

City of Kingsville, Texas
Staff Report
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Monday, April 27, 2015

“Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.”
-Og Mandino

www.brainyquote.com



FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES

Please consider Community Appearance operators Eric Oviedo and Allen Martinez for the “Good Job Award” for the work they did sprucing up the landscaping area near the city hall parking lot. We have received several, well deserved, compliments from co-workers and the community. This team of two has performed well above and beyond their daily responsibilities to keep Kingsville beautiful. On a daily basis they mow countless lots and clear large amounts of debris for a city of over 26,000 - yet they still find time to take that extra step and go to the heart of the city - to enhance the landscaping near the city hall parking lot. Eric and Allen have excellent work ethics and take pride to ensure properties look their best. The Community Appearance Division is very fortunate to have them on our team. I hope you share my pride and appreciation in considering them for the “Good Job Award.”

Thank you, Jennifer Bernal, Community Appearance Supervisor



Kingsville Task Force (Courtesy, Guillermo "Willie" Vera, Commander)

KTF Agents Provide Training Opportunity to Montgomery County LE Officers

On Wednesday and Thursday, April 8 & 9, 2015, a group of law enforcement officers from Montgomery County, Texas were at the U.S. Border Patrol Check-point in Sarita, Texas observing drug interdictions procedures. They were informed of the Kingsville Task Force's interdiction skills and requested ride alongs to observe and learn with first-hand knowledge. KTF Agents shared highway interdiction and interview techniques to enhance the group's working skills. GREAT JOBS!!!



Teaching Assistance Provided to Federal Agency in Brownsville

The Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Group – Brownsville HSI requested Kingsville Task Force Agents, Kirkpatrick and Tamez, to conduct specialized training on the License Plate Reader (LPR) System and Highway Drug Interdiction. The training was scheduled for April 14 & 15, 2015, in Brownsville, Texas. Kingsville Task Force Agent Kirkpatrick assisted the HSI Group by teaching the LPR System. The class included vehicle unit users, analysts and administrators from Federal, State and local agencies. Agent Tamez taught the Highway Drug Interdiction class which included detection and interview techniques utilized to detect narcotics and currency smugglers.

The training facility hosting the training is managed by the Brownsville Police Department.
GREAT COLLABORATION OF RESOURCES!!!



KTF Agent McGee Renders Aid to Flooded Stranded Motorist

On Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at approximately 6:30 AM Kingsville Task Force Agent McGee left his home in route to work. Agent McGee was driving eastbound on FM 234 towards Edroy, Texas when he noticed the roadway had flooded over and was under water for approximately 100 yards. Agent McGee observed that a Chevrolet Blazer had stalled in the middle of the roadway and had water up to the center of the vehicle's door windows. Agent McGee noticed another vehicle, a Ford F-150 pickup that had been taken over by the water and the driver was waving at him through the truck's driver window. The high water took the Ford pickup into the trees and disappeared. Agent McGee turned on his police unit's take down lights and he grabbed his flash light. Another driver identified as Mr. Joey Mata pulled in behind McGee's patrol unit and Agent McGee asked that driver to call 911 Emergency Dispatch. Agent McGee removed his shoes and socks and walked into the water. At approximately 50 yards into the chest high water Agent McGee checked the status of the Chevrolet Blazer. After he was assured the Blazer was unoccupied, he walked to the Ford pickup that was off into the tree line and in neck high water. Agent McGee coaxed the male driver, later identified as Mr. Gernal Mann, to exit the Ford truck. Once Mr. Mann was out of the Ford truck, Agent McGee helped walk him back to his patrol unit. Those involved waited for approximately 45 minutes for emergency rescue. However, because of the ongoing flooding events they were not able to get to the scene. Agent McGee left his patrol unit on the north east corner of his property and Mr. Mata drove him across another creek in his one ton Dodge 4X4 pickup back to his home. Mr. Mann stayed with Mr. Mata until the flood waters subsided and then they returned to their homes. Unselfish efforts by Agent McGee in those dark waters helped others in their time of need and prevented a catastrophe. GREAT WORK!!!



Task Force Narcotic Agents and K-9 Partners get Re-certified by NNDDA

On Friday, April 17, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agents Kirkpatrick and Villalobos with their K-9 Partners (Apollo and Nitro respectively) went through the annual recertification required by the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDDA). The Agents and K-9's conducted their training requirements with U.S. Border Patrol K-9 Agents at the Kingsville Border Patrol Station. Both teams were certified in detecting marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine. GOOD JOB!!!



Fire Department (Courtesy of Joey Reid, Chief)

FIRE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Joey Reed, Fire Chief)

Training and Professional Development

Communications Training – All shifts reviewed new communications policies dealing with dispatching, terminology, and communications procedures. Training is continuing in the use of new communication systems.

Ropes, Knots, Rescue Systems – Personnel on all three shifts participated in annual training on ropes and knots. They practiced setting up a raising and lowering system and used a tripod system to simulate a rescue from an underground vault.





Planning

Community Project Development Meetings – The fire chief and fire marshal attended two planning development committee meetings with other department heads to discuss building projects within the City including a plan submitted for a new Subway restaurant.

Committee Meetings

EMS Committee Meeting – The EMS Committee met on April 16th to discuss equipment matters and begin review of Protocols.

Other Department Activities

Physical Abilities Exam Review – Personnel from the B-Shift completed the sample physical abilities test that is being recommended for new hire testing.



Annual SCBA Fit Testing and Inspections – Annual SCBA air packs, systems, and individual fit testing was conducted by a third party per State Fire Commission requirements.

Hydrant Maintenance – Clearing around fire hydrants was conducted during the period.

Annual Ladder Testing – All department ground ladders and the aerial ladder were tested by a third party to ensure compliance with NFPA ladders standards.

New Policies or Policy Revisions:

OM15-04 Portable Radios

Equipment and Facilities:

Fire Station 2 - New sidewalk poured and now new sloping connector from sidewalk to curb constructed. Still waiting on front steps down to street sidewalk. Street has been laid and is not open.

Fire Station 1 – Still having hot water problems in upstairs showers. New electronic board installed in bay door mechanism so Bay 1 could be opened and closed automatically.

Medic units – Medic 3 power inverter out of service and sent to the factory. Medic 2 has been moved from station 2 into front line service. Medic 1 broke down and has been sent to the Warehouse for repairs.

Engine 1 – Out of service. Sent to Truck Repair shops for Water leak under pump has increased in flow. Contacting repair company.

Engine 2 – Water leak under pump. Water level in radiator is running low. Not sure why level is dropping.

2014-15 Projects:

Thermal Imager: New Thermal Imager (TMI) has been delivered. The B-shift has set up the thermal imager and it is ready for use.

New Fire Marshal Vehicle: Truck has been delivered and is now at the bed liner company. Camper shell and bed liner has been installed. Vehicle is in service.



New Vehicle to Tow Emergency Response Trailer and Personnel: Truck has been ordered. Delivery expected soon.

Replacement Skid Unit for the Brush Truck: Final specifications received from selected vendor. Quote should go to Purchasing Department in the next few days.

Fire Station 1 Termite Remediation: Remediation completed on January 20th. Termite problems have been discovered at fire station 2 and may need remediation at that location also.

Computer Server, Terminal, and Software: Meetings held with I.T. personnel to discuss transition of computer systems to City server and networks.

Intercom System for Fire Apparatus: Funding being re-allocated to City excess fund.

Fire Station 1 Improvements: Funding being re-allocated to City excess fund.

Computer Aided Dispatch System: Funding being re-allocated to City excess fund.

Radio System Improvements: Funding being re-allocated to City excess fund.

Fire Department Response Statistics for the period of:

08:00 hrs on April 1, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on April 17, 2015.

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	64
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	115
Total Emergency Responses -	179

Major Events during the period: April 7, 2015, Business Fire, Hurricane Car Wash: First arriving units found heavy smoke issuing from door on side of the building. The smoke began drifting across King Street and the street was closed by KPD. Firefighters knocked down the fire in the electrical room, but had difficulty in accessing the main power shutoff. Sparking electrical wires were observed throughout the building until the power was cut. There were no serious injuries reported by personnel. The fire appears to be electrical in nature.



April 9, 2015, Detached Garage Fire, Henrietta: First arriving fire department units found a detached garage fully involved in fire. The garage was located behind three homes, but was kept from spreading. Firefighters quickly knocked down the fire and began mop up and investigation. No injuries reported.



April 14, 2015, Severe Weather: The fire department responded on approximately 30 emergency calls during a 24 hour period. Responses included numerous down or arching power lines, tree and shrub fires caused by arching power lines, and other daily emergency responses. Several members of the fire department reported off duty for overtime and several volunteer firefighters reported to stand by in case of large incidents.

Human Resources *(Courtesy of Diana Gonzalez, Director)*



**Total Compensation
Statement???**

A total compensation statement includes not only base wages but also includes the cost of leave benefits, insurance benefits, financial security and any additional benefits the employee receives.

The different items can be broken down as follows:

- **Compensation**
Employee's base wages/salary
- **Leave Benefits**
Paid time off (pay for not being at work) such as
Holidays
Vacation
Sick
Bereavement
Jury duty, etc.
- **Insurance Benefits** - Employer/Employee paid premiums such as
Health Insurance
Life Insurance
- **Financial Security** - Employer/Employee costs for items such as
Social security
Medicare
Unemployment Insurance
Workers' Compensation insurance
Retirements plans
- **Additional Benefits** to include items such as
Uniforms
Car allowance
Payment of educational fees/Training costs

License fees, etc.

Current Employment Opportunities

Fire:

- Firefighter
- Fire Telecommunication's Operator

Golf Course:

- Maintenance Worker

Parks and Recreation:

- Seasonal Temporary Pool Staff: Lifeguards, Water Safety Instructors
- Temporary Maintenance Worker

Police:

- Police Officers
- Telecommunication's Operator

Public Works:

- Garage – Maintenance Technician (Mechanic)
- Landfill – Equipment Operator II
- Street – Maintenance Worker
- Wastewater – Utility Worker

New Employees



Michelle Puente
Telecommunications Operator
Police Department



Anthony Arevalo
Equipment Operator I
Landfill Division – Public Works Department



Andres Gomez
Utility Worker
Wastewater Division – Public Works Department

Separations

Maria Barbour – Golf Pro Shop Attendant

Gabriel Mendez – Equipment Operator II – Landfill Division – Public Works Department

Civil Service Corner

Civil Service Commission Members:

Nick Harrel - Chairperson

Dora Martinez - Vice-Chairperson

Alonzo Lopez

The Civil Service Commission met on March 17, 2015 and discussed the revision to the current Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Initial drafts for discussion are to be submitted to the CS Commission by May 19, 2015 for their review and scheduling discussion meetings.

The next regular Civil Service Commission meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2015 at 12 noon at the City Commission Chambers.

Robert J. Kleberg Public Library (Courtesy of Robert Rodriguez, Library Director)

A/C System Update: Final Phase

With the installation of the thermostats, the balancing and adjusting of the air handlers, and the circulating of oil and Freon throughout the air conditioning (A/C) system, the final phase of the A/C project is now complete. During the week of April 6, 2015, technicians with Ramos Refrigeration spent their time testing and fine-tuning the A/C system, and monitoring the cooling and humidity levels throughout the library. On April 14, 2015, Mr. Rudy Ramos, Jr. conducted a walk-through tour of the system with City and County officials: Mr. David Mason (Purchasing Director, City of Kingsville), Mrs. Melissa Perez (Risk Manager, City of Kingsville), and Mrs. Veronica Hare (Insurance Coordinator, Kleberg County). The officials wanted to check and view the placement of the new air handler units and dehumidifier system. They also wanted to gauge the efficiency of the equipment in each zone, and to receive a final update from Ramos Refrigeration. The City and County officials were pleased with the A/C system and the performance of the equipment. Go team!



Carpet Update

The library is still working with Mrs. Veronica Hare regarding the replacement of the library's carpet prior to reopening. County Commissioners are considering several bids for the carpet and installation. At their next meeting on Monday, April 20, 2015, they will select a company for the carpet purchase and installation. It will take approximately one week for the carpet purchased to arrive, and another three to five days for the carpet to be installed. Once the installation is completed, Mrs. Hare



will contact GCI Remediation (Gerloff Company), so they can bring back the library's books and furniture, which are currently housed in a clean storage suite at the Wild Horse Desert Mall. The next step will be to call back the reassigned employees, so that the entire staff can organize the book collections, clean the library, and plan for the grand opening. Because of the collaborative efforts of City and County officials, the mold remediation, the A/C installation, and the carpet installation are proceeding smoothly. If the carpet project continues as scheduled, the reopening of the library is tentatively set for Tuesday, June 9, 2015. Stay tuned for more information.

Library Beautification

Because the library is temporarily closed, the lawn maintenance staff has been unavailable. To remedy the situation, Mr. Luke Stevens (Sanitation Supervisor, City of Kingsville) had members of his crew mow the front lawn on Monday, March 30, 2015. The Library's Board and Director would like to extend a special thanks to not only Mr. Stevens and his crew for all their hard work, but also to Mrs. Alice Byers and Keep Kingsville Beautiful (KKB) for their assistance in beautifying the library. KKB has assisted in sustaining the floral landscaping in the patio area, at the front entrance, and in the Poetry Garden. The library has been very appreciative of KKB's commitment to the library and looks forward to working with this organization. When possible, the library's core staff is lending a helping hand in maintaining the lawns by raking leaves and cleaning debris on the premise. Special thanks also goes out to them for all their efforts.



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

Administration Division

Beautification Efforts

City-County Health Employees Monica Longoria, Administrative Assistant II, and Jason Torres, Health Inspector II, worked together to construct a much needed flower bed in front of our Animal Control Center. Plants that were planted are 4 Red Cordyline, 2 Tri-color Croton, and 1 yellow rose shrubs which are draught tolerant plants. The flower bed was a much needed beautification project to enhance the appearance in front of the Animal Control Center building. A **Big THANKS** to Jason and Monica on a job well done! Below are a few pictures of the development of the flower bed.



Food Service Division

Food Service Inspections

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.

April 2-17, 2015

Wal-Mart Deli	100	Family Dollar	96
TAMUK - Subway	100	Walgreens	96
Big Events Cakes & More	100	Dollar Tree	96
Dixie Cream Donuts	100	Wal-Mart Meat Market	96
TAMUK - Chic-Fil-A	100	Dollar General (S. 14th)	96
El Pastel Bakery	100	Dollar General (N. 14th)	93
Nutricion	100	TAMUK - Catering	93
Kingsville Bakery	100	Boys & Girls Club	93
Stacey's Fro Y	100	Wal-Mart Bakery	93
CVS	97	Kleberg County Senior Ctr	92
TAMUK - Starbucks	97	Wal-Mart Grocery	90

Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Class:

Food Handler Class	13 Students	Regular Food Handler Class/Wal-Mart
Food Handler Class	6 Students	Regular Food Handler Class/Health Department

Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events:

Thunder Fast Pitch Softball	Annual Permit/Concession Stand at Dick Kleberg Park
Delta Sigma Pi	Temporary Food Event/Brisket Plate Sale

Closed Businesses:

Yadira's Mobile Unit	Parked at 14th & Caesar
Elote Mexicano Mobile	Parked at 205 S. 5th
The Garage Drive Thru	1026 E. Lott
Totally Fruity	300 E. Lee

Food Establishment Inspections

City-County Health Inspector I, Connie Allen (shown right) is busy performing an inspection of the meat market of our local Wal-Mart Store. Inspections of all Food Service Establishments in the City of Kingsville and Kleberg County are inspected 4 times a year and are at random. Beside the meat market, the bakery, produce, deli and the store in general is inspected. Inspector Allen insures that every food service establishment is selling or serving wholesome, unaltered and safe foods for consumption. Connie Allen is a true professional when it comes to doing her job. **Thanks to Connie for a job well done!**



Animal Control Center Division TAMUK-Volunteer

Texas A & M University-Kingsville student Valentine Lara Jr. (shown right) has been volunteering several hours in the afternoon walking, exercising, and socializing with our sheltered dogs. Valentine Lara Jr. is shown to the right walking this beautiful Alaskan Husky. Thanks to him for his volunteerism at the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center.



Animal Control Officers Training

City-County Health Department Employees Hector M. Garza, Animal Control Specialist, and Jason Torres, Health Inspector II, recently attended a Texas Department of State Health Services Region 11 Zoonosis Control Program course on wildlife trapping and handling techniques, signs and symptoms of rabies in wildlife, rabies pre and post exposure vaccinations, rabies transmission, Texas rabies laws and designating a local rabies control authority. The course was held on Thursday, April 9th, 2015 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Harlingen, Texas. All attendees earned 5 hours of DSHS-approved CE credit toward their ACO licensing. Below are a few pictures of the training.





City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center

MONTHLY PET ADOPTION DAY

The City-County Health Department Animal Control Center will be opening the first Saturday (only) of every month sponsoring our monthly pet adoption day, animal releases and for any other animal control related issues. The Center will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come by and see our variety of dogs, puppies, cats and kittens waiting to be adopted and have a second chance at life in a forever home!

Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

3421 North Farm Market 1355
Kingsville, Texas 78363
2 miles north of the Javelina Football Stadium

Adoption fee is \$20.00 and a \$15.00 refundable vaccination fee

Adopters and rescue groups wanted to save a life!

For questions please call the City-County Health Department @ 361-592-3324



The City-County Health Department-Animal Control Division reminds you to:

**Protect your pets: have them
Vaccinated, Sterilized and Microchipped**

For questions please call the City-County Health Department @ 361-592-3324

NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK April 13-17, 2015



This week we salute all of our Animal Control Employees for their hard work and unselfish devotion to animals. A **Big Thanks** you for the work they do for the City of Kingsville and Kleberg County.

Customer Service Representative, Jessica Montalvo Animal Control Specialists: Hector M. Garza, Robert Hinojosa, Robert Puente, Ernie Espinosa and Animal Care Attendant, Teresa Orr

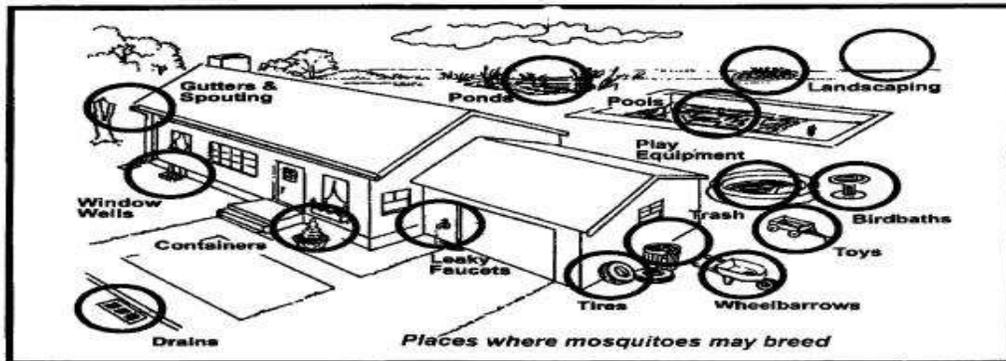
Mosquito Control Division-(Vector)

The City-County Health Department encourages you to dispose of any standing water in buckets, bird baths, old tires, and any other containers that may breed mosquitos. Use this flyer to help **YOU** reduce the risk of disease and the breeding of mosquitos. *Do your part in Keeping Kingsville Clean and Safe. Together we can all make a Difference!*

REDUCE THE RISK OF DISEASE



BREEDING MOSQUITOES AT YOUR HOUSE!!



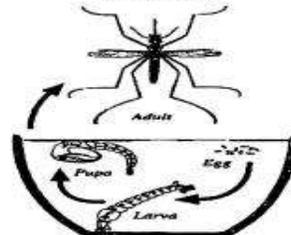
To eliminate standing water:

- Clean storm drains
- Fix leaky faucets
- Clean and chlorinate all pools
- Clean clogged gutters
- Remove old tires, cans, bottles, jars, buckets, drums and other containers or keep them empty of water
- Change water in flower vases, bird baths, planters and animal watering pans everyday



IF YOU CAN'T GET RID OF OLD TIRES

Add 3 tablespoons of salt to the water in each tire and it will kill the mosquitoes



Life Cycle

The stages of a mosquito's life cycle.

*Mosquitoes Are Mean-So Keep Kingsville Clean!
City-County Health Unit*

Personal protection:

- Check that all windows and doors are screened and in good repair
- Stay indoors when mosquitoes are active
- Wear protective clothing such as: shoes, socks, long pants & long sleeved shirts outdoors
- Use mosquito repellent which contains DEET (use caution, especially on children)

Parks & Recreation Department (Courtesy of Susan Ivy, Manager)

The Corral Park Project continues. All equipment has been ordered and staff is waiting on the weather to clear so that we can start setting the trail in place and begin installing equipment as it arrives. The Doggie Cleanup station has arrived and the Pharmacy students (shown right) came out and put it together. Staff received a layout of the park from City Engineering which will assist in laying the trail and setting the elements around the proposed parking area and future amenities. Staff contacted AEP about



adding additional lighting to the park, which will be discussed soon.

The continued rains and recent big storms left the Parks with the loss of a very large mesquite tree that sat at the entrance to JK Northway. Some of the smaller wood was cut off and picked up by a veterans' group to be used for a fundraiser for the new American Legion Hall. The remainder of the large trunk of the tree is going to be used for landscaping around some trees in the Rec Hall Courtyard. Some of the trunk wood from the many other trees will also be used for this landscaping project. The park had some minor damage to a couple of structures in Dick Kleberg Park (DKP) and has reported those to Risk Management.



Staff still has a lot of work in the parks to deal with trees and brush and look forward to the upcoming week with the return of the inmates from San Diego so they can assist in catching up.



In between rains we received assistance from City Staff to move the mulch and dirt left from the Flato Park Project. The remaining dirt and sand was used to fill some of the playground beds and to fill some low spots in the area where patrons are currently parking which is actually the old alley that ran in between the school and the park.

The roofing project at the Brookshire Pool has been completed. It looks great. The area still has a long way to go to get the pool ready for a June opening. The pool has been drained and will be prepped for refill. Additional work to get the pool ready includes installing new lighting under the new roofing, painting the building and storage rooms, demo of the existing shade structures and placing new poolside furniture, signage and design elements. Our target opening day would be June 1.

Staff has been meeting with County Extension staff to plan our summer activities. The number of days that programming will be offered has been reduced from five to four days to better fit within the funding available. The program will stay much the same this summer and will include two days a week for kids from ages 5-8 and two for kids ages 9-13. The morning camps will include daily exercise, nutrition, anti-drug and bullying education along with outdoor recreational, recycling, and artistic instruction to local and area attractions. Staff is currently taking applications for summer staff. They are also soliciting sponsorships to help fund our Cinema Summer Outdoor Movie Series. The program is very popular and a lot of fun, but the

licensing is expensive at \$350.00 per movie. Staff is hoping to share the cost of each movie with a local sponsor who would be highlighted on the big screen that is provided by the Kingsville Boxing Club at each event.

Once the program planning is complete it will be distributed to all the Kleberg County Schools in the Parks Department's Summer Activities Brochure that has been published for many years. The info will also be available on the pages staff is working on to be added to the City's website. They are also planning to provide registration opportunities at National Kids to Parks Day to be celebrated in DKP on May 16th.

The Parks & Recreation Manager just returned from a 3 day trip to Austin where her main objective was to recertify as a Certified Public Pool Operator, which is required of any public pool in the State of Texas. This was her third certification for the operation of public pools in our community. A new certification is required every 5 years.

While in Austin, she visited the Grants Division of Texas Parks & Wildlife to discuss the existing Parks Master Plan which was adopted by both Kleberg County and City of Kingsville back in 2011. It still has a couple of more years before it has to be redone but staff does need to do an update to the plan probably later this year. The criteria and instruction for the update is detailed by the Texas Parks & Wildlife. Parks and City staff can complete this in-house to meet our obligation and then discuss working on grant applications and a new master plan. The update can set new priorities that will meet changing needs of our Parks System. Staff will certainly be visiting with City and County Commissions, as well as the public, to get their input on priorities.

Risk Management (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Risk Manager)

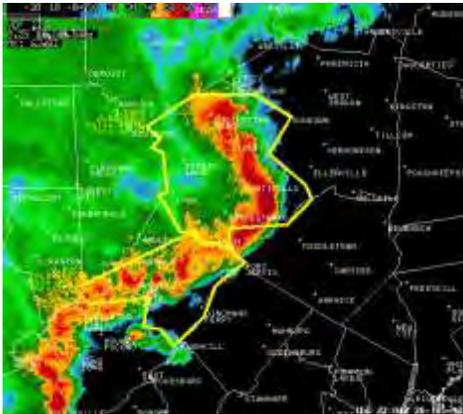
Call Before You Dig. It's The Law!

Because even relatively minor excavation activities like landscaping or fencing can cause damage to a pipeline, its protective casing, and/or buried utility lines, always contacts your state's One-Call Center before engaging in any excavation, construction, farming, or digging. Most states require two working-days' notice to the One-Call center to allow the utility companies to mark their pipelines and utilities at your proposed digging site. In fact, most serious damage done to pipelines is done when a third party inadvertently excavates, blasts, or drills within a pipeline right-of-way. By contacting the One-Call Center first, this type of damage can be prevented. Sometimes pipeline companies will require a representative to be present to



monitor the safe excavation. One easy, free phone call to 811 starts the process to get your underground pipelines and utility lines marked. When you call 811 from anywhere in the country, your call will be routed to your state's One-Call Center. Once underground lines have been marked for your project, you will know the approximate location of your pipelines and utility lines and can dig safely. More information regarding 811 can be found at www.call811.com.

City of Kingsville and Its Residents Get a Taste of Severe Thunderstorms



Severe Thunderstorms are issued when either a severe thunderstorm is indicated by the WSR-88D radar or a spotter reports a thunderstorm producing hail one inch or larger in diameter and/or winds equal or exceed 58 miles an hour; therefore, people in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes with little or no advance warning. Lightning frequency is not a criteria for issuing a severe thunderstorm warning. They are usually issued for duration of one hour. They can be issued without a Severe Thunderstorm Watch being already in effect. Like a Tornado Warning, the Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued by your National Weather Service Forecast Office. Severe Thunderstorm Warnings will include where the storm was located, what towns will be affected by the severe thunderstorm, and the primary threat associated with the severe thunderstorm warning. If the severe thunderstorm will affect the nearshore or coastal waters, it will be issued as the combined product--Severe Thunderstorm Warning and Special Marine Warning. If the severe thunderstorm is also causing torrential rains, this warning may also be combined with a Flash Flood Warning. If there is an ampersand (&) symbol at the bottom of the warning, it indicates that the warning was issued as a result of a severe weather report.

City of Kingsville Will Be Receiving Assistance from Ernestine Glossbrenner Unit Community Squad April 20th through the 23rd



The City of Kingsville may possibly once again be bringing the assistance of Offender Labor from one of our neighboring Correctional Facilities. The Risk Manager has suggested that the City request the E. Glossbrenner Unit for assistance from their Community Squad. The TDCJ Community Squad provides offender labor for the purposes of developing, improving, and restoring public land and buildings, as well as providing vocational programs for offenders to enhance rehabilitation and aid in reducing recidivism. Offender labor is utilized in order for certain offenders to fulfill community service court requirements while saving taxpayer dollars with no displacement of jobs currently held in the community.

City of Kingsville Continues Its Progress with City/County Parks and Golf Course



The Kingsville - Kleberg County Parks Department currently operates and maintains three major park areas, and eight smaller neighborhood parks. On April 25, 1958, Robert J. Kleberg, Jr. and Richard M. Kleberg Jr., trustees of the Alice G.K. Kleberg Foundation donated 184.5 acres of land to Kleberg County. The park was named after Dick Kleberg Sr., a congressman and Chairman of the Board of King Ranch from 1950-1955. The Dick Kleberg Park is the main park within our park system. The park hosts a wide variety of activities and facilities for all ages of recreation enthusiasts. The park is home to two baseball fields, 3 little league baseball fields, 2 softball fields in addition to one -three field multi-purpose softball complex and one - three field adult softball complex. Staff has recently been assessing windstorm insurance coverage for the parks and other City properties.

Responsibilities of the Employee Recognition and Safety Committee



The Employee Recognition and Safety Committee meets regularly to discuss current work-related injuries and accidents. The committee is comprised of eight members ranging from all departments, public works, administration, community appearance, health department and library. The diversity assists with the decision making of all incidents to determine unsafe acts or unsafe conditions. The committee

members are hardworking and dedicated to get the job completed at its best. The committee is also responsible for assisting with several employee recognition events – trainings and annual employee recognition events.

Purchasing / Technology Department *(Courtesy of David Mason, Director)*



Purchasing Division

Purchase Orders

Purchasing issued 94 Purchase Orders valued at \$207,744.13.

Reminder: Purchase Orders are also being VOIDED when your PO is dated after your invoice. You will be receiving your PO and attachments back with a note to pay via Debit Memo. This can be done through the Finance Department. Once you have done that you will need to return the PO for Voiding. Please ensure you write VOID on the PO and the reason for the VOID, this also includes any PO that you wish to VOID.

Purchasing Card Statements

Purchasing Card statements were reviewed and minor errors were found. We had minor coding errors, several late statements, one missing paperwork and only a few with tax credits pending. As always we ask you to check your reconciliation before turning it in to ensure all your receipts are accounted for, to check for errors, and verify everything is correct. By the time it reaches Purchasing, a reconciliation should have been reviewed by the person creating the reconciliation, the actual Purchasing Card member, and the supervisor. Purchasing is the fourth person to review and should not find errors at this time. Signatures on the P-Card reconciliation signify that you and your supervisor have reviewed it and corrected any errors. So let's work really hard and have a no error month.

Technology Division

Interconnectivity Site- Site project

We have begun the development and deployment of a wireless backhaul point-point system to increase our ability to deploy services and provide the necessary resources for all staff, at all sites.



Many organizations require data and voice communications in industrial and outdoor environments. Historically, these needs have been met by a patchwork of copper or fiber-optic cable in the ground, low-bandwidth 900 MHz and 2.4 GHz wireless links, and depending on the particular site, satellite networks too. While wire-line networks can support high data rates with high reliability, it is not always feasible or cost-effective to dig trenches or string overhead wire across chemical plants, container ports or offshore oil platforms. Manufacturing plants and storage facilities with explosive atmospheres and



ignition hazards have specialized installation requirements, raising the installation cost and complexity of wired networks. Consequently many deployments utilize both wired and wireless technologies, often combining licensed and unlicensed spectrum across a number of different frequencies. Until recently this hybrid patchwork of communication technologies was the best achievable solution, particularly for mobile, data-intensive clients such as rugged handheld terminals and vehicle-mounted terminals. Still, the final results fall short of both IT requirements and user expectations.

Wireless signal quality and available bandwidth is often highly variable across an industrial or

outdoor site, resulting in user complaints. For the IT group, fault management and performance monitoring can be especially difficult; the lack of homogeneous monitoring and management for the diverse wireless links results in disparate alarm and reporting consoles. Indeed, many organizations find they must support separate, overlaid communication networks, each with its own infrastructure, resulting in duplicate management systems and IT effort. Worse yet, overlaid networks using legacy and new equipment on the same frequencies can result in unintentional interference. Many communication services in industrial and outdoor environments require low bandwidth: telemetry and SCADA applications generate only a few kbps on average, easily within the range of any wireless technology today. Many organizations now need to support new applications for remote workers, such as data or Internet connections for ruggedized PC terminals, and even voice services in areas that are remote from cellphone coverage. These require considerably more bandwidth than SCADA. Finally, many applications such as power generation, water treatment and chemical plants intend to add real-time wireless video surveillance for security purposes, driving even higher data rates and predictable quality of service (QoS). In recent years these new requirements on outdoor and industrial communications have increasingly stressed communications infrastructure designs. Meanwhile, a number of developments in Wi-Fi for enterprise customers have reached the stage where, with a small number of additional features, the technology is able to profoundly improve the outdoor experience and, in so doing, consolidate, simplify, and flatten the traditional patchwork and overlay of disparate communications networks.

Wireless technology began outdoors to help industrial customers meet business needs where they could not run cable. As this technology was standardized as Wi-Fi, dramatic cost reductions fuelled by economies of scale made it accessible to the consumer and enterprise markets. Enterprise Wi-Fi technology has evolved over the last ten years to the extent that it has now solved many issues involving management, scale, reliability and performance: many enterprises now rely on their indoor Wi-Fi networks as the primary means of connecting to the corporate LAN for PC users, and organizations such as hospitals, retail stores and universities rely on Wi-Fi for voice communications for mobile workers. Video surveillance is another important service today leveraging the Wi-Fi network, and benefits from Wi-Fi's high bandwidth and quality of service capabilities. Extending a railroad network using Wi-Fi wireless infrastructure Aruba Networks, Inc. 24 The Indestructible Network: Wireless LANs for Industrial and Outdoor Applications Aruba White Paper These networks are highly secure, supporting the latest 802.1x authentication and encryption techniques, and many CIOs now confirm that their wireless network is more secure than the wired LAN. Role-based WLANs can support a mix of sophisticated, capable devices such as PCs, as well as low-complexity devices such as bar-code scanners, without compromising security. A recent addition to state-of-the-art enterprise Wi-Fi is mesh technology, where access points can use wireless links for their backhaul connection rather than wired Ethernet. Since many enterprise access points include two radio units, it is possible to maximize performance by using one radio for backhaul while the other serves local users. This combination of Wi-Fi technologies is now capable of serving

outdoor and hazardous environments. Ruggedized access points can be used to drive point-to-point and point-to-multipoint links over distances of several miles, offering comparable performance to previous specialized radio equipment at very cost-effective price points due to Wi-Fi's high production volumes. The networks formed from these links may be used to bridge wired LAN segments, or to light up remote areas with Wi-Fi coverage, enabling a variety of Wi-Fi terminals including telemetry, ruggedized PCs, Wi-Fi phones, and video surveillance cameras. The new generation of outdoor access points is versatile, with many options for mounting and power, and provides installation options such as integral signal strength meters for antenna alignment. The units are small, lightweight, and have modest power requirements compared to their predecessors, while they are specified for harsh conditions such as explosive and corrosive atmospheres. By using Wi-Fi, organizations can consolidate the current patchwork of communications links and services onto a single Wi-Fi network, with central management, reporting, and alarms. The networks can be self-organizing in RF channel selection and connection routing, reacting automatically to remedy failures. Quality of service features across all products assures multi-service capability throughout the network. The wide availability of inexpensive, ruggedized Wi-Fi terminals allows new options for a mobile workforce, providing a level of services on the move that was previously only available when workers returned to their offices. These new capabilities will be of special interest in the upstream and downstream petroleum industry, for chemical plants, power and water treatment facilities and many other applications where networks must cover distances of several miles with offered data rates of several Mbps.

E-Mail Flow Report

Office 365

Office 365 Gouvernement provides secure email and office applications to government entities as well as complying with most national security standards. Additionally it's a pay as you grow software that allows smaller cities to fully take advantage of the cloud offerings.

VDI

VDI or Virtual Desktop Infrastructure provides a secure, safe expandable method for application delivery. It shares host the users' computer on a network resource and provides better access and accountability. This type of technology is commonly used in banks and other kiosk where full computer is not necessary or can cause compliance risks.

We have begun the research and deployment of VDI environment for the cashiers' in the cash collections area. This will allow us more flexibility in the coming move to provide services across sites. Additionally, it will aid in ensuring full compliance is met by those computers. The VDI we are currently looking into is called Xen Desktop provided by Citrix.

Features of Xen desktop

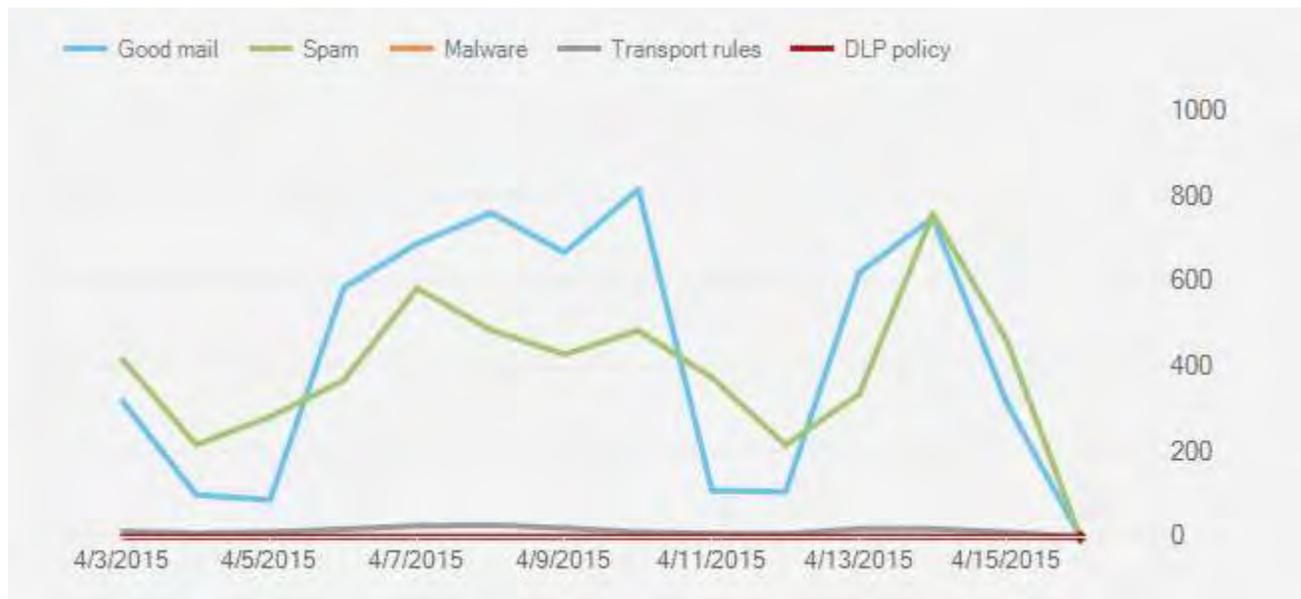


A wide range of business issues is driving IT toward desktop virtualization. One solution – Citrix XenDesktop with FlexCast technology – helps IT teams empower their entire workforces, one project at a time.

To support mobile employees and those working in branch locations, you need a way to provide access to desktops, apps and data without opening risky holes in your corporate network. XenDesktop with Citrix NetScaler Gateway™ lets IT provide these users with seamless, secure access to their virtual desktops, apps and data—even on their own BYO devices—without having to join your corporate network. NetScaler allows any network connection to be used, including a local Internet provider, eliminating the need for costly leased lines. IT can easily provision, maintain and support virtual desktops and apps from a single, central point, while capturing large savings in networking fees

E-Mail Flow Report

The city of Kingsville over the past week processed 16,736 email messages. We blocked 10,834 spam and 1 malware messages. We processed 5,928 'good' emails.



Kingsville Police Department *(Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief)*

Office of Chief of Police

Brush Country CASA Sponsors Candlelight Vigil

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 7pm

Brush Country CASA sponsored a candlelight vigil in front of the Kleberg County Courthouse. Many local citizens, volunteers and dignitaries were present during the event. The colors were presented by the H.M. King ROTC Unit. A resolution was read by Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid followed by speeches from County Sheriff Edward M. Mata, District Attorney John Hubert, Police Chief Ricardo Torres, County Attorney Kira Talip, and Monica Pena of CPS.

The event was ended when lights were broken and lit to symbolize breaking the chain with child abuse and neglect.

Patrol Division Activity

April 1 – April 15

The Patrol Division responded to hundreds of calls and wrote at least 180 reports. The Patrol Division issued 112 citations and 70 written warnings. Over the past two weeks, patrol officers took fifteen assault reports and two aggravated assault reports. One burglary of a building was reported, while three residential burglaries and seven vehicle burglaries were reported. Four criminal mischief reports were taken while two reports for criminal trespass were made.

Two unattended deaths were investigated; one report of Fraudulent Use of Identifying Information was taken; and, three reports were made for Harassment. There were thirteen reports of theft, two vehicles were reported stolen, and officers responded to several fights.

CALL SAMPLE:



On April 1, an officer observed a vehicle disregard the stop sign at 7th and Yoakum. In addition, the driver was talking on a cell phone. After the vehicle was stopped, the male was arrested for being in possession of “synthetic” marijuana.

On April 4, an officer stopped at Brookshire Park to speak with a male in the parking lot. In plain view, the officer observed marijuana baggies and cigars on the center console. The male was arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

On April 5, a motel manager reported a suspicious male had just entered an upstairs room. Officers arrived as the male was leaving the room, carrying a flat screen TV. The male had outstanding warrants and was arrested. It was determined that he wasn't staying at the motel and had no key. He was also charged with Burglary of Building. The manager believes that the same male is responsible for burglaries of other rooms in prior months.

On April 10, a female reported that her father's vehicle was missing from the 800 block of East Lee. The father arrived and said that he had not sold the vehicle, had not lent it to anybody, and there was no lien on it. A neighbor reported that a truck with a trailer had pulled up and towed the vehicle away. The vehicle was entered into a nationwide database as stolen.

On April 11, a female reported that she is receiving text messages from unknown people who are sending her photos of penises. She suspects an ex-boyfriend may be responsible for this.

On April 13, a church pastor reported that his church had been broken into within the previous two days. Stolen was about 80 feet of wire. Two wooden rails were also knocked off the church's wheelchair ramp.

On April 14, after a heavy thunderstorm, a resident called the PD because his neighbor's dumpster had been knocked over, presumably by the storm, and trash was in the resident's yard. The resident contacted the neighbor who refused to pick up the trash. The responding officer simply began picking up the trash. The resident then became angry with the officer for picking up the trash and not making the neighbor pick it up.

On April 15, a 17 year-old male was leaving a local high school when he lost control of his vehicle and struck a garage in the 900 block of West Richard. There were no injuries.



TRAINING:

All patrol officers completed the required TML online training courses for this period.

Corporal Ochoa and Corporal Crawford are attending the “New Supervisor” course, a 32-hour course at the Del Mar Regional Police Academy.

Cadet Ybarra has successfully completed the shooting portion of his basic police academy at the Del Mar Regional Police Academy and is expected to graduate on May 21st.



**Criminal Investigations Bureau
Activity Report**

Detectives Supervisor assigned 174 cases and inactivated 52 cases as of April 15, 2015. Along with these cases there were also 2 DWI’s and 13 Crash reports.

We have started having several burglaries again. Most of which are vehicles. So make sure you don’t leave any valuables in open view, and secure your vehicles.

Detectives are conducting an over whelming amount of interviews at the CAC (Crimes Against Children). Help our children stay safe. Talk with them about things going on in their lives.

Detective Contreras did an outstanding job. A lady has had a male subject stalking her for several weeks. Detective Contreras was conducting surveillance in the area. He observed the male subject pass back and forth by the residence. The subject was arrested for stalking.

Another Detective was able to obtain a warrant for a female that had stolen a vehicle and struck other vehicles afterwards.

For the last couple of weeks there have been no major events to report. Though there are still an overwhelming number of burglaries.

If you see anything or anyone out of place in your neighborhood please call it in. With everyone's assistance, we can get more of these types of people off the street. This will make everyone feel safer in their own homes.

Detectives have filed 75 cases during this period. There were 17 cases filed in District Court, 46 cases filed in County Court, 7 cases filed in City Court, and 5 cases filed in Juvenile Court.

The last couple of weeks have actually been mild. Each Detective is currently working a case load of about 50 to 70 active cases.

All the Detectives are doing a great job on working on their cases in attempt to better serve our community.

Communications Division



April 12-18th Telecommunications Week-

Between the thin red line & the thin blue line
lies the thinnest gold line
The gold line represents
those who are rarely seen
but mostly heard.
The Calm voice in the dark night
DISPATCHERS.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to say "thank you" and who gave us goodies. We greatly appreciate it!

Training-

Stephanie Ramos has successfully completed all her training and passed her state exam for her Telecommunications State License.

Michelle Puente was hired and started with our department on April 6, 2015.

Jennifer Moreno is on her last phase of training and should be released on her own soon.

Selena Cavazos is moving forward to her next phase in training.

All dispatchers are working to complete their certifications for TCOLE.

Total of Calls Received-

Incoming Calls- 1,004

Transferred to KFD- 103

Reports Taken- 275

Burglary of a building- 8

Burglary of residence-17

Alarm Business- 87

Minor Accidents- 25

**Neighborhood Improvement Officer
2015 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS**

WEEK 13

The following stats are from Week 13:

- Junk Vehicles –4
- Parking Citations –14
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -14
- Traffic Citations-10

WEEK 14

The following stats are from Week 14:

- Junk Vehicles-4
- Parking Citations –5
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -11
- Traffic Citations-5

WEEK 15

The following stats are from Week 15:

- Junk Vehicles –1
- Abandoned Vehicle-1
- Parking Citations –12
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -23
- Traffic Citations-9

So far for the year of 2015, 37 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 29 compliances for the year. The Neighborhood Improvement Officer has also issued a total of 187 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year and 97 Traffic Citations.

These are some photos of properties where the citizens have complied.



W. Lee Ave.



W. Warren Ave.

Street Level Operations Team

On 04-16-15 at approximately 1:13 pm the Kingsville Police Department SWAT Team along



with the Street Level Operations Team served a narcotics search warrant at 1300 W. Corral Apartment #232 (Javelina Station Apartment Complex). Trevor Allen a 20 year old male was arrested for the following offenses: (1) Money Laundering > \$1,500 < \$20,000 which is a State Jail Felony, (2) Possession of Marijuana > 4 ounces < 5 pounds which is a State Jail Felony, (3) Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 2 < 1 gram which is a State Jail Felony, and (4) Possession of a Controlled

Substance Penalty Group 3 < 28 grams which is a Class A Misdemeanor.

4147 Jamlie – Search Warrant

During the last two months, the Kingsville Police Department's Street Level Operations Team has executed four search warrants inside the City limits of Kingsville. The last being on the morning of April 8th at approximately 7:45 am when the Kingsville Police Department's SWAT unit entered the residence at 4147 Jamlie Street. Mark Anthony Mendoza (36 years of age) and his girlfriend, Bianca Mata (21 years of age) were both arrested. Mark Mendoza was



arrested for Manufacturing, Delivery of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group #1 - 1 gram but under 4 grams (Cocaine) which is a Second Degree Felony and for Manufacturing, Delivery of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group #2A - 4 grams but under 400 grams (Synthetic Marijuana) which is a First Degree Felony. Bianca Mata was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group #1 – 1 gram but under 4 grams (Cocaine) which is a Third Degree Felony and for Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group #2A – Under two ounces (Synthetic Marijuana) which is a Class B Misdemeanor. This is the second narcotics investigation conducted by the Kingsville Police Department’s Street Level Operations Team involving Mark Mendoza. The first investigation took place in 2010 in which Mark Mendoza was arrested for Manufacturing, Delivery of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group #1 – 4 grams but under 400 grams (Cocaine). Mark Mendoza was convicted and sentenced to prison time. Mark Mendoza is currently on Parole for that conviction. Mark Mendoza and Bianca Mata were residing in Mendoza’s mother’s residence. Ms. Mendoza was not home at the time of the search warrant execution. All evidence related to criminal activity was located on the second floor of the residence where Mark Mendoza and Bianca Mata resided.

Tourism (Courtesy of Leo Alarcorn, Director)

Garden Club

The Kingsville Garden Club hosted their annual plant exchange April 11th at the downtown pavilion. George Henkel, shown in the photo holding the potted plant, commented that having the event at the pavilion on this cool, spring morning was much nicer than holding it in the Kleberg Bank lobby as in past years. Clean-up was easier too. Jean Claire Turcotte, a long time garden club member, also appears in this photo. The exchange was open to the public and all plants found new homes.



Farmers Market Committee Meets at Depot



The Farmers Market committee meetings have moved to the Depot Museum. The committee meets faithfully three times a month (down from four) to continue to bring a quality market to Kingsville. Tourism would like remind community groups that the Depot is available for small meetings in the main lobby area. Except for an occasional train passing by, the space is a quiet spot for a meeting.

Conner Reception

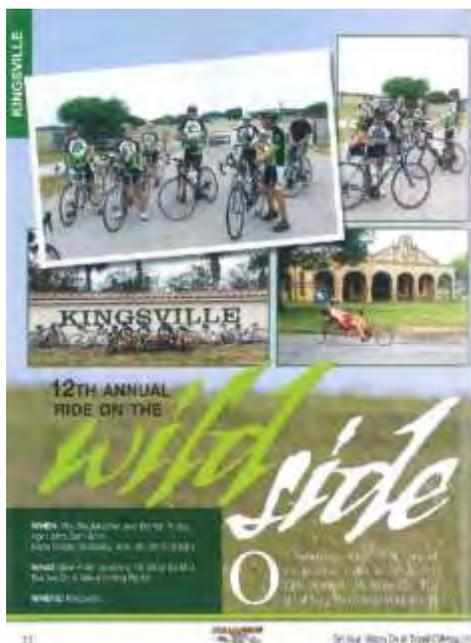


All eyes are on Jonathan Plant, Conner Museum Director, as he announces the winners of the awards for the best, most popular quilts at the April 14th opening reception for the Celebration of Quilts exhibit. This annual exhibit is dedicated to the art and craft of quilting and presents the work of the Kingsville Sunday Quilters. Joni Harrel's Captains Wheel quilt got best of show.

Drug Free Walk Kick-off Luncheon



Capt. Christopher Misner, Commanding Officer, NASK, will be this year's Grand Marshal of the annual Palmer Drug Abuse Center's drug-free walk. Capt. Misner spoke at the walk's kick-off luncheon at the Kleberg Park recreation center on April 8th. Attendees had the opportunity to vote their favorite poster by area school children that carries a drug-free message. Winners are recognized at the walk.



Texas Now magazine touts Ride on the Wild Side

The 12th annual Ride on the Wild Side that takes place this year on April 25th was featured in a four-page article in the April issue of Texas Now magazine. Tourism contracted for the article as the annual ride brings in folks from all around the area and even out of state. The favorite of the three loops available to ride in is the ten mile loop through King Ranch. To show support for the event, the King Ranch did their part by taking out a large ad on the last page of the article. Proceeds from the bike ride assist local youth to attend the Texas Lions Club camp for handicapped children in Kerrville. While the ten mile loop is the favorite of families, the hard core bicyclists can go for a 30 mile or a 65 mile loop. Club members and other

volunteers man cell phones and water stations along the route to check on the safety of the cyclists during the ride.

Kingsville Main Street Annual Meeting



Kingsville Main Street held their annual meeting April 9th with downtown merchants and city staff in attendance. Cynthia Martin, Downtown Manager, gave a short presentation on the Main Street program as some of the merchants were not familiar with the program Frank Benvenuto, KHDDA President, spoke on the supportive role this group plays in downtown.

Hacienda Spa



Downtown Kingsville has a new business at 306 E Kleberg. The Hacienda Spa had been open for business for a month prior to their April 18th grand opening. The spa was opened by Meredith Benton, a licensed esthetician, and features facial treatments, body rejuvenation, Swedish and sports massages, hair cuts, manicures and tanning. The business abuts the historic Sims Building to the east and they have done a wonderful job of interior remodel and decorating.

May is National Preservation Month

The Kingsville Historical Development Board will host a May Preservation Month reception at the Depot Museum May 22nd from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The many renovation projects happening around Kingsville will be highlighted and Salazar Building owner, David Thibodeaux, will be on hand to discuss the renovation of his building at 200 E Richard Avenue. Our local celebration of preservation month acknowledges the mission Kingsville shares with communities across the country to cultivate the love of historic places and to help their citizens understand the importance of saving history.

Salazar Building Interior Build-out in Progress



The interior of the 1927 V Salazar Building is ready for sheetrock and flooring. The exterior of the building has received its final coat of paint – green, orange, black and cream- a take-off on the original colors found faded underneath a layer of stucco on the buildings west side. The stove and cabinets have been delivered for the small catering kitchen to the rear of the building.

Day & Night Club Institutes College Night



Back in the 1970's, the Day and Night Club, 304 E Richard Avenue was a favorite hangout for college students. The Friday night jam sessions were especially popular. The club is getting a spruce up at the hands of owner, Mary Guzman's grandsons and will be reaching out once again to college students. Thursday nights are College Nights and feature a local DJ. In the late 1930s, the club was called El Patio Cabrera and there were regular dances on the patio. Mothers would chaperone their teen age daughters at the dances and young men would need to ask permission to dance with the girls. The patio, too, is getting a spruce up and will eventually open anew.

Ponchos on the Border Getting a Fresh New Face



Across 7th Street from the Day and Night Club at 601 N. 7th Street sits Ponchos on the Border. The owner has just finished installing a new roof and putting a fresh face on the building with new paint and signage. Formerly the Paradise Club, it vied with El Patio Cabrera for customers. One resident remembers hearing music wafting from open windows as a child when while shopping with her mother at the Martinez Grocery Store.

New Residence at 309 E Richard



Improvements are not only happening in the 200 block of E Richard, the old “El Centro” district. A new residence is being built at 309 E Richard just a block east. The house sits on a lot opened up by the earlier demolition of a derelict structure on the site. The new residence is modest in scale and the style fits nicely with existing houses. Unlike its neighbors though, this house will have a sidewalk and concrete drive –improvements required by code for new construction.

Upcoming events:

PDAP Drug-free Walk, April 25th @ 11 am, Kleberg County Courthouse

Ride on the Wild Side, April 25th @ 8 am, Kingsville Publishing, 1831 W Santa Gertrudis

Cinco de Mayo, May 9th @ 10 am – 2 pm, 200 block of East Richard Avenue

Golf Course (Courtesy of Bill Donnell, Interim Manager)

Golf Division (4/1-4/17)

The City has hired Jimmy Saenz, who is a NPGIA Class A Professional and 2011 Instructor of the year, as the new Golf Course Manager. Mr. Saenz comes to us from Dumas, Texas and is scheduled to begin his employment with the City of Kingsville on April 27th.

The course is wet again from the recent rain storms



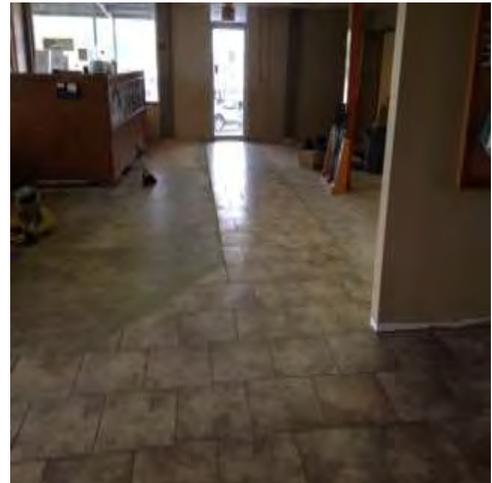
with over 2 inches of

rain received. The Golf Division employees are doing a great job on improving the playability and esthetics of the course by cutting fallen trees and hauling branches off of the course and mowing where possible.



Fertilizer was spread on all tee boxes. Wastewater staff did a great job refurbishing the course restrooms with the completion of the new roof. The floor tile in the club house is in process

of being placed and the carpet will be done next week.



The course is wet and golf activity is low with 519 rounds of golf played and 95 buckets of range balls used during April 1st thru April 17, 2015.

Scheduled tournaments at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:

Kingsville Golf Association Tournament, April 18, 2015

TAMUK College of Pharmacy Martin Farias Golf Tournament, April 25, 2015

H.M. King Scholarship Tournament, May 2, 2015

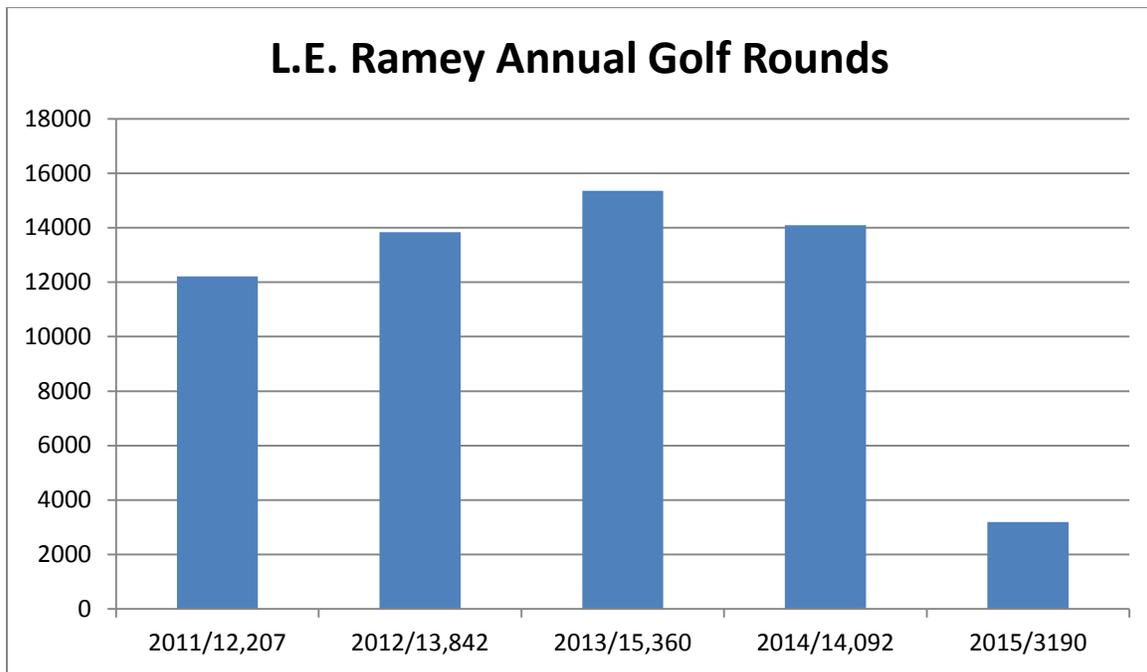
St. Gertrude Tournament, May 23, 2015

Yaklin Family Reunion Tournament, June 13, 2015

For tournament contacts or to schedule your tournament please call L.E. Ramey Golf Course @ 361-592-1101

Past tournaments: no recent tournaments

Thanks for holding your tournament at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:



Finance Department *(Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Director of Finance)*

Finance Administration Division

DID YOU KNOW?



April 15th has been the U.S. tax deadline since 1955. Before 1955 the tax deadline was March 15th.



Investment Policy

The City of Kingsville has received the Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas (GTOT) Certificate of Distinction for 2015. GTOT conducts an Investment Policy Certification program to provide guidance in developing an investment policy and to recognize outstanding examples of written policies. A Certificate of Distinction is awarded for policies that meet the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act and the standards for prudent public investing established by the Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas. This certificate is awarded for two years and can be renewed upon review.



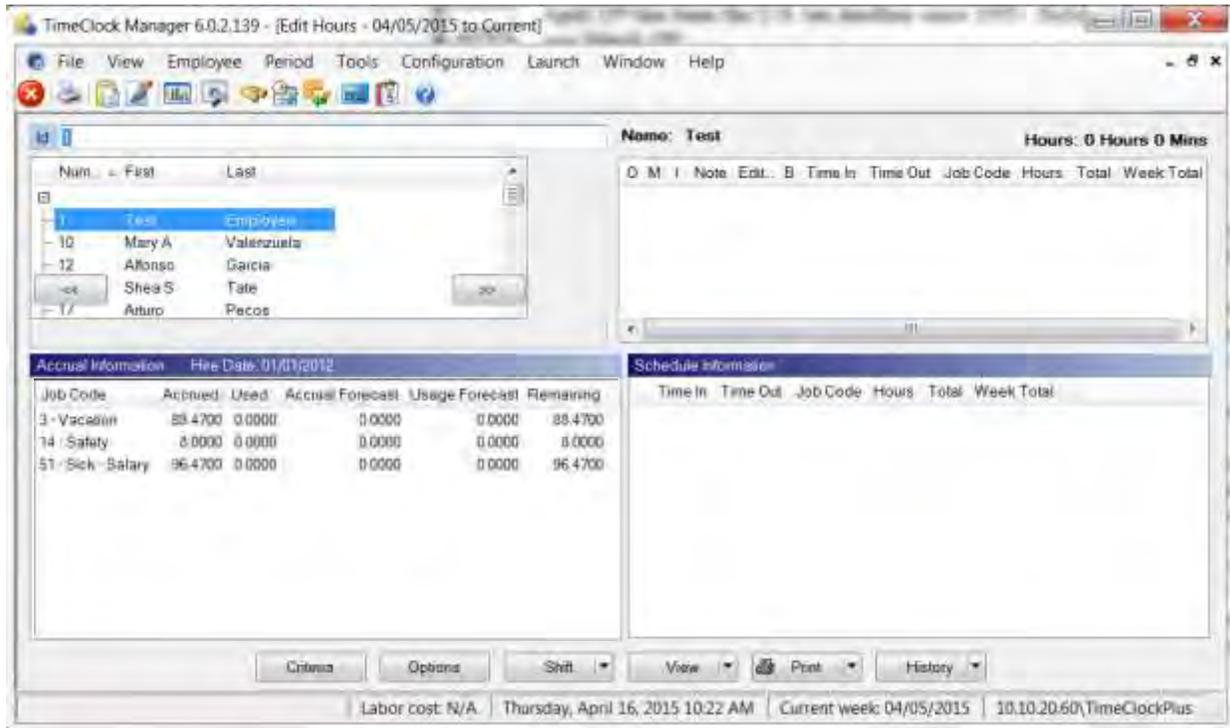
Leave Accrual Information

Payroll Specialist, Norma Cavazos, sent an email to all City employees regarding recent changes to Time Clock Plus. They will now notice, at the bottom left hand corner of the edit hours screen, their leave accrual information. Each employee will have their leave accrual balances displayed in this window. This information will be updated every Friday before a payroll week to show the most up to date leave available. As leave is used, the employee will notice those hours displayed under the Usage Forecast column and the Remaining Balance will be reduced. This will replace the leave accrual reports, so they will no longer be sent to each department.

REMINDER:

Negative sick and vacation balances are not allowed.

Sick leave is available to new employees after 90 days and vacation is available after 180 days.



Utility Billing Division



Part of March and most of April have proven to be a very rainy time. With the rain and at times some high winds related to the storms we have experienced some concerns about storm water drainage, tree branches falling into people's yards and into the streets, plus missing roll-outs that get carried away due to high winds and rain. The Utility Billing Department would encourage all citizens to bring in their roll-outs after they have been serviced by the Sanitation Department. For missing roll-outs after a storm please call Sanitation at 361-595-8040. Any brush that is located in the street can be called into the Public Works Department at the same number 361-595-8040. Any brush located inside the property owner's property is the owner's responsibility. A reminder to all citizens, the Sanitation schedule is posted on the City website. The schedule explains which zone they will be picking up brush at. For additional information, please call that department directly. In order to control the storm water that runs off when it rains, make sure that trash is not being swept into the drainage system. Keep that area clear of trash and debris to ensure flooding does not occur in your street.

Here is just one suggestion on how to control your storm water and save you money:

Did you know that [lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer?](#) Rain barrels provide free water to use during these high water usage periods, saving most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water as well as saving money and energy. A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams. Usually a rain barrel is a 55 gallon drum with a vinyl hose, PVC couplings, and a screen grate to keep debris and insects out, and other off-the-shelf items.



<http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/pubs/fixleak.html>

A reminder to customer to review the service dates when reviewing their water utility statements. The Utility Billing Department bills customers for prior service in between 28 to 34 days. So please do look at the service dates before calling the department about your consumption. The staff at Utility Billing is very knowledgeable and ready to answer any questions a customer may have regarding their utility bill. Please feel free to call us at 361-592-5281. We are open Monday-Friday, at 8:00 a.m.-5p.m. except city approved -holidays.

New City logo



Beginning in April, customers will see a different logo on their water utility bills. All timelines as far as when bills are due have not changed.

Reminders: Any payments dropped off in the night drop need to be in check, money order, or cashier check form. A utility bill stub should be included in order to process your payment to your account or a referenced service address and account number will suffice. If you are in jeopardy of having your services disconnected for non-payment on Tuesday and Thursday, then your payment in full, including penalties, needs to be dropped off before 8 a.m. that Tuesday or Thursday to avoid a disruption in water service as well as additional penalties. This information is also listed on the red notices. ***no temporary checks accepted***

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 and moved out of public view.

(1962 Code, § 8-5-13; Ord. 93005, passed 4-12-93; Ord. 2001-06, passed 2-26-01; Ord. 2006-18, passed 4-17-06; Ord. 2008-09, § I, passed 2-11-08)

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

For Community Appearance issues (high grass, trash, etc.) please call 361-595-8093.

Municipal Court Activity Report

This report covers the court activity from March 27, 2015 thru April 14, 2015

New Cases: 525

70 Parking, 331 Traffic, 75 State Law, 49 City Ordinance



Cases Disposed: 279

36 Parking, 180 Traffic, 45 State Law, 18 City Ordinance

Warrants

13 Issued, 121 Executed (Served)

Collections

Collections during this period came to \$74,483.07 in fines and court costs.

Court Dates – April 2015

Pre Trial Session

Attorney Cases Incl. 4/21 9:00 am (Assist DA Prosecutor Popejoy)

Contempt of Court 4/28 9:00 am

Inmate Session 4/23 2:00 pm

Regular Court Hearing 4/23 3:00 pm

Trial Hearing Bench 4/23 4:00 pm (Assist CA Prosecutor Craig)

Court Dates – May 2015

Pre Trial Session 5/5 9:00 am (Assist DA Prosecutor Popejoy)

Attorney Cases Incl. 5/19 9:00 am (Assist DA Prosecutor Popejoy)

Contempt of Court 5/12 & 5/26 9:00 am

Inmate Session 5/7 & 5/21 2:00 pm

Regular Court Hearing 5/7 & 5/21 3:00 pm

Trial Hearing Bench 5/7 & 5/21 4:00 pm (Assist CA Prosecutor Craig)

Acknowledgments

Many thanks to the Kingsville Police Department for the security provided during the court sessions of April 9, 2015! Special thanks to Officers Dodd #88, Fonseca #86, Chavana #73, and Vega #83.

Planning and Development Services (Courtesy of Tom Ginter, Director)

5th and Henrietta

The City owns this building and has a lease with the Border Patrol. Staff will be working with that agency on their desire to use it in the future. They have been in town to visit the site and are determining what to do about the rood. They believe that the roof needs more repair to it more than they have funds available. They are still considering their options.

Torres Estates

There were 2 items on the Planning and Zoning Agenda for April 8th regarding this project. There were 4 items on the April 13th City Commission agenda pertaining to this development. If the items are all approved at the time of final passage, Mr. Dizdar will be able to develop the property.

La Quinta Hotel

At this time, a full permit has been approved for them. They hope to break ground very soon. The hotel will be located at 2151 S. Highway 77, between Phil Neeson Chevrolet and the Hampton Inn.

Wells Apartments

This is a project with eleven 2-bedroom units to be located at 625 W. Avenue F. The completion date is the end of April.

FEMA Domes

The estimated completion date is January 2016. Things are going well.

Wildwood Trails

A number of homes have been started in the subdivision. With dry weather work on the homes can make some progress.

Lake View Villas

A preliminary plat was approved in June of 2013. A final plat was never submitted. Too much time has passed so the developer had to start the plat process over. Both plat items were approved on the Planning and Zoning April 8th agenda and were thereafter approved on the April 13th City Commission agenda.

New City Hall

Nathan Swinney of AGCM gave the City Commission a brief update at their April 13th meeting. Things are going well. Public Works will be working on sewer and storm drainage in the month of April.

Joint Airport Zoning Board

At the last meeting Brad Womack was named the fifth member and chair of the group. Ramon Perez was named Vice Chair. The board caught up on other items and the pond on the Schubert property. Staff will be meeting with him prior to the next meeting to determine future action.

Cayetano Villages of Kingsville

The development company decided to pull the rezoning agenda items that were scheduled for the March planning and zoning agenda. They need to be awarded the tax credits for this project to happen which they probably won't know until June. If they are awarded the tax credits, then they will continue with the project.

Flato School Project

Staff has heard that as a part of the deed requires an education component, so that is being worked on to

continue with redevelopment of the property. Historic Board member Maggie Salinas has been working with the owners on how to achieve that.

Legends of Kingsville

As was reported in the paper in March, the property is 100% leased for the upcoming school year. We have met with their engineer on Phase II. They hope to submit a site plan sometime in May. Phase II will have 486 beds with 207 units. Once both phases are done they can have approximately 1,000 students living there when 100% occupied.

Building Services Division

Permits Pulled:

Residential Remodel:	11	Commercial Remodel:	1	Electrical:	19
New Commercial:	2	Mechanical:	12	Moving:	0
New Residential:	2	Fire Inspection:	14	Gas Inspection:	4
Cert. of Occupancy:	3	Commercial Meter:	1	House Leveling:	1
Plumbing:	11	Residential Meter:	10	Re-roof:	10
Sprinkler:	0	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	2
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	0	Demolition:	1
Fence:	5	Driveway:	5		

Total Permits Pulled: 114

New Business:

ROX'S SPORT LOUNGE (formally Cowgirls) at 1701 S Brahma Blvd STE. C is now open .

New Construction:

Domino's Pizza broke ground at their new location at 609 E King. (shown right)

FEMA Dome H. M. King High School at 2210 S Brahma Blvd. (shown below)



New Residential:

New Home at 392 South First Street



Top 30 Initiative

As the beautification effort of our city continues, the Planning and Development Services Department has implemented a new list of the city's Worst 30. The Worst 30 are categorized in three different categories of ten each. The purpose of this new Worst 30 initiative is to eradicate unsightly and unhealthful property conditions. The first category of ten is businesses that do not have hard surface parking or the parking lot in is disrepair. The second category of ten will focus on unfinished exterior of buildings. The third category of ten will be comprised of various types of property code, building and other violations that are especially intractable and will need the coordinated efforts of various departments. Some, perhaps most, of the Worst 30 will take months or years to resolve. The length of time allowed for repairs will depend on the nature of the project and approval by the Planning and Development Services Director. It should also be noted that if necessary the City will take the property owner to Municipal Court if we receive no response or action from the letters that we have mailed out.

Dilapidated or Non-existent Parking Lots

<u>Property location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1206 N. 6 th	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
712 W. Ave. F	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
621 W. Corral	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
629 W. Nettie	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
729 W. Ave. C	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
109 N. Armstrong	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
325 W. Corral	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
615 W. Santa Gertrudis	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
321 W. Santa Gertrudis	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
414 W. Huisache	Letter mailed 2/16/15	

1206 N. 6th



712 W. Ave F



729 W. Ave. C



109 N. Armstrong



Unfinished Siding/Roof

Property location

610 S. Lantana
315 S. 21st
1519 E. Lott
822 S. 16th
428 W. Lee
528 S. 18th
516 E. Alice

Status

Letter mailed 2/16/15
Letter mailed 2/16/15

Comments

324 W. Santa Gertrudis

Before



After



822 S. 16th



528 S. 18th



Multiple Violations:

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comment</u>
430/426 E Alice	Pending Cleanup	Court ordered extension-May 7
400 E Corral	Court scheduled 3/26/15	Pending Cleanup
1808 Kelly	Pending variance	
1420 Sen. Carlos Truan	Notice sent 6/24/14	Cleared by city
1202 W King	Notice sent 2/26/14	Property owner working on
violation		
1950 E Corral	Pending notice of violation	
2151 N. Hwy 77 Byp	Pending notice of violation	
223 S 6 th	Pending notice of violation	
109 S Hwy 77	Notice sent 6/14/14	Property owner complied
E Henrietta & 19 th St.	Notice sent 3/23/15	

Community Appearance Division

Recent activity (April 2nd - April 15th) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:

- Notices Sent: 80
- Abatements: 60
- Obsolete Sign Violations: 0
- Inspections: 420
- Court Cases: 0
- Placards Posted: 4
- Re-Inspections: 23
- Illegal Dumping Cases: 0
- Compliances: 14
- Front/Side yard parking violations: 0

Community Appearance: Billing

Community Appearance Division has begun tracking the monthly totals being billed each month due to City private property cleanups. These cleanups include mowing and abatements of noxious matter

through FY '15.

OCT	\$5304.61	APR
NOV	\$2943.01	MAY
DEC	\$4344.63	JUN
JAN	\$11263.96	JUL
FEB	\$8389.71	AUG
MAR	\$18,116.99	SEPT



Typical Violations & Compliances:

Below are photos of recent examples of success in the removal of trash and debris due to our community appearance division efforts:

829 E. Richard - Property Owner Abated

BEFORE



AFTER



303 S. 23rd - Property Owner Abated

BEFORE



AFTER



503 E. Ragland – City Abated



Phase 35 213 S. 12th – 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 table below, the number of owner abatements on noticed properties within the “top ten” monthly clean ups have 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 demonstrating a change in behavior; hopefully due to the increase public awareness of City codes.

<u>Top Ten Phase#</u> Conducted	<u>#of Cleanups Conducted</u>	<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u>#of</u>	<u>Cleanups</u>
	<u>By property owner</u>		<u>By property owner</u>	
PHASE 1	0 out of 10	PHASE 21	7 out of 10	
PHASE 2	2 out of 10	PHASE 22	4 out of 10	
PHASE 3	2 out of 10	PHASE 23	7 out of 10	
PHASE 4	3 out of 10	PHASE 24	8 out of 10	
PHASE 5	3 out of 10	PHASE 25	8 out of 10	
PHASE 6	3 out of 10	PHASE 26	6 out of 10	

PHASE 7	4 out of 10	PHASE 27	10 out of 10
PHASE 8	7 out of 10	PHASE 28	8 out of 10
PHASE 9	5 out of 10	PHASE 29	8 out of 10
PHASE 10	8 out of 10	PHASE 30	7 out of 10
PHASE 11	7 out of 10	PHASE 31	7 out of 10
PHASE 12	8 out of 10	PHASE 32	7 out of 10
PHASE 13	9 out of 10	PHASE 33	8 out of 10
PHASE 14	6 out of 10	PHASE 34	7 out of 10
PHASE 15	9 out of 10	PHASE 35	7 out of 10
PHASE 16	9 out of 10		
PHASE 17	8 out of 10		
PHASE 18	8 out of 10		
PHASE 19	8 out of 10		
PHASE 20	9 out of 10		

Community Appearance:

Community Appearance Supervisor Jennifer Bernal and Code Officer Kristina Gomez spoke to the Board of Realtors at the Cherry Tree Tea Room and Gift restaurant on April 10th. The meeting was to educate local realtors on common code violations throughout the city as well as what they can do to beautify the community. They were an excellent group of local leaders enthusiastic about our city's growth. We look forward to hearing more from them in the coming future. We appreciate local realtors Loretta Brown and Robert McCreight for their invitation.

Our Code Enforcement Officers have recently completed their specified zones. This means our entire city has been properly inspected to ensure city ordinances have been met. If violations were committed, citizens were notified by mail the necessary steps needed to rectify any given violation(s). All notices are valid for one year from date of inspection. If a second violation occurs, the city will enter and abate the property at the property owner's expense.



Community Appearance and the City of Kingsville ask residents to comply with city ordinances and be sure to keep our lawns manicured to prevent the harboring of mosquitos and other pests. We have seen an abundance of rain, and although a blessing to farmers and gardens alike, it is also a haven for mosquitos and other itchy critters. **Don't forget to mow your part of the alley or easement as well.** Property owners in the City of Kingsville are to maintain from the street curb (in the front and/or side) to half the alley or easement. Please do your part to keep Kingsville safe, clean, healthy and beautiful.

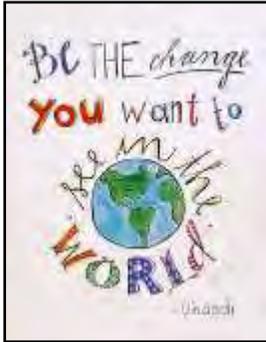


Keep Kingsville Beautiful:

Keep Kingsville Beautiful (KKB) was a Co-Sponsor of this year's Hoggie Hunt! The Hoggie Hunt is a community event held by Texas A&M University-Kingsville to teach children the importance of recycling. This was the 6th year for this great event which was held at the Javelina Football Stadium. Children of all ages hunted for eggs and won prizes while learning valuable information regarding *Reuse Recycle and Reduce*. KKB also gave out coloring books aimed at recycling.



KKB met Thursday April 16th to discuss pending and new projects. The board voted in favor of funding a small garden improvement at the City/County Health Dept. location. They will replace flowers/plants and re-mulch the garden areas in from the building. KKB will also spruce up the old “Smokey the Bear” area near the McDaniel annex building on the 700 block E King by spreading wildflowers seeds and possibly placing a bench/picnic table.



If you or anyone you know is interested in joining KKB, please contact Jennifer Bernal @ 361-595-8093. We are also looking for volunteers to help spruce up various gardens as well as cleanup areas throughout Kingsville.

Engineering and Public Works (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, City Engineer and Public Works Director)

Engineering Division (3/30-4/12)

Engineering and GIS

Engineering and GIS are continuing with the street construction schedule. Engineering has been surveying for the Alice Street Project for the Street Department. Engineering also shot the elevations for the 21st Street drainage project. Staff has been busy with project management and helping other departments with projects (Parks' Corral Park plan and Pavilion fence project).

(Lee St. concrete street reconstruction at right)



Street Division (3/30-4/12)

Road Constructions – #E91 - W. Alice

- Cut down 8” to subgrade, leveled and hauled out 7 loads asphalt, caliche and dirt
- Mixed in 8 bags of hydrated lime with subgrade, watered and rolled

- Cut down to blue top level and rolled for several hours
- Rolled in subgrade with sheep foot roller
- Hauled in 300 tons of limestone, watered and rolled
- Used 319.29 Tons of limestone
- **New Culvert- North Armstrong**
- Cut down 8” from road to entrance gate and filled in with limestone, watered and rolled
- Placed all new culverts in ditch North of Armstrong
- Filled insides with limestone
- Used 36 tons of Limestone
- Cut down 6” in of limestone, rolled with sheep foot roller to get completion for several hours, watered and rolled with pneumatic roller
- Cut down blue top level, PSI tested-passed, watered and rolled
- Swept curbs, barricaded area, seal coat and swept up loose gravel
- Paved Alice St. with 105.37 tons of hot mix, cleaned curbs and checked signs and barricades



Mowing –

- Loop 428
- 6th St. North to South stopped at Ailsie Ave.
- Hwy 77 Bypass from Corral Ave. to Kenedy Ave.
- Highway 141
- 6th St. from Ailsie to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Golf Course
- Armstrong from FM 1355 to Ave I
- Corral Ave.- West of Armstrong
- 6th St. from Alexander to General Cavazos Blvd.



Gutter

- 12th St. & 13th St. from Richard Ave. to Lee Ave.
- Alice Ave. from 14th St. to 9th St.
- 10th St. from Alice Ave. to Lee Ave.
- Alice Ave. from 9th St. to 8th St.
- 8th St. from Richard Ave. to Lee Ave.
- 7th St. from Alice Ave. to Lee Ave.
- 2nd St. from Lee Ave. to Henrietta Ave.
- Lee Ave. from 6th St. to 10th St.
- 8th St. 9th St. and 10th St. from Lee Ave. to Henrietta Ave.
- Lee Ave. from 10th St. to 14th St.
- 11th St., 12th St., and 13th St. from Lee Ave. to Henrietta Ave.

Tree Trimming

- 1014 Gillette St.
- 100 S. Wells St.

Sweeping

- 6th St. from Loop 428 to Corral Ave.
- Corral Ave. from 6th St to 14th St.
- Armstrong Ave. from Santa Gertrudis to Corral Ave.
- Armstrong from Ave I to Corral Ave.
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from 14th St. to Ailsie Ave.
- Caesar Ave. from 6th St. to 14th St.
- Corral Ave. from 14th St. to Hwy 77
- Caesar Ave. from 14th St. to Kingsville Point Apts.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St. to Hwy 77
- All of Santa's area
- 6th St. from Corral Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to University Blvd.
- 14th St. from Corral Ave. to Ailsie Ave.
- **Drained water**
- Kenedy Ave. from 14th St. to 11th St. Santa Gertrudis Ave, from 14th St. to Hwy141
- 6th St. from Lee Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- 9th St. from Nettie Ave. to Kleberg Ave.
- Trant Rd. from 6th St. to 14th St.
- Helen Marie, Jayvee and Cecil from 6th St. to Dead End
- Chandler from General Cavazos Blvd. to Helen Marie
- Yoakum Ave. from 6th St. to 14th St.
- Santa Gertrudis- South side of street from Hwy 141 to University Blvd.
- University- West side of street from Santa Gertrudis to King Ave.

- Yoakum Ave/ from 6th St. to 3rd St.
- 3rd St from King Ave. to Henrietta Ave.
- Henrietta Ave. from 3rd St. to 5th St.
- 5th St. from Henrietta Ave. to Kleberg Ave.
- 14th St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Corral Ave. from 14th St, to Public Works Yard
- 11th St. & Shelton



(New storm water drainage shown above)

- 17th St. from Santa Gertrudis to Henrietta Ave.

Gutters

- Richard from 11th to 13th
- 11th & 12th from Santa Gertrudis to Alice
- Henrietta from 14th to 11th
- 13th, 12th, 11th, 10th, 8th and 7th from Henrietta to Yoakum
- Henrietta from 11th to 7th
- Yoakum from 6th to 9th
- Yoakum from 9th to 14th

Round Up

- 9th from Kleberg to Yoakum
- 8th from Yoakum to King
- 7th from King to Yoakum
- Kleberg from 6th to Daniel Alarcon
- Daniel Alarcon from Kleberg to Yoakum
- Johnston from 2nd to Armstrong
- Doddridge from Dead end to Armstrong
- Warren from Armstrong to Dead End
- Ragland and Caesar from Dead End to Armstrong
- 2nd from King to Doddridge

Hot Mix/Cold Patch

(West Alice St. reconstruction shown below)

Hot Mix

- Escondido Rd
- 10th St. from Kenedy Ave. to Lott Ave.
- Shelton Ave. from 14th St. to 13th St.
- Yoakum Ave/

- Lantana from Corral Ave. to Ave F
- Ave F from Lantana to Armstrong
- Wanda from Ave F to Corral Ave.
- Lantana & Ave I
- Lantana & Ave H
- 427 Alexander
- Corral Ave. & Santa Rosa
- Johnston St
- Ave F, Ave G and Ave I to 1st St.
- Ave H to Wells
- Ave H to Lantana
- Armstrong between Ave G & Ave H
- Armstrong and Kenedy Ave.- Water Patch
- Seal coating on Alice Project
- Wells from Corral Ave. to Ave I
- 1st St. from Corral Ave. to Ave I



Alley Maintenance

- Behind Casa De Tacos
- 200 W Kenedy Ave. & King Ave.
- Behind Santa Gertrudis church
- 225 E Yoakum Ave.

Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Took down orange mesh from 6th St and rail road side
- Picked up barricades from Courthouse on 11th St. & Kleberg Ave.
- Picked up plywood and shingle on 6th St.
- Picked up barricades at Credit Union
- Cleaned outside of Barn
- Helped with Hot Mix on Corral Ave. and cold mix on Lantana
- Picked up Stop sign on Alice & Armstrong
- Helped with sign that was down on 77 Bypass
- Patched curb with cement on Warren Ave. & 21st St.
- Helped with curb and gutters on 21st St. and Henrietta Ave.
- Cleaned new sign shop
- Replaced Stop sign on 1st St. & King Ave.
- Helped with hot mix on Armstrong & Ave G
- Worked on Kleberg school lights
- Took walk behind and Type 3 barricades to Armstrong & Alice
- Helped with cold mix on 1st St. & Corral Ave. and Wells & Ave H
- Cut tree on 2nd St. & Kenedy Ave.

- Cut tree on 23rd St. & Oklahoma
- Helped with Hot mix on Armstrong & Alice Ave.

Water Production (3/30 –4/12)

Collected 12 routine Bacteriological Samples:

- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 3303 S. Braham Blvd.
- 1121 E. Ave A
- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 1142 W. Yoakum Ave.
- 511 College Place

Collected 14 daily chlorine residuals:

- 4011 Allen Drive
- 312 W. Ave B
- 332 E. Ave B
- 714 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 1612 Shirley
- 2020 Sherwood
- 213 Pasadena Ave
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave.
- 711 E. Ragland Ave.
- 315 S. 24th St.
- 209 Reidda Drive
- 1113 Kathleen
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave,
- 318 Briarwood

Delivered Ammonia to 6 sites; delivered Chlorine to 6 sites.

Water pumped to distribution (3/30 –4/12) - Wells – 37,922,000 gallons; Surface – 5,324,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 43,246,000 gallons; Average –3,089,000 gals/day

Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (3/30-4/12)

Wastewater Treatment North Plant – Operators and Helpers cleaned primary and secondary clarifier troughs and weirs. Operators shoveled sludge from sand drying bed. Helpers and Operators are replacing and cleaning UV modules. We continue wasting in wedge and sand

drying beds and wire drying beds. Operators and Helpers are mowing grass around plant and lift stations. Helper are also wasting sludge into drying beds. Mendez Contracting finished work at the UV Shed. JMF Repair took broken submersible pump from Carlos Truan Lift Station. The Treatment Plant received the 1st Quarter Bio-Monitoring results.

Wastewater Treatment South Plant – Operator cleaned clarifier troughs and shoveled sludge from sand drying beds. Crew is wasting in wedge wires and sand drying bed. Operators and helpers mowed grass around Plant and Lift Stations. Rabalais worked on the primary clarifier and bar screen. We are running the 1st Quarter Bio-Monitoring. The Sendero South Company rechecked weir calibration.

Wastewater Collection – Had:

2 - call outs for sewer backups

6 – Line Locates

3 – Service line repairs

1 – Manhole repair at 1908 S. 7th St.

Repaired service line at 214 N. 14th St.

Extended sewer main line at 1703 Mary Drive

Vacuumed water on 1st and Ave B and in the ditch at 2624 E. Corral Ave.

Dug out water line and hauled sludge from the North Plant.

Located clean out at 107 N. 7th St.

Jetted main line on Ella Ave. from 2nd St. to 1st St. and removed the cement from the street at 2nd St and Ella Ave.

Scheduled work for the week

Mowing and weed eating 1 MGD, 3MGD and Lift Stations

Plant Helpers spraying weed killer along fence lines and drying beds and 1 & 3 MGD

Cleaning sewer mains, curbs & gutters.

Clean troughs (Mon, Thurs, and Fri)

Clean drying beds (Tues, Wed.)

3 & 1 MGD wasting on drying beds

Construction crews working on installing a sewer tap at 392 S. 1st St.

Construction crews are working on a sewer line repair at 909 E. Ragland Ave.

Water Distribution (3/30 – 4/12)

Repaired 9 Main Breaks and answered approximately 41- Service Calls

6” Main Break	302 W. Lee Ave.
6” Main Break	614 E. Ailsie Ave.
3” Main Break	604 E. Ella Ave.
2” Main Break	326 Billy Evans
4” Main Break	116 E. Fairview
6” Main Break	4 th St and Lott Ave.
6” Main Break	1268 E. King Ave.

6" Main Break
3" Main Break

2800 ½ E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
512 W. Huisache Ave.

6- Locates; 2-Service line leaks; 9- water leaks; 14 - Meter Leaks; 0- Backfills; 3- valve repairs; 0- Customer Side Leaks; 4- No Water/Low Pressures; 0 - Fire Hydrant; 0- Turn off Water; 0 -Turn on, and 0 - Water Tap.

1 - Locate Meter; 1 - Install Riser; 1 - Expose line

The Water Department Supervisor visited Smith-Blair clamp factory in Texarkana.

City Garage (3/30 -4/12)

Maintenance

18- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 36 Scheduled work orders; 48-Nonscheduled work; 6 Service calls; 0 Call out; 12-New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 13 flat tire repairs and balances; 37 pending work orders.

The rear piston on Unit 535 were repaired. Repaired rear piston on Unit 535 and replaced door seal and piston on Unit 334. Replaced transmission on Unit 3003 and took fire dept. Unit 122 to Fleet pride for service.

Welder

6 received work order and 2 pending work orders

Welded rear door on unit 334 and welded piston on unit 535. We are replacing the rear door lock on the Welding Unit 458. City welder is welding the dump truck floor on unit 548.

Solid Waste (3/30 - 4/12)

Landfill - (3/30 - 4/12)

Daily litter clean-up continues in and around the facility. The magnet trailer is also being used to pick up nails around the facility and surrounding roads leading to the landfill. We have been



working on the Leachate pump #1 for several weeks. Crews weedeated around the office and mowed around the scale house and entrance and worked on the access roads. The landfill supervisor met with Naismith Engineering, Charlie Cardenas, City Engineer and Public Works Director and Bill Donnell, Public Works Assistant Director regarding Landfill Amendment, Sector 4 and Rate Study. The Landfill Supervisor spoke with Thor Enterprises regarding an ADC Tarp. Anderson Machinery

came to the landfill to perform 500 hour preventative maintenance. The Landfill had its monthly meeting on Tires Tire Disposal/Tire Recycling. The Annual Air Emission Fees Basis Form FY 2016 for submittal to TCEQ has been emailed to Scot Collins at Naismith Engineering. Unit

9316 was returned to the Landfill by the City Garage. The dozer however has a radiator leak. We have had a lot of rain and high winds in the past two weeks.

Brush – 39 tons; Garbage –928 tons; Ash - 41 tons; Litter –.29 tons; Construction/Demolition – 256 tons; Concrete -.3 tons, metals -.19 tons; Sludge –0 tons; Tires - .2 tons; and Recycled tires – 20.11tons.

Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 3/30 – 4/12 –**686,760** pounds; Commercial waste collected **761,780** pounds; Brush collected **37,680** pounds and construction debris collected **104,640** pounds. The brush crew is collecting in Zone 4 right now. White Goods pick up for Zone 4 will be picked up on Friday April 17, 2015. Sanitation has been helping Community Appearance finish small abatements as needed. Sanitation has also taken over watering new trees planted around the city and does this on Wednesdays. The Recycling Center got upgraded new bookshelves and is getting new lights. The lights have been out for several years and MIA Electric will be helping with the repairs. New signs have also been erected to replace old and worn out signage. Recycling for the month of March totaled 11.43 from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND REMINDERS (Courtesy of Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary)

Regular Commission Meetings (Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers)

Monday, April 27, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 11, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 8, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 22, 2015	6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)

Thursday, May 7, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 21, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 4, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 18, 2015	3:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)

Planning and Zoning Commission	Wednesday, May 20, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, May 20, 2015	4:00 p.m.
Zoning and Board of Adjustments	Thursday, May 14, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Joint Airport Zoning Board	Thursday, May 21, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	3 rd Tuesday of every month	12:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Respective Locations)

Library Board	TBA
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City/County Health Board

3rd week of every other month

5:30 p.m.

Reminders

City Secretary requests Commission Member Nominations for the following Vacant Board Positions:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
Zoning Board of Adjustments	0	0
Zoning Board of Adjustments (Alternates)	3	0
Joint Airport Zoning Board	0	0
Civil Service Commission	0	0
Historic Development Board	1	0
Planning & Zoning Commission	2	0