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"Don't necessarily avoid sharp edges. Occasionally they are necessary to leadership." Donald Rumsfeld, www.forbes.com

"Great leaders are not defined by an absence of weakness, but rather by the presence of real strengths." John Zenger, www.forbes.com

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

Good Job Award!!!



Last week, **Senior Officer David Garza #75** met with me and told me about his plans to buy a 10 year old a gift for Christmas. He explained that when this child sees him in the community he always treats Officer Garza with respect and admiration. Officer Garza said he knows that the family did not have much this Christmas and asked if he could deliver a gift to him while on duty. I told Officer Garza that he had my permission to deliver the gift while on duty and I asked him if there were any other children in the home. He said there were several and that they were all being taken care of by their grandmother. I told him to let me know the gender and ages of the children and if we had time, I would ask the shift if they were willing to pitch in to get all of the children gifts. On Tuesday 12-23-14 Officer Garza called me and told me that he was able to find out the information. With little time left I made some phone calls to the officers who were going to be on duty tonight during the mid-shift. I let them know that they did not have to participate but if they wanted to, they could. We were able to purchase gifts for all five children who are of the ages 14 to 4. Each of them got two to three gifts and we were also able to get one for their grandmother as well. Officer Garza chose the name (Operation Blue Angel) and shortly after briefing we were underway. We gathered the gifts and followed Officer Garza to the residence. The children met us with hugs and hand-shakes and we gave them their gifts as well as some Kingsville Police Jr. Police Officer (badge) stickers. They were elated and their grandmother allowed us to take a picture with them. After the photo, Officer Cervantes took the children to his Police unit and let them sit in the driver seat and turn on the red and blue lights. He gave them a quick tour of the inside of the unit and by the smiles on their faces, we could tell they had a great



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time. It is my hope that they become life-long friends of the police and that they have a great Christmas. Participating officers included...**Sgt. Ted Figueroa, Sr. Patrolman David Garza, Patrolman Kevin Martinez, Patrolman Felix Reyna, and Patrolman Tony Cervantes.** Thank you for considering these fine officers for the Good Job Award.

Sincerely, Chief Ricardo Torres

Let's Remember Our Award Winners!!!

2014 Safety & Recognition Awards.....

Theresa Cavazos, Planning and Development Services Department - Employee of the Year

Landfill Division, Public Works Department – Injury Free Award

Gary Munoz, Landfill Division, Public Works Department – Safety Hero Award

2015 Good Job Awards.....

David Garza	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Kevin Martinez	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Felix Reyna	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Tony Cervantes	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Ted Figueroa	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate

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

Administration Division

Safety Week & Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet

The City of Kingsville held their annual Safety Week & Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet on December 12 thru 15, 2015. Each day of the week started 7:00 am to 8:00 am, a guest speaker and/or videos on safety related issue was presented. Along with receiving some great information on safety all employees enjoyed their fill on donuts, coffee, juice and taquitos. Also at the end of each safety day all employees attending had an opportunity to win one of several door prizes being raffled out. The long week of activities wrapped up with our annual Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet held on December 5, 2014 at the Henrietta Memorial Center from 5:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The Banquet dinner was catered by Oasis Catering. The dinner included beef brisket, sausage, rice, beans, potato salad, and sweet tea with all the trimmings. The Banquet was very well attended by city employees and their families, the Mayor, City Commissioners, and the City Manager. The City-County Health Department would like to thank all the guest speakers and vendors who donated door prizes and the Safety Committee for organizing such a wonderful week of events. Below are a few pictures of the week events.

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City-County Employees and Board of Health Board Members Attend Luncheon

Animal control personnel and several Health Board Members attended a luncheon at the City-County Health Department on Thursday, December 4, 2014. The luncheon was organized by President Otis Myers. The luncheon was a great opportunity for health staff and health board member to get acquainted with each other and to know what jobs each employee does. Other items discussed during the luncheon were the adoption process, sterilization process, and new fees for animal control. Attending the luncheon were health board members Otis Meyers, Judy Anthony, Norma Sue Adrian, Joni Harrel, Dr. Justin Harkey, City-County Health Employee; Teresa Orr, Jason Torres, Jessica Montalvo, Monica Longoria, and Emilio H. Garcia taking the picture. Thanks to Health Board Members Otis Meyers and Judy Anthony for providing lunch from Young's Pizza.



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.

November 27 thru December 30

Chop Stix-89	Stripes/Riviera-77	A&J Food Mart-100
Rio 7 Cinema-100	Big House Burger-79	Los Cabos de San Lucas-83
Whataburger/Hwy 77- 90	Beto's Community Store-100	Tropical Freeze-96
Memorial School Caf�e.-100	Kleberg School Caf�e.-100	VIP Adult Daycare-93
Mike's Stop & Shop-90	Javelina Mart-96	Spice Stm/ Indian -97
Burger King-86	Kwik Pantry #102/Ricardo-87	KISD Central Wrhs -97
McDonald's/14 th -97	Perez School Caf�e.-100	Bella Roma Restaurante-89
Pan Am School Caf�e.-91	Stop & Shop-87	Comfort Inn-90
Kingsway-97	Epiphany Episcopal School-97	Taqueria Jalisco #5-92

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Kingsville Food Mart-96	Superette Food Mart-89	Sixth Street Café-100
Gerardo's Meat Market-100	Subway-100	Stripe's/Riviera-93
Donut Palace-93	K-2 Food Mart-96	Wendy's-80

Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Classes

Food Handler Class	11 Student	Regular Food Handler Class-Health Dept.
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Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events

Ricardo Lucky Leaf 4-H Club	Temporary sales/La Posada Parade
Aaron Vincent Juarez Scholarship	Temporary Food Event/La Posada Parade
Benefit Fundraiser for Rolando Garza	Temporary Food Event-Chicken BBQ Plate sale

City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Consumer Health

Consumer Health	Food Establishment Insp.	Restroom Insp.	Food Handler Attendees	Day Care & Foster Homes Insp.
Oct 2013	40	29	84	4
Nov 2013	22	46	71	3
Dec 2013	24	42	10	3
Jan 2014	38	56	38	3
Feb 2014	51	46	200	1
Mar 2014	49	90	184	1
Apr 2014	70	103	55	3
May 2014	55	78	27	0
June 2014	54	83	22	0
July 2014	66	109	78	4
Aug 2014	60	97	30	1
Sep 2014	27	47	124	1
Total	556	826	923	24

New Business: La Hacienda Restaurant & Bar, 3430 S. Hwy 77 (Now Open)

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Animal Control Division

City-County Employees Attend Animal Control Conference

Animal Control Specialists, Ernest Espinosa and Robert Hinojosa along with Health Inspector I, Connie Allen, attended the Texas Environmental Health Association-South Texas Chapter, 11th Annual Education Conference on December 3, 4 & 5, 2014. The conference was held in South Padre Island, Texas and was sponsored by the South Padre Island Environmental Health Department. The



TEHA-STC Educational Conference is design to update attendees on the latest laws and regulations in the fields of Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Registered Sanitarians and Vector. The conference offered 10 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for animal control and 4 (CEUs) for Vector (Mosquito) and the latest State updates on Food Establishments, Retail and Wholesale establishments and updates to the Texas Food Establishment Rule Book (TFER). Below are a few pictures of Robert, Ernie and

Connie at the conference.

Animal Control Specialist receives State Certification

Hector M. Garza, Animal Control Specialist attended an Animal Control Officer training in Harlingen, Texas. The training is a requirement for all individuals working as an Animal Control Officer in the State of Texas. The training is being provided by Texas Department of State Health Services Region 11, Zoonosis Division. The course is a 12 hour basic training on state laws, impoundment, breeds, and euthanasia just to mention a few. Congratulations to Hector M. Garza for passing the 12 hour basic training from the State of Texas.



Food Donation for the Animal Control Center

Tractor Supply Company donated 210 pounds of dry dog food to the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center. Thank you for generous donation and continuous support.



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New Food Storage Building in Use



The storage building recently purchased by the City-County Health Department to store all the dog and cat food, cages, and other animal control equipment has been finished and already in use. The inside walls of the storage building were covered with plywood, all the seams filled with caulking and painted by staff. Pictured are Jason Torres and Jessica Montalvo hard at work. **A Big Thanks to them.** The window AC unit was installed by Kleberg County employees and a big thanks to them for their assistance.

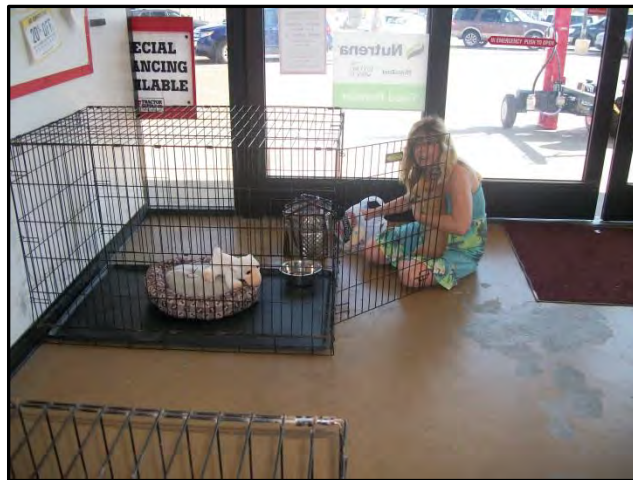


Animal Control Monthly Pet Adoption Day at Tractor Supply Store

The City-County Health Department-Animal Control Division recently held their last Monthly Pet Adoption Day of the year on Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at our local Tractor Supply Store. Several dogs and cats were displayed for the public to see and pet. We had one dog and one cat adopted and are going to a forever home. The City-County Health Department would like to give **A Big Thanks** to our local Tractor Supply Company and Tammy Mungia, Store Manager for allowing us to have our once a month Pet Adoption Day at their store. To City employees Jessica Montalvo, Customer Service Representative and Teresa Orr, Kennel Attendant thanks for all that you do. Below are a few pictures of some children and adults holding and petting the kittens, puppies and dogs that were on display and ready to be adopted and go to a forever home!

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Animal Control	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Dogs impounded	88	120	134	116	146	135	92	128	167	142	80	162	1510
Dogs adopted	25	14	19	31	30	20	22	26	27	20	17	15	266
Dogs released	22	22	30	16	27	27	12	23	21	19	16	25	260
<i>Dogs Rescue (Groups)</i>	3	1	13	12	13	11	7	14	10	5	5	8	102

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Cats impounded	154	121	97	89	107	167	189	196	173	162	142	120	1717
Cats adopted	3	3	7	4	4	4	4	11	8	4	13	3	68
Cats released	0	3	3	3	1	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	18
Cats rescued	0	0	2	8	4	1	3	7	1	1	0	7	34
Opossum in traps	70	61	40	59	37	75	79	67	32	23	34	52	629
Other impounded	3	2	2	3	3	0	5	11	12	5	6	8	60
Other adopted	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	6	2	0	1	1	14
humans bitten	4	3	9	3	2	5	8	11	6	10	6	8	75
Animals 10 days	3	2	4	2	3	5	7	6	2	6	3	7	50
Warnings issued	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Citation issued	21	20	25	55	51	35	36	30	40	0	30	16	359

Mosquito Control Division-(Vector)
City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Vector Control

Vector Control	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Total
Bee Calls	18	11	4	3	3	9	22	4	17	18	12	6	127
Removal of swarms	8	8	0	0	1	1	6	3	7	9	6	1	50
Site unable to abate	10	3	4	3	2	8	16	1	10	9	6	5	77
Mosquito Surveill	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	17
Larvacide	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	11

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Director)

Finance Administration Division

Did You Know?

A stack of currency one mile high would contain more than 14.5 million notes.
https://www.federalreserveeducation.org/about-the-fed/structure-and-functions/financial-services/fun_facts



Taxable Wages

The Finance Department sent out notices in the December 18th payroll notifying employees of Taxable Wages incurred in 2014. There are two types of taxable wages that were included in the December 18th payroll. They included life insurance and travel. The amount reflected on the pay stub (if any) was added to taxable gross income to enable the system to calculate payroll taxes (FICA and Federal Withholding) owed on these amounts.



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Life Insurance

The City of Kingsville provides life insurance in an amount equal to your salary up to \$60,000. The Internal Revenue Service requires taxation on any amount above \$50,000. The amount of taxable wages is based on age brackets.

For example if you make \$55,000, the amount of taxable wage base would be \$5,000 (\$55,000-\$50,000) x the age rate. If you are 59, the age rate is \$.43 per \$1,000. Taxable wages base of \$5,000 divided by \$1,000=5 x \$.43=\$2.15/month x 12 months = \$25.80 total taxable wages for the year.

If you would like to know your age rate, please contact the Human Resources department.

Travel

The Internal Revenue Service requires all meals reimbursed to an employee where there is no overnight stay to be taxed. This results in all meals reimbursed for day travel to be subject to payroll taxes. The amounts reflected on the December 18th payroll represent those meals reimbursed in the 2014 calendar year.

The taxable wages can be seen on your pay checks/direct deposit slips under the pay codes Life Insurance Benefit and Travel-Meals. Please note these amounts were only used to calculate payroll taxes (FICA and Federal Withholding). If you have any questions concerning these items, please contact the Finance Department.

New Travel Authorization Form

A new Travel Authorization Form was released in December 2014. This new form shows the expected P-Card charges for travel and lodging along with the GSA per diem rates expected for the trip. The traveler will also sign the Travel Authorization Form acknowledging the following:

“By signing below I certify that requested travel is for legitimate business purposes within the scope of my job duties and reservations have been made in a timely fashion. All travel must be approved prior to departure. Traveler assumes financial responsibility for all charges that are deemed non legitimate and/or submitted without proper supporting documentation.”

The bottom of the Travel Authorization Form includes a Travel Reconciliation which must be completed within 5 working days of travel completion.

2015 Mileage Rate

Effective 01/01/15 the new mileage rate for 2015 is \$0.575 a mile. Please make sure all travel forms include this new rate.

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Payroll

In the month of January, Payroll will begin work on W-2's for all employees. Form W-2 is a United States federal tax form issued by employers stating how much an employee was paid in a year. IRS guidelines require employers to furnish each employee with a completed Form W-2 by January 31st.

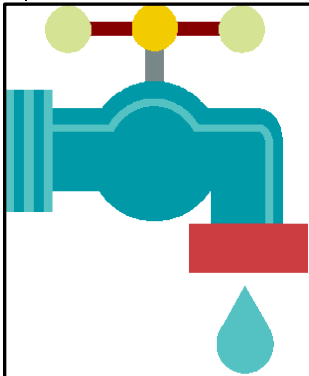
Due to the holiday, the December 31st payroll was completed in half the normal processing time. Thank you to Payroll Specialist, Norma Cavazos, Accounting Assistant, Sharon Shaw, and A/P Specialist, Sally Saenz for completing the December 31st payroll in a reduced processing time. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated!

Utility Billing Division

Winter Weather tips

As native South Texans, we understand that one day we may be wearing shorts and sandals and the next boots and sweaters during the winter season. Nonetheless, it is always best to be prepared when and if we get that cold weather blast in to surprise us.

To prevent the mess and aggravation of frozen water pipes protect your home, apartment or business by following the simple steps below.



Before Cold Weather

Locate and insulate pipes most susceptible to freezing, typically those near outer walls, in crawl spaces or in the attic. Wrap pipes with heat tape (UL approved). Seal any

leaks that allow cold air inside where pipes are located. Disconnect garden hoses and shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.



When It's Cold

Let hot and cold water trickle at night from a faucet on an outside wall. Open cabinet doors to allow more heat to get to un-insulated pipes under a sink or appliance near an outer wall. Make sure heat is left on and set no lower than 55 degrees. If you plan to be away: (1) Have someone check your house daily to make sure the heat is still on to prevent freezing, or (2) drain and shut off the water system (except indoor sprinkler systems).

If Pipes Freeze

Make sure you and your family knows how to shut off the water, in case pipes burst. Stopping the water flow will minimize the damage to your home. Call a plumber and contact your insurance agent. Never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch. Always be careful of the potential for electric shock in and around standing water.

<http://dps.texas.gov/dem/ThreatAwareness/winterWeatherTx.htm>

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Holiday Note

City Hall will be closed Monday, January 19th, 2015 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. All payments may still be dropped off in the night drop located at 200 E. Kleberg Ave. via check or money order form only.

The trash schedule is as follows for this closing:

Residential service: Monday/Thursday will change to Tuesday/Thursday and Tuesday/Friday will change to Wednesday/Friday.

Commercial service: Monday and Tuesday service be done on Tuesday.

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 Division

Court Activity from November 25, 2014 through December 29, 2014.

845 cases were filed with the court; these consist of four categories, State and Traffic laws, along with the City Laws, Parking Laws and the Alcohol Beverage Law.

Parking and City Law

4-Parked in fire lane

2-No parking

9-Illegally Parked-Handicap

2-Parked in Prohibited Area

39-Parked Facing Traffic.

City Ordinance Offenses

1-city ordinance-prohibited junk vehicle,

2-Daytime curfews,

2-city ordinance-dogs running at large,



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13-*city ordinance*-Fail to comply with Dog/Cat sterilization
24-1st Offense-Use of Wireless Communication Device.

Alcohol and Drug Laws

8-Public Intoxication
4-Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor
1-Driving under the Influence of Alcohol
11-Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
6-Fail to comply with the Alcohol and Community Service orders
2-Open Container offense.

State law offenses

8-Assault-physical contact,
1-Littering
5-Theft cases

Other Offenses

However, the most filed cases are the violations against the State of Texas Traffic Law. There are several categories in this field but most violations are the moving offenses, disregarding signs and the no seat belt laws, which include:

80-Speeding Violations,
1-Speeding Equal or Greater than 10% of Posted limit,
2-Unsafe Lane Change,
6-Unsafe Backing-Neg-Collison,
2-Unsafe Speed/Too Fast for conditions,
3-Ran Red Lights,
57-Ran the Stop Sign,
1-Turned left from wrong lane,
9-Failed to Control Speed-Neg-Collision,
1-Failed to Signal Distance before Turning,
1-Failed to Drive in Signal Lane,
3-Fail to Yield Right of Way at Stop Sign,
7-Failed to Yield Right of Way,
2-Failed to Yield Right of Way-Turning Left,
1-Failed to Yield Right of Way-Parked, Disregard Traffic Control Device,
5-Fail to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign),
1-Failed to Dim Lights,
9-Failed to Signal Turn and Lane Change,
9-Failed to Signal Turn,
2-Display Fictitious Registration Sticker,
4-No License Plates, Use of Equipment not Approved by law,
1-Operate Motorcycle without Approved Headgear,

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- 1-Drove Center Lane-Not Passing or Turning Left and
- 3-Drove without Headlamps,
- 1-Cut Corner-Left Turn,
- 1-Following too Close-Neg Collision, and
- 2-Disregard Traffic Control Device

The harshest penalty offenses the State of Texas is monitoring are driving without Financial Liability Motor Vehicle Insurance, a Driver's License, Invalid Driver License, and Pedestrian Laws. At the court level, the fines are high, and become higher upon the number of offenses upon conviction for the same offense. Once these offenses have been disposed and reported to the Department of Public Safety, the person is to deal with surcharges, which are much higher than the penalties at any of the lower courts.

- 43-Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (no vehicle standard liability insurance),
- 21-Driving while License is Invalid under Provisions of DL laws,
- 36-No Driver's License,
- 1-Parent or Guardian Permitted Unlicensed driver,
- 1-Non-Guardian Permitting Unlicensed driver,
- 3-Violation of Driver's License Restriction,
- 1-Fail to Yield to Pedestrian,
- 1-No Class M License.

On the other hand, the state is authorizing the courts the ability to assist the people to fix or update any of these offenses listed through the lower courts. Expired motor vehicle registration, expired motor vehicle inspection sticker, some of the defective equipment, expired driver's license, operating motor vehicle without registration insignia properly displayed or valid motor vehicle inspection certificate, operating motor vehicle without two license plates, expired parking placard, and failure to report change of address are some offenses that can be handled at the lower court level as long as the expiration date is under 60 days, submission of proof is within 20 days of the date of the offense, and you can show that the offense has been fixed or updated. There is an administrative fee of up to \$20.00 to process the dismissal of compliance. If the offense is 60 days past due, stop by the court office and speak to one of the deputy clerks.

The list below is the offenses filed during this period.

- 19-Expired Driver's License,
- 104-Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection Stickers,
- 8-Fail to Display Driver's License,
- 20-Defective Brake Lamps,
- 2-Display Plate(s)
- 3-Fail to Report Change of Address,
- 4-Defective Head or Tail lamps,
- 1-Defective Equipment,

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56-Expired Vehicle Registration,
1-Defective Turn Signal.

Next the Seat Belt Law, these were the cases submitted to the court:

2-unrestrained Child under 4 years of age
13-No Seat Belt-Driver or passenger

Of these new cases:

49-new cases for Violation Promise to Appear in Court on traffic violations, which this offense initiates active warrants.

100-new cases for Failure to Appear in Court from prior arrest, the person did not make their court appearance, and again this offense initiates new active warrants.

These orders are now in the possession of the Kingsville Police Department and the Warrant Officer Thomas Davis for execution. If the person does not wish the embarrassment of an arrest during the Christmas and New Year's holidays, please make contact with the court office.

Disposition of new cases during this period included:

3-Alcohol Related cases are set for January 2015 court hearing,
8-of these new cases were placed on Deferred Disposition (Clean Record),
3-of The Assault cases are pending before the court in January 2015,
9-of the Alcohol/Assault cases are being prepped for a court hearing in the month of February 2015,
7-cases are pending for a Pre-Trial setting with the State Prosecutor,
57-cases closed due to full payment,
3-cases have been reset for a hearing in January 2015,
2-traffic cases have been dismissed due to the Driving Safety Course,
1-Insurance case was in compliance and dismissed,
108-traffic cases (MVI or Registration or Defective offenses) came into compliance and dismissed,
2-cases were dismissed by the motion by the State Prosecutor,
3-cases were placed on a 30 day extension for full payment of the penalty,
69-cases are pending for ruling by the judge,
229-cases are pending before the court for an Arraignment Hearing in the month of January 2015.

Out of the 16 juvenile cases, there are

7-pending before the court in the month of January 2015 and 9 set for the age of 17th birthday arrest order,
96-cases have been set for the month of January 2015 under the Non-Appearance initial court setting in the month of December 2014,
48-cases were set on payment plan,
21-cases are pending for Pre-Trial setting in the month of January 2015,
2-cases are set before the court under the Contempt of Court hearing,
12-cases have been forward to the legal office for review,

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1-Case is set for a Bench Trial in the month of January 2015,
90-cases have active warrants for non-appearance or compliance of the court order and
2-cases are pending for warrant orders,
3-cases have been set for additional review by the state attorney, and
50-cases with active warrants are reported to the Department of Public Safety (Omni) for suspension or hold for renewal of the individual's driver's license.

Courts Warrants

49-new Violations of Promise to Appear and
100-Failure to Appear cases that have initiated active warrant orders. In addition, there were
32-Capias Pro-Fine warrants initiated for non-payment or compliance of court orders.

A total of 181 court warrant orders were processed this period.

191 warrants were executed and of these orders 19 people posted a cash bond which totaled \$10,789.60 for their immediate release from the Kleberg County Jail.

During this period, a total of \$97,220.51 dollars were collected in fines.

Acknowledgments

During the December 2014 court, hearings there were several police officers who took time aside from their regular schedules to provide security in the court. The court would like to say many thanks for all you do and especially for the security and protection, you provide for Judge Krueger, his staff, and mostly the people who make their court appearances. A very special thank you to; Officer Dodd, Officer Fonseca, and Officer D. Garza.

Victoria Butler is leaving the City

Miss Victoria Butler will be leaving us. Miss. Victoria Butler has helped the Kingsville Municipal Court since April 23, 2012. The last two years working with Miss Victoria Butler have truly proven to be wonderful. She is a very driven and hardworking employee whom we at the Municipal Court are going to miss deeply. We wish you the best in all your endeavors Miss Victoria and wish you success in all that you do.

2015 Court Dates

Pre-Trials	January 6 & 20, 2015
Inmate Hearing	January 8 & 22, 2015
Regular Hearing	January 8 & 22, 2015
Bench Trial	January 22, 2015

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FIRE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Joey Reed, Fire Chief)

Training and Professional Development

Emergency Hazardous Conditions Drill – Personnel participated in a drill put on by Kingsville Naval Air Station. Acting Lieutenant Guerra attended a table top preparation drill and the following day he and personnel participated in the drill with an engine company. The drill simulated a large hazardous materials emergency at the base.

Performance Evaluations – Personnel discussed and reviewed new procedures for employee performance evaluations. The new procedures include a form that employees may submit to supervisors that includes specific examples of duties performed that might provide better substantiation for a higher rating. The supervisors are also provided with a template to help score the information that is provided.

Planning

Community Project Development Meetings – The fire chief attended 4 meetings with personnel from Planning and Engineering departments. There was discussion on several building projects..

Wildwood Trails Project: On December 24th, the fire chief visited Wildwood Trails housing project with City Engineer and Planning Department Director to determine safety needs for the project.

Streets Workshop: The fire chief attended the streets workshop on December 15th at City Hall.

Other Department Activities

Officers Meetings – An officers meeting was held on December 5th and 19th. Primary discussions concerned operations, policies, and transfer of personnel.

Computer Systems Upgrades – The Technology Department worked at the Fire Department to install a new computer server system, new storage racks, re-alignment of VOIP phone systems, integration of new printers, expansion of computer systems, separations of computer servers for security purposes, and have started working on other improvements for the fire department.

LaPosada Christmas Parade: Fire Department personnel participated in the parade downtown on December 6th.

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

New Policies or Policy Revisions:

- EMS Position Assignment/Responsibilities



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2014-15 Projects:

Thermal Imager: New thermal imager has been ordered.

New Fire Marshal Vehicle: Truck has been ordered.

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

Replacement Skid Unit for the Brush Truck: Preparing specifications for Purchasing Department. Meetings held with personnel to discuss needs and specifications.

Intercom System for Fire Apparatus: Updating specs for Purchasing Department. Receiving updated information from vendors.

Fire Station 1 Improvements: Working on breakdown for Purchasing Department to request quotes. Painting, electrical, floors, mold, sleep area subdivisions, roof leaks.

Fire Station 1 Termite Remediation: New quotes received and sent to Purchasing Department for direction.

Computer Aided Dispatch System: Meeting with CAD vendors to finalize specifications for an inexpensive CAD system for fire dispatch that will serve the Department's needs.

Computer Server, Terminal, and Software: I.T. Department has installed new server system for the fire department. Still need to fine tune some operations and order additional equipment.

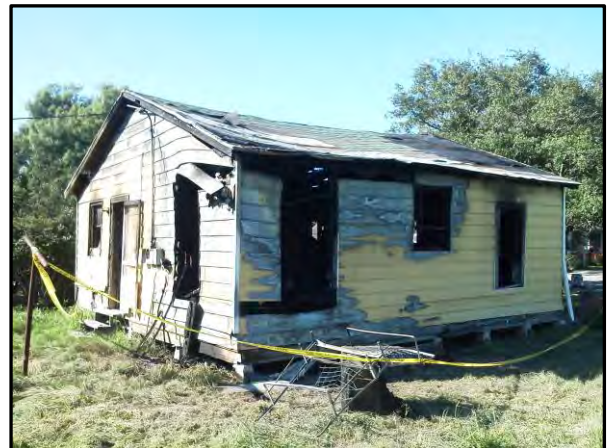
Radio System Improvements: Preparing document on radio system recommendations for review.

Station Lettering Project: New lettering for the exterior of both fire stations has been ordered through Macareno Signs in Kingsville. Anticipated installation by January 15th.

Fire Department Response Statistics 08:00 11/26 to 08:00 hrs on 1/2/15

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	48
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	279
Total Emergency Responses -	327

Major Events during the period: House Fire, E. Richard St, December 20th, 2014. Units arrived on scene to find fire showing from the southeast corner windows of a vacant structure and heavy smoke coming out all other openings. A quick search was conducted for a possible victim and extinguished the fire quickly. An occupant was later found next door and provided



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possible explanation for the cause of the fire. No major injuries were reported.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Diana Gonzales, Director)

Awards

2014 Employee of the Year Award - -Theresa Cavazos,
 Customer Service Representative – Planning Department
 Award presented at the 2014 Employee Recognition and
 Safety Banquet

Pictured Left – Right: City Manager Vincent J. Capell,
 Theresa Cavazos and Director of Development Services
 Tom Ginter



Current Employment Opportunities

- Fire – Firefighter
- Golf Course – Manager
- Parks and Recreation – Administrative Assistant I
- Police – Telecommunication's Operator
- Public Works - Garage – Equipment Service Worker, Maintenance Technician
- Public Works - Street – Maintenance Worker
- Public Works – Wastewater – Plant Helper
- Public Works - Water – Equipment Operator II

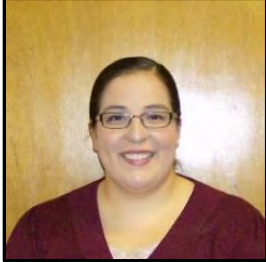
Years-of-Service Milestone Anniversaries - 5, 10, 15 and 2, 25, 30, 35 years – None for January 2015

Overall 22 employees have anniversaries ranging from 1 year to 29 years with no one with any of the above milestones.

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u># of Employees</u>
20+	4
15-19	4
10-14	0
5-9	3
<5	11

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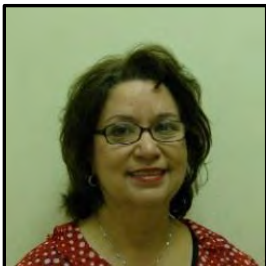
New Employees - 5



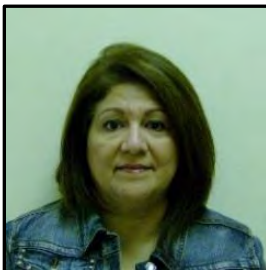
Aurora Zamora - Municipal Court Specialist - Finance Department



Balmore Mejia - Maintenance Worker - Parks & Recreation Department



Mary Cano - P/T Administrative Assistant I - Tourism Services Department



Adela Barrientes - Administrative Assistant II - Planning Department

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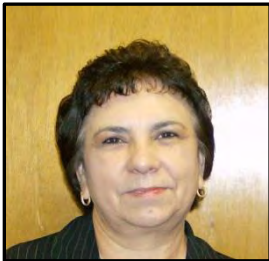


Cecilio Obregon - Equipment Operator II - Water Division – Public Works Department

Promotions - 2



Paul Humphrey promoted from Maintenance Technician in the Garage Division of the Public Works Department to Lead Maintenance Technician.



Rosa Vela promoted from Customer Service Representative in the Municipal Court Division of the Finance Department to Municipal Court Specialist

Re-Retirements – 1



Robert Falcon
Equipment Operator II
Landfill Division – Public Works

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Mr. Falcon previously retired from the City of Kingsville and returned in July of 2013 and re-retired on December 31, 2014.

Separations – 3

Victoria Butler – Municipal Court Division – Finance Department
Austin Mendieta – Garage Division – Public Works Department
Priscilla Silva – Parks & Recreation Department

Prescription Discount Program – National League of Cities (NLC)

Summary of current and prior year utilization statistics published as of October 2014.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Total Rx</u>	<u>Price Savings</u>	<u>Avg. Price Savings</u>	<u>% Price Savings</u>	<u>Total Utilizers</u>
2013					
January	52	\$ 342.67	\$ 6.59	16.2%	20
February	39	\$ 368.47	\$ 9.45	17.8%	17
March	61	\$ 568.51	\$ 9.32	24.3%	20
April	44	\$ 569.98	\$ 12.95	25.7%	17
May	47	\$ 374.59	\$ 7.97	20.5%	22
June	38	\$ 568.38	\$ 14.96	27.2%	16
July	45	\$ 538.77	\$ 11.97	22.9%	15
August	55	\$ 1004.72	\$ 18.27	34.2%	18
September	34	\$ 330.26	\$ 9.71	22.2%	15
October	44	\$ 400.47	\$ 9.10	22.5%	16
November	30	\$ 522.43	\$ 17.41	30.1%	13
December	43	\$ 696.77	\$ 16.20	32.0%	17
2014					
January	31	\$ 325.77	\$ 10.51	26.1%	12
February	48	\$ 744.62	\$ 15.51	31.7%	18
March	30	\$ 553.42	\$ 18.45	40.5%	15
April	37	\$ 759.75	\$ 20.53	35.6%	12
May	35	\$ 539.55	\$ 15.42	30.0%	13
June	30	\$ 792.39	\$ 26.41	35.4%	12
July	32	\$ 392.14	\$ 12.25	18.2%	11
August	27	\$ 317.98	\$ 11.78	24.4%	13
September	38	\$ 543.46	\$ 14.30	26.7%	13
October	39	\$ 506.78	\$ 12.99	28.8%	16
Totals	879	\$11,761.88	\$ 13.38	27.0%	341

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Statistics – 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (October 2014 – December 2014)

Sick Leave Utilization - Full Time Employees

All Employee Sick Hours Earned	6,806.59 hours
All Employee Sick Hours Utilized	5,120.70 hours

Report Groups

A. General Services	815.12 Hours
Administrative / Legal / Human Resources / Risk Management / Planning / Finance Purchasing & Technology / Health / Golf Course / Parks & Recreation Library	
B. Protective Services	3,007.05 Hours
Fire / Police / Task Force	
C. Public Works	1,298.53 Hours
Sanitation / Landfill / Garage / Street / Water / Water Production / Wastewater / Public Works Administration	

Employees utilizing 50% or more of accrued Sick Leave during 3 month period	134
Employees exhausting current and prior Sick Leave accruals	6
Top 50 - Utilization in hours: Min. 31.1 Hours Max. 464 Hours	

General

HR personnel address employee issues daily in person, phone and by email.
New Hire orientations conducted by Ms. Beth Greenwell, HR Coordinator
Department continues monthly review of insurance summaries for Finance.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Vince Capell, Acting Director)

Parks Division

La Posada de Kingsville Events

After a great Thanksgiving break December brought with it La Posada de Kingsville events. Park staff, representing City of Kingsville, partnered with the Spohn Kleberg Hospital employees, La Posada de Kingsville, South Texas Home Health, Walgreens and other local businesses and donors to assist with hosting the La Posada Children's Day event at J.K. Northway. Over 500 kids and their families came out to enjoy some children's games, pony rides by Kleberg County Mounted Patrol, inflatables, crafts, refreshments, holiday pics and a toy to take home. A great event, but expensive. It is being evaluated this year for some possible changes to the location and organization of the event.



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Parks Manager, Susan Ivy, also sits on the board of the La Posada de Kingsville organization and assists with the organization of the La Posada Parade of Lights. Susan and the Park employees assisted with the pre-parade tasks including

creating parade flyers, distribution to advertising entities and Visitor's Center, updating parade entry forms, assisting Mr. Tomas Sanchez with parade lineup and float number markers, setting bleachers downtown, supplies and setup of Judges area, purchasing awards, visiting area tv stations, presenting awards and posting info on La Posada Facebook Page before and after parade. Kingsville Chamber of Commerce assisted with taking float registration and bank deposits while Mr. Tomas Sanchez was in charge of the Parade Lineup and setup the day of the parade. Pictures are of Riviera ISD's float – Judges Choice Winner. This year's them – Reduce Reuse, Rejoice brought some very creative floats to the parade and other events. It also gave us the opportunity to spread the "Keep Kingsville Beautiful" message as Commissioner Dianne Leubert and Keep Texas Beautiful Board Member Bettina Tolin were Grand Marshalls of the parade.

South Texas Show Series

The South Texas Show Series (prospect show) 3 of the 3 event series was held Dec. 20, 21 at JK Northway. They wrapped up a great series of events bringing livestock show families from all over the State of Texas to our community to spend money.

Holiday Luncheon with Parks Employees

With events over for a bit it was nice to a bit of time with our families during Christmas break. A little Holiday luncheon with the employees to show our appreciation. Work outdoors continues with mowing, weedeating, trash and cleaning duties rain or shine. We have been closing Dick Kleberg park at 6pm during the week during the holiday weeks. Having our night person coming in at 9:30 and getting a good daylight shift out of another employee has been helpful.



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JK Northway Bleachers

We have consulted with City Engineer Charlie Cardenas about the stability of the bleachers at JK Northway. He advises that they have several useful years left in them and with some maintenance we should be ok. Pictured to the right are park employees Edward Barrientes and Tommy Riojas replacing boards on the walkways. Some of them had been replaced with inferior boards. I have to say that I walked them today and there is a big difference. Great job guys and thanks for your help Charlie Cardenas.



Kleberg Kenedy County Junior Livestock Show

Now it's all about getting ready for the Kleberg Kenedy County Junior Livestock Show. I will be posting event info on our Kingsville Parks & Recreation page and have shared that same info with Visitor's Center. You may also visit their website at www.kkjls.com for schedules of events and details on each one.

Parks Administrative Assistant Leaves for another Position

Finally, with great regret, I have to announce that our Parks Dept. Administrative Assistant and Office Manager, Prissy Silva has left employment at the Parks and returned to a position at the Kleberg County Auditor's office. While it's a big loss for us we wish her the best and am happy for this great opportunity for her. Prissy was employed with the Parks Dept since July of 1993.

Golf Division (11/27-1/2)

Various Improvements Underway

Golf Division employees are constantly working on improving the playability and esthetics of the course through mowing of greens, collars, fairways, driving range and renovations.

Trimming Trees

Staff is working on trimming tree sprouts and grass at the bases of the many mesquite trees throughout the course with nearly 95% complete less the stumps that will be dug out when the course dries out.

Club House Improvements

The renovation of the interior of the club house floor is underway again utilizing chemicals to remove the old carpet glue.



Restroom on Back Side of Golf Course

City staff from Wastewater Division has completed about

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50% of the renovation repairs to the restroom facilities on the backside of the course. The interior and roof remain to be completed. Due to the wet weather the progress of course sprinkler system repairs is on hold to allow the ground to dry out for playability.

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Improving the Greens

The greens were verticut and seeded with rye grass the week of December 1st giving a nice color to the greens. The recent wet weather has played an important role in water conservation and keeping the greens moist for rye grass growth.

Pond Fountain Made Operational (and Beautiful)

The pond fountain near the Club House is installed by Golf and



Water Construction staff improving the scenery of the golf course. Staff had planned to spray broadleaf weed herbicide but a spray nozzle broke on the unit, repairs have been made and we are waiting for some dry weather to spray the clover and broom weeds.



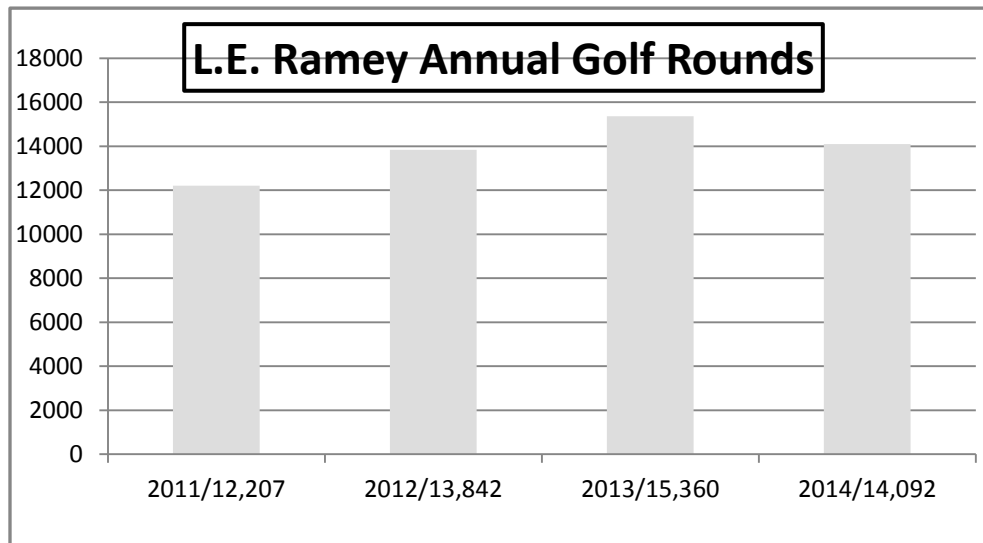
Rounds of Golf

The weather has been cold but drier for golf activity with 943 rounds of golf played and 122 buckets of range balls used during November 27th thru December 31st.

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Scheduled tournaments at L.E. Ramey Golf Course - None

Past tournaments: Thanks for holding your tournament at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:
Christ United Methodist Church Tournament, November 29, 2014



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Tom Ginter, Director)

Planning and Administration Division

5th and Henrietta

The City which owns this building and has a lease with the Border Patrol will be working with that agency on their desire to use it in the future. It is tentatively planned that they will be in Kingsville next month to look at the building and determine what needs to be done for their use.

Torres Estates

The Planning and Zoning Commission tabled the review at its November 19th meeting for this development. This will be a 11 lot project for single family homes. It is located on the south side of Kenedy between 15th and 16th. After some discussion with the developer it was determined that it would be best for this property to be rezoned. The public hearing which will be conducted by the Planning and Zoning Commission will take place on January 14, 2015 with the intent of rezoning the property to R2.

La Quinta Hotel

The DRT are reviewing plans for this project. It is located at the Highway 77 bypass and Sen. Carlos Truan Blvd. It will be an 80 room hotel with a value of \$4.6 million. We had a conference call which enable the team to get answers from their comments. The team agreed that a permit with

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conditions was acceptable and that action was taken. The permit will allow them to start foundation work.

Wells Apartments

Plans have been submitted for this apartment project located at 625 W. Avenue F. There will be 7-2 bedroom units. The DRT met with the owners this week and discussed issues concerning the plans that they submitted. The team was able to get answers and also the builder will be supplying us with additional information. The owners have since supplied the DRT with the additional information as requested and have been given a full permit in regards to construction of this project. The value of the project is approximately \$62,000 dollars.

FEMA Domes

The City has issued a temporary permit to the contractor TB Commercial Construction for starting the work on this project. This permit covers the work needed for the piers, laying of underground utility lines and the slab. The project will take approximately 14 months with a value of 14.4 million.

Wildwood Trails

With the break in the weather the last couple of weeks, construction has started.

Franklin Welding

Their plans have been approved by the DRT. They are wanting to put an addition on their building.

Lake View Villas

Not much has been happening at the job site.

6th Street Corridor Planting Project

The RFP has been put together and put in the newspaper for proper notification purposes. A pre proposal meeting was scheduled for December 29, 2014 for any interested vendors. Proposals are due to the City Wednesday, January 7 by 1:30p.m. This project is about planting approximately 179 trees along the 6th Street Corridor, from the north end to the south end.

New City Hall

A Notice To Proceed has been given to the contractor Rusty Van Fleet Construction which will take effect, Monday, January 5, 2015. He will have 330 days to complete the project with an expected completion date of December 1, 2015.

Joint Airport Zoning Board

I have had discussions with Glenn Jones and Brad Womack concerning the Joint Airport Zoning Board. While a relatively new board it has an important task to perform in relationship to the City and NAS Kingsville. This board will start meeting again to take care of business that had been started some time ago. We are planning on a meeting for Thursday, January 22nd, 2015.

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Building Services Division

Permits Pulled

Residential Remodel: 21	Commercial Remodel: 5	Electrical: 28
New Commercial: 1	Mechanical: 12	Moving: 1
New Residential: 5	Fire Inspection: 27	Gas Inspection: 10
Cert. of Occupancy: 5	Commercial Meter: 1	House Leveling: 1
Plumbing: 11	Residential Meter: 14	Re-roof: 22
Sprinkler: 2	Sidewalk: 1	Sign: 2
Curb: 3	Swimming Pool: 0	Demolition: 1
Fence: 7		

Total Permits Pulled: 180

New Business

Women and Men Health Services Clinic at 1000 S 14th is now open for patients.
La Hacienda at 3430 S Hwy 77 Ste B is now open.
United Connections Counseling, Inc at 1621 E Corral rooms 138 and 139 is open for new patients.
King's Vaper at 307 S 14th is waiting for all final inspection for cert. of occupancy.

New Construction

University Wells Apartments at 625 W Ave F is under in construction.
Wildwood Trail Blvd at 1508 Wildwood Trail is under construction on phase one.

Certificate of Occupancy

The Legend Apartements concerning the Clubhouse received a Certificate of Occupancy at 1331 W Santa Gertrudis

Tadeo Reyna Apartment at 508 W Ella received a Certificate of Occupancy.

Community Appearance Division

Recent activity by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:

Notices Sent: 100	Abatements: 46	Obsolete Sign Violations: 10
Inspections: 251	Court Cases: 2	Placards Posted: 8
Re-Inspections: 107	Illegal Dumping: 0	Compliances: 88
Front/Side yard parking violations: 3		

Community Appearance Billing

Community Appearance Division has begun tracking the monthly totals being billed each moth due to City private property cleanups. These cleanups include mowing and abatements of noxious matter through FY '15. OCT \$5304.61 / NOV \$2943.01 / DEC \$4344.63



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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:

**600 W Fordyce – Property Owner Abated
(Junk & Debris & Tall Grass)**

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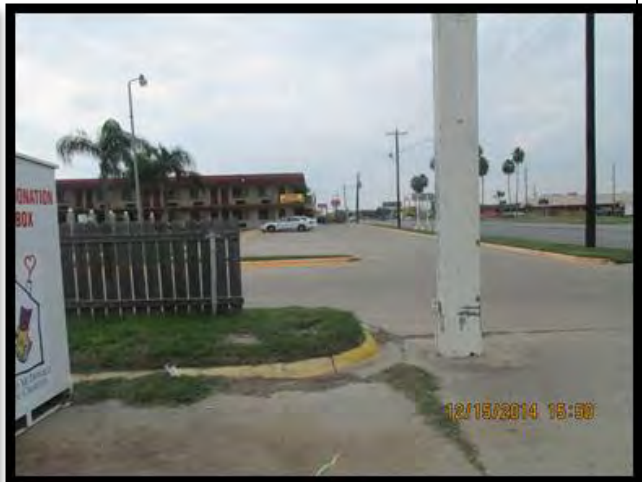
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**201 S Hwy 77– Property Owner Abated
(Old Sign Pole Pedestal)**

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Top Ten Priority Property Clean Ups

Community Appearance Inspectors are following up on previous City abatements to ensure compliance since abatement. Additionally, inspectors have determined the properties, sent notices

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and obtained photos of those to be listed in the top ten clean ups for the Phase 32 to be completed in December. As in the past, owners or occupants of the properties have failed to abate these nuisances after being noticed. The current top ten properties are as follows:

PHASE 32

Property Addresses

706 W Yoakum / 407 W Richard / 503 W Mesquite / 210 W Santa Gertrudis / 212 W Santa Gertrudis / 1505 E Santa Gertrudis / 411 E Lee / 517 E Richard / 1602 E Santa Gertrudis / 429 ½ E Lee

622 E Ragland – Property Owner Abated

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715 W Ave G – Property Owner Abated

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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>	<u>#of Cleanups</u> <u>By property owner</u>	<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u>#of Cleanups</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	(IN PROGRESS)
PHASE 14	6 out of 10		
PHASE 15	9 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		

Lending a helping hand

Community Appearance operators mowed the old human services building which is now Sister Elizabeth’s soup kitchen on E Lee. They mowed the entire property inside and out. KKB has plans on starting a small garden inside the property near the kitchen for patrons to enjoy. Operators also mowed along the railroad between Zarsky’s Lumber yard and railroad tracks between King and Kenedy. There are various properties, right-of-ways and lots that Community Appearance operators mow for the sake of community appearance. We try to promote the idea of “doing your part” by mowing lots that just need to be done and hope that the community sees that the city goes above to do what’s right. We hope that the “do your part” attitude will go far in their thoughts and how the public views the city’s potential on being clean and safe.

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Gearing up for TAMUKs Annual Cleanup Event

Meetings have begun to gather projects for TAMUKs Bigger Event scheduled for Feb. 28th 2015. Texas A&M University-Kingsville holds an annual city wide cleanup event in which the city participates in. Various city departments will present a project to the Bigger Event counsel. These projects range from cleanups around the city to painting and even help fixing things. A Trash Off will be scheduled by Community Appearance for the event.

Keep Kingsville Beautiful – La Posada Parade float winners

In celebrating the theme for this year's La Posada parade, Reuse Reduce Rejoice, KKB entered a float that showed the cycle and benefits of recycling Christmas trees. A Christmas tree made from cardboard boxes was placed at one end, a mulching machine also made from cardboard was placed in the middle and at the other end was a small garden that used Christmas tree mulch. The float won best Support A Cause by the judges.

Demolitions

The Building Department will be presenting dilapidated structure cases to City Commissioners for review on the last meeting of each month. Four (4) properties have been presented to commission

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for review since October 2014. As part of our building structure evaluations, ten (10) notices have resulted in property owner agreements to voluntarily allow the city to demolish the unsafe buildings.

As always, Community Appearance would like to thank all those involved with all the efforts towards the beautification of our legendary city.

Oasis RV & Trailer Park on Santa Gertrudis – Voluntary Demo



1247 E Ave C Concrete Structure – Voluntary Demo



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1409 E Alice – Voluntary Demo

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POLICE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief)

Patrol Division

December 16th thru 30th, 2014

The Patrol Division responded to hundreds of calls for service. They wrote at least 140 reports. As a Division, 52 citations and 28 written warnings were issued. Officers responded to 10 collisions, one private property collision and one “hit and run”. Two arrests were made for DWI. Three arrests were made for public intoxication.

Officers responded to 10 assaults, three aggravated assaults and one robbery. One report was taken for violation of an emergency protective order. There were three residential burglaries reported, one burglary of a building and two vehicular burglaries. There was four criminal mischief reports taken, seven theft reports taken and one criminal trespass warning was issued. There was one death investigation.

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On December 18, residents of an apartment complex called in an unknown person banging on doors. Officers found an intoxicated 39 year-old female who was looking for her boyfriend. She was taken to jail for Public Intoxication.

On December 20, a security guard at a local business contacted an intoxicated female who was barefoot with her pants falling down. The female cursed at the security guard, then got into her vehicle. She quickly reversed and struck the security guard's vehicle. As she was driving away, the security guard was able to obtain the license plate. As an officer arrived at the female's house, the vehicle pulled up. There was visible damage on the vehicle, consistent with the collision. There were open beer cans and an open whiskey bottle in the vehicle. She was arrested for DWI and Accident Involving Injury.

On December 20, officers responded to a disturbance call at Maple Circle. A female told the officers that she had been assaulted and strangled by her boyfriend. When she tried to call for help, her boyfriend took the phone away from her. He was arrested for Assault-Strangulation and Interference with an Emergency Call. An Emergency Protective Order was placed in his file and was later signed by a judge. Later in the day, the male was already out of jail and was calling the female and threatening her. She said that he had already been to her house, banging on the door. While taking this report, the male called the female and continued cursing at her. Officers went to the male's mother's house and placed him under arrest for Violation of a Protective Order.

On December 21, officers were dispatched to the alley behind 300 N. Wells, in reference to a couple arguing loudly. Arriving officers found a 28 year-old male in possession of synthetic marijuana and arrested him. No assault had occurred.

On December 22, a female on Elizabeth Avenue reported that she had given a check to a male to do some carpentry work at her home. The male cashed the check and never did any work. When she contacted him, he told her to stop calling him and hung up.

On December 24, witnesses called in a male on 14th street holding a pistol underneath his shirt. As officers approached the male, he threw the gun and began running. Officers caught the male and he turned out to be 16 years old. The gun was discovered to be a BB gun. The male was taken to the PD, processed for Evading Arrest and turned over to family members.

On December 24, the PD received an anonymous call regarding the whereabouts of a parolee fugitive. Officers went to that address and could see, through the front window, the male seated on the couch. The male refused to come to the door and challenged the officers by saying that they did



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not have a warrant to enter. The fugitive's brother and a female also were in the same room. The brother also cursed at the officers and told them they were not allowed to enter. Those inside were warned that it would be much easier for the fugitive to step outside and take care of his warrants. After approximately 45 minutes, the front door was breached. The house was entered and the fugitive was taken into custody for the parole warrant and three other felony warrants. His brother and the female were both arrested for Hindering Apprehension of a Fugitive.

On December 24, the convenience store at 6th and Ailsie was robbed by a male who covered his head with a white t-shirt. He struck the clerk over the head before taking the money. He was last seen running behind the store. There were several customers in the store at the time of the robbery.

On December 26, officers responded to a vehicle crash at 6th and Shelton. A male driving southbound on 6th Street swerved to the opposite side of the street and struck a telephone pole. Officers observed no skid marks on the road. The male was confused and it was unknown if his confusion was the result of the impact and airbag or of the synthetic marijuana found in his pocket. He was transported to the hospital and the case is under investigation. AEP was called out to replace the pole.



On December 27, an officer was driving through Dick Kleberg Park and observed a female sleeping inside a car. The officer approached the car and observed the female was holding a glass pipe in her hand. After several knocks, the female was awakened. She was taken into custody for being in possession of synthetic marijuana. The female told the officer that she is homeless due to her addiction to the synthetic marijuana.

On December 27, officers responded to McDonald's (14th and King) in reference to a sleeping male in the drive-thru line. Officers woke the male up and told him to put the vehicle into park. After conducting sobriety tests, the male was arrested for DWI.

On December 28, officers were dispatched to a night club at 7th and Richard in reference to a male selling cocaine. The officers contacted the male. Though he had no cocaine in his possession, he did have over \$2000 in city warrants and was arrested.

On December 29, a patrol officer observed a male walking in the 600 block of West Ella. This male was known to have several felony warrants and had previously run from officers. The officer attempted to make contact but a foot pursuit began. Other officers joined the pursuit and the male was temporarily lost after the male jumped a fence. Minutes later, the original officer found the male hiding in a storage shed in a backyard. He was taken into custody without incident.

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Violations	Traffic Unit	Number of Citations
1 st Offense- Use of Wireless Communication Device		11
Defective Brake Lamps		16
Defective Head Lamps		1
Defective Turn Signal Lamp		1
Display Fictitious Registration Sticker		2
Disregard Traffic Control Device – Right Lane Must Turn Right Only		1
Driving While License Invalid under Provisions of DL Laws		10
Drove Without Headlights (When Required)		1
Expired Driver's License		7
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection		54
Expired Registration		37
Fail to Display Driver's License		5
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility		19
Fail to Report Change of Address		1
Fail to Yield ROW to Oncoming Traffic/ Negligent Collision		2
Fail to Yield ROW to Pedestrian in Crosswalk (No Signals)		2
Fail to Yield ROW at Stop Sign / Negligent Collision		1
Fail to Yield ROW Turning Left / Negligent Collision		1
Fail to Control Speed / Negligent Collision		4
Fail to Drive in a Single Lane		1
Failed to Signal Distance Before Turn		1
Failed to Signal Turn		7
Failed to Signal Lane Change		5
Failed to Stop at Designated Point		6
Illegal Parking – Handicap Zone		1
No Class M License		1
No Driver's License		15
No License Plate on Vehicle		2
No Seatbelt – Driver		5
No Seatbelt – Passenger		1
Operate Motorcycle W/O Approved Headgear		1
Parked Facing Traffic		19
Ran Red Light		2
Ran Stop Sign		5
Speeding		31
Turned Left From Wrong Lane		1
Unapproved Window Tint		1
Unrestrained Child under 4 Years of Age		2
Unsafe Backing / Negligent Collision		2

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Unsafe Lane Change / Negligent Collision	1
Unsafe Speed / Too Fast for Conditions	2
Total Citations = 288 Citations	

Accidents Reports

December 3, 2014 / Accident / 100 W. King / Fail to Control Speed Negligent Collision
December 3, 2014 / Accident / 200 E. Yoakum / Fail to Control Speed Negligent Collision
December 4, 2014 / Accident / 100 S. Armstrong / Fail to Yield ROW turning Left Negligent Collision
December 4, 2014 / Accident / 700 E. King / Fail to Yield ROW to Oncoming Traffic & No Driver's License
December 8, 2014 / Accident / 3700 Brahma Blvd / Fail to Control Speed Negligent Collision
December 9, 2014 / Accident / 1300 W. Santa Gertrudis / Unsafe Backing Negligent Collision
December 17, 2014 / Accident / 1800 S. 6th St / Fail to Yield ROW @ Stop Sign / Negligent Collision
December 17, 2014 / Accident / 200 N. 6th St / Fail to Yield ROW @ Stop Sign / Negligent Collision
December 18, 2014 / Arrest / Rosario Martinez (DOB 05/23/82)/ Felony Warrant for Burglary of Hab
December 22, 2014 / Accident / 600 W. Corral / Unsafe Backing Negligent Collision
December 29, 2014 / Accident / 100 S. 14th / Fail to Control Speed Negligent Collision
December 30, 2014 / Accident / 1900 E. King/ Unsafe Lane Change Negligent Collision
December 31, 2014 / Accident / 200 S. 14th / Fail to Control Speed Negligent Collision

Arrest Reports

December 8, 2014 / Arrest / Eloy Vasquez (32YOA) City Warrants for \$620.00. Paid in full
December 8, 2014 / Arrest / John Eric Saenz (23YOA) DWI and POCS PG 2-A <=2oz
December 18, 2014 / Arrest / Rosario Martinez (DOB 32YOA)/ Felony Warrant for Burglary of Hab

Criminal Investigations Bureau

Detectives Supervisor assigned 192 cases and inactivated 35 cases as of December 30th, 2014. Along with these cases there were also 6 DWI's and 37 Crash reports.

There has been a rise in burglaries. This is common during the Holiday season so remember to keep your homes and vehicles locked, and your property out of plain view sight.

Along with the thefts on the rise it appears Family Violence is on the rise also. We are working several cases of Continuous Family Violence. It is a stressful time during the Holidays with the burdens of extra expenditures and emotions. Remember that there is assistance out there for everyone before it gets to that point.

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One Detective traveled to Virginia in reference to a warrant that was obtained for Continuous Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. The warrant was served and a statement was obtained. This was an outstanding job by this Detective with following through and making sure our kids are safe.

Detectives have served 2 felony arrest warrants along with a search warrant in reference to a subject stealing and using an elderly victims credit cards. This Detective did a great job in getting this case solved in a hurry. It is important for us to try and take care of the elders of our community.

Detectives have filed 124 cases during this period. There were 36 cases filed in District Court, 76 cases filed in County Court, 6 cases filed in City Court, and 4 filed in Juvenile Court.

Along with this there has been 8 felonies and 5 misdemeanor arrest warrants issued and served in reference to pending cases. There has also been one search warrant served as well.

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

With School being out for Holidays it is important for us to keep an eye for the safety of our children. There will be more kids around down day and night on bikes, skateboards, and or just walking. So as we are driving around keep a watch out for their safety.

There were 3 Detectives that traveled to Baytown for training in Investigations Using Social Media. Social media is being used for a broad range of criminal activity from selling stolen property and/or drugs, or to plotting crimes. Social Media also assists the department with identification of suspects that we are able to post on Crime Stoppers and Facebook.

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

Communications Bureau

The Communications Bureau has been doing a little bit of cleaning up. We are disposing unused equipment and other items that are no longer needed. The Bureau is in the process of purging reports that have already reached the retention period. We are attempting to make room for the New Year.

Radio Damaged

Issues with the radio tower is being worked on. Daily Wells came out to find that the box that was holding the amplifier had severe water damage. The box was sent to the factory, EMR Corporation, for evaluation. After evaluating the box they informed us that they can refurbish it with a stainless steel box to replace the damaged box. Until we replace the box the tower crew has placed a jumper in the coax on top and sealed it. They placed a temporary amplifier inside the building until we get the replacement box. They were unable to give us a time frame to get the replacement.

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Total of Incoming calls 12/01-12/30

4054-Calls to land line

We are still having problems with our phone line ATT will be repairing the issues within the next few weeks. Until then all calls are being answered in the Communications Bureau and not going to the automated system.

911 calls

Total- 1,399

Transferred to Kingsville EMS/Fire Department-200

Transferred to Alice PD- 1

Transferred to KPD Admin- 44

Transferred to Kleberg County SO-17

Abandoned / Hang up calls- 270

Calls for service / Accidental- 867

Alarm Calls

In the past few months we have had a lot of alarm calls for local businesses. Kentucky Fried Chicken has had most alarm calls and all calls are false alarms. We have attempted to make contact with the managers to have the alarms checked. At this time the problem has not been corrected

Total- 232

Total Calls for Kentucky Fried Chicken- 24

Total Calls for Lowes -10

Tractor Supply-8

Total for other businesses in the area: 191

Special Operations

On December 12-13 we had a special operation "Blue Northern" we had a total of 23 officers who participated and over 150 traffic stops were made. This did not include our shift officers on duty and all other calls for service that come into the department. During this operation we were running two dispatchers at a time and one call taker. There was a period of time we only had one dispatcher and one call taker. Over all the Operation went very well, dispatchers and call takers did an excellent job.

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Neighborhood Improvement Officer

2014 Abandoned and Junk Autos

Week 46 - 52

- Junk Vehicles – 3
- Abandoned Vehicles -3
- Parking Citations –33
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -61
- Compliance - 8

Final Stats for Year 2014, 161 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 142 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 1140 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.



400 W AVE A



800 S 16TH ST



400 E LEE AVE



200 E FAIRVIEW DR

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Street Level Operations Team (S.L.O.T.)

MURRAY

Cases Filed with County Court 22 / Cases Filed with District Court 10 / Prosecution Charge Report Supplements 28 / Traffic Stops 49 / Citations 5

GONZALEZ

Case #1400034745 – Inv. Gonzalez was working security for the Texas Ranch Club when he arrested a male subject for Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor.

Traffic Stops 101

Citations 0

RUIZ

Traffic Stops 126

Citations 7

Patrol Assist

Case #1400034327 – On 12-09-14 Inv. Gonzalez and Inv. Ruiz assisted Ptlm. L. Brown #80 with a traffic stop in which Ptlm. Brown located over 200 grams of crystal methamphetamine.

Training Bureau

On December 2, 2014, The SWAT Team held a barricaded gunman drill. Officers first practiced entering the training facility using cover and methodically cleared each room. Officers assisted the SWAT Team as actors in the training site.

Hostage negotiators were utilized during scenario training. The SWAT Team deployed gas during the final drill and were able to take the actors into custody without incident.

On December 4, 2014 Detective C. Garcia held a Standard Field Sobriety Tests Refresher Course. The Class was provided by Texas Municipal Police Association. Each Officer that attended received 8 hours of TCOLE Credit. The course covered the scientific data that was used to create the test, proper test administration, and court room testimony. Each student had to demonstrate their proficiency before the Instructor certified them to administer these tests in the field. A Drug Recognition Expert also assisted with instruction and certification.

On December 14, 2014 SWAT Team along with other KPD Officers attended firearms training. Officers learned how to shoot on the move, target acquisition, and quick response to active shooter (Traffic Stops).



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, Director)

Engineering Division (12/3-12/27)

Engineering and GIS

Engineering and GIS has completed the Street Maintenance and Improvement Program (SMIP). The program was presented to the City Commission on December 15, 2014 in a special workshop. The next phase of the program is to secure a funding source. Member of the street team is spearheading this phase (Mr. Vince Capell, C.P.A and Ms. Debrah Balli, C.P.A.).

Engineering also participated in this years "Safety and Employee Recognition week" and the grand opening of TAMUK's catalyst research center.

Grand Opening of CARE Center



Street Division (11/23-12/27)

Road Constructions

- Removed 34 loads of material from Project #28
- Cut down to blue tops and hauled out limestone
- Rolled out with steel wheel
- PSI tested- Passed/ Seal Coat
- Removed 74 Tons of material
- Used 23 Tons 3 Rock and 600 Gals AC5
- Finished cut outs by valley gutters with limestone and seal coat.
- Sprayed 2 blocks with MC-30
- Swept curb and gutters on W Ave B & 1st



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- Cleaned up area for hot mix
- Hot mixed 1st St. from W Ave C to W Ave B then from W Ave B to W Ave A
- Cleaned up curb and gutters and swept on W Ave A from W Ave B to W Ave C
- Removed 1 ton of asphalt and 1 ton of Dirt from area
- Used tons of Limestone, 2 tons #3 Rock, 278.42 tons Hot Mix, 50 Gals AC5 and 200 Gals MC-30.

Mowing

- North Y
- Trant Rd from Bus 77 to Cemetery Rd
- FM 1717
- Brahma Blvd from Trant Rd. to the Bypass
- 6th St. from City Limit sign to Corral and Corral from Bypass to 14th
- Sage Rd from Young Dr. to Armstrong
- Young Dr. from Corral Ave to FM 1355
- Hwy 141
- 6th St. from Alexander to Dick Kleberg Park
- Loop 428
- 6th St. from Dick Kleberg Park to South City Limit Sign
- Police Dept.
- 6th St. from Corral Ave to Alexander

Drains

- Cleaned all drains on East side

Gutters

- 1st from Corral to Ave B
- Ave D and Ave C from 14th to 16th St
- Ave B from 15th to 14th St.
- 15th St. from Ave B to Ella Ave.
- Ave A from 16th to 14th St.
- Ave B from 15th to 14th St.

Sweeping

- University Blvd. from King Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from Hwy 281 to University Blvd
- Corral Ave. from Lantana to Hwy 77
- 14th St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Corral from 6th to 14th
- Armstrong from Santa Gertrudis to Corral Ave

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- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St to Hwy 77
- Shelly from Ailsie Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- 14th from Ailsie Ave. to Corral
- Drained water on Annette & Ailsie Ave. and on Carlos Truan Blvd. from Old Navy housing to Parker
- Caesar Ave. from 6th to 14th St.
- 6th St. from Corral Ave. to Loop 428
- 14th St. from Caesar Ave. to Shelton
- 14th St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Armstrong from Corral Ave to Caesar Ave
- Drained water on 1st St from W Ave B to W Ave C, Lawndale from Circle Dr. to Elizabeth, Wells & Ella, 16th & Lott and on Cypher & University
- Ave A, Ave B, Ave C and Nettie from Wells to 2nd
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to University Blvd.
- 6th St. from Corral Ave to Caesar Ave.

Ditch Cleaning

- Behind Cemetery & Franklin Adams
- Graded alley to have equipment enter
- Added Limestone on entrances
- Kenedy Ave.- East of Bypass 77

Hot Mix

- Armstrong St. & Santa Gertrudis Ave. (Intersection)
- Santa Gertrudis Ave from 6th St. to 9th St.
- 7th St. & Ella Ave. (Intersection)
- In front of Fire Dept.
- Armstrong from Kleberg Ave. to King Ave.
- Ailsie Ave. & Shelly (Intersection)
- 1st St. from Ave A to Ave C
- 15th St. from King Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- 10th St. from Johnston Ave. to Warren Ave.
- Shelton St. & 14th St.
- Miller St. & 14th St.
- Caesar Ave. & Hall
- Wilson & Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 300 block Lee
- 200 block Lee
- Yoakum from 14th to 7th



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- Alexander- Drive way
- Water patch on 6th
- 6th from Warren to Caesar
- Water patch on Vela from 12th to Wilson
- 2nd from Alice to Lee
- 7th from Ailsie Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Elizabeth from 7th St to the Y
- 8th St. from Caesar Ave. to Ella Ave.
- Annette St
- Alice Ave. from 6th to 4th St.
- 614 W Lee Ave
- Hall from Caesar to Dead End
- 15th & 16th from Ragland to Warren
- Lott from 6th St. to Kenedy Ave.
- 20th St. from Corral Ave. to Sage Rd
- Nettie Ave. from 6th to 7th St.
- 7th St. from Santa Gertrudis to Bakery
- Railroad St
- 14th St. & Ave B
- 7th St. between Richard Ave & Alice Ave
- Nettie between 6th St. & 9th St.
- Alice Ave. & Henrietta Ave,
- W Henrietta from University Blvd. to Armstrong
- Cypress St
- E Kenedy Ave. from 23rd to 16th St.



Cold Mix

- Rettye & Palm
- Ragland & 10th St
- Shelly & Palm
- Ailsie & Rettye
- Rettye & Christy
- Brenda & Rettye
- Palm & Sherwood
- Sherwood & Windcrest
- Windcrest & Rettye
- Sherwood from Windcrest to Christy
- Brenda from Rettye to Kelly
- Kelly from Brenda to Ailsie Ave.
- Pasadena



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Alley Maintenance

- Corral from Lantana to Santa Gertrudis School
- 723 ½ E Doddridge Ave.
- 800 E Richard Ave
- Ave I & Lantana
- E Lott Ave/ & Kenedy Ave.
- 800 E Richard Ave.
- Ave I & Lantana
- E Lott Ave. & Kenedy Ave

Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Cleaned the barn and threw away trash
- Picked up barricades from City Hall and Yoakum Ave
- Cut sidewalk on Alice Ave.
- Put name signs on Huisache Ave.
- Cut branches on Elizabeth & Lawndale
- Trimmed palm trees on 6th St.& Otis
- Put arrow signs on 14th St. & Caesar Ave. on top of traffic light
- Put name signs on Lott Ave.
- Replaced No U Turn sign on Richard Ave.
- Took ice chest to City Hall
- Picked up Type 2 barricades on 6th St
- Changed batteries on school lights on 6th St.
- Made signs outside of barn, on Alice & Richard St, Fordyce & Richard and on Lott St
- Helped put lights on patching truck
- Cut branches on Wells between Kleberg Ave. & Yoakum Ave.
- Put light bulbs on Kleberg St. at HEB
- Took barricades to Kleberg & Yoakum for parade
- Fixed Cell phone sign on 77 Bypass
- Cut road on 1st St with the Walk Behind
- Took box of banners to Visitor's Center
- Picked up Mourning signs on Alice Ave,
- Cleaned drains on 14th & Alexander
- Put new name signs on Ella, Alice, 6th St, Fordyce and Richard St
- Helped with Sweeper
- Set Mourning signs on Mesquite
- Helped hot mix on 1st from Ave A to Ave C
- Fixed timers on school lights on Santa Rosa
- Cleaned tool boxes on Unit #5120

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Water Production Division

Routine job

Collected 33 routine Bacteriological Samples

- 2020 Sherwood
- 1612 Shirley
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave.
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave
- 318 Briarwood
- 213 Pasadena
- 721 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 332 E. Ave B
- 1121 E. Ave A
- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 511 College Place
- 209 Reidda Dr.
- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 4011 Allen Drive
- 620 E. Mesquite Ave.
- 505 E Henrietta Ave.
- 428 W. Nettie Ave
- 318 Briarwood
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd.
- 329 E. Doddridge Ave.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave
- 315 S. 24th St.
- 113 Kathleen
- 711 E. Ragland
- 1142 W. Yoakum
- 1630 Santa Fe
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave.

Collected 28 daily chlorine residuals

- 811 College Place
- 916 W. Ave I

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- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 4011 Allen Drive
- 417 E. Nettie
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 332 E. Ave A
- 721 W. Mesquite Ave
- 1612 Shirley
- 2020 Sherwood
- 213 Pasadena
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave
- 711 E. Warren Ave.
- 315 S. 24th St.
- 209 Reidda
- 1113 Kathleen
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave.
- 318 Briarwood
- 221 E. Doddridge Ave.
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 620 E. Mesquite Ave
- 1630 Santa Fe
- 428 W. Nettie Ave.
- 1142 W. Yoakum Ave,
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.

Delivered Ammonia to 11 sites; delivered Chlorine to 12 sites.

Water pumped to distribution (11/23 – 12/27) - Wells – 575,658,000 gallons; Surface – 7,572,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 83,230,000 gallons; Average –2,972,500 gals/day

Wastewater Collection and Treatment Division (11/23- 12/27)

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. Rabalais troubleshot the May Lift Station and the Golf Course Lift Station. Rabalais also finished installing light and plugs at the Equipment Shop. David Mendez quoted price for pearling's for the UV shed.

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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. Crews are wasting sludge into drying beds. David Mendez Construction repaired concrete pillar and repaired baffle. Jah-Con troubleshot the flow meter.

Wastewater Collection – Had 16 call outs for sewer backups

1212 E. Mesquite Ave.
520 W. Caesar
1103 E. Ella Ave.
903 S. 6th St.
808 W. Yoakum Ave.
1216 E. Lott Ave.
520 W. Caesar Ave.
700 N 17th St.
216 ½ W. Lee
Farmers Exchange
205 S. 10th St
1231 W. Richard Ave
404 Elizabeth Ave.
800 W. Yoakum
216 ½ W. Lee
414 W. Huisache Ave
805 S. 14th St.
815 E. Mesquite Ave.
1313 E. Huisache Ave.
426 S. 14th St 105 N. 1st St.
1100 block of E. Yoakum Ave.

Bad odor at 1522 Maple, 305 S. 5th St. and 501 Billy Evans
2 broken clean outs caps at 230 W. Lee and 208 W. Lee
Replaced manhole lid at Navy Army Federal Credit Union
Crews replaced sewer line at 723 E. Miller and repaired sewer lines at 414 W. Huisache Ave. 205 S. 10th St and 216 ½ W. Lee Ave.
Crews repaired clean outs at 414 W. Huisache Ave and 815 E. Mesquite Ave.
Crew looked for city service line at 903 S. 6th St.
Crew replaced sewer service and installed sewer tap at 903 S. 6th St.
Crews located sewer lines in front of Star's Drive In.
Crews vacuumed water from 1st St and Ave B, and on Pasadena
Crews installed a clean out at 1103 Ella Ave.
A service line was replaced at 700 N. 17th St and a sewer service repair was done at 1212 E. Mesquite Ave.

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Crews did 14 line locates.
Wastewater had one cave in at 704 S. 17th St.

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
Construction crews continue replacing line at 723 E. Miller.
Loftin will be working on preventative maintenance on generators at the North and South Plant and Lift Stations.

Water Distribution Division (11/23 – 12/27)

Repaired 8 Main Breaks and answered approximately 96- Service Calls

2" Main Break	210 Candlewood
6' Main Break	13 th St and Miller
2" Main Break	613 W. Kenedy Ave.
6" Main Break	402 Williams
6" Main Break	Kenedy Ave. and Armstrong Ave.
2" Main Break	413 N. 3 rd St.
4" Main Break	1327 E. Fordyce Ave.
6" Main Break	Brahma Blvd./Ailsie Ave.

49 - Locates, 3-Service line leaks, 7- water leaks 16- Meter Leaks, 8- Backfills, 2- valve repairs, 1- Customer Side Leaks; 7- No Water/Low Pressures; 2 - Fire Hydrant 0- Turn off Water, 0 -Turn on and 1 - 2" Water Tap.

- Water crews continue working valves for contractor to do new tie ends for 18" water main.
- Crews continue to replace concrete where needed.
- Crews helped out with Safety Banquet, (set-up and take down)
- Water dept. closed water at HM King High School on 12/12/14 due to a contractor hitting a 6" water main.
- Crews completed concrete project on 19th S. and Huisache Ave. and Ailsie Ave. and 11th St.

City Garage Division

Maintenance 19- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 35 Scheduled work orders; 57 Nonscheduled work; 19 Service calls; 0 Call out; 13-New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 10 flat tire repairs and balances; 55 pending work orders. Units 544 and 545 are at Allison Transmission for repair. We fixed the rear spring on Unit 485 and Unit 8403 has an electrical short. Need to repair the hydraulic ramp on Unit 334.

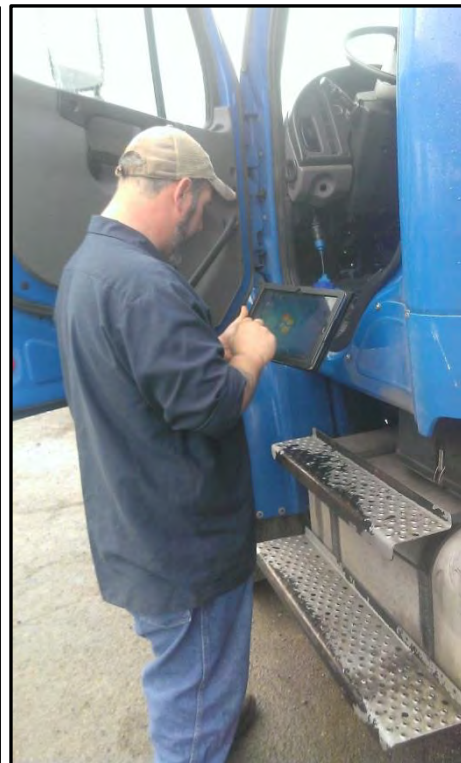
Welder - 8 received work order and 3 pending work orders. Welder welded a plate on bottom of the door at the City/County Health Dept. and replaced the floor on the Golf Course mower, Unit 8402. Welder also welded teeth on rear bucket of unit 408.

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Solid Waste (11/23 – 12/27)

Landfill - (11/23 – 12/27)

The Holt mechanic was at the Landfill to finish work on the D6-T Dozer and Scraper. The Leachate Pump #1 was relocated. A hydraulic hose was ordered from Holt-Cat because the one on the Scraper needs to be replaced. The Landfill received and mailed off the "Change of Responsible Official" paperwork, after it was signed by the City Manager. Rye grass was planted on Sector 2. Landfill had their monthly meeting on "Cell Phones on the Job." We received our new dump truck at the Landfill and it will be Unit 9321. Holt was here to install the accumulator



for the D6T Dozer. Naismith submitted the Annual Air Permit Compliance Certificate. According to the TCEQ website, the Landfill status has now gone from "unsatisfactory" to "satisfactory" We went from a 90% rating to a 29.5 rating. The 1st Quarter Solid Waste Reports were submitted to TCEQ. John Deere performed the 500 hour preventative maintenance on the 550K Dozer. Wilkinson Iron and Metal dropped off container for metal. Anderson Machinery performed 500 hour preventative maintenance on compactor. Hydraulic hoses were changed on the Scraper. Gulf Coast Broadband was out at the landfill to change out the radios for internet. NPE performed 1000 hour preventative maintenance on the Brush Loader and replaced the fuel filter on the excavator. We are currently working on the erosion on the North Slope. The Compliance certificates for TCEQ were signed by Charlie Cardenas, Public Works Director and City Engineer.

Brush – 734 tons; Garbage –1,742 tons; Litter –1.76 tons; Construction/Demolition – 500 tons; Concrete -159 tons, metals -.7.79 tons; Sludge –0 tons; and Recycled tires -0 tons.

Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 11/23 – 12/27 **-1,587,8085** pounds; Commercial waste collected **1,521,015** pounds; Brush collected **118,449** pounds and construction debris collected **371,094** pounds. The brush crew completed collecting in Zone 3 and White Goods collection will be Friday, 12/12/14. They are picking up brush in Zone 4 now. 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. Sanitation helped out with the La Posada

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Parade by placing roll outs along the route. Sanitation completed three demolitions. Two trailers were demolished at 2415 E. Santa Gertrudis and a garage was demolished at 1247 E. Ave C. Two demolitions were completed on Monday December 15, 2014. The demolitions were at 1225 ½ E. Alice Ave and 1409 Alice Ave. Sanitation abated a property at 426 E. Alice Ave. This is the fifth time this property has been abated. Sanitation has been helping the Parks Department with brush collection as they bring the parks up to standards. Recycling for the month of November totaled 20.06 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

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

Purchasing Division

Purchase Orders

Purchasing issued 217 Purchase Orders valued at \$450,282.10. Great job everyone on addressing your open FY14 Purchase Orders.

Purchasing Card Statements

Purchasing Cards are out and in the process of being submitted. Will have more updated information on the following staff report.

Purchasing Activity

Purchasing/Technology Director has been working with Departments on capital items. Pre-Bids meeting was held on December 29th in for Concrete Streets Phase 5 and Tree Line Corridor with the Proposals opening January 7th in the Commission Chambers. Other items include quotes for renovations at the L.E. Ramey Clubhouse as well as roofing at the Brookshire Pool. These quotes are in and are being analyzed and evaluated. Specifications and bid document for the Wastewater sludge centrifuge are nearly complete and the proposal should be out soon.

The Director will be attending additional training, January 7-9 on Construction Purchasing Management through the LBJ School of Public Affairs in Austin.



Technology Division

PC Refresh – Keeping our Technology Equipment Current

The policy of refreshing PC hardware every three years. This is an effort to reduce the clutter of old devices within the environment and provide adequate support for end-users.

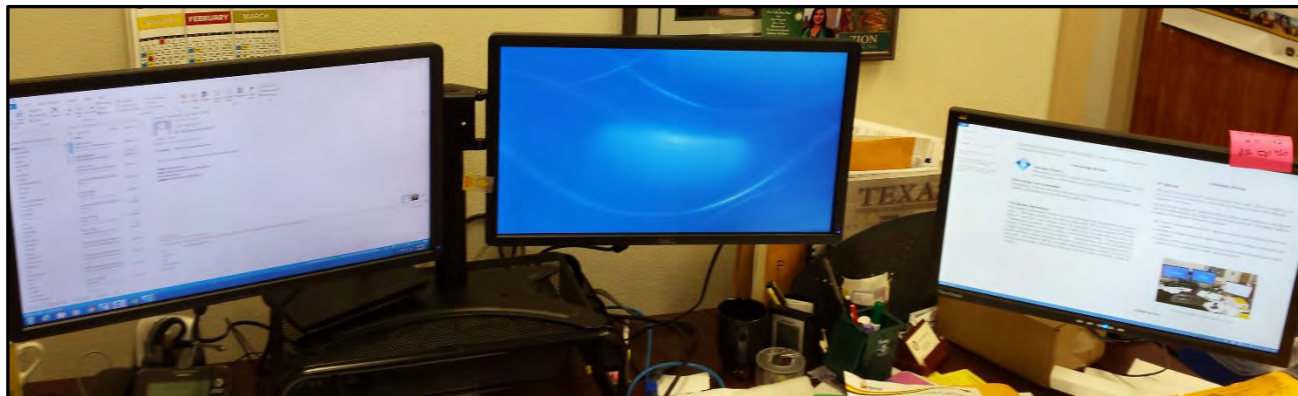
As part of the ongoing PC Refresh effort to replace aged equipment, and ensure that city staff have the most effective tools at their disposal, Technology replaced a number of computers with new equipment.

Finance, Parks and Purchasing/Technology Department Receive New Laptops

Finance Department received 3 laptops complete with docking stations and monitors. Director of Parks received a laptop complete with docking station and dual monitors. Director of Purchasing/Technology received a new desktop and had a multi-monitor array configured to better aid productivity.

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Purchasing Director's Multi-Display Set-Up



Mobile Devices

We deployed three replacement cellular phones to replace damaged or malfunctioning mobile equipment. We are currently aiding Verizon in completing a line survey to make sure that we are in the right pricing for each phone.

Office 365

Office 365 Government 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.

The first deployments of Office 365 have begun and there will be more on the way as licenses are provided to the Technology Dept.

R.J. KLEBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY (Courtesy of Robert Rodriguez, Director)

Fun Fact Tidbit

In *The Benefits of Poetry for Professionals*, John Coleman wrote that poetry teaches us to wrestle with and simplify complexity, develops a more acute sense of empathy, cultivates creativity, and infuses life with beauty and meaning. (<https://hbr.org/2012/11/the-benefits-of-poetry-for-pro>)

The Library's Poetry Garden

The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library invites patrons to take a stroll through the library's Poetry Garden, located on the east side of the building. Additions to the garden include a brick pathway and a wrought iron bench for the patrons' enjoyment. While visiting the garden, patrons can enjoy reading the works of various poets displayed on the garden's walls. One of the featured poets is Ray A. Twist. During the holiday season, Mr. Twist's Christmas poetry from *Views from the Saddle: A Cowboy's Life in Poetry* are on display. Mrs. Natalie Arispe, poet and Poetry Garden creator, has displayed some of her work as



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well. Also displayed is "The Robert J. Kleberg Library Dedication" written by Van Chandler, Poet Laureate of Texas, 1959-1961.

New to the Poetry Garden is a bulletin board that features poetry written by local high school students. The poets and their poetry include "Who Am I?" by Jerome Villarreal, "Death" by Gabriela Hernandez, "Truth? Hidden in Lies" by Jasn Prado, "Untitled" by Joshua Garza, "Hate Machine" by Jordan Martinez, "My Love for You Reminds Me of Spring" by Joey Granados, "Nature" by Brittany Guterrez, "Closed Heart" Briana Hernandez, "Trouble" by Jarod Garcia, "Mistakes" by Robert Vela, "Father" by Phillip Hernandez, "Trey" by Ellen Lopez, and "A Bear" by Felix Morales. High school students interested in submitting their poetry can contact Natalia Ridener at 361-542-9743. A poem must fit on one page and address the themes of high school, nature, or family. To have the poems laminated, the students will need to include one dollar with the poem. The library appreciates having this wonderful opportunity to collaborate with Mrs. Arispe in displaying the works of these creative, talented high school students. Come by the library at 220 N. 4th Street and enjoy the garden and the poets' works.



MLK Holiday

In observance of the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the library will be closed on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. The library will reopen on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 8 a.m. A little known fact about Dr. King is that he entered Morehouse College, in Atlanta, Georgia, at the age of 15. (www.history.com) To honor his life and legacy, patrons are encouraged to participate in citywide observances, or stop by the library and check out a book on Martin Luther King, Jr.



"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking

excellence."~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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RISK MANAGEMENT (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Risk Manager)

Employee Recognition and Safety Committee Members preparing the Hall for the Banquet



The Employee Recognition and Safety Committee were up extra early on December 5th working extremely hard decorating and preparing for the nights celebration. Theresa Cavazos and Mary Valenzuela headed the decorating arrangements, Marco Jimenez and Carol Rogers put up lights and Christmas trees, Leo Alarcon prepared the cake and desserts, Emilio Garcia assisted anyone who needed help. Public Works employees also helped by bringing all the decorations from City hall and the public works building to the Hall. Joey Garcia made sure the music and schedule of events went smoothly. Other employees came out to assist from Permits department and Public works department. Everyone had their duties and did a great job and finished just in time to head on home to change and be back to the hall by 3:30 or 4:00pm.

Annual City Employee Recognition and Safety Week “A Success”

Employee Recognition and Safety Week started on December 1st through December 4th. For four days all City of Kingsville employees were invited to attend and participate at Public Works. Speakers came in everyday to discuss Safety Topics like safe lifting and active shooter. Breakfast was offered to all who attended, door prizes were passed out every day. Prizes were also given out every day. All prizes were donated from local businesses for the week.



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Annual City Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet A Success



The Annual Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet was a Huge Success. The Banquet started with a social hour sponsored by LNV Engineering. Dinner was catered and served by Oasis Catering from Premont Texas. Music was also sponsored and donated by DJ Smiley. The photo booth; Image Cinema was also a success; it was the hit of the party. Employees and families were able to take as many photo booth pictures as they wanted. The museum at the Henrietta was also opened for two hours to allow families and employees to view the history of the King Ranch.

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Employee of the Year – Theresa Cavazos
Injury Free Award – Landfill Department
Safety Hero Award – Gary Munoz



Congratulations to the entire City of Kingsville Winners this Year!! Employee of the Year – Theresa Cavazos, Injury Free Award – Landfill Department, Safety Hero Award – Gary Munoz. The Employee of the Year can be nominated by any employee he/she will be recognized for their efforts in performing with a superior level of commitment, partnership, accountability, positive attitude and ability to embrace change. Safety Hero is nominated by department supervisors & directors this individual's effort brings safety awareness to themselves and others they work with on a daily basis. The Injury free award is a department that is nominated by the employee recognition and safety committee, the department cannot have any injuries within one year.

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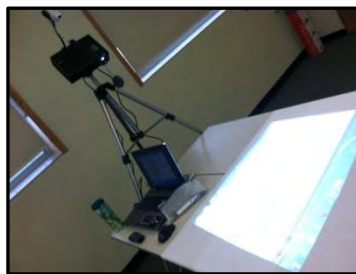
Massive Cold Front hits South Texas New Years Eve

Parts of South Texas will be hit by a massive cold front on New Year's Eve. Kingsville Texas received its share of it with degrees in the lower 30's and 40's. Freeze Warning were in effect much of the evening. The threat of severe thunderstorms remained at a minimum, as a plunge of cold, arctic air moved south over much of the country. The cold air stifled the atmospheric instability needed to fuel thunderstorms. Weekend weather for Kingsville highs will be in the upper 60's and lows in the 40's.



Coastal Resiliency Forum - @ Port Aransas Texas

The Risk Manager attended the Coastal Resiliency Forum on December 11, 2014 at the University Of Texas Marine Science Institute Estuarine Research Center in Port Aransas Texas. The Forum was from 9am to 2:30pm. Presentations were made by; Dr. Eleanor Taylor on Geo hazard Mapping and



Climate Control. Doctor Jorge Brenner from the Nature Conservatory discussed the resilience mapping portal, Heather Wade with the Texas Sea Grant Community Health discussed the surging seas risk finder. Breakfast and lunch was sponsored by the Estuarine Research Center.

City of Kingsville may be utilizing Offender Labor for - City and Parks Projects

the City of Kingsville may possibly be bringing the assistance of Offender Labor from one of our neighboring Correctional Facilities. The Risk Manager has suggested that the city ask 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.



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

Kingsville Task Force Agents Receive Years of Service Awards



On Wednesday December 3, 2014, two members of the Kingsville Task Force received their years of service awards with the City of Kingsville during the City's Safety Week Events. Commander Willie Vera presented Agent Ruben Guajardo his 15 years of service award and Agent Jason McGee his ten year service award. HR Director Diana Gonzales and Risk Manager Melissa Perez delivered the awards presented to both employees. Orange juice and donuts were enjoyed after the presentations of service awards.

Illinois State Police Interdiction Training with Kingsville Task Force Agents

On December 9 - 11, 2014, 5 members of the Illinois State Police Drug Interdiction Team trained with the 5 Interdiction Agents of the Kingsville Task Force. Both teams shared interdiction techniques, compartment intelligence and networking strategies to enhance their drug enforcement skills. The Illinois group also assisted with the Shop with a Cop event in Kingsville on December 10th, 2014. One Illinois State Police Officer stated, "...the Shop-with-a-Cop program was a blast! To see the smiles on the kids' faces was priceless and meant a lot, reminding us that we need to appreciate what we have."



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2014 Shop with a Cop Event at Kingsville Walmart

On Wednesday December 10, 2014 the third annual Shop with a Cop event took place at the Kingsville Walmart. Forty-six (46) volunteers assisted fifty (50) kids from Kingsville ISD and Riviera ISD with their Christmas shopping. Several local agencies were represented including law enforcement, military and City of Kingsville Administrative Staff.



The children primarily purchased personal necessities and a Christmas toy to enjoy for themselves. Because of generous donations received by the Shop with a Cop Program, the children were able to receive more than last year's average amounts to spend per child. After the shopping, all the children and volunteers were treated to lunch at the local Pizza Hut restaurant.

Second Shop with a Cop Event with Perez Elementary Students in Kingsville

On Friday December 12, 2014, a second Shop with a Cop event took place in Kingsville. Again because of generous donations, nine (9) students from the Perez Elementary School in Kingsville were also able to participate in the Christmas shopping program. The children enjoyed their personal shopping and experienced quality time with members of the Kingsville Task Force.

In both 2014 Shop with a Cop events, 59 kids in Kleberg County received a little extra this holiday season. A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED!!



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Another Money Laundering Case On U.S. Highway 77

On Tuesday December 16, 2014, Kingsville Task Force Agent Jeremy Loftin was working criminal interdiction within Kleberg County. Agent Loftin was focusing his efforts on U.S. Highway 77. Agent Loftin conducted a traffic stop on a white 2002 Ford F-150 pick-up for a traffic violation on U.S. Highway 77 and County Road 2140 south bound.

Agent Loftin contacted a female driver and during the course of his interview with the driver he observed physical and verbal signs of overly nervous/deceptive behavior. Agent Loftin asked the female driver for consent to search the vehicle and was granted verbal consent. Agent Loftin located the vehicle's tire release tool assembled and laying on the rear floorboard of the truck. Agent Loftin also observed tampering to the rear spare tire as if it had been removed and replaced often. Agent Loftin also saw that the spare tire size did not match the tires being used to operate the truck. Agent Loftin then located a pink backpack on the truck's rear floor. The agent opened the backpack and located four black rubber banded bundles of U.S. Currency along with a plastic container with a green leafy substance which the agent believed to be Marijuana.

The female driver was detained and the investigation was taken to the Kingsville City Garage where the bundles of U.S. Currency was counted totaling \$4,000.00. The driver was escorted inside the garage building for further investigation. Then another \$600.00 dollars was also located inside the female's purse and was seized with the belief that the money was payment for the transporting of contraband north bound. Based on the totality of circumstances, the female driver was charged with Money Laundering and placed in the Kleberg County Jail. The U.S. currency and the vehicle were seized pending prosecution.

TOURISM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Leo Alarcon, Director)

City Welcomes New Logo

The City of Kingsville adopted a new logo to coincide with the upcoming new city hall. Commissioners approved the new design presented by Tourism Director Leo Alarcon in December.



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The logo features a digital replica of the dome affixed on top of the bell tower of the historic 1909 Henrietta M. King High School building. The structure will begin its renovation construction this month and it is expected to take until the end of the year for completion. The logo also includes stylized lettering showing, "City of Kingsville" and palm trees. A smaller mirror image logo was also approved.

Kingsville Visitor Center decorates office for Christmas

Tourism staff all pitched in their own ideas to make the Center look magical for the holiday season. Pictured below admiring the train set was the daughter of the Yewel family from Dublin, Ireland who stopped by on their way to South Padre Island. The life size Santa Claus, train set and fire place mantel were on loan to the center.



City of Kingsville Float Receive Promising Commentaries by Community

The scene was mystic as thousands aligned the streets of downtown Kingsville on Saturday adoring the lighted floats and the music that was provided by the marching bands of the high schools and college. The theme for this year's Parade of Lights for La Posada de Kingsville was "Go Green Christmas – Reduce, Reuse, Rejoice!" The department of Tourism handled the creation of the float for the City of Kingsville. This year we were honored to have Commissioner Dianne Leubert as the



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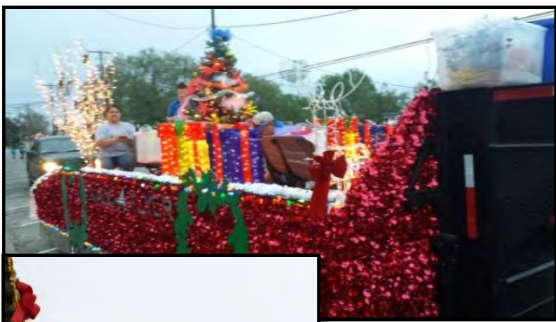
Grand Marshal. A special thanks to Commissioners Noel Pena and Al Garcia for riding on the City of Kingsville float.



Tourism staff Alicia Tijerina, George Delgado, Leo Alarcon, Mary Cano and Cynthia Martin worked on the City float to make it happen. Everything used on the float had been recycled items.

KIII TV 3 Features La Posada de Kingsville Live

Tourism staff member Alicia Tijerina handled the early morning duties at the Depot Museum to have Ch. 3 feature La Posada de Kingsville activities on television. Shown here is Sarah Acosta interviewing Tijerina while Micaela and Valentin Mendieta, Tijerina's niece and nephew played Mary and Joseph.



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La Posada de Kingsville Cookie and Pan de Polvo bakeoff and Wreath Decorating Contest Declares Winners



Wreath Contest winners



were as follows: 1st Place was Elizabeth M. Stokes, 2nd Place was Darla Martinez and 3rd Place was Cynthia S. Castro.

Pan de Polvo Becomes Only Cookie Entry For La Posada Bake-off

10 year-old Sarenite Mata was the winner of the Pan de Polvo bake-off for the La Posada de Kingsville Cookie bake-off. Pictured with Sarenite is bake-off coordinator Leo Alarcon. Sarenite's entry was one of six entries. According to Alarcon, the winner was the only junior baker and all others were adults.



Serenire received from Alarcon a plaque for first place for the Pan de Polvo entry and also received the junior plaque because there were no entries in that entry. Serenire's recipe includes the basic flour, shortening sugar and cinnamon tea. At left shows the four judges tasting the six different entries for Pan de Polvo.

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Mugs \$5 and T-Shirts \$10/\$15 Now on Sale at Tourism Center

The Kingsville Visitor Center is now selling mugs and t-shirts on a permanent basis. The Center plans to have these items for sale regularly.



Vattman Thanksgiving Dinner Celebrates 100 Years

Hundreds of individuals came from all over Texas to the rural Kleberg County community of Vattman this Thanksgiving to celebrate the centennial of the Our Lady of Consolation Church Thanksgiving Dinner. Organizers said they have held the event every year, with the exception of one. The event is the one and only fundraiser for the church.



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TXDOT Travel Counselors Tour Kingsville



Two groups of travel counselors from the Texas State Travel Centers in Harlingen and Laredo toured Kingsville December 10th & 11th. Their itinerary included a guided tour of the Depot Museum led by volunteers, a tour of the King Ranch Museum, lunch at Harrel's, a bus tour of the King Ranch, a visit to the Conner Museum ending with some downtown shopping. Texas has ten such travel centers located throughout the state – two of which are in South Texas. Once a year, travel counselors that work in these TXDOT run centers go on educational visits to see first hand the travel attractions they promote.

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Eagle Ford Center for Research, Education & Outreach Ribbon Cutting

Dr. Stephen Nix, Dean of Engineering, TAMUK, shown at right, was one of many speakers including University President, Dr. Steven Tallant; Kingsville Mayor, Sam Fugate, and City Manager, Vince Capell who spoke to the importance the opening of this center to the City and the University at the Center's December 11th ribbon cutting ceremony. The Center will accommodate applied research benefitting the oil and gas industries and will serve as a business incubator for start ups in these industries. Patricia Cardenas, Director of Communication, Port Authority of Corpus Christi, presented the University a check for \$10,000 in



support of this effort.

THC Economic Development Specialist visits Kingsville

Brian O'Connor, Community and Economic Development Specialist, Texas Historical Commission met with City staff December 11th to get ideas/advice from him regarding economic incentives suitable for promoting the development of commercial and mixed use spaces in our historic downtown districts. Brian also discussed ways other cities are handling vacant buildings in their commercial areas. Brian's position is new to the Texas Historical Commission. He is a former commercial banker and city planner. Cynthia Martin met Brian at the Texas Downtown Association Conference in Granbury in November and invited him to visit Kingsville. His services are free to any Texas Main Street community.



Texas Theater lights up underside of marquee

Lights from downtown Christmas decorations were supplemented by rays of multicolored LED lights recently installed beneath the marquee at the Texas Theater. While not yet lit routinely, the installation of these lights represents the first step in the restoration of the marquee.



Downtown Changes

Continuing west down the street, 323 E Kleberg right next door to the Texas Theater, is being cleaned out and minor repairs made. Above Kleberg Avenue can

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be seen through its display windows. Al's Hair Design sports a building permit for planned façade repairs and the area once occupied by transom windows that are long gone has been made water tight.



Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class takes a walking tour

Members of the 2015 Kingsville Chamber of Commerce Leadership class participated in a downtown walking tour led by Cynthia Martin and Chamber Director, Alice Byers. Nick Harrel opened up the old pool hall next to the pharmacy for class members and regaled them with stories of the past. Willie Gonzales led the group through the Texas Theater that is under renovation at 8th & Kleberg. The group started and ended at the Depot Museum where they learned Kingsville railroad history from volunteers.



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Steady progress continues on the Salazar Building

The original front doors of the Salazar Building have been renovated and reinstalled. Original glass was installed in the rebuilt transom windows. The building exterior is starting to look a lot like the old photos. Lights are being installed underneath the canopy during its reconstruction. Inside, the old, water damaged ceiling tiles have been removed and any sagging ceiling rafters replaced. The building's owners assured the City that the V Salazar name and date will remain on the building front.



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

Regular Commission Meetings (Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers)

Monday, January 12, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, January 26, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 9, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 23, 2015	6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)

Thursday, January 8, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 22, 2015	3:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)

Planning and Zoning Board	Wednesday, January 21, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, January 21, 2015	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	TBA	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	TBA	11:00 a.m.

Board Meetings (Respective Location)

Library Board	Wednesday, January 28, 2015	4:00 p.m.
City/County Health Board	3 rd week of every other month	5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Holidays:

Martin Luther King Holiday – January 19, 2015
 City Departments will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Holiday

Reminders:

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

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Board Name	Vacancies	Recommendations
Zoning Board of Adjustments	1	0
Joint Airport Zoning Board	1	0
Civil Service Commission	0	0
Historic Development Board	2	0
Planning & Zoning Commission	2	0