

City of Kingsville, Texas
Staff Report
(A Publication of the City Manager's Office)
Monday, March 23, 2015

“Working hard becomes a habit, a serious kind of fun. You get self-satisfaction from pushing yourself to the limit, knowing that all the effort is going to pay off.” ~ Mary Lou Retton

www.movemequotes.vom



FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES

I would like to nominate the Kingsville Municipal Court Staff for the “Good Job Award”. The City of Kingsville Municipal Court participated in the 2015 Great Texas Warrant Roundup Event. Each year the State of Texas engages all law enforcement to execute any active warrants. The Kingsville Municipal Court was one of the over 398 courts registered to participate in the event. Preparation for this event began weeks before the events start date. The Municipal Court Staff sent out notices and placed newspaper notices to bring attention to this event. During the 3 week event the Municipal Court extended their hours to 8:00pm on weekdays and worked Saturdays to ensure the public had an opportunity to settle any active warrants. Every week the Municipal Court Staff shows great dedication and hard work and during this event they went above and beyond. The Municipal Court staff continually manages to stay motivated and stay focused on the task at hand to ensure the Municipal Court runs successfully and smoothly.



Warmest thanks to Aurora Zamora (Municipal Court Specialist), Rosa Vela (Municipal Court Specialist), Victoria Cavazos (Municipal Court Specialist), Krystin Torres (PT Library Assistant-temporarily assigned to MC), Worthie Gonzales (Customer Service Representative), Rose Morrow (Municipal Court Manager), Tom Davis (Warrant Officer), and Judge Michael Krueger (Municipal Court Judge) for all of your hard work and contributions during the 2015 Great Texas Warrant Round Up!!

Deborah Balli, Director of Finance

KINGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief)

Message From Chief Ricardo Torres

As spring break 2016 begins many of our young citizens who make their homes in Kingsville either as residents or here while attending school or serving our country will be taking advantage of the time off. Unfortunately, many times people engage in behavior that is not always in their best interest, so I searched for some online tips regarding how to be safe during this time. I located some information which is directed at females but can also prove useful to males. Please drink responsibly and make good choices if you plan to partake during spring break and follow the tips listed below:



Spring Break Tips

Reprinted with permission from: **GIRLS *fight* BACK!**

On the go . . .

- Take turns behind the wheel. Rotating drivers can keep everyone rested with the added bonus of taking turns deciding on the music.
- Whoever sits shotgun should stay awake to keep the driver company. Two alert drivers are always better than one.
- Make sure everyone has a valid driver's license and the vehicle registration and proof of insurance are in the car before driving off. If you are in a foreign country, know ahead of time if your license and insurance will be valid in that country.
- Take a map. These days everyone relies on their phones for navigation, but in some places, where service isn't strong, you can lose that ability. Having a map is always a nice backup plan when on a road trip. There are just plain old maps. Do a search for the city you are travelling to. There are a number of apps on Google Play and in the App Store that don't require an internet connection or GPS.
- Never leave valuables in plain view in your car. Lock items in your trunk before reaching your destination.
- If you are in a foreign country, take some time before your trip to familiarize yourself with basic road signs and rules of the road for that country. Travel books by [Frommers](#) and [Lonely Planet](#) are great resources as are your rental car facilities.
- If you are hailing a taxi, ask ahead for a typical price. This is especially important in countries where taxis don't have meters. If there is no meter, you must negotiate the fee before you agree to the ride. The front desk of your hotel is a great resource to tell you how much a ride should cost.
- Before leaving your hotel, take a card from the front desk with the name of the hotel, phone number, and address, just in case you need help getting back. Also, put this information in your phone to be extra sure you have it.
- Calling a taxi is a better bet than hailing one. And at the airport, always use approved taxi services. Ignore people who approach you offering rides.
- All genuine taxis will have some sort of ID or badge. You can check for this before accepting a ride.

- Stay alert during any taxi, Uber, Lyft, etc. rides. Follow along on google maps or a navigation service, if you can, to ensure they are taking you the right direction.
- Keep your belongings together during a ride to ensure you don't leave anything behind.
- If you ever feel unsafe, it is completely within your rights to abandon a taxi or any other ride service at a safe stop. Leave money behind on the seat and get out of there if you don't feel safe.
- When using Uber or Lyft, you will see the driver's name, license plate number, and photo on your phone when you request the ride. Check for a match when you ride arrives to be sure you are getting in the right car.
- Never get in a car with someone you suspect is intoxicated. There is always a safer alternative.
- The often crammed conditions of a subway or metro can be an ideal place for pickpockets to strike and is definitely time to up your awareness.
- If you are going to carry a backpack, consider getting a small lock for your zipper and keep the key in your pocket. Another theft reduction is to carry your backpack on your front instead of your back in crowded areas.

In hotels . . .

- When you check in at the front desk, use discretion in saying your room number out loud for anyone in the lobby to hear. No one outside of your group of friends needs to know your exact location.
- Reserve a room that's above the 1st floor but below the 6th floor. First floor rooms are easier to break into, and rooms above the sixth floor are sometimes too high for fire ladders to reach.
- Choose awareness! Make a mental note of where the nearest fire exits and stairwells are located in case you need to evacuate.
- When you get to your room, check that all of the window and door locks are secure.
- Almost all hotels offer safes. Use them! This is a great place to store any cash or credit cards that you don't want to have on hand when you are out of the hotel and any other easy to steal items such as Ipads, Ipods, jewelry, laptops, backup ID (DL or passport).
- Close your door tightly when entering or leaving your room. Some doors have a slow release and could remain open after you leave.
- Do not place ski gear, dive gear, or anything valuable on your balcony.
- Using the Do Not Disturb sign won't prevent housekeeping from being able to enter your room, but will highly reduce the likeliness of that happening. If you are going to have housekeeping in your room, leave your valuables in the safe when you are gone.

At the ATM . . .

- Try to go the ATM in groups, but avoid getting overly complacent about safety just because you're traveling in numbers.
- When you approach the ATM, do a full 360 degree scan, looking completely around you to see if anyone is hanging out where they shouldn't be. If someone is creeping you out, go to another ATM.
- When entering in your pin number, use your other hand or your body to cover the keypad. Just because you don't see someone watching you doesn't mean there couldn't still be a camera capturing what you type.

While drinking . . .

- Do us all a favor, especially yourself, and party smart. Be responsible.

- Decide before you go out what your limits should be. When you are sober and making clear-headed decisions is the best time to consider what you feel your personal boundaries should be. Do I want to drink tonight? If so, how much? Do I want to have sex tonight? If so, do I have protection? Deciding up front will make it easier for you later to make choices that you will be happy with after the party is over.
- If you do decide to drink, know the liquor laws of wherever you'll be vacationing.
- Always keep an eye on your drink. If you go the bathroom, take your drink with you! Date rape drugs can be put into any drink, including non-alcoholic drinks. It is also important to remember that while drugs being slipped into drinks is something you should be aware of and guard against, alcohol itself is the most common date rape drug. In a 2007 study by the National Institute of Health, it was reported that 89% of female undergrad sexual assault survivors reported drinking before their assault. No survivor is to blame for their assault, but the links between alcohol and victimization are staggering and cannot be ignored.
- Do not drink from open beverage sources like punch bowls, pitchers or tubs.
- If you or one of your friends sees or feels the signs of predatory drugs: extreme wooziness, confusion, difficulty standing, or slurred speech, get to a safe place immediately and if the symptoms are severe, go to a hospital.
- Drinking and driving is always a dangerous situation and illegal, so avoid this by having your safe mode of transportation home planned before you go out. Having a designated driver before the night starts can be great for driving and for keeping an eye out for everyone as well.
- Avoid binge drinking. NIAAA (the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism) defines binge drinking as a pattern of drinking that brings blood alcohol concentration (BAC) levels to 0.08 g/dL. This typically occurs after 4 drinks for women and 5 drinks for men—in about 2 hours. Binge drinking can lead to irreversible consequences.
- Pace yourself if you choose to drink. If you are new to drinking or have very limited experience, a party setting away from home isn't the best place to start figuring out your limits. Remember in pacing that while you can feel the effects of alcohol in as little as 10 minutes, sometimes it can take longer so, go slow, and see how you feel before ordering a second drink.
- Don't try to match friends drink for drink. The way alcohol affects your body will be different than everyone else based on how often you drink, what kind of alcohol, your weight, and how much you ate.
- Eat before drinking. Drinking on an empty stomach can cause alcohol to affect you much quicker and can make you sick and those bowls of snack mix aren't much substance to go on.
- Be aware that some types of alcohol have stronger and faster effects, i.e., one beer is not going to have the same impact as one Long Island Tea. A standard drink in terms of consumption is 12 ounces of beer, but only 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of hard liquor.
- Some of the most common side effects of alcohol usage are: reduced inhibition, slurred speech, motor impairment, confusion, and memory and concentration difficulties. In other words, you aren't going to be at your most aware when drinking which can put you in the position of being targeted by criminals. Is this fair? No. Is it your fault? Never. However, if a mugger is looking for someone to steal a purse from and they have to choose between someone who is obviously intoxicated and someone who is not, the choice is simple. This applies to all forms of crime, including sexual assault.

- For this reason, when drinking, is even more important to follow the golden rule of partying safe: **Come with your friends. Leave with your friends.** We need to look out for each other and if you see someone not in your group in a potentially bad situation, look out for them too. Being an active bystander is the best way we can work together to end violence of all kinds.

In the water . . .

- Drinking + sun can equal a bad sunburn and an even worse hangover. Sun can maximize the effects of alcohol so keep this in mind when you party poolside or at the beach.
- Take it slow and stay hydrated by drinking lots of water. If you start feeling faint or light headed, get shade and water immediately.
- Use waterproof sunscreen at least SPF 30 and reapply often. Pay extra special attention to ears, nose, face, feet, and shoulders.
- Avoid sun exposure during the hours when UV rays are the most intense (between 10 am and 4 pm) and remember you can burn even when it's cloudy.
- Jumping into the ocean without a lifeguard is putting yourself at risk. Always swim with a buddy. Even the most experienced swimmer can get caught in an undertow. If you are caught in a rip current, don't bother swimming against it. Instead, swim parallel to shore until the rip passes.
- Know the flag system for water safety:
 - Red Flag: Stay out of the water because of strong undertow and riptides.
 - Yellow Flag: Use CAUTION in the water. There are some undertow and riptides possible.
 - Blue Flag: Calm water. Swim safely.
- Drinking in the hot tub might sound like a good idea, since pretty much every MTV video makes it look glamorous. But lo and behold, MTV is not an educational resource. (shocker!) Alcohol can dilate blood vessels and lower blood pressure to dangerous levels. The effects of alcohol are felt sooner and stronger in a hot tub. It can lead to unconsciousness and drowning.
- In any natural body of water, be aware that you can't always tell how deep the water is. Don't dive if you don't know for sure how deep the water is. Diving in too shallow of waters can lead to serious accidents.

Let's talk about sex . . .

- First, don't believe the hype about our hook-up culture. Not everyone is hooking up. Choices to have sex or not to have sex are extremely personal and shouldn't be influenced by anyone's mandates but your own.
- Know what consent is and respect it for all forms of intimacy. At Girls Fight Back, we define consent as giving permission for something to happen and that permission must be given freely and is never coerced. Consent must be given verbally. Silence NEVER equals consent. Consent can never be implied or assumed regardless of any previous history of sexual contact. No matter what a person verbalizes, consent can never be given when a person is severely intoxicated or impaired or at any point in the encounter after the person has said NO. Really, I think we should raise the bar a bit, consent should be ENTHUSIASTIC and that applies to all kinds of contact. If it's not a YES, it's a definite no.
- Talk about it. In order to obtain consent, you have to have a verbal exchange regarding the sexual encounter before it takes place. Sound awkward? It shouldn't be. If you are uncomfortable talking about sex with someone, you shouldn't be having sex with them in the first place. But, consent, can be obtained as part of foreplay, "Do you want to have sex with

me tonight?” can be a huge turn-on and some form of that question should be incorporated into all sexual encounters.

- Decide before even head out for a party or on a trip, what you want your personal boundaries to be in regards to intimacy. Then set your boundaries early and reinforce them often. If you meet someone and decide to get cozy, but don't to have sex, be up front with them. You can say something like, “I really want to make out with you, but that's as far as things are going to go. Cool?” Don't ever let anyone talk you into doing something you're uncomfortable with.
- If you do choose to have sex, make sure it's protected. Stock up on protection before you leave home so you never find yourself in a compromised situation. While other methods of birth control may avoid accidental pregnancies, condoms are the best way to prevent STD's. Always carry two in case one breaks. The responsibility for having safe sex is equal for men and women. Anyone who plans on engaging in sex should have protection.
- Don't abuse alcohol or drugs if you think things might get physical. Alcohol and drugs interfere with decision making which can lead to the lowering of inhibitions and forgetting to use protection. And, for many biochemical reasons, too much alcohol actually makes sex less enjoyable for both men and women.

Leaving the country . . .

- If you're leaving the country you'll need a passport. You might also need a Visa depending on your destination. You can check that [here \(U.S. State Department Website\)](#). These are not quick and easy documents to attain, so file your application at least 6 months before going on a trip abroad.
- Safety has a lot to do with what you pack when traveling abroad. Don't bring flashy valuables like expensive jewelry or watches.
- Do your homework beforehand about your destination, keeping in mind you are subject to the laws of the country you visit. You should also check [here \(U.S. State Department Website\)](#) for any travel warnings or travel alerts by the US government.
- Do not carry large quantities of cash. These days ATM's are everywhere so you can replenish if you need to. If you do have mostly cash, always keep part of your cash in your hotel safe and the rest of it in two locations on your person. That way if you are mugged or robbed, you won't lose everything.
- Take at least two credit cards or debit cards with you. Keep one on your person and one in the hotel safe. Make photocopies of the front and back of all cards and keep in your safe and/or leave this with someone at home. If your card is stolen or lost, this will make canceling the card much easier.
- You will want to have ID on you when you are on the go in a foreign country, but you will want a back up ID also left in your safe at your hotel. If you do lose your main ID, you can use your back up ID to assist you when getting it replaced by the US Embassy.
- Be aware of local scam artists. The best way to avoid scams is to know some common ones ahead of time. These two sites have many of the common scams listed: [Wikitravel](#) and [Lonely Planet](#). Once you know these scams are happening, you are likely to see them from a mile away before you fall for one.
- Always inform others of your travel plans including hotel and contact information while you are away. Give someone back at home a copy of your passport as well just in case yours is lost or stolen. This will help you if you have to get a replacement passport from the US Embassy.

- If you are mugged or robbed, remember that the only thing irreplaceable is you.
- Keep your camera hidden until you are ready to use it.
- Avoid viewing maps in wide-open spaces.
- Do not take shortcuts. Stay on well-traveled streets.
- Check your phone before you leave the US to be sure that you are enabled to use it overseas in case of emergency.
- Learn the customs before you go and a few common phrases if you are headed to a destination where the primary language is foreign to you. Knowing how to say: “Hello,” “Thank you,” “Please,” “How Much,” “Where is” . . . will go a long way to making your experience a positive one.
- Know your local equivalent to 911. Who do you call in an emergency?

Patrol Division Activity

February 25 – March 12, 2015

Patrol Division officers responded to hundreds of calls for service and wrote over 170 reports. Patrol officers wrote 81 citations and gave 50 written warnings. They responded to three private property accidents, two major accidents, twelve minor accidents, and seven “hit and run” collisions.

Patrol officers took 21 assault reports, six harassment reports, one terroristic threat report and three reports for criminal trespass. There were three residential burglaries, three business burglaries and four vehicle burglaries reported. Two reports were taken for credit card abuse, two reports for lost/stolen property, two reports for stolen vehicles and thirty-one theft reports. Ten reports were taken for criminal mischief and eight reports for damaged property. Seven disturbance reports and one loud dog report were taken.

Five arrests were made for DWI, one for failure to identify and two for reckless driving. Four people were arrested for public intoxication and two for consumption of alcohol by a minor. Two arrests were made for possession of a controlled substance and four arrests were made for possession of marijuana. Two items were taken in as found property, one juvenile was entered as a runaway and one unattended death was investigated.

On February 25th, an officer stopped a vehicle because the driver was not wearing a seat belt at 6th and King. The driver and passenger were each arrested for Possession of Marijuana, less than two ounces, and for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On February 28th, in the early-morning hours, officers observed a vehicle parked on the frontage road to Highway 77. Officers pulled over to assist and found a couple fighting. The female had a black eye and bloody nose. The male had cuts on his face and was missing teeth. An ambulance was called. The male was transported to the local hospital, then put in jail for Assault. The female was released but will be arrested in the future.

On March 2nd, officers responded to an address on West Mesquite in reference to a disturbance. A female had come home from her boyfriend’s house and began looking through her husband’s

cell phone. When she found pics of other women, she began to assault her husband. She was arrested.

On March 2nd, officers responded to a grocery store where two females had been detained for shoplifting. The amount of the theft was over \$79 and most of the items were sushi rolls and party supplies. They were both taken to jail and issued trespass warnings.

On March 4th, officers were dispatched to a fast food restaurant for a driver asleep in the drive-thru lane. Officers woke the male driver and asked him to perform sobriety tests. He was arrested for DWI and taken to jail, where he provided a breath sample.

On March 6th, an officer had finished assisting with an arrest when he observed a disturbance across the street. An intoxicated male was angry because another male would not move his vehicle. The officer intervened before the intoxicated male assaulted the other male. He was arrested for Public Intoxication. It was also determined that he had outstanding municipal court warrants.

On March 10th, an officer stopped a vehicle for speeding on East Corral. The driver had an outstanding warrant out of Nueces County and was arrested for that Theft warrant. The arrestee contacted a friend who picked up the vehicle.

On March 11th, officers responded to a major accident on Business 77, just north of Sage Road. A male driver possibly fell asleep and left the roadway, striking a tree. He was pinned in the vehicle with broken bones. The driver was eventually flown to a Corpus Christi hospital. While clearing up the scene, a DPS unit was damaged when the Trooper opened his door while a truck was driving past. DPS handled that case.



Six patrol officers received SCBA training while in their SWAT training time.

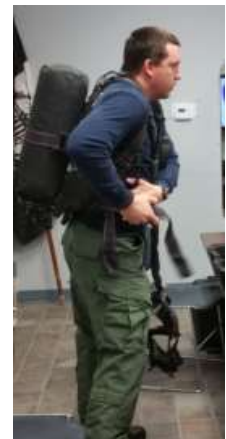
Several officers have completed their required TML online courses.

Criminal Investigations Bureau

Activity Report

Detectives Supervisor assigned 127 cases and inactivated 35 cases as of March 12, 2015th. Along with these cases there were also 2 DWI's and 23 Crash reports.

We have had three stolen vehicle cases during this period in which the vehicles were also recovered. Two of these cases turned out to be civil matters. The other vehicle was located in another county and two subjects are in custody. Always make sure you remove your keys from your vehicles.



For the last couple of weeks, there have been no major events to report. This is a great thing detectives can attempt to catch up. It will only stay quiet for so long.

Detectives have filed 57 cases during this period. There were 19 cases filed in District Court, 27 cases filed in County Court, 7 cases filed in City Court, and 4 filed in Juvenile Court.

We have had one detective on FMLA leave, and another detective assisting patrol during their shortage. We are glad to have them back to the team.

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

Our new Detective units have arrived.



Everyone be safe on the roads with all the extra traffic for Spring Break.

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

Communications Division

The Kingsville Police Department is still having issues with our Radio System. Daily Wells, along with High Man Towers replaced the amplifier on the tower with the new box. Once the amplifier was replaced, we notice the radios were still having problems. Daily Wells found that the lighting arrester now needed to be replaced as well. At this time, they have received the new lighting arrester and are hoping to replace it within a week.

Training:

Lead Telecommunications Operator Marcus Munoz traveled to Clear Lake, TX to get certified as a Communications Training Officer. Mr. Munoz is now in the process of reviewing our training material to improve or replace what we have in place at the moment.

Telecommunication Supervisor Monica Flores and Lead Telecommunications Operator Rosa Munoz-Martinez traveled to Austin, to get some training in Records Management, Emergency Preparedness, and Managing Electronic Records. We will continue the process of maintaining our records properly. We will work together is reviewing our records and dispose of the records that have already met the retention period. We will also review and revise, if needed, our emergency plan to ensure our access to essential records.

Calls:

110- total of 911 calls

588- Police Matter Calls including hang up calls

Transferred-

Bishop PD-4

Corpus Christi Metro Com- 3

Kingsville FD & EMS- 75

Kleberg SO- 11

UPD- 3

Non emergency Calls- 14

2286-total of incoming calls

**Neighborhood Improvement Officer
2015 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS
WEEK 9**

The following stats are from Week 9:

- Junk Vehicles -2
- Parking Citations -16
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -16
- Compliance - 3
- Traffic-3

WEEK 10

The following stats are from Week 10:

- Parking Citations -13
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -14

- Traffic Citations-14

So far for the year of 2015, 22 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 22 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 139 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year and 62 Traffic Citations. NIO has also completed his three TML courses for the month of March.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.



500 S WILLIAMS ST



700 W RICHARD AVE



217 W AVE B

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

Activity for Reporting Period

02/25/2015 – 03/12/2015 Work Log # 5- 2015

SELF INITIATED CASES / ARREST:

**** Indicates a Felony Arrest****

MURRAY:

CASES FILED WITH COUNTY COURT:

CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT:

PROSECUTION CHARGE REPORT SUPPLMENTS:

TRAFFIC STOPS: 3

CITATIONS:

RUIZ:

Case #1500006884 – Inv. Ruiz conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at US Highway 77 southbound and E General Cavazos. During the course of the investigation Inv. Ruiz located marijuana and cocaine in the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1 < 1g and Possession of Marijuana < 2oz.



TRAFFIC STOPS: 41

CITATIONS:

PATROL ASSIST:

NARCOTICIS INVESTIGATION:

Case #1500006206

On March 5, 2015 the Kingsville Police Department's Street Level Operations Team conducted two separate search warrants for narcotics. The first search warrant took place at 1315 East Senator Carlos Truan #26 for the distribution of marijuana. Trevor Arnold who is 25 years of age was arrested for Possession of marijuana 4 ounces or fewer than five pounds which is a State Jail Felony. Approximately five ounces of marijuana and a digital scale were seized. This narcotics investigation has been ongoing for several months. This was the second search warrant investigation conducted on Arnold; the first was approximately one year ago, also conducted by the Street Level Operations Team.



CASE #1500006224

The second search warrant took place at 1235 East Kleberg Street. John David Zarate who is 42 years of age and Ludivina Garcia who is 35 years of age were both arrested. The subjects were charged with Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group #1 (Cocaine) 1gram < 4grams a 3rd Degree Felony, Possession of Marijuana four ounces or less than five pounds a State Jail Felony and Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group #3 (Alprazolam/Xanax) under 28 grams. This investigation has been ongoing for several months.



CASE #1500006564

On 03-09-15 the Street Level Operations Team conducted a narcotics search warrant at 219 E Kleberg for the distribution of marijuana. Jacob Garza a 25 year old male was arrested at the residence and charged with Possession of Marijuana > 2oz < 4oz a Class A Misdemeanor and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia a Class C Misdemeanor.



SEIZURE CASES:
TRAINING:

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS / PURCHASES CONDUCTED: 15

Training Bureau

On February 25, 2015, Officer G. Vega attended an 8 hour Canine Encounter class in Georgetown, Texas.

On March 3, 2015, Instructor Ryan Webb held a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Course. The course covered basic operation, Basic Maintenance and proper donning. Officers that attended the training were:

Sgt. Flores	Det. Grief	G. Gonzalez
Cpl. Pittman	K. Martinez	
Cpl. Rodriguez	F. Reyna	
Det. Salinas	J. Aleman	



On March 4, 2015, Monica Flores attended an 8 hour TCIC/NCIC Policy and Procedure Training Re-certification Course.

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

5th and Henrietta

The City owns this building and has a lease with the Border Patrol. Staff will be working with that agency on their desire to use it in the future. Edwin Jarvis, Project Manager came into town on Feb. 10th to look over the building. The roof on the north building is in need of repair. They are analyzing funding and considering options for what they want to do next.

Torres Estates

This is an 11 lot project for single family homes. It is located on the south side of Kenedy between 15th and 16th. Since the action by the City Commission on February 9th, staff has had the opportunity to meet with the developer, Mark Dizdar. He has decided that he wants to rezone the property to RP-2. This item is planned for the March 18th Planning and Zoning commission agenda.

La Quinta Hotel

The DRT (development review team) has reviewed the plans for this project. It is located in the area of the Highway 77 Bypass and Sen. Carlos Truan Blvd. It will be an 80 room hotel with a value of \$4.6 million. The DRT met and has approved a full permit for them. The hotel will be located at 2151 S. Highway 77, between Phil Neeson Chevrolet and the Hampton Inn. We do not know yet when they will be breaking ground.

Wells Apartments

Plans have been submitted for this apartment project located at 625 W. Avenue F. There will be eleven- 2 bedroom units. The DRT met with the owners recently and discussed issues concerning the plans that they submitted. The team was able to get answers and asked for more 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.

FEMA Domes

The City has issued a full permit to the contractor, TB Commercial Construction, for starting the work on this project. The project has a value of \$14.4 million. Expected completion date of this project is January 2016.

Wildwood Trails

With the break in the weather the last couple of weeks, they have started on a number of houses in this development. City crews finished the street work recently, which was a part of the economic incentive agreement for this project. The amended plat reducing the front yard setback from 40 feet to 30 feet was recently approved by the City Commission.

Lake View Villas

Even though a preliminary plat was approved in June of 2013 a final plat was never submitted. Because of the time period that has passed the preliminary plat has to be approved again along with the final plat. The street improvement has been completed. This will be on the March 18th agenda for the Planning and Zoning Commission and the March 23rd agenda for the City Commission.

6th Street Corridor Planting Project

Proposals were due to the City in January. This project was about planting approximately 179 trees along the 6th Street Corridor, from the north end to the south end. No proposals were submitted for this project. There is sentiment that the funds for this project be directed toward other beautification initiatives, such as improvements to Corral Park as demonstrated by the pharmacy students at a recent City Commission

meeting. Staff will be putting some numbers together for the Interim City Manager to review.

New City Hall

The Foundation issued a Notice To Proceed to the contractor Rusty Van Fleet Construction which took effect, Monday, January 5, 2015. He will have 330 days to complete the project with an expected completion date of December 1, 2015. At a recent team meeting, it was decided that we would have one meeting a month for construction items and one meeting a month for administrative issues such as pay, etc. These meetings started in January and February, respectively. At the first meeting in January, the work by the city crews for water sewer and storm drainage was discussed. Right now it is intended for city crews to start work on these items by the end of February or March. Work is progressing well on this project.

Joint Airport Zoning Board

This board has start meeting again. The late January, County appointed Chuck Schulz to replace a vacancy left by Anse Windham. The JAZB met in February and reviewed the lighting regulation and the Notice To Buyer form. They also discussed the Schubert pond project which has not been started. Staff will be following up on the Notice To Buyer form and Schubert's pond issue. The City Attorney gave a presentation on the JAZB's organization and authority at the meeting. The next meeting is set for Thursday, March 19th.

TAMUK – Tree Planting

Staff has been working with Dr. Brent Hedquist on the planting of trees at Corral Park. The trees were purchased by TAMUK and planted by his students. The City has been watering the trees since they were planted in February. Staff has also been working with Susan Ivy and Charlie Cardenas on some other improvements for Corral Park in conjunction with some pharmacy students. Dr. Hedquist may plant some more trees there on Earth Eay, April 22nd. We appreciate all of their assistance on this community improvement project.

TAMUK- GSC Building

Staff was approached by the folks there to assist them with an economic development grant application. The grant will be requesting money for the renovation costs of making and improving the office space for the incubator businesses that they hope to originate from the research. Since the City owns the building we will be responsible for submitting the grant application. At some point this will be brought before the City Commission for approval. University staff will be conducting a student driven research symposium for oil and gas operations, April 23rd at this facility.

Cayetano Villas of Kingsville

This is the proposed tax credit development at the 500 block of General Cavazos. While it was tentatively planned to be on the March 18th Planning and Zoning Commission agenda for a rezoning review. The developers have decided to withdraw their rezoning application until they know for sure if they will receive tax credits for this development. They may know by sometime in May or June.

Flato School Project

The Planning Director, along with Cynthia Martin and Maggie Salinas have met with the folks who are buying this property from KISD. They told us what their tentative plans are and that they are in the process of hiring an architect to help with the design of what they want to do with the property. They did tell us that they want to keep the main building and turn that into an event center and build apartments on the rest of the ground. Once the transaction is completed, we will do a walk through of the buildings and property with them. We are excited about this project and look forward to be working with them on this endeavor.

Legend's of Kingsville

As you read in the paper recently, they are 100% leased for the school year starting in the fall of 2015. Progress is going well on the rest of the buildings. Staff has been working with Domus Development and a resident on Seale Street pertaining to the fence that will be going up to separate the development and the neighborhood. We met with an engineer for Domus Development this week pertaining to Legends Phase II. The meeting went well. Phase II will have 486 beds with 207 units. They hope to start construction in June of this year. They do plan to do a replat of the final plat which will require a public hearing notice. Once both phases are done, they expect approximately 1,000 students to be living in the apartment complex.

Building Services Division

Permits

				Pulled:	
Residential Remodel:	12	Commercial Remodel:	0	Electrical:	16
New Commercial:	0	Mechanical:	11	Moving:	0
New Residential:	5	Fire Inspection:	16	Gas Inspection:	13
Cert. of Occupancy:	5	Commercial Meter:	1	House Leveling:	0
Plumbing:	12	Residential Meter:	17	Re-roof:	8
Sprinkler:	0	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	0
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	0	Demolition:	2
Fence:	0	Driveway:	0		

Total Permits Pulled: 118

New Business:

Anthony Guilliams Tanning Spray Spa at 635 E. King Ave., Ste 106 is now open for business.

Oak Tree Apartments at 2511 Golf Course Road received final Certification of Occupancy for Building 3.

Triple J's Detailing at 430 E. Richard St. is waiting on final inspection.

Pedicure by Toni at 926 S 14th Street, Ste. 108 is waiting on final inspection.

Spa Hacienda at 306 E. Kleberg Ave. is waiting on final inspection.

Building Official, Daniel Ramirez, is shown below inspecting the plumbing, mechanical work and window framing at the new City Hall.



New Residential Subdivision, Wildwood Trail, is going up on Wildwood Trail Blvd.



Top 30 Initiative

As the beautification effort of our city continues, the Planning and Development Services Department has implemented a new list of the city's Worst 30. The Worst 30 are categorized in three different categories of ten each. The purpose of this new initiative is to eradicate unsightly and unhealthful property conditions. The first category of ten is businesses that do not have hard surface parking or the parking lot is in disrepair. The second category of ten will focus on unfinished exterior of buildings. The third category of ten will be comprised of various types of property code, building and other violations that are especially intractable and will need the coordinated efforts of various departments. Some, perhaps most, of the Worst 30 will take months or perhaps a year to resolve. The length of time allowed for repairs will depend on the nature of the project and approval by the Planning and Development Services Director.

Dilapidated or Non-existent Parking Lots

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

503 E. Corral

Before



After



621 W. Corral



629 W. Nettie



Multiple Violations:

Property Address

Status

Comment

430/426 E Alice

Notice sent 7/8/14

Pending cleanup

400 E Corral

Court scheduled 3/9/15

1808 Kelly

Pending variance

1420 Sen. Carlos Truan

Notice sent 6/24/14

Cleared by city

1202 W King

Notice sent 2/26/14

Property owner working on

violation

1950 E Corral

Pending notice of violation

2151 N. Hwy 77 Bypass

Pending notice of violation

223 S 6th

Pending notice of violation

109 S Hwy 77

Notice sent 6/14/14

Property owner working on

violation

E Henrietta & 19th St.

Pending notice of violation

Community Appearance Division

Recent activity (February 12 – February 25) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:

Notices Sent:	180	Abatements:	43	Obsolete	Sign
Violations:	2				
Inspections:	109	Court Cases:	3	Placards Posted:	
	4				
Re-Inspections:	58	Illegal Dumping Cases:	0		
Compliances:	32	Front/Side yard parking violations:	6		

Community Appearance: Billing

Community Appearance Division has begun tracking the monthly totals being billed each month due to City private property cleanups. These cleanups include mowing and abatements of noxious matter through FY '15.

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



Typical Violations & Compliances:

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

716 E. Corral – Property Owner Abated
BEFORE

AFTER

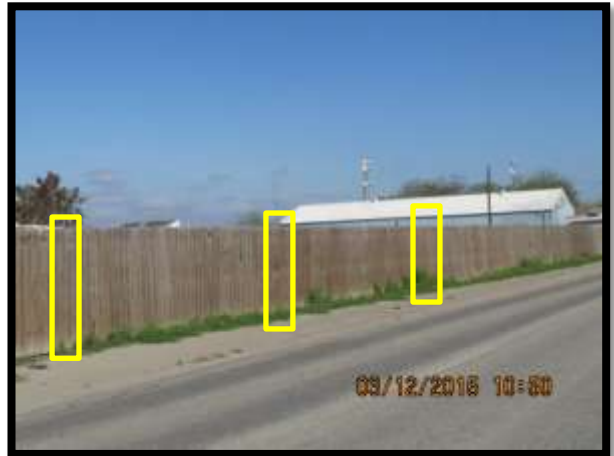


911 S. 6th – Property Owner Abated

BEFORE



AFTER



501 W. Ave. D – Property Owner Abated

BEFORE



AFTER



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 and obtained photos of those to be listed in the top ten clean ups for Phase 35 to be completed in March. 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 35

Property Address:

Date of Compliance Deadline:

1715 W Johnston	3/31/15
213 S 12 th	3/31/15
914 E Lott	3/31/15
602 E Kenedy	3/31/15
627 E Santa Gertrudis	3/31/15
409 E Richard	3/31/15
501 S 17 th	3/31/15
623 E Santa Gertrudis	3/31/15
612 E Richard	3/31/15
1320 E Alice	3/31/15

Phase 34: 516 E. Nettie – Property Owner Abated

BEFORE

AFTER



Cumulative count of abatements conducted by the property owner for “Top Ten” monthly private property cleanups:

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

<u>Top Ten Phase#</u> Conducted	<u>#of Cleanups Conducted</u>	<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u>#of</u> Cleanups
	<u>By property owner</u>		<u>By property owner</u>
PHASE 1	0 out of 10	PHASE 21	7 out of 10
PHASE 2	2 out of 10	PHASE 22	4 out of 10

PHASE 3	2 out of 10	PHASE 23	7 out of 10
PHASE 4	3 out of 10	PHASE 24	8 out of 10
PHASE 5	3 out of 10	PHASE 25	8 out of 10
PHASE 6	3 out of 10	PHASE 26	6 out of 10
PHASE 7	4 out of 10	PHASE 27	10 out of 10
PHASE 8	7 out of 10	PHASE 28	8 out of 10
PHASE 9	5 out of 10	PHASE 29	8 out of 10
PHASE 10	8 out of 10	PHASE 30	7 out of 10
PHASE 11	7 out of 10	PHASE 31	7 out of 10
PHASE 12	8 out of 10	PHASE 32	7 out of 10
PHASE 13	9 out of 10	PHASE 33	8 out of 10
PHASE 14	6 out of 10	PHASE 34	7 out of 10
PHASE 15	9 out of 10	PHASE 35	(IN PROGRESS)
PHASE 16	9 out of 10		
PHASE 17	8 out of 10		
PHASE 18	8 out of 10		
PHASE 19	8 out of 10		
PHASE 20	9 out of 10		

Community Appearance:

The on again off again rain is putting a damper on production. Operators are taking every opportunity to cut grass any chance they get so as to not get backed up on orders. Demos are also put on hold until the ground is strong enough to hold the tractor. Inspectors are staying on track while trying not to get backed up. We allow a few days after rain to give property owners a little time to cut or clean their property.

Keep Kingsville Beautiful:

Ready, Set... Grow! Most of Texas sees its last frost in March, so start now to get your soil ready for spring gardening. You want to plant your garden as soon as possible to allow vegetables to grow and mature during ideal conditions. With anything you are planting, find the best variety for your location and climate. It will make a difference. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension can provide you with various ways of ensuring a good season. Citizens can visit and pick up informational pamphlets at 729 E. Yoakum or call 361.595.8566.



Trash-Off Day:

Despite freezing rain conditions, we saw a surprising number of citizens taking advantage of this free event. A big thanks goes out to all city staff and volunteers for toughing it out and helping make it a successful event. The total numbers are as follows:

Trash-Off Day Feb 2014:
 Junk/Debris/Brush – 15.36 tons *** Tires 2.88 tons

Trash-Off Day Feb 2015:
 Junk/Debris/Brush – 35.68 tons *** Tires 6.32 tons



HEALTH DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Emilio Garcia, Health Director)

CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Emilio H. Garcia, Director)
03/13/2015

Administration Division

City of Kingsville Staff Attend Annual Breakfast

The City of Kingsville staff attended the 5th Annual Community Breakfast sponsored by the Texas A & M University Kingsville, College of Business Administration, the Kleberg Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce. The event was held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 and took place in the Memorial Student Union Building Ballrooms A & B. Many business & community leaders, elected officials, TAMUK staff & students and City of Kingsville administrative staff attended the breakfast. Guest speaker was Dr. Habib Chamoun Nicolas; Dr. Nicolas spoke about his 25 years of experience in negotiations, business development activities in diversified sector in oil and gas, petroleum, petrochemical, chemical, industrial, commercial and institutional, for sales and marketing of services and products. Pictured is Mr. Nicolas during his presentation.



Pipeline Safety Training

The City-County Health Department Health Inspectors, Jason Torres and Connie Allen along with Health Director Emilio H. Garcia recently attended an annual pipeline safety program in Corpus Christi, Texas. The program was held at the Ortiz Center on March 10, 2015 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. The program is part of an on-going national effort to increase knowledge of safe digging, damage prevention for underground utilities and emergency responses regarding pipeline emergencies. The program was well attended by Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, Emergency Management Personnel, Public Works employees, County elected officials and their employees. Other City of Kingsville Employees attending the pipeline program were Jennifer Bernal, Community Appearance Department Supervisor; Daniel Ramirez, Building Official; Allen Martinez and Eric Ovidio, Equipment Operators I; Manny Buentello, Building Inspector; and Brad Allen and Julian Cavazos with the Kingsville Police Department. Kleberg County

employees from Pct.3 in attendance were Daniel Saldana and Tomas Longoria. The sponsors of the program were pipeline companies and gas companies. Pictured below is Pct. 3 employees Daniel Saldana and Tomas Longoria.



City-County Health Department Monthly Revenues

Below is a table showing the Health Department income revenue on a monthly basis for Consumer Health and Animal Control.

Statistics-Revenues

Fees collected	Consumer Health	Animal Control
Oct 2014	\$1,090.00	\$1,884.00
Nov 2014	\$623.00	\$1,470.00
Dec 2014	\$1,390.00	\$1,940.00
Jan 2015	\$1,538.00	\$2,405.00
Feb 2015	\$1,013.64	\$2,650.00

Food Service Division

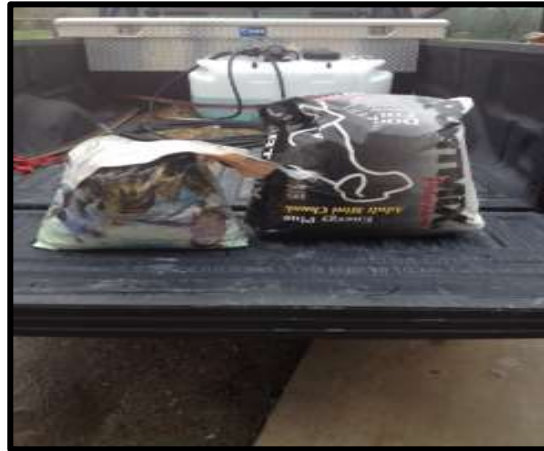
Food Service Inspections

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 and non-critical. 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.

February 26 thru March 13, 2015

One Stop Hwy 77-97
 TAMUK-Pizza Hut-100
 TAMUK-Jernigan Library-100
 TAMUK-Sushic LLC-100 Speedy
 Stop #53-94 Dairy Queen-93
 Taco Bell-93
 Church's Fried Chicken-100 Youngs Pizza-100
 Harrel's Fountian-97
 TAMUK-Turner Bishop Hall-93 The
 Cherry Tree-96
 Domino's Pizza-100 KISD-
 Central Warehouse-100 Perez School
 Cafeteria-100
 Memorial Middle School Cafeteria-100 Beto's Community Store-89 4 Breeze Drive
 Thru-94
 A&J Food Mart-96



Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Class

Food Handler Class 9 Students Regular Food Handler Class/Health Department
 Food Handler Class 7 Students Fundraiser Food Handler Class/Academy High School

Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events

City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Consumer Health

Consumer Health	Food Establishment Insp.	Restroom Insp.	Food Handler Attendees	Day Care & Foster Homes Insp.	Temp. Event Permits	Food
Oct 2014	72	116	50	0	10	
Nov 2014	59	85	69	6	7	
Dec 2014	44	67	14	2	0	
Jan 2015	65	102	57	2	14	
Feb 2015	57	69	54	4	7	

Animal Control Center Division

Food Donation

Our local Tractor Supply Company donated 70 pounds of dry dog food to the City County Health Department/Animal Control Center. Thank you for generous donation.

City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center

MONTHLY PET ADOPTION DAY

The City-County Health Department Animal Control Center will be opening the first Saturday (only) of every month sponsoring our monthly pet adoption day, animal releases and for any other animal control related issues. The

Center will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come by and see our variety of dogs, puppies, cats and kittens waiting to be adopted and have a second chance at life in a forever home!



Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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

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

Adopters and rescue groups wanted to save a life!

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

City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Animal Control

Animal Control	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015
Dogs impounded	191	126	121	127	107
Dogs adopted	28	22	26	27	18
Dogs released	24	26	21	30	42
<i>Dogs Rescue (Groups)</i>	41	12	28	26	19
Cats impounded	159	97	70	98	96
Cats adopted	6	6	12	11	6
Cats released	1	0	0	1	1
Cats rescued (Groups)	3	0	1	0	20
Opossum in traps	72	51	71	56	57
Other animals impounded	6	0	2	1	12
Other animals adopted	0	0	1	1	1
# of humans bitten	5	5	6	5	7

Mosquito Control Division-(Vector)

The City of Kingsville has received over 3 inches of rain in the past few days. With that in mind the City-County Health Department encourages you to dispose of any standing water in buckets, bird baths, old tires, and any other containers that may breed mosquitos. Use this flyer to help **YOU** reduce the risk of disease and the breeding of mosquitos. ***Do your part in Keeping Kingsville Clean and Safe. Together we can all make a Difference!***

City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Vector Control

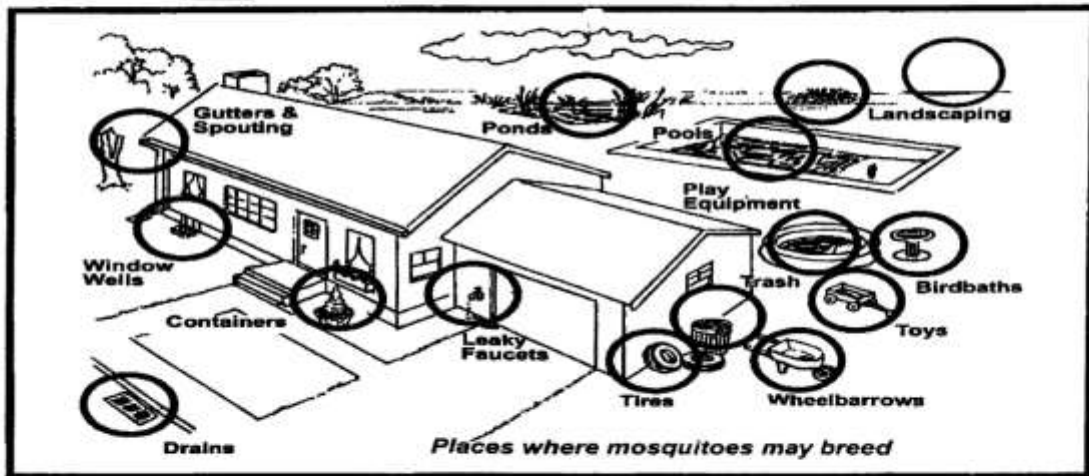
Vector Control	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015
Calls pertaining to bees	18	1	4	4	6
Removal of swarms	7	1	1	1	6
Site unable to abate	11	0	3	3	0
Mosquito surveillance	0	1	0	0	0

Larvacide applications (Blocks)	0	0	0	0	0
Adulticide Application (Days of Mosquito Spraying at night)	3	0	0	0	0

REDUCE THE RISK OF DISEASE



BREEDING MOSQUITOES AT YOUR HOUSE!!



To eliminate standing water:

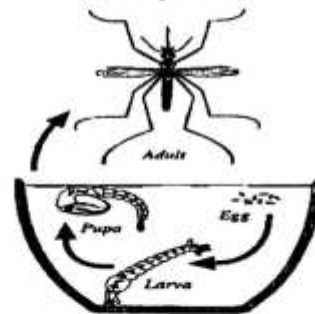
- Clean storm drains
- Fix leaky faucets
- Clean and chlorinate all pools
- Clean clogged gutters
- Remove old tires, cans, bottles, jars, buckets, drums and other containers or keep them empty of water
- Change water in flower vases, bird baths, planters and animal watering pans everyday



IF YOU CAN'T GET RID OF OLD TIRES
Add 3 tablespoons of salt to the water in each tire and it will kill the mosquitoes

Personal protection:

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



Life Cycle

The stages of a mosquito's life cycle.

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

RISK MANAGEMENT (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Risk Manager)



Great Job being completed at Dick Kleberg Park Recreation Center

The City of Kingsville has been having several helping hands the past few days at the Dick Kleberg Park Recreation Center. Nine offenders and two correctional officers from the Glossbrenner Unit in San Diego, Texas are assisting Parks & Recreation Manager Susan Ivy and her staff to give the Recreation Center a face lift. The building was in need of a facelift. It received fresh paint, repair and replacement of ceiling tiles, a re-built stage area, and landscaping improvements. In just a few short days, the nine inmates were able to work miracles. The Recreation Center looks amazing. We are hoping they will come back in the next few weeks to assist in other areas in the park. A big thank you goes to Warden Givens of the Glossbrenner Unit and City Staff for making this project possible.

Call Before You Dig. It's The Law!



Because even relatively minor excavation activities like landscaping or fencing can cause damage to a pipeline, its protective casing, and/or buried utility lines, always contacts your state's One-Call Center before engaging in any excavation, construction, farming, or digging. Most states require two working-days' notice to the One-Call center to allow the utility companies to mark their pipelines and utilities at your proposed digging site. In fact, most serious damage done to pipelines is done when a third party inadvertently excavates, blasts, or drills within a pipeline right-of-way. By contacting the One-Call Center first, this type of damage can be prevented. Sometimes pipeline companies will require a representative to be present to monitor the safe excavation. One easy, free phone call to 811 starts the process to get your underground pipelines and utility lines marked. When you call 811 from anywhere in the country, your call will be routed to your state's One-Call Center. Once underground lines have been marked for your project, you will know the approximate location of your pipelines and

utility lines and can dig safely. More information regarding 811 can be found at www.call811.com.

Winter Walking



Although it generally does not last long, cold weather is once again upon us in Texas. Oftentimes with the cold comes the unforgiving north winds, freezing rain, sleet, and snow that can catch us off guard. Being prepared for winter weather events can reduce injuries and accidents and even save lives. It is critical to create an awareness of hazardous conditions and provide training regarding the proper methods to walk on or around ice and snow. Some important safety reminders include:

- Walk slowly and wear slip resistant footwear. Avoid wearing heels and footwear with slippery soles during ice and snow events.
- Avoid carrying large or bulky items on ice or snow. Wait for the ice or snow to melt or find assistance.
- Be cautious when getting in and out of vehicles. Maintain at least three points of contact (two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand) with a handle, stair/step, or ground.
- Be aware of slippery floors. Use salt or other ice melting methods at entrances to buildings and walk without your hands in your pockets so you can use your hands to grip handrails.

How Time Change Affects Our Health



At 2 a.m. Sunday morning March 8th, we finally recaptured that lost hour of sleep from last March as we marked the end of daylight saving time. And for the [47 million Americans](#) who are sleep

deprived, that extra hour is a chance to literally make up for lost time. The welcome counterpart to the hour of sleep we lose at the beginning of spring, which can take up to a week to adjust to and send those who are already sleep deprived over the threshold of "crashing and burning." In fact, some studies have found a link between the spring-forward clock change and [an increase in accidents and heart attacks](#).



The Risk Manager received the final report from staff on the Discovery Program action items. Staff has been working hard for several months on action items that were recommended by the discovery team. These action items will assist departments in a progressive approach in improving loss prevention performance. The process has required participation of all departments for its success. The purpose of The Discovery Program is to assist TMLIRP's members with improving their loss prevention performance by identifying potential deficiencies and providing suggestions and recommendations for corrective actions.

KLEBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY (Courtesy of Robert Rodriguez, Library Director)

Mold Remediation and A/C System Update

The library recently received encouraging news as remediation efforts slowly begin winding down. On Monday, March 9, 2015, Mrs. Veronica Hare, Kleberg County Insurance Coordinator, informed Library Director Robert Rodriguez that the air samples taken from the building on Monday, March 2, 2015, came back negative for mold. Mrs. Hare notified Ramos Refrigeration that their technicians had the clearance to begin the next phase of the A/C upgrade. This phase includes installing the new air handlers and dehumidifier, which is expected to take approximately five weeks to complete. Once the new equipment has been installed and a stable air temperature has been maintained, technicians with GCI Remediation (Gerloff Company) will return to complete their remediation services by disassembling their equipment and returning the library's collection and furniture from offsite locations. While the library is empty and closed, the Library Board feels this is an opportune time to replace the carpet, which was installed in 1978. In those 37 years, the carpet has seen a lot of traffic and is now stained, torn, and lifting up in areas. The library is working with City



and County officials to explore the possibility of replacing the carpet before the library reopens to the public. The library is tentatively scheduled to reopen the latter part of April 2015. To keep the public informed, the library has posted a few pictures of the process on its Facebook page.

Library Outreach Programs Continue

The library's outreach coordinator and members of staff had an opportunity to visit with local students at a recent community events, the *South Texas Career Expo* on March 6, 2015, at the J. K. Northway Exposition Center. Library staff was on hand to answer questions and provide



brochures about the library's online services to students, their parents, and educators. Over 500 visitors stopped by the library's outreach table to visit with staff and learn more about the library's services. The library's next outreach is the *Dual Credit Enrollment Meeting*, on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at H.M. King High School from 6:30-7:30 p.m. That event is followed by the *County Wide Eggstravaganza* on Saturday, March 28, 2015, on the Kleberg County

Courthouse grounds from 2-4 p.m. The bookmobile's *Library on the Go* staff will be on hand for these events. For more information about scheduling the library for a public or academic outreach, which can include the *Library on the GO* bookmobile, contact the library's outreach coordinator at (361) 592-6381.

Join Overdrive® in the Big Library Read

The library is participating in the *Big Library Read*, "a global eBook club." A compatible electronic device or home computer with Internet access is needed to check out and download eBooks from the library's website. Patrons with a valid library card will click on the "Enjoy eBooks" banner to access the collection. The spring selection is Laura Bates' *Shakespeare Saved My Life: Ten Years in Solitary with the Bard*, available from March 17-31, 2015.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Courtesy of Diana Gonzalez, Director)

Human Resource Department
Staff Report: March 13, 2015

Did you know? TMRS has announced the 2014 Annual Statement Mailing Schedule.

Annual statements to active TMRS members (contributing and non-contributing) will be sent in four groups in March according to the schedule below. The statements will also be available on MyTMRS at the time they mail. These statements reflect each member's account balance for the 2014 calendar year and provide estimates for future retirement annuities and beneficiary information. Statements to TMRS retirees and beneficiaries were sent in early February.

Year 2015

<u>Mail Dates</u>	<u>Member ZIP Codes</u>
March 13	00000 - 75999
March 19	76000 - 77499

March 24 77500 - 78299
 March 27 78300 - 99999

Current Employment Opportunities

Fire – Firefighter, Fire Telecommunication’s Operator
 Parks and Recreation – Seasonal Temporary Pool Staff: Life Guards, Water Safety Instructors
 Police – Officers, Police Telecommunication’s Operator
 Public Works - Garage – Maintenance Technician (Mechanic)
 Public Works – Landfill – Equipment Operator I
 Public Works - Street – Maintenance Worker
 Public Works - Wastewater – Utility Worker

New Employees - 0

March Anniversaries

<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DIVISION/DEPARTMENT</u>
37	Toni Cortez	Equipment Operator II	Sanitation/Public Works
23	Pete Pina	Landfill Supervisor	Landfill/Public Works
22	Viola Watson	Admin. Assistant II	Police
17	David Pena	Foreman	Wastewater/Public Works
16	David Garza	Police Officer	Police
16	Miguel Sandoval	Fire Lieutenant	Fire
13	Jesus Reyes	Police Officer	Police
13	Ricardo Salinas	Police Officer	Police
11	Jorge Flores	Police Officer	Police
7	Norma Cavazos	Payroll Specialist	Finance
2	Kristina Phillips	Community Appearance Inspector	Planning
1	Stephanie Ramos	Telecommunications Operator	Police

Separations

Guadalupe Cavazos – Maintenance Worker – Street/Public Works Dept.

Prescription Discount Program – National League of Cities (NLC)

January 2015 – 27 prescriptions filled under this program used by a total of 14 individuals for a monthly savings of \$ 245. The average price savings was \$9.09 per prescription which translates to a 18.1% savings on prescriptions.

Data from January 2013 to current, the program has been utilized by 384 individuals for a grand total savings of \$12,901.98. The plan has averaged a 26.8% savings in filling 968 prescriptions for persons in the Kingsville community.

Civil Service Corner

Civil Service Commission Members:
 Nick Harrel - Chairperson
 Dora Martinez - Vice-Chairperson
 Alonzo Lopez

The next regular Civil Service Commission meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2015 at 12 noon at the City Commission Chambers.

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

Recertification Workshop for Our DPS Associate Trainer

On Wednesday March 4th, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Administrative Assistant II, Kathy Rios, attended a recertification workshop as a TCIC/NCIC Associate Trainer in Granbury, Texas. The course covered recently implemented database files and current changes in policy and procedures, training issues, impending system changes and an overview of the role and responsibility of a TCIC/NCIC Associate Trainer. While on her stay up north, an arctic blast blew in and brought with it 4 inches of snow!



One Kilo of Meth Located Within a Commercial Truck and Tanker Trailer

On Thursday March 5th, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Kirkpatrick was working criminal patrol in the Kingsville area within Kleberg County. Agent Kirkpatrick observed a commercial truck and tanker trailer traveling north bound on U.S. Hwy 77. Agent Kirkpatrick observed the driver of the truck commit the traffic violation of Fail to Maintain a Single Lane. Agent Kirkpatrick conducted a traffic stop on U.S. HWY 77 and CR 2140. The driver was identified as a Hispanic male from Harlingen, Texas. As a result of the traffic stop, Agent Kirkpatrick received verbal consent to search the truck and tanker trailer from the commercial truck driver. Kingsville Task Force Agents located a bundle of contraband wrapped in clear plastic concealed inside a tool box located on the tanker trailer. The substance was field tested and identified as Methamphetamine. The weight of the contraband was 2.2 lbs. which equals 1 kilo – approximate street value of \$28,000.00. The subject was booked and incarcerated in the Kleberg County Jail without incident. The commercial truck and tanker trailer were released to the registered company.



KTF Administration Hosts Appreciation BBQ for Its Employees

On Wednesday March 11th, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Administrative Staff hosted a BBQ to thank its agents and staff for their outstanding interdiction accomplishments this calendar year (the first 2½ months).

Kingsville Task Force Interdiction Agents have seized over 1.8 million dollars in U.S. currency, 24 ½ kilos of cocaine, 25 pounds of synthetic marijuana and 1 kilo of meth. KTF Agents have assisted other law enforcement agencies with the seizure of 167 pounds of marijuana, 20 kilos of cocaine and another 18 kilos of marijuana. CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE ON ALL THE OUTSTANDING JOBS!!!



TOURISM (Courtesy of Leo Alarcon, Tourism Director)

Tourism Director represents Kingsville at State Capitol for Kingsville Day

Tourism Director Leo Alarcon was in attendance and represented the City of Kingsville at the state capitol recently for Kingsville Day. Several delegations from all jurisdictions in the area were also in attendance. There were presentations made for Kingsville Day by both Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. and State Representative J. M. Lozano. Many Texas A&M University-Kingsville representatives were on hand for Javelina Day as well.



Spring Break visitors visit Center

Spring Breakers come in all sizes! Pictured are these young Spring Breakers along with their families from San Antonio area stopped by the Visitors Center for a break and to gather some travel information. The kids were so excited about not being in school and for heading to a world class beach, South Padre Island for a few days.



Kingsville Chamber of Commerce annual banquet held

Strengthening communication through partnerships was the theme at the annual Kingsville Chamber of Commerce this week. Several awards were presented by the chamber including business of the year which went to Harrel's Drugs. Citizen of the Year went to Sister Elizabeth and the Otis West Lifetime Services Award went to Jean Clair Turcotte. Representing the City of Kingsville were Commissioners Al Garcia and Arturo Pecos and Courtney Alvarez, Leo Alarcon and Tom Ginter. In attendance and not pictured were Mayor Sam Fugate and Mayor Pro-tem Dianne Leubert.



DOWNTOWN MANAGER *(Courtesy of Cynthia Martin, Downtown Manager)*



Canopy replacement at Innovation Lab under contract

A façade grant was awarded to TAMUK earlier this year to replace the current canopy at the Javelina

Innovation Lab, 231 E Kleberg, with one more in keeping with the canopy shown in this historic photo. The canopy is in poor repair and its replacement is the first step in a longer process to upgrade the façade of the building. A contract has been executed with an engineer and the project has moved into the design phase. The building dates to 1911. In 1913, John Cypher's moved his Kingsville Furniture Company to this location. The name was changed to Cypher's 5¢ and 10¢ Store and continued in that location for 40 years.

First Farmers Market Comes to Fruition

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of the Board of the Kingsville Farmers Market, the February 28th market was a huge success. First in a series of markets that will be held the fourth Saturday of every month through the fall, the market brought plenty of visitors downtown. We hope the market's success will serve to encourage more groups to use this wonderful facility. Thanks are due to Commissioner Dianne Leubert for joining the Board and lending her support to the market.



Depot Museum Tour for Local Boy Scouts

On March 10th, local boy scouts and their parents were the latest group to tour the Depot Museum. The scouts were entertained with stories of early day Kingsville getting a history lesson in the bargain. The tour was arranged by City Engineer and scout leader, Charlie Cardenas – the second time such a tour was arranged. Tourism arranges special group tours of the Depot Museum on average of once a month.



Encouraged

Historical Development Board Chair, Maggie Salinas and Downtown Manager, Cynthia Martin, met with the new owners of the Flato School to encourage them to preserve the historic school. Mrs. Salinas invited Tom Ginter, City Planner, to attend.



The history of the school and its importance to the community was shared with the new owners. Mr. Ginter was able to answer a few of their concerns. After sitting so long vacant, it will be

good to see the building put to use. “The best preserved building is one that is lived in” – in this case occupied.

Annual PDAP Drug- free Walk through Downtown Set for April



Capt. Christopher Misner, Commander of NAS Kingsville will be Grand Marshal of this year’s Palmer Drug Abuse Program’s Drug-free Walk. This year the walk will be held Saturday, April 25th at 11:00 am. As in past years, the walk will start at the Kleberg County Courthouse, after a brief program and end at the KISD offices at 3rd & Henrietta for contests, games live music and free food. This year, however, the walk will proceed west along Yoakum Avenue rather than Kleberg Avenue leaving shoppers access to downtown businesses on the busiest retail day of the week. City of Kingsville staff has always been well-represented at the walk. The above photo shows some of last year’s City contingency. Theresa Cavazos, Permits, is seen holding the team trophy award – the second year in a row for most walkers. Rumor has it they will be trying for a third.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Joey Reed, Fire Chief)

Training and Professional Development

Training – B and C shift personnel attended classes on harassment, sexual harassment, discrimination, fire department code of conduct, and disciplinary rules.

Planning



Community Project Development Meetings – The fire chief and fire marshal attended one planning development committee meeting with other department heads to discuss phase 2 of the Legends apartment complex.

Fire Prevention Program Design – Work still continues on developing a proposal for the City Commission on improving fire life safety inspections and plan review of new and existing buildings within the City.

Exhaust Removal System – The City Commission approved a bid from Plymovent to install new vehicle exhaust removal systems in both fire stations as part of the FEMA grant the City Fire Department was awarded. The Commission is reviewing the budget amendment to provide \$8,100 in matching funds to the project that has a total expense of \$81,000.

Other Department Activities

Uniform Issue – New station uniforms are still being issued out. Uniform committee to meet to discuss updated policies on uniforms.

Dispatcher Hiring – The fire chief met with HR Director Diana Gonzales to discuss hiring procedures for new fire department dispatchers.

Performance Evaluations – The fire chief is reviewing annual employee performance evaluations.

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

New Policies or Policy Revisions:

- AM15-03: Passengers in City Vehicles
- OM15-02: Radio Issues and Safety



Equipment and Facilities:

Fire Station 2 - The new fence around the back porch of fire station 2 has been completed.

Handicap access railing is being installed at front entrance.

Fire Station 2 Street Widening and Improvements -

New sidewalk poured and now new sloping connector from sidewalk to curb constructed. Still waiting on installation of front steps down to street sidewalk.

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

Engine 2 – Water pump leaking. Parts ordered at Warehouse.

Brush 1 – The EGR valve was repaired by the auto dealer at an expense of over \$3,000.

2014-15 Projects:



Thermal Imager: New Thermal Imager (TMI) has been delivered. Captain Sandoval is working to get



it programmed, tested, and provide a training program for all personnel.

New Fire Marshal Vehicle: Truck has been delivered and is being outfitted with equipment.

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.

Intercom System for Fire Apparatus: Have tested sample equipment that has been provided by a vendor. Staff is requesting additional quotes for DIR purchasing options.

Fire Station 1 Improvements: Still in review. A revised scope of work is being submitted to contractors.

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

Computer Aided Dispatch System: Continuing to review CAD options.

Computer Server, Terminal, and Software: Most email problems have been corrected. No viewing of surveillance cameras.

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

Station Lettering Project: New lettering has been installed on both fire stations.

Fire Department Response Statistics for the period of:

08:00 hrs on February 27th, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on March 13th, 2015.

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	16
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	121
Total Emergency Responses -	137

Major Events during the period: No major events during the period.

PARKS & RECREATION (Courtesy of Susan Ivy, Parks Manager)

Spring Soccer kicks off a new year of youth athletics at Dick Kleberg Park. Kingsville Youth Soccer Organization is one of the best organized youth organizations around and has brought hundreds of families to Dick Kleberg Park every week for many years. Many Saturdays in spring or fall you will find a park full of kids and families giving their all to their teams. It fills my heart with joy to see our park filled with fun. Boys & Girls Club of Kingsville Little League will get started later this month, and a newly formed Thunder Girls Softball League has opening ceremonies on March 21st.



Demolition completed and construction has begun on our re-roof project at Brookshire Pool. The rain has made progress difficult but not impossible. Anticipated completion would be in

another week or two.

Additional work will include new lighting and a whole lot of paint.

After 5 months of top name entertainers booked into the J.K. Northway, the Josh Abbott Band played on Feb. 27th to a less than expected crowd. The weather was atrocious (one of our coldest,



rainiest days) that day and we will blame it all on that.

The Riviera ISD/Kleberg Kenedy County AgriLife Extension Youth Career Expo's 13th year still brings schools from all around South Texas to Kingsville to introduce their students to college and career opportunities they should consider. An anticipated 2,000 students visit the event each year.



We have spent much of our week last week on the rejuvenation of the Recreation Hall in Dick Kleberg Park. With funds donated from 4H and inmate labor from the San Diego Prison System a fresh coat



of paint, new ceiling tiles and a new look to the old stage has made a big difference already. New restroom partitions and kitchen counters are planned for the next phase of this project. Thanks to Melissa Perez – Risk Manager, Charlie Cardenas, Leo Alarcon, Bill Donnell, Deborah Balli, David Mason, Courtney Alvarez, Parks Dept. Carpenter and most of all to 4H for making this project possible.

Since the Bigger Event was cancelled due to weather, we are rescheduling some of our other projects that were planned for that event such as lots of work on the Baseball and Softball Fields to prepare for Spring Season and some paint on the Soccer field goals as well. We will be looking for some of the TAMUK clubs to assist with our catchup projects. Mow, Mow, Mow, weed-eat.

The Parks Department, Extension Office, Boys & Girls Club, Boxing Club, Library and others had planned to host Spring Break in the Park on Tuesday, March 17th at Dick Kleberg Park Playground 4-6pm with a Movie in the Park at 7:30pm; however, this outdoor event had to be cancelled due to rain. As always check out all Parks activities and events on our Kingsville Parks & Recreation Facebook page.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, Director)

Engineering Division (2/23-3/8)

Engineering and GIS

Engineering and GIS are continuing with the street construction schedule. Engineering has been surveying for the Street Department on Carlos Truan Blvd. The purpose of the project is to relieve standing water on Lewis and Virginia Streets. Engineering is also setting blue tops on Johnston Street between 2nd and 3rd street.



Street Division (2/23-3/8)

Road Constructions – 200 W. Johnston Ave.

- Cut out top layer of asphalt
- Cut out grass curbs
- Trimmed long branches
- Cut out caliche down to subgrade
- Placed blue tops
- Filled driveways with limestone
- Filled block with 380 tons of limestone, watered, rolled and swept curbs
- Used 445.66 tons of Limestone
- Put new blades on motor grader
- Mixed wet limestone with dry limestone, rolled back in and swept curbs
- Checked signs

Weed eating

- Caesar Ave. from 77 Bypass to 14th St.

Gutter

- 2nd St. from Richard Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Richard Ave. from 2nd St. to 4th St.
- 3rd St. & 4th St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Alice Ave.
- Richard Ave. from 4th St. to 5th St.
- 5th St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Lee Ave.
- Alice Ave. from 6th St. to 4th St.
- 4th St. from Alice Ave. to Lee Ave.
- Alice Ave. from 4th St. to 3rd St.
- Alice Ave. from 4th St. to Wells St.
- 2nd St. from Alice Ave. to Lee Ave.
- Wells Ave. from Alice Ave. to Henrietta Ave.
- Lee Ave. from Armstrong Ave. to 4th St.
- 1st, 2nd St. and 3rd St. from Lee Ave. to Henrietta Ave.
- Alice Ave. from Wells Ave. to Armstrong Ave.
- Yoakum Ave. from 3rd St. to 6th St.
- 4th St. & 5th St. from Yoakum Ave. to King Ave.
- Henrietta Ave. from 3rd St. to Armstrong Ave.
- Wells from Henrietta Ave. to Yoakum Ave.
- Yoakum Ave. from 3rd St. to 6th St.

- Kleberg Ave. from 4th St. to 5th St.
- Yoakum Ave. from Armstrong Ave. to 2nd St.
- 4th St. from Lee Ave. to Henrietta Ave.
- Lee Ave. from 4th St. to 5th St.
- 5th St. from Lee Ave. to Henrietta Ave.
- Henrietta Ave. from 5th St. to 3rd St.
- 3rd St. from Henrietta Ave. to Kleberg Ave.
- Pasadena & Ailsie Ave. from 14th St. to Carlos Truan Blvd.

Sweeping

- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from 6th St. to 14th St.
- 14th St. from Corral Ave. to 6th St.
- 6th St. from Corral Ave. to Loop 428
- Corral Ave. from Hwy 77 to Armstrong Ave.
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to Hwy 141
- 6th St. from Loop 428 to Corral Ave.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St. to Star
- Caesar Ave. from 6th St. to 14th St.
- Lee Ave. from 5th St. to 6th St.
- 6th St. from Lee Ave. to Yoakum Ave.
- Armstrong from Corral Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Corral Ave. from 6th St. to 14th St.
- Drain water on 16th St. from Lott Ave. to Huisache Ave., 15th St. to 16th St., Parker St. to Virginia St., VFW Hall and Virginia St. to Parker St.
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to Hwy 141
- Corral Ave. from Armstrong Ave. to Hwy 77
- Armstrong Ave. from King Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- 14th from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Corral Ave. from Hwy 77 to 14th St.
- 6th St. from Richard Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- Richard Ave. from 6th St. to 9th St.
- Alice Ave. from 6th St. to 7th St.
- 9th St. from Richard Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.

Round Up

- Caesar Ave. from Hwy 77 to 18th St.
- Caesar Ave. from 6th St. to 14th St.
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from 14th St. to Hwy 77
- General Cavazos Blvd. from Hwy 77 to Shelly St.
- Shelly St. from Ailsie St. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from Shelly St. to Brahma Blvd.
- Ailsie St. from 14th St. to Elizabeth St.

Equipment Maintenance

- Put new blades on Unit #525 & #5110
- Put new mud flaps on Unit #505 & #535
- Replaced the three doors in Hopper with new doors and brackets then replaced old locking latch with new one and straighten out locking plates on Unit #545
- Replaced brackets and bottom door also adjusted locking plates and greased hopper seal on Unit #545
- Cut off old com-lock and replaced it with a new one on Unit #9307

Hot Mix/Cold Patch

Hot Mix

- Jerome St. & Michael St.
- 1st St. & Ave B
- Ragland Ave. & 14th St.
- 1st St. & Ave C
- 1st St. & Ella Ave.
- 2102 E Caesar Ave.
- 6th St. & Johnston Ave. (Water Patch)
- Wells St. & Ella Ave.
- Lee St. & Alarcon St.
- Alice Ave. & 6th St.
- Trant Rd from FM 1717 to 6th St.
- Trant Rd. from Golf Course Rd to Hwy 77
- 22nd St. from Louisiana St. to John St.
- 19th St. & Warren Ave.



Cold Mix

- Chandler St. from General Cavazos Blvd to Jayvee St.
- Van St. from Jayvee St. to Helen Marie St.
- Helen Marie St. from Dodd St. to 6th St.
- Elizabeth St. & Michael St.
- Elizabeth St. & Ailsie St.
- Jerome St. & Michael St.
- Jerome St. & Ailsie St.
- Hwy 77 Bypass & King Ave.
- Oklahoma St.
- Santa Anita St.
- Ave H
- Trant Rd. from Golf Course Rd to Hwy 77
- 22nd St. from Louisiana St. to John St.
- 19th St. & Warren Ave.

Alley Maintenance

- Cut branches at 430 E Fordyce Ave.
- Cleaned cul-de-sac on Huisache Ave
- Move Timers on school lights at Kleberg school
- Picked up 20 T-post from Recycling Center
- Put orange cones on Yoakum Ave & Lee Ave.
- Put up orange mesh on 6th St
- Took barricades to 6th St for Trash Off
- 716 W Kleberg Ave.
- 221 ½ W Ave C

Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Put back Stop sign for TxDOT on 6th St. & Loop 428
- Picked up barricades on 6th St. & Ave B
- Installed new pipe on Stop sign on Jackson St. & Yoakum Ave.
- Took down orange mesh on the Railroad and at 6th St. & Ave B
- Helped with Cold mix on 6th St. & Santa Gertrudis and on 19th St. & Warren Ave
- Cold mixed on Corral Ave.
- Fixed weed eaters
- Cut branches and weed-eated on East Ave F
- Put Mourning signs at 802 E Mesquite Ave. and at Candlewood St.
- Replaced Stop sign on 1st St. & Ave A

Water Production (2-23 –3/8)

Collected 12 routine Bacteriological Samples:

- 714 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave.
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave.
- 213 Pasadena
- 2020 Sherwood
- 1612 Shirley
- 417 E. Nettie Ave
- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 4011 Allen Drive



Collected 14 daily chlorine residuals:

- 1121 E. Ave A
- 511 College Place

- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 332 E. Ave B
- 714 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 1612 Shirley
- 2020 Sherwood
- 213 Pasadena
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave
- 711 E. Ragland Ave.
- 315 S. 24th St.

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

Water pumped to distribution (2/23 – 3/8): Wells – 35,540,000 gallons; Surface – 3,315,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 39,915,000 gallons; Average –5,702,000 gals/day

Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (2/23-3/8)

Wastewater Treatment North Plant – Operators and Helpers cleaned primary and secondary clarifier troughs and weirs. Operators shoveled sludge from sand drying bed. Helpers and Operators are replacing and cleaning UV modules. We continue wasting in wedge and sand drying beds and wire drying beds. Operators and Helpers are mowing grass around plant and lift stations. Helper are also wasting sludge into drying beds. Received quote from David Mendez Contractor for UV shed. Pump Solutions installed a control panel at Sage Lift Station. Rabalais troubleshot turblex blower control panel. Operators ran Bio Monitoring.

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. David Mendez Contractor finished door hinges at South Creek Lift Station. Rabalais troubleshot control box at bar screen.

Wastewater Collection – Had 5 call outs for sewer backups

927 W. Henrietta Ave.
 1015 N. 10th Ave.
 602 W. Nettie Ave.
 219 N. 14th St.
 200 E. Kleberg Ave.

3 – Sewer line repair

Installed clean out at 508 S. 18th St.

Videod service line and unplugged main line at 407 E. Ave B.

1 – Bad odor call at 904 E. Hoffman

5 – Line locates

Located manhole at 10th St. and Huisache Ave.

Excavated trench for electrician at the North Plant

Scheduled work for the week

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

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

Cleaning sewer mains, curbs & gutters.

Clean troughs (Mon, Thurs, and Fri)

Clean drying beds (Tues, Wed.)

3 & 1 MGD wasting on drying beds

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

Plant helpers spraying weed killer along fence lines & drying beds at the 1 & 3 MGD

David Mendez Contractor scheduled to work on UV shed at North Plant.

Construction crews working on repairing manholes at CR 3320 and General Cavazos Blvd. and at Armstrong and King Ave.

Construction crews working on repairing service line at 829 W. Henrietta Ave.

Water Distribution (2/23 – 3/8)

Repaired 2 Main Breaks and answered approximately 31- Service Calls

6” Main Break

13th St. and Johnston Ave.

8” Main Break

Huisache between 5th St. and 6th St.

16- Locates, 0-Service line leaks, 4- water leaks; 5 - Meter Leaks, 2- Backfills, 3- valve repairs, 0- Customer Side Leaks; 0- No Water/Low Pressures; 1 – Fire Hydrant 0- Turn off Water, 0 -Turn on and 0 – Water Tap.

- The Water Department continues to demo pool at Dick Kleberg Park.
- The Department received its new Skid Steer Loader from John Deere.

City Garage (2/23 –3/8)

Maintenance

6- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 36- Scheduled work orders; 69-Nonscheduled work; 4- Service calls; 1- Call out; 10-New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 23- flat tire repairs and balances; 26- pending work orders.

Unit 335 has been sent out to get the DPF system serviced and parts are on order for Unit 338.

Welder

8- received work order; 1- pending work orders

Welder cut and replaced bearing in Unit 334 and repaired the floor in the packer, Unit 338.

Welder is welding valve tools for Water and Wastewater.

Solid Waste (2/23 – 3/8)

Landfill - (2/23 – 3/8)

Daily litter clean-up continues in and around the facility. The magnet trailer is also being used to pick up nails around the facility and surrounding roads leading to the landfill. The Landfill started new lift (X, Y-9, 10). The entrance to landfill was mowed and burned brush. Tim and Gary went to Bobcat to discuss the new Skid Loader for the Landfill. On March 6th a 650 Skid Loader from Bobcat was brought to the Landfill to test out. The 2 quarter TCEQ MSW report was submitted. A Reman Engine has been order for the Scraper from Holt and we installed the new Scrapers on the Bomag Compactor. Congratulations goes out to Gary Munoz for receiving his Class A MSW Operator License.

Brush – 895.7260 tons; Garbage –74.77 tons; Litter – tons; Construction/Demolition – 415.26 tons; Concrete -84.07 tons, metals - .13 tons; Sludge –158.64 tons; and Recycled tires -0 tons.

Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 2/23 – 3/8 –**594,820** pounds; Commercial waste collected **709,360** pounds; Brush collected **95,600** pounds and construction debris collected **96,040** pounds. The brush crew is collecting in Zone 2 right now and Zone 1's White Goods were picked up on Friday March 6, 2015. Sanitation has been helping Community



Appearance finish small abatements as needed.

Sanitation has also taken over

watering new trees planted around the city and does this on Wednesdays. Sanitation helped with the trash off on 2/28/15 and helped in the garden. The Recycling Center is being upgraded this week with new lights and new bookshelves. The



lights have been out for several years. MIA Electric will be helping with repairs. Recycling for the month of January totaled 20.18 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Director)

Finance Administration Division

DID YOU KNOW?



An accountant is the inventor of bubble gum! Walter E. Dimer, was working as an accountant for Fleer Corporation when in his spare time he stumbled upon the unique recipe. The bubble gum was pink because that was the only food coloring in the factory. Number-crunchers and gum chewers = A wonderful combination.

<http://www.financerising.com/2012/10/01/7-fun-facts-about-accountancy/>

Annual Audit

Luke Womack and his staff are in the middle of the City of Kingsville's annual audit. Items already reviewed by the auditors include, cash, utility billing, insurance and fixed assets among other items. The Finance Department continues to work with the auditors to ensure they have all the necessary information and records to audit the City of Kingsville's financial records.

Budget Preparations

Finance Director, Deborah Balli, recently sent out an email to department directors notifying them of the Finance Department's plans to submit the FY15-16 budget document to the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program (Budget Awards Program). The GFOA established the Budget Awards Program in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality. During the budget process, each department will need to prepare and submit a mission statement along with their functions and initiatives. We look forward to working with all departments in an effort to bring this award to the City of Kingsville.

Employee Leave Report

****Sick available after 90 days-Vacation available after 180 days****
****Negative Sick and Vacation balances are not allowed****

Every 2 weeks payroll distributes an Employee Leave Report that shows available sick and vacation time. Please note new employees are not eligible to use sick leave until they have reached 90 days and vacation leave is not allowed until they have reached 180 days. This notice can be seen on the bottom of every

Employee Leave Report. Negative sick and vacation balances are not allowed. Employee leave information can be found on every direct deposit notice and paycheck.

Accounts Payable Deadline

The Finance Department would like to remind all departments of the Accounts Payable Payment Processing Deadlines. All invoices and purchase orders need to be turned into the appropriate department (Purchasing or Finance) by Wednesday at noon to be included in that week's check run. This will allow Purchasing and Finance to process outstanding purchase orders and debit memos for payment. Checks will be printed Thursday afternoon and mailed/distributed Friday afternoon. All payable items that do not make the Wednesday deadline will be processed the following week. Any item that needs to be processed after the Wednesday deadline will need specific approval from the Finance Director.

**Please note any items that are incomplete or require additional research by Finance or Purchasing may cause a delay in payment.

Payroll Reminder

Direct deposit notices and paychecks are available for pick up in the Finance office by 11:30 on Payroll Thursdays.

Utility Billing Division



The month of March is water conservation month so the staff at Utility Billing would like to provide you with the following tips for saving water and money:

Kitchen

- Plug up the sink or use a wash basin if washing dishes by hand.
- If you use a dishwasher, make sure it is fully loaded before you turn it on.
- While you're at it, scrape that plate instead of rinsing before loading it into the dishwasher.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Thaw food in the refrigerator overnight rather than using a running tap of hot water.
- Add food wastes to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run. Fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Dishwashers typically use less water than washing dishes by hand. Now, Energy Star dishwashers save even more water and energy.

- If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day, or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses that need washing.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up. This also reduces energy costs.
- Cook food in as little water as possible. This also helps retain more nutrients.
- Select the proper pan size for cooking. Large pans may require more cooking water than necessary.
- If you accidentally drop ice cubes, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.

Customer Service Representatives

The staff at Utility Billing have to deal with answering the phones, taking payments, applying mail payments, answering customers' questions, addressing customer issues, and other miscellaneous duties. Some of these duties are time sensitive especially on disconnect days; Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Customer service representatives include Gina Salinas (1st window), Elvia Rodriguez (2nd window), and Worthie Gonzales (3rd window, Monday, Wednesday, and ½ day Friday). All are ready to assist customers with their needs.

Many times the Customer service representatives have to multi-task to get the job done. This is not uncommon. Many of the staff have years of experience in dealing with customers. We have two billing specialists in the department. Erica H. Bruce handles Utility Billing and Aileen Escamilla handles the Account Receivables Billing. Aileen Escamilla also works the third window on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and ½ day on Friday. All the staff is assigned additional duties and is knowledgeable in their field.

Staff is ready to assist you from Monday-Friday, except holidays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. The department is open during lunch hours. Staff is happy to assist you over the phone as well by calling 361-592-5281.



Thanks for a job well done day in and day out staff! You as well as the meter techs are what keep this department going. Your work is very much appreciated. Keep up the good teamwork!

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.

Kingsville Municipal Court

This report covers the court activity from February 24, 2015 thru March 9, 2015.

New Cases

57 Parking, **191** Traffic, **63** State Law, **29** City Ordinance

Cases Disposed

31 Parking, **303** Traffic, **153** State Law, **27** City Ordinance

Warrants

108 Issued, **186** Executed (Served)

Collections

Collections during this period came to \$81,496.31 in fines and court costs.

Court Dates – March 2015

Pre Trial Session	3/03	9:00 am	
Attorney Cases Only	3/17	9:00 am	
Contempt of Court	3/10 & 3/24	9:00 am	
Inmate Session	3/12 & 3/26	2:00 pm	
Regular Court Hearing	3/12 & 3/26	3:00 pm	
Jury Trial Hearing	3/26	9:00 am	(Asst. DA Prosecutor Popejoy)



Trial Hearing Bench 3/26 4:00 pm (Asst. CA Prosecutor Craig)

Court Dates – April 2015

Pre Trial Session 4/07 9:00 am
Attorney Cases Only 4/21 9:00 am

Contempt of Court 4/14 & 4/28 9:00 am
Inmate Session 4/09 & 4/23 2:00 pm
Regular Court Hearing 4/09 & 4/23 3:00 pm
Jury Trial Hearing 4/23 9:00 am (Asst. DA Prosecutor Popejoy)
Trial Hearing Bench 4/09 & 4/23 4:00 pm (Assist CA Prosecutor Craig)

Acknowledgments

Many thanks to the Kingsville Police Department for the security provided during the court sessions of February 26, 2015! Special thanks to Sgt. Campos and Ptlm. Fierova

**I just got a traffic ticket.
Now what do I do?**



Do I Have To Appear In Court?

The law requires you appear in court on your case. You must appear either in person or by attorney, within ten days after receiving the traffic ticket.

**** A TELEPHONE CALL IS NOT A MANNER OF COURT APPEARANCE****

What If I Am A Juvenile?

The Municipal Court has jurisdiction over juveniles, 16 years or younger, charged with Class "C" misdemeanor offenses except public intoxication. All juveniles are required to appear in open court for all proceedings in their cases, along with the parent or guardian of the juvenile. Juveniles who fail to appear or who fail to pay their fine will be reported to the Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety will suspend your driver's license. If you do not have a driver's license you will not be able to obtain one until you appear in court to dispose of the case.

Special Notice to those under age 17:

Article 45.057(h) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure states, in part:

A child and parent required to appear before the court have an obligation to provide the court in writing with the current address and residence of the child. The obligation does not end when the child reaches age 17. On or before the seventh day after the date the child or parent changes residence, the child or parent shall notify the court of the current address in the manner directed by the court. A violation of this subsection may result in arrest and is a Class C misdemeanor. The obligation to provide notice terminates on discharge and satisfaction of the judgment or final disposition not requiring a finding of guilt.

Can I Take a Driving Safety Course or Deferred Disposition (over 25 of age)?

If you are charged with a “moving” traffic offense and do not hold a CDL, you may ask the Judge, within 10 days after receiving the ticket, to take a Driving Safety Course or file a motion for Deferred Disposition. If you were operating a motorcycle and request to take a Driving Safety Course you may take a motorcycle operator’s training course. At the time of either request you must do the following:

1. Present a copy of your valid driver’s license;
2. Present a copy of your current vehicle insurance policy.
3. Plead either guilty or no contest; and
4. Pay court costs, administration fee (exception on the deferral request) and post a cash bond for the fine up of to \$200.00 dollars; for offenses committed in school zone an additional \$25.00 dollars is required.

Prosecution of the traffic offense will be postponed for 90 days to allow you time to complete the course or comply with the Deferral order.

***You are required to attend a Driving Safety Course approved by the Texas Education Agency or a motorcycle operator’s course approved by the Department of Public Safety and present the completion certificate within 90 days, and provide to the court a Texas Department Driver’s License Report, and file an sworn affidavit of compliance for the Driving Safety Course or the Deferral court order. ***

You are eligible to request this course only if you:

1. Have not requested and taken a driving safety course for a traffic offense within the last 12 months.
2. Are not currently taking the course for another traffic violation;
3. Have not committed the offense of speeding 25 mph or more over the speed limit; and
4. Have not committed one of the following offenses:
 - a. Accident-damages and or injuries;
 - b. Leaving the scene of an accident;
 - c. Failing to stop/render aid;
 - d. Failure to report an accident;
 - e. Reckless driving;
 - f. Overtaking and passing a school bus;
 - g. Fleeing or attempting to flee a peace officer.

If you fail, within 90 days, to provide proof you have completed the Driving Safety Course Court Order you will be required to: 1) Request a hearing before the court, and 2) Forfeiture of the fine amount, which will result in a conviction. In addition, the conviction will be reported to the driver’s license division of DPS. Failure to be present at the hearing will result in a Failure to Appear charge being filed and a warrant being issued for your arrest.

What Are My Options?

Under our American system of justice all persons are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty. On a plea of not guilty a formal trial is held. The State is required to prove guilt of the

offense charged in the complaint "beyond a reasonable doubt" before a defendant can be found guilty by a judge or jury.

*** If you plead guilty or no contest, you should be prepared to pay the penalty and court cost***

Right to Appeal

In certain circumstances, you have the right to appeal a conviction in Municipal Court. All appeals from Municipal Court result in a new trial in County Court. A bond is required to be posted which is valued at twice the amount of fines and costs assessed by the city court.

How Much Will It Cost Me?

This is a current list of fines, including court costs, for some of the most common offenses. The fines for other offenses are available by contacting the court.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE COURT TO VERIFY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES AND COURT COSTS BEFORE MAKING PAYMENT!

Common Traffic Offenses

Speeding:	1-15 mph over limit	\$ 299.10
Speeding: School	1-15 mph over limit	\$ 324.10
Disregarding stop sign/traffic light:		\$299.10
Failure to yield right-of-way:		\$299.10
Ran Stop Sign:		\$299.10
Fail to Maintain Vehicle Insurance responsibility:		\$377-\$1000
No seat belt: Driver		\$149.10
No seat belt: Passenger		\$149.10
Unrestrained child, ages 4-15:		\$299.10
Unrestrained child, below age 4:		\$299.10
No driver's license:		\$299.10
Driving While License Invalid under PV Laws:		\$502.00
No Valid Class C Driver's License (Juvenile):		\$227.10
Expired Registration:		\$266.00
<i>**Register Vehicle-provide proof**</i>		\$20.00 (Dismissal fee)
Expired inspection sticker:		\$299.10
<i>**Fix inspection sticker-provide proof**</i>		\$20.00 (Dismissal fee)

City Ordinance Offenses:

Nighttime Curfew (Juvenile)	\$227.00
Daytime Curfew (Juvenile)	\$227.00
1 st Offense: Use of Wireless Cell Phone	\$316.00
2 nd Offense: Use of Wireless Cell Phone	\$566.90
Cat/Dog Vaccination & Licensing	\$232.00 (each dog/cat)
Fail to Comply with Dog/Cat Sterilization	\$227.00 (each dog/cat)
Dogs Running at Large	\$227.00 (each dog)
High Weeds	\$227.00 (each offense)

Illegal Dumping	\$227.00-\$2,000.00 (each offense)
Posting Notices	\$227.00 (each offense)
Prohibited Junk Vehicle	\$227.00 (each vehicle/offense)

What Happens If I Ignore This Citation or City Inspection Citation?

A warrant will be issued, you could be arrested, taken to jail and forced to pay fines and court costs in addition to other fees.

GOLF COURSE (Courtesy of Bill Donnel, Interim Golf Course Manager)

The course has been closed this past week due to the very wet conditions with over 4 inches of rain received. The Golf Division employees are doing a great job on improving the playability



and aesthetics of the course through mowing of greens, collars, fairways, and driving range where possible. Staff has repaired the tractor’s brake system and replaced blades and bushing on both Scag mowers. They are mowing areas that are not covered with water. Staff is pumping water from the fairways so the course can be opened for play. City staff from the Wastewater Division has not been able to return to finish the roof due to poor weather conditions. Current course conditions are wet with some areas of high grass where water stands.

The weather has been cool but very wet for golf activity with 183 rounds of golf played and 56 buckets of range balls used during February 28th thru March 12, 2015.

Scheduled tournaments at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:

District 32-2A Golf Tournament, April 8, 2015

St. Gertrudes Tournament, April 18, 2015

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

Kingsville Golf Association Tournament, March 21, 2015

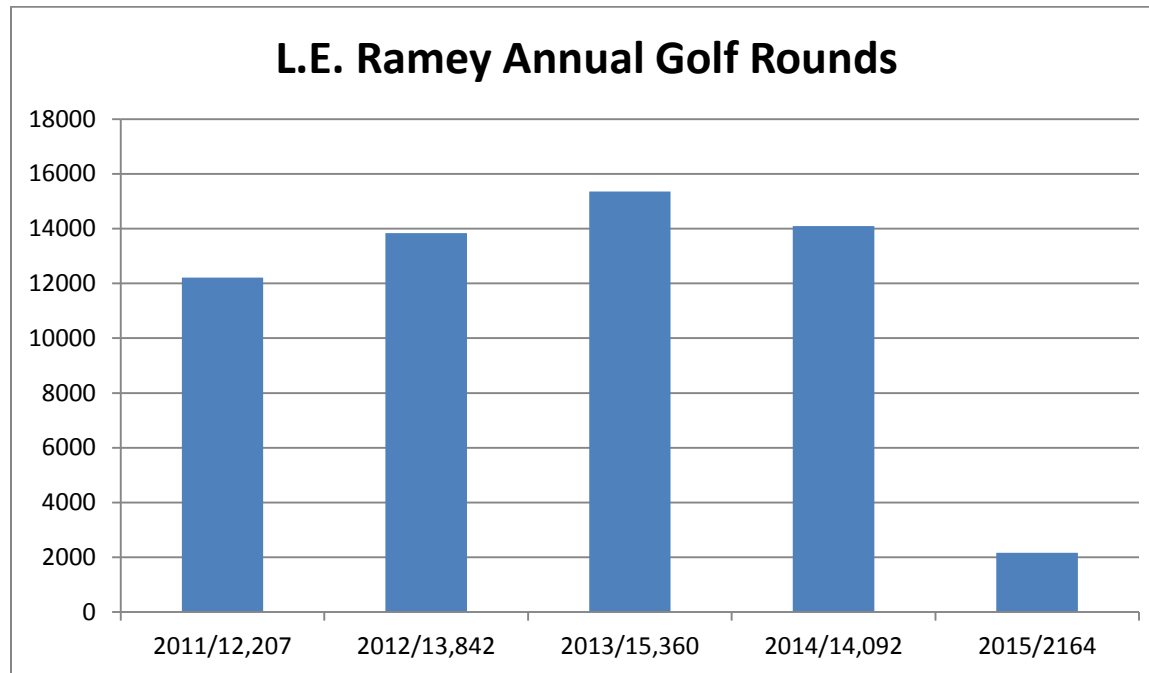
H.M. King Scholarship Tournament, May 2, 2015

Yaklin Family Reunion Tournament, June 13, 2015

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

Past tournaments: no recent tournaments

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



PURCHASING & TECHNOLOGY *(Courtesy of David Mason, Director)*

Purchasing Division

Purchase Orders

Purchasing issued 110 Purchase Orders valued at \$558,515.57.

Purchasing Card Statements

Once again it is just about time for Purchasing Card statements to be issued to the users. As always check for taxes owed, over the limit on purchases, questionable purchases and credit owed. If anyone is still having trouble with the process or the P-Card form please contact the Purchasing Department for assistance. If you are not sure which department to code it from check your GL Account hand-outs or call the Purchasing Department. If you need them please stop by and pick one up.

Purchasing Department

Purchasing/Technology Department was busy with RFP openings for Executive Search Firm for City Manager position, BID opening for Centrifuge sludge de-watering system and evaluation of said BID. Purchasing was also busy with the delivery of 4 vehicles for the Police Dept, 1 for the Fire Dept, and 1 for the Sanitation Dept.

Also, on the learning side of the Purchasing Dept. is the new issue with vehicle inspections.

The correspondence will be sent to the Purchasing Dept who will in turn place it in the appropriate departmental box at City Hall. As per the Texas Dept. of Transportation, the department will go get the vehicle inspected, then take the (VIR) Vehicle Inspection Report to the courthouse Title Dept and present that to obtain the vehicle registration sticker. Staff should be prepared to pay \$7.00 at the inspection site and \$7.50 +\$1.00 (processing fee) total of \$8.50 at the Title Dept. This is for all City Vehicles and City Trailers. If you still have questions please feel free to call our office or the Kleberg County Vehicle Title Dept at 361-595-8541.

Technology Division

Golf Course Cabling

In order to better facilitate the new layout of the golf course club house, Technology staff moved the existing cabling to the new location. They consolidated the number of network devices and provided POE switching for future expansion of wireless or cameras. Technology staff also identified the current location of all telephone and internet lines. They hope to have everything in working order when the new flooring is installed to avoid down time for the Golf Course Staff.

Test Site for New Application Control Software

In order to deal with future threats we are evaluating products that provide more robust defense against malware and viruses.

We have begun the testing phase of a new application control software that will enable Technology staff to more adequately address new and evolving threats to the network and functionality. The current test system is provided by a reputable player in the software and security market. It has the ability to limit and control the amount of installed applications on a computer. This has many advantages. Firstly, it provides us the transparency needed to see what is installed on the network and if compliance is met. Secondly, it acts as antivirus anti-malware stopping threats as they occur in real-time. Some of the key features of the product include:

- Security architected from the ground up to reduce the hassles of managing complex environments
- Unified security control across virtualized, physical, and mobile endpoints
- Delivered as a virtual appliance for simple turn-key deployment
- Built in redundancy and scalability
- Security management integrated with Active Directory, VMware vCenter, and Citrix XenServer

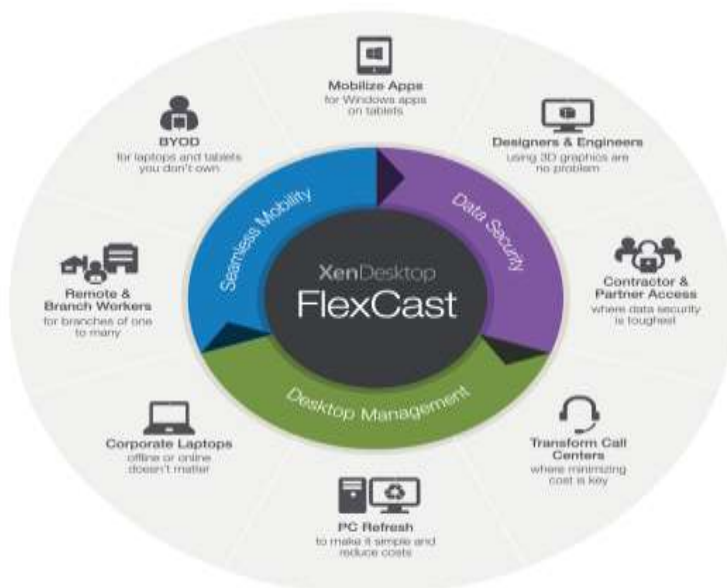
This endpoint protection solution performs remote installations, administers policies, creates reports and provides alerts for critical incidents. It can manage remote workstations and apply policies to unconnected PCs. It can scan emails, downloads and chat conversations for malware. It also includes a two-way configurable firewall. Administrators can control how employees interact with the internet by applying filters, blocking websites and controlling time spent online.

Staff can create a rule to block information shared by email using the software's filtering rules. The software also includes identity control tools via rules, which Technology staff will have to configure. These rules can lock down information such as credit card numbers, names, and Social Security numbers.

VDI

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

Technology staff has begun the research and deployment of VDI environment for the cashiers in the cash collections area. This will allow for more flexibility in the coming move from the existing city hall building to provide services across sites. Additionally, it will aid in ensuring that full compliance is met by those computers. The VDI currently being reviewed is called Xen Desktop provided by Citrix.



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

Features of Xen desktop

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

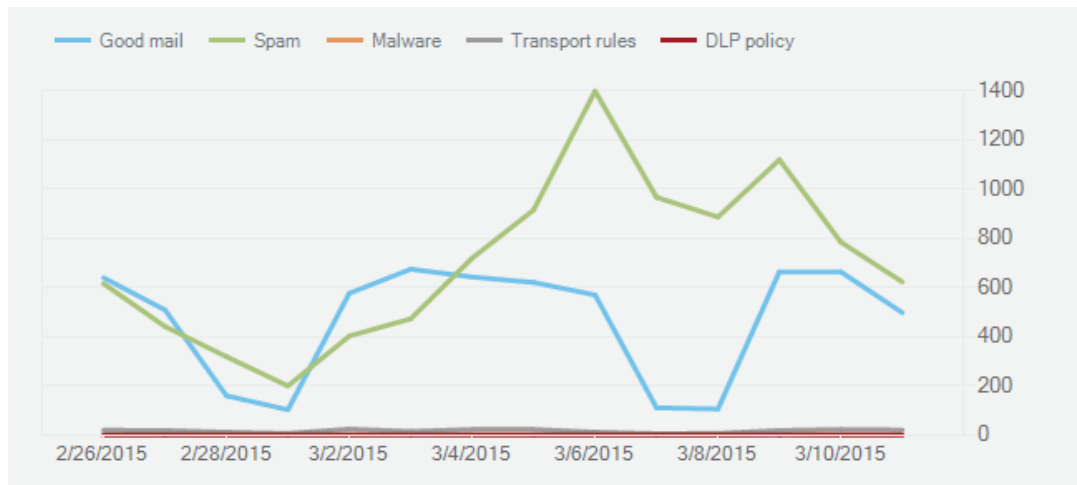
E-Mail Flow Report

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.

E-Mail Flow Report

The City of Kingsville over the past week processed 16,425 email messages. We blocked 9,870 spam and 14 malware messages. We processed 6,541 'good' emails.



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

Regular Commission Meetings (Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers)

Monday, April 13, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 27, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 11, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 25, 2015	6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)

Thursday, March 26, 2015 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 9, 2015 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 23, 2015 3:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)

Planning and Zoning Commission Wednesday, April 15, 2015 6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board Wednesday, April 15, 2015 4:00 p.m.
Zoning and Board of Adjustments Thursday, April 9, 2015 6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission Tuesday, April 21, 2015 12:00p.m.
Joint Airport Zoning Board Thursday, April 16, 2015 6:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Respective Locations)

Library Board TBA
City/County Health Board 3rd week of every other month 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming City Holidays

Friday, April 3, 2015 - Good Friday
City Departments will be closed in observance of Good Friday Holiday

Reminders

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

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