot holes) and with the "Pro Patch" in the following areas:

- Brookshire (8) •
- Nettie St (3) •
- Ella St (3) •
- Ailsie St (27)
- Alice & Richard St (17) •
- $6^{th}$  St (3) •
- Ave D(2)
- University Blvd (2) •
- Armstrong & Caesar (1)
- $6^{\text{th}}$  St southbound lane (2)

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- Alice St (7)
- Fairview (7)
- Kenedy from  $6^{th}$  to  $14^{th}$
- Huisache from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>
- Richard from 14<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>
- Alice from  $14^{\text{th}}$  to  $6^{\text{th}}$
- Lee from  $14^{\text{th}}$  to  $6^{\text{th}}$
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St from W Ave D to W Ave C
- Carol St
- South Park to Martin Ave
- $5^{\text{th}}$  St from  $4^{\text{th}}$  to  $2^{\text{nd}}$  St
- Briarwood to Candlewood
- Lemonwood to Billy Evans
- Cecil to JayVee
- Helen Marie to Chandler St
- Van to Trant Rd
- Pippen to Andron Lane
- Treebeard to Andron Lane
- Jamlie St
- 20th & Corral
- Huisache project

Sign Shop - Crews filled up hole that was left after removing a sign on 14<sup>th</sup> & E Ella; picked up 4 barricades and 2 cones from Yard and took them to Kleberg Street to the old Eddie Yaklin building in support of the water main break; replaced a pipe on W 4<sup>th</sup> & N Yoakum; replaced a street name sign and removed the old one on N 14<sup>th</sup> & E Nettie; picked up a light bulb cover from a resident on Huisache between 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Street; changed light bulb on Kleberg Street between 6<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Street; changed a Yield sign (30x30) on 7<sup>th</sup> & Carol; checked on some tree limbs that were hanging low near the courthouse on the 700 block of E King and trimmed it; changed a Dip sign (30x30) on W Ave B & 5<sup>th</sup> Street; changed 2 Yield signs (24x24) into Stop signs (30x30) on 8<sup>th</sup> & Huisache; picked up sand and rocks located on 6<sup>th</sup> & Yoakum; worked on signs in the new sign shop; checked to see how many lights for barricades worked; picked up 2 barricades and 10 cones that the Brush crew borrowed for a demolition; removed a 500 gallon water tank from its trailer to clean out algae that was built up inside of tank; picked up 2 old rims from Pueblo Tires and 2 old rims from Vic's Tire repair for BJ so he can weld pipes on them for portable Stop signs in preparation for Hurricane season; removed Bruno's Cantina Sign on 14<sup>th</sup> & Ella; picked up a sign on E Kenedy and Hwy 77 that had fallen; picked up water truck and took it to General Cavazos to water Palm trees but was only able to water trees on the south side; helped crew on S Armstrong & W Kenedy in the alley for a water leak patch; made new street signs; picked up Mourning signs on E Warren between S 12<sup>th</sup> & S 13<sup>th</sup> St; picked up barricades on S 2<sup>nd</sup>/MLK Ave & W Kenedy and on E Kleberg between 9<sup>th</sup> & HEB entrance and brought them to the Yard; replaced Yield sign on  $18^{th}$  & Warren (24x24); and patched up Unit #524.

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#### Water Production (06/10-06/23)

Water Production personnel disassembled plumbing for secondary pump at STWA and are waiting on concentric reducers for final pump installation. The pump should be operational by 07/03/13. 2013 Water Quality Reports were sent out on 06/21/13. A total of 6,671 reports were sent out to Kingsville residents. Water Production attended the monthly Texas Water Utilities Association meeting in Alice, Texas. Grounds are being maintained at four well sites. Water Production will be flushing all dead-end lines from June 24 through June 28.



Removing power actuated control valve at STWA

<u>Routine job</u> - Collected 24 routine Bacteriological Samples; collected 14 daily chlorine residuals; daily water system monitoring; delivered Ammonia to 3 sites; delivered Chlorine to 3 sites. Water pumped to distribution (06/10-06/23) - Wells – 44,378,000 gallons; Surface – 15,757,000 gallons; 5,090,000 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 55,045,000 gallons; Average – 3,932,000 gals/day

#### Water Distribution (06/10-06/23)

Water Division Crews repaired 9 Main Breaks and answered approximately 64 Service Calls (meter leaks, cutoffs and backfills). Crews installed water taps at 709 W. Ave B,  $5^{\text{th}}$  and Kleberg (new courthouse), 530 W. Ave C, 422  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. Lott, and worked with contractors to close water on east side of US 77 to install 20" gate valve in vault. Crews continue to work on the 200 and 300 blocks of East Henrietta replacing 6" line and concrete where needed. In the process of making the water tap at 5<sup>th</sup> and Kleberg, water crews utilized the boring attachment on the mini skid loader saving the concrete sidewalk, time, and money to replace it.



18" valve replacement, 2 of 4 complete



Utilizing new trenchless boring attachment

#### Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (06/10-06/23)

<u>Wastewater Treatment North Plant</u> - Operators and helpers cleaned clarifier troughs and weirs; operators shoveled sludge from sand drying bed; Helpers and operators replaced UV lights; wasting in

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wedge wire and sand drying beds; plant helpers mowed grass around Treatment Plant; operators and mechanic are replacing wheels and gearbox on Clarifier Bridge.

<u>Wastewater Treatment South Plant</u> - Operator cleaned clarifier troughs; operator shoveled sludge from sand drying beds; wasting in wedge wires and sand drying bed; mowed grass around the plant; wasting sludge into drying beds.

<u>Wastewater Collection</u> - Had 30 call outs for sewer backups. Crew hauled sludge from North and South Plants to Landfill; replaced sewer main at Yoakum; cleaned 5000 lf of sewer main on 14<sup>th</sup> Street; repaired eight service connections; did 1 new sewer taps and replaced 1 manhole ring & cover.

#### City Garage (06/13-06/24)

<u>Maintenance</u> - 9 Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 38 scheduled work orders; 44 nonscheduled work; 6 Service calls; 0 Call outs; 6 New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 14 flat tire repairs and balances; 33 pending work orders.

<u>Welder</u> - 2 received work orders; 4 pending work orders; 12 nonscheduled work orders; 4 scheduled work order; and 6 service call. Welder also worked on 4 yard dumpster and hand rails.

#### Landfill - (06/10-06/22)

Landfill crew continued litter clean up in and around facility and also an extended 2 mile radius around the landfill due to the amount of trash on the side of the road. Crews also mended 2 sagging fences. Trash - 838 tons; Brush - 172 tons; Concrete (commercial and residential) - 241 tons; Construction and Demolition (C & D) - 234 tons; Dirt - 281 tons; Metals - .39 tons; Tires - .14 tons; Sludge - 39 tons; Asphalt - 1153 tons

#### Sanitation (06/10-6/22)

Residential waste collected from 06/10-06/22 - 586,700 pounds; Commercial waste collected 760,660 pounds; Brush collected 43,880 pounds and construction debris collected 75,980 pounds. Brush crews collected Zone 1 and worked on abatements and demos when possible. White goods were also collected. Demolitions were completed at 1221 E. Ave B, 725 W. Fordyce, 111 W. Corral and trying to demolish a structure at 720 W. Huisache as soon as cars are removed from the structure. The Sanitation department attended a construction meeting concerning 120 new dumpster enclosures around the City. This will be a very noticeable improvement after the initial fifty (50) were constructed last year. Sanitation is currently ensuring all enclosures can and will be built in an expeditious manner. It was suggested that Mr. Mendez from Mendez Welding, begin the enclosure construction at 14<sup>th</sup> and Corral and proceed south down 14<sup>th</sup>. Construction has begun on several enclosures.

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Demolition Assistance to Community Appearance Office 725 W Fordyce

BEFORE

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1221 E Ave "B" Avenue

AFTER



## PURCHASING AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of David Mason, Director)

#### **Purchasing Division**

<u>Purchase Orders</u> - For the period of 06/14/2013 through 06/26/2013, 96 purchase orders were issued totaling over \$282,500.00.

Concrete Pavement Improvement Project Phase III - The Purchasing department along

with Engineering and Public Works, held the bid opening for Bid No. 13-13 Concrete Pavement Improvement Project Phase III. One bid was submitted for this project. Recommendation will be made to City Commission on Monday, July 8, 2013.

<u>Self-Funded Group Health Insurance</u> - The Purchasing department along with Human Resources will be accepting proposals for RFP No. 13-14 Self-Funded Group Health Insurance. This RFP is scheduled to open Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at 1:30 P.M.





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<u>Laserfiche</u> - Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney; Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary; David Mason, Purchasing/IT Director; and Tony Verdin, IT Technician, attended the Laserfiche User Group sponsored by MCCI in Portland, Texas on June 20, 2013. The City of Kingsville is considering using Laserfiche as their document management software and this meeting served as information gathering.

#### **Technology Division**

<u>Congratulations to Antonio "Tony" Verdin in receiving his Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate</u> <u>Certification!</u> Other departments are encouraged to work on licensing and certifications. On project scope, IT staff has completed and begun work on a number of projects this week.

<u>Upgrade network switching at Municipal Court</u> – IT has upgraded the network switching at the Municipal Court office. IT staff removed a switch never intended for business applications and replaced it with a fixed (managed) switch. This will add stability and reliability to their network and increase the security of the entire network. The newer switch is modular and can accommodate a variety of business applications.

<u>Incode Version 9 is here!</u> - IT staff along with the Finance department deployed the newest stable model of the current Incode platform. In addition, IT increased the software's stability, reliability, and security by using clustered environments. The change notes have been distributed to the applicable staff. IT hopes the change is seamless and everyone will be pleasantly surprised by some additional reporting and searching features.

<u>Public Works</u> - IT staff has begun the network infrastructure upgrades on the Public Works building. The new infrastructure will have expanded Wi-Fi and internet capabilities. IT staff is also removing older Ethernet wires and replacing the whole system. In addition, IT staff is placing additional drops in preparation for a city wide VoIP telephony solution. The dismal condition of the wiring prompted IT to take action on this issue. IT staff would like to thank Hernandez Industries and the Engineering department for providing the labor to accomplish this project. IT staff want to encourage each department to make sure to look at their wiring and make sure it is up to wiring code (2011 National Electrical Code).

#### R.J. KLEBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY (Courtesy of Ruth Valdez, Interim Director)

#### Summer Program

The library's Summer Program has entered its 5<sup>th</sup> week of activities and with 2 weeks remaining there



are still plenty of activities for children to take part in. As of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013, the library has had over 500 parents, teens, and children attend the program with that number expected to continue to climb. This year's summer theme, "Dig Into Reading", has exposed children to the excitement that they can find by picking up a book and digging into its pages for stories

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that capture their minds and spark their imaginations. Aside from reading, children have also been creating projects that are centered on digging and creatures that dig. This year's program also incorporated a visit from Critters®, a local exotic pet shop that introduced children to the wild side of nature. Critters® staff members were on hand on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to show off to kids their collection of creatures that included a hermit crab, a milk snake, and an African Spurred Tortoise, just to name a few. Children and



the public will have another opportunity to encounter the wild side of nature on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 2013, as the Texas State Aquarium will be on hand presenting live baby alligators.

#### **Toddler Time**



Toddler Time Thursday recently had Library Assistant Krystin Torres surprise both toddlers and parents by dressing up and playing Alice from *Alice in Wonderland* on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Alice welcomed both parents and toddlers into the Children's area, as well as entertained them with rhymes, songs, and stories about Wonderland. Alice also participated in the morning craft, helped toddlers and their parents put the projects together, interacted with them, answered questions they had about Wonderland, and took pictures with them and their families to help remember the day they met one of their favorite story book characters.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Manager)

#### Change of Command at NAS Kingsville

Melissa Perez, Mary Valenzuela and Courtney Alvarez attend change of command at NAS Kingsville on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2013. A change of command ceremony took place at Naval Air Station-Kingsville as retiring Captain Mark McLaughlin handed over the reins to Captain Christopher Misner. Misner is a native of Highland, Indiana, who holds a master's degree in diplomacy and international relations. He has also been decorated with several military honors, including the Marine Corps Commendation Medal.



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#### TML Region 11 Quarterly Training in Refugio Texa

Risk Manager Melissa Perez and City Secretary Mary Valenzuela along with Commissioners Pecos and



Garcia attended TML'S Region 11 Quarterly Training in Refugio Texas on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The theme for the Training was "The Big Hunt" attendees were given safari hats as they walked in and were surrounded by decorations of tigers, monkeys, giraffes etc. Workshops sessions were: COG

Services & Basics of Municipal Annexation. Attendees were treated with a delicious dinner of grilled chicken, mashed potatoes, salad and dessert. It was a wonderful evening for everyone!! Texas Prima Regional Risk Management Seminar in Harlingon Texas





Risk Manager Melissa Perez attended The Texas Prima Regional Risk Management Seminar in Harlingon Texas on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This was the second Prima Regional Training that the Risk Manager attended. What makes Texas Prima Trainings so enjoyable are the Risk Managers and TML Staff that attend from South Texas Municipalities. Also, the Trainings Seminars are so informative and organized as they are presented. Art Alvarez former City of Kingsville employee now TML Loss Prevention Specialist gave a presentation on Emergency Preparedness. Other Topics during the Seminar were: Workers Compensation, Texas Windstorm Insurance and Health Care Reform.

## Quarterly Visit by TML Staff Pat Dowling, Roxanne Carillo & Hermelinda Cruz

TML Workers Compensation Staff: Hermelinda Cruz, Roxanne Carrillo and Pat Dowling had their quarterly visit with Risk Manager Melissa Perez on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Hermelinda and Roxanne took the time to conduct some training on Workers Compensation forms – DWC-1,



DWC-6 and DWC-73. Hermelinda also explained the importance of contacting TML through email

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when an employee has been injured and has returned to work. The visit was short but sweet. After the visit everyone went to Butch's Restaurant for lunch.

#### Work and Lunch with TML & City Staff

Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> started off very busy with Risk Manager Melissa Perez and TML Insurance Specialist Georgina Ybarra, it's that time of the year when we have to review the City's Property Schedule for the City of Kingsville and ensure all property, vehicles, mobile equipment and employees are covered. Limits of liability coverage and deductibles were also reviewed. The day started at 9:00am and ended at 5:30pm. All the work made for huge appetites during lunch time. Georgina and Melissa invited



Mary Valenzuela and Valerie Valero for lunch at Big House Burgers. Everyone got to know each other a bit better and had some laughs during lunch, but it was back to work at City Hall, all good things have to come to an end. Thank you Georgina for all your help!!

#### **Risk Manager gives Initial Training to new Police Department staff**

RM Melissa Perez trained two new employees on June 6<sup>th</sup> they will be working as Communications



Operators for the Police Department. Mario Esparza & Rebecca Hogg will be starting their first day trained and prepared on the City's Health and Safety Policies, Workers Compensation Policies, Ombudsman Program etc. Most initial training lasts about 35 to 40 minutes. If new employees will be working in departments like Public Works or Landfill they are provided with a new safety vest and safety glasses. Unfortunately, Mario and Rebecca were not starting their new jobs in these departments but, Ms. Perez was kind enough to provide them with a City of od Luck on your new endeavors Mario & Rebecca.

Kingsville cap. Good Luck on your new endeavors Mario & Rebecca.

#### TASK FORCE (Courtesy of Guillermo "Willie" Vera, Commander)

#### Task Force Agents Attend Specialized Training

On Wednesday and Thursday June 19 & 20, 2013 three Kingsville Task Force Agents attended Title 19 Training by the Department of Homeland Security in Houston, Texas. Pursuant to the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1401 (i), and appropriate re-delegations, and by agreement with the City of Kingsville Task Force, Agents Richard Kirkpatrick, Arnold Salinas, and Ruben Guajardo were designated a Customs Officer (Excepted) without additional compensation. This designation is for the performance of such duties of a Customs Officer (Excepted), and these Task Force Agents will be subject to all guidelines, directives and instructions of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

#### Chapter 59 Asset Sharing Funds with Local Agency

On Monday June 24, 2013 Kingsville Task Force Commander Willie Vera presented Kleberg County Constable Precinct 3 Cid Zavala with three checks totaling \$586.04 during Kleberg County Commissioners Court's regular session. The asset sharing between agencies is in accordance with an existing asset sharing memorandum of understanding for Chapter 59 seized funds. County

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commissioners were again delighted with the additional funds to Kleberg County being provided by these agreements.

#### Task Force Agents Visit with Youth During Summer Program

On June 25, 2013 Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force Agents Jason McGee, Ruben Villalobos and K9 Agent Nitro participated in a summer program presentation at the Douglas Youth Center in Kingsville. The participants of the summer program were taught the importance of remaining drug free and about the responsibilities the Task Force Agents have in order to maintain their efforts in keeping drugs out of their neighborhoods and schools.

#### **TOURISM (Courtesy of Robert Trescott, Director)** Event Planning

Fourth of July - We are finalizing plans for the 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a full day of activities, starting at (M with a flag raising ceremony in front of Kleberg Bank, at the corner of King St. and 6th Ave. NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Chris Misner, Training Air Wing TWO Commander Capt. Joe Evans, Chaplain (Lt.) William Hardison and the NAS Kingsville color guard will participate. Mayor Sam Fugate and County Judge Juan Escobar will provide comments.

<u>Bike and Pet Parade</u> - Then, the community will host its annual Bike and Pet Parade. There is no charge to enter. Children are invited to decorate their bikes (and pets) with a patriotic theme and prizes will be awarded. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m.; the parade will start at 10 a.m. The parade route will start on Kleberg Street, proceeding down Alarcon St. to Lee Ave., to the Downtown Park Pavilion. Spectators should bring lawn chairs to view the parade.

<u>Games, Music and Food at Downtown Park</u> - There will games, music and food at the Downtown Park. Fire trucks and classic cars will be on display, and Anse Windham will



provide free train rides. The city celebrates its 109th birthday this year and the air station celebrates its 71st anniversary on the same day.

<u>Independence Day Salute at TAMUK</u> - At 3 p.m., folks can move over to the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville for the Kingsville Symphony's annual "Independence Day Salute" at Jones Auditorium. The performance includes an indoor video show with live patriotic and military marches. Free to active duty and retired military personnel, and \$10 for others.

<u>Softball Game at Hubert Field</u> - At 5:30 p.m., the celebration will shift to Hubert Field on campus for the annual Navy versus City "Leadership Softball Challenge. TAMUK president Dr. Steve Tallant will

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toss out the ceremonial first pitch to Mayor Sam Fugate. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alice Byers is coaching the city team and NAS Kingsville School Liaison Officer Jeanie Alexander is coaching the Navy team. The game is free and spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

We are working on media coverage and we have arranged for a banner for King Avenue. Planning continues for the Kleberg County Centennial for Labor Day and the Ranch Hand Festival in the fall. Planning is beginning for the Wings over South Texas Air Show for spring 2014.

#### **Downtown Management**

<u>New Business</u> - We have another new business at 506 East Kleberg Avenue, across from HEB: Sugar Pie's Children's Boutique and Events.

<u>Work at Innovations Lab</u> - We are working with the Engineering College and contractors to develop renovation plans for the Innovation Lab, 231 East Kleberg, with the possibility of using historic preservation façade grants and other assistance.



<u>Clean up at City Hall</u> - We are pursuing a contract to clean up and paint the ear of City Hall.



#### **Historic Preservation**

The Historical Development Board approved plans for the Texas Theater, the New Pump House at Well 19, the monument sign for the Community Appearance Building, and the KKB sign for behind City Hall, the Pedestrian Information kiosk for installation behind the Downtown Park Pavilion, and the improvements to the Pavilion itself as well as several residential projects.

We are working with the Texas Historical Commission and others to support efforts to plan for possible restoration of the Kleberg County Courthouse.

#### Petra Vela Kenedy House

We are working with the Ed Rachal Foundation on a proposal to relocate the former home of Mifflin and Petra Vela Kenedy that had been located on the Laureles Ranch in current Kleberg County, to downtown Kingsville.

Their home for a decade is an Important artifact of those times.



Mr. Kenedy is known as Richard King's partner in steamboats and ranching, but Mrs. Petra Vela Kenedy has a personal history that is just, if not more, compelling than her husband's. Her family had ranches in the Nueces and on

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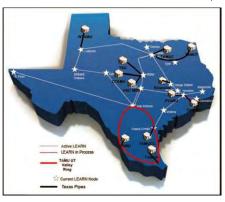
the Rio Grande and her immediate family's saga encapsulates the joys and sorrows, conflicts between and merging of cultures in South Texas from the 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

#### **Broadband Internet Service Grant**

The City of Kingsville and its citizens are adversely impacted by deficiencies in our local telecommunications capacity and capability. There are two Federal broadband initiatives that are being routed through Kingsville.

The Texas A&M University

System Telecommunications Department has been working with us to tap into those initiatives. They have made us



aware of a new USDA Community Connect Grant with a short fuse that might accelerate our benefiting from the locally installed broadband Internet service initiatives mentioned above and they have offered to assist us with an application and with the grant. The deadline for the grant is July 11, 2013 and the required match for a 1 - 1.5 million possible award is estimated to be 150,000.

We feel that the grant represents a tremendous opportunity to remedy systemic telecommunications deficiencies that constitute significant risk. Further, we feel that the partnership with the Texas A&M University System Telecommunications Department on this issue will provide very significant benefit to us even if we fail to win an award this cycle.

#### Happenings

We provide coverage of community events on websites and social media.

We hosted Wild Horse Desert American Radio Relay League Field Days at the Visitors' Center.



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We hosted McAllen ISD at the Depot.



We covered the going away party for Father Victor at St Martin's.



We covered the Divas Pageant

We covered the Change of Command where the Mayor presented outgoing Commanding Officer Captain Mark McLaughlin with the Keys to the City.



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MEETINGS, EVENTS AND RE			lenzuela, City Secretary)
<b>Regular Commission Meetings</b>		s)	
Monday, July 8, 2013	6:00 p.m.		
Monday, July 22, 2013	6:00 p.m.		
Municipal Court Dates (Comm	ission Chambers)		
Thursday, July 11, 2013	3:00 p.m.		
Thursday, July 25, 2013	3:00 p.m.		
Thursday, August 15, 2013	3:00 p.m.		
Thursday, August 22, 2013	3:00 p.m.		
Thursday, August 29, 2013	3:00 p.m.		
<b>Board Meetings (Commission C</b>	Chambers)		
Planning and Zoning Board	Wednesday, July 17,	2013	7:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, July 17,	2013	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Thursday, July 11, 20	13	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	TBA		11:00 a.m.
<b>Board Meetings (Respective Lo</b>	cation)		
Library Board	Wednesday, August	21, 2013	4:00 p.m.
City/County Health Board	$(3^{rd}$ week of every other month @ 5:30 p.m.)		
Holiday			
Independence Day – July 4, 2013			
City Departments will be closed	in observance of Independent	dence Day	,
Reminders			
City Secretary requests Commiss	ion Member Nomination	s for the fo	ollowing Vacant Board Positions:
Board Name	Vacancies	Recomm	nendations
Zoning Board of Adjustments	1	1	
Joint Airport Zoning Board	0	0	
Civil Service Commission	1	0	
Historic Development Board	0	0	
Planning & Zoning Commission	0	0	