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"If everyone is in charge, no one is in charge." Various authors

"Those left out of the process will not appreciate your efforts, even when you are successful." Authors unknown

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

#### Good Job Award!!!

The City Manager received the following compliment via e-mail from local resident Ms.

Brenda Espinoza about the high quality of work performed by the City's water construction crews. The City Manager contacted Ms. Espinoza to thank her for her comments and to request permission to include mention of them in this Staff Report, to which she enthusiastically agreed.



Arturo Cruz - Utility Worker / Manuel Acuna-Equip Operator III, / Jesse Rivera - Equip Operator II / Jose Garcia, Utility Worker

From: Brenda Espinoza Thursday, August 21, 2014 8:26 AM To: Vincent J. Capell Subject: Wonderful job!!

#### Dear Mr. Capell,

I know your office probably receives calls or emails of complaints, but I thought it would be nice to send something showing some appreciation and gratitude for the hard work the men at Public Works do on a daily basis.

I would like to share with you my appreciation of the City's Water Department. My children attend Santa Gertrudis Elementary School and every morning while dropping them off, I had noticed water in the gutter. I decided to call the Public Works on Monday and by 7:30 Tuesday morning a crew was already out there repairing the leak. That afternoon while picking up my children, I saw they left the area impeccably clean and neat, no dirt or debris in the roadway or the resident's yard.

They were quick to respond and fix the problem and took the time and care to make sure our streets stayed looking good. Thank you for your time and I hope this email finds its way to the Water Department as well!

Sincerely,

Mrs. B. Espinoza

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#### Let's Remember Our Award Winners!!!

#### 2013 Safety & Recognition Awards

Ruth Valdez – R.J. Kleberg Public Library - Employee of the Year

Garage staff – Garage Division in the Public Works Department - Injury Free Award

Chris Sanchez - Sanitation Division in the Public Works Department - Safety Hero Award

#### 2014 Good Job Awards

Arturo Cruz	Water Const. Division	9/8/14	Good work valued by customer
Manuel Acuna	Water Const. Division	9/8/14	Good work valued by customer
Jesse Rivera	Water Const. Division	9/8/14	Good work valued by customer
Jose Garcia	Water Const. Division	9/8/14	Good work valued by customer
Maryann Trejo	Planning/City Appearance	8/25/14	Gaining cooperation from customers
Kristina Gomez	Planning/City Appearance	8/25/14	Gaining cooperation from customers
Mary Valenzuela	City Secretary	8/11/14	Professional recognition by peers
Ernest Espinosa	City County Health Dept.	7/28/14	Caring and compassionate service
Timothy Flores	Public Works/ Landfill	7/14/14	Helpful advice/good customer service
City Streets Crews	Public Works / Streets	6/23/14	Doing more than is required
Jerry Trevino	Utility Billing	6/9/14	Expert and helpful service
SWAT	Police Department	5/27/14	Commitment to mission
Monica Longoria	City County Health Dept.	5/12/14	New employee/great asset
Tony Wilson	Police Department	4/28/14	Positive change agent
Kathy Rios	Task Force	4/10/14	Supporting Task Force
Tom Davis	Police Dept.	3/20/14	Diligence to duty
Julian Cavazos, Jr.	Police Dept.	3/10/14	Going the extra mile
Don Erebia	Fire Dept.	2/24/14	Dedicated leader and mentor
Rey Loera	Public Works /Sanitation	2/14/14	Positive attitude performance
Marco Jimenez	Public Works /Water .	1/27/14	High expertise/dependability
Jason C. Torres	City/County Health Dept.	1/13/14	Consistently superior service

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

#### **Preparing the Way for Golf and Parks Operations**

A number of City staff is working hard to coordinate the planned transition of parks and golf course operations from the County to the City effective October 1, 2014. The transition involves many administrative issues including, but not limited to....budgeting, accounting, purchasing, payroll reporting, accounts payable, on-site cash controls, internet, website, telephone service, computer network interconnectivity, physical security of assets, asset insurance, and more...

Thanks to staff for taking on these tasks during what is already a very busy time of the year.

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

#### **Administration Division**

#### City-County Health Board Bi-Monthly Meeting

The City-County Health Board met for their bi-monthly meeting on August 21, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the City-County Health Department. Health Board Members in attendance were Otis Meyers, Joni Harrel, Ben Salinas, Dr. Justin Harkey, Judy Anthony, Norma Sue Adrian, absent member was Karen Tallent. Also in attendance was Emilio H. Garcia, City-County Health Director and Monica Longoria, Administrative Assistant II. The Health Board reviewed the monthly reports for the month of June and July 2014. Items reviewed and discussed were animal control services, food establishment inspections, onsite sewage facilities, and vector control (bees and mosquitos). Other items that were reviewed was the City-County Health Department 2015 budget from the City of Kingsville and Kleberg County, animal control and food service proposed fee increases and a new adoption form was approved by the board. Our next City-County Health Board meeting will be October 23, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.

#### **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**

Month/Year	Consumer Health	Animal Control
Oct 2013	\$897.00	\$1,185.00
Nov 2013	\$869.70	\$1,715.00
Dec 2013	\$1,809.45	\$1,305.00
Jan 2014	\$1,377.29	\$2,545.00
Feb 2014	\$1,393.00	\$815.00
Mar 2014	\$1,778.00	\$2,730.00
Apr 2014	\$210.00	\$1,047.00
May 2014	\$404.90	\$2,615.00
June 2014	\$766.00	\$2,150.00
July 2014	\$862.07	\$1,065.00

#### **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 violations are 5 and 4 points demerits per violation and non-critical violations are 3 points demerit violations.

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<u>Critical Violations</u> 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.

<u>Non critical violations</u> 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.

A&J Super Store-100	Amigo Food Mart-93	Valero Corner Store-100
H-E-B Grocery Store-93	H-E-B/Meat Market-100	H-E-B/Deli-100
H-E-B/Seafood Market-100	H-E-B/Bakery-97	H-E-B/Sushiya-91
Kwik Pantry/Ricardo-88	Big House Burger-86	Beto's Comm. Store-96
Javelina Mart-91	Whataburger/14 <sup>th</sup> -96	Agave Jalisco/Riviera-97
L & M #1-97	Los Cabos de San Lucas-84	TAMUK/POD Market-94
TAMUK/Turner Café-93	TAMUK/Pizza Hut-100	TAMUK/Jernigan - 100
TAMUK/Sushic, LLC-86	Harrel's-100	KISD/Gillett School-96
Kingsville Quality Inn-97	KISD/Kleberg School-100	KISD/Memorial MS-100
Academy High School-100	Kingsville Headstart-100	Taco Bell-96
KISD/Harvey-97	Epiphany Episcopal School-100	KISD/Harrel School-100
KISD/HM King HS-100		

#### Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Class

Food Handler Class	11 Students	Regular Food Handler Class-Health Department
Permitted Temporary (Fundraise	er) or Perman	ent Food Events
Benefit for Delia Lerma	Temporary Fo	ood Event-Brisket Plate Fundraiser
Benefit for Silverio Chapa	Temporary Fo	ood Event-Snow cones, Nachos, Chicken Wings
Santa Gertrudis Lion Band	Temp Food E	vent-Hamburger & Chips/Pinto Bean Cook-off
Brahma Band Booster Club	Temporary Fo	ood Event-Hamburger, Chips & Drinks

#### **Closed Businesses**

One Stop 77, (Hwy 77 Riviera Texas)

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#### City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Consumer Health

Month	Food Establishments	Restroom Insp.	Food Handler Attendees	Day Care & Foster Homes Insp.
Oct 2013	40	29	84	4
Nov 2013	22	46	71	3
Dec 2013	24	42	10	3
Jan 2014	38	56	38	3
Feb 2014	51	46	200	1
Mar 2014	49	90	184	1
Apr 2014	70	103	55	3
May 2014	55	78	27	0
June 2014	54	83	22	0
July 2014	66	109	78	4

#### **Animal Control Center Division**

#### Food Donation - Thank You Walmart

Walmart donated 130 pounds of dry dog food and 1 bag of dog treats. Thank you Wal-Mart for your continuous donation and support to our animal shelter. Your donations are truly appreciated!

#### Pet of the Week – Coco (the calico kitten)

The City-County Health/Animal Control Center is pleased to announce Pet of the Week ad in the Kingsville Record newspaper. Every week a picture and a brief description of a cat or dog will





be featured in the newspaper. This effort is to increase our adoption rates and showcase our wonderful animals waiting to be adopted and be given a second chance of life. The first pet of the week ad will be in Wednesday's newspaper. A big Thanks to Ofelia Arevalo for all your help! This week's pet is?

Kingsville Animal Control's Pet of the Week is Coco. She is a calico kitten and is about 6 weeks old. To meet Coco, contact Animal Control at (361) 592-3324 or stop by the shelter located at

3415 N FM 1355 between the hours of 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Kingsville Animal Control will hold an adoption event on September 20, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tractor Supply Company located at 2405 S Brahma Blvd.

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#### **Animal Control Center-Next Monthly Pet Adoption Day**

Please join us at our next Pet Adoption Day Saturday, September 20, 2014 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tractor Supply Company 2405 S. Brahma Blvd

Come by and see our variety of dogs and cats!

Adoption fee is \$20.00 and a \$15.00 refundable vaccination fee. For questions please call the City-County Health Department @ 361-592-3324

#### **City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Animal Control**

Animal Control	Oct 2013	Nov 2013	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Feb 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014
Dogs impounded	88	120	134	116	146	135	92	128	167	142
Dogs adopted	25	14	19	31	30	20	22	26	27	20
Dogs released	22	22	30	16	27	27	12	23	21	19
Dogs Rescue (Groups)	3	1	13	12	13	11	7	14	10	5
Cats impounded	154	121	97	89	107	167	189	196	173	162
Cats adopted	3	3	7	4	4	4	4	11	8	4
Cats released	0	3	3	3	1	3	2	2	0	0
Cats rescued (Groups)	0	0	2	8	4	1	3	7	1	1
Opossum in traps	70	61	40	59	37	75	79	67	32	23
Others impounded	3	2	2	3	3	0	5	11	12	5
Other animals adopted	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	6	2	0
# of humans bitten	4	3	9	3	2	5	8	11	6	10
Animals obs. 10 days	3	2	4	2	3	5	7	6	2	6
Warnings issued	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Citation issued	21	20	25	55	51	35	36	30	40	0

# Mosquito Control Division City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Vector Control

Action Taken	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July
	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Bee calls	18	11	4	3	3	9	22	4	17	18
Removal of swarms	8	8	0	0	1	1	6	3	7	9

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Site unable to abate	10	3	4	3	2	8	16	1	10	9
Mosquito Surveil	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Larvacide (Blocks)	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Director)

#### **Finance Administration Division**

#### Did You Know?

US currency is actually fabric composed of 25 percent linen and 75 percent cotton. Currency paper has tiny red and blue synthetic fibers of various lengths distributed throughout the paper.

www.federalreserveeducation.com





#### **Accounting Supervisor**

The Finance Department is pleased to welcome David Bodiford as our new Accounting Supervisor. David is new to the South Texas area after moving from Mississippi to Corpus Christi at the end of May. David has a bachelor's degree in Accounting and a bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Southern Mississippi.

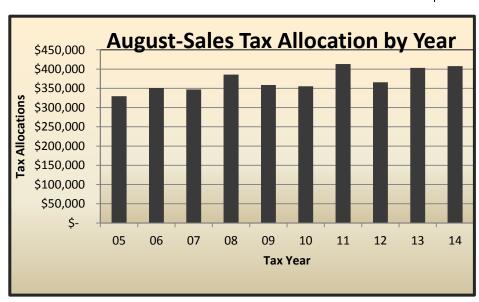
#### **Direct Deposit**

Effective October 1st, all City of Kingsville payroll will be distributed through direct deposit. Memos were sent out in the August 28<sup>th</sup> payroll to all employees receiving a paper check. Finance is asking all employees who are currently receiving a paper check to complete a Direct Deposit Enrollment Form and return to the Human Resources Department by **September 15, 2014.** Please include a voided check or a direct deposit bank form which provides the account number and bank routing number. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Human Resources at 361-595-8017. Once a direct deposit form has been submitted it can take up to 2 pay periods to take effect.

#### Sales and Use Tax

The City of Kingsville received \$407,862.76 in sales tax allocations for the month of August. This is a 1.13% increase over August 2013. Sales Tax is applied on all retail sales, leases, rentals and taxable services. The current sales tax rate in Kingsville, TX is 8½% (.0825).

**Utility Billing Division** 



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#### The Facts on Leaks

- •The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, or the amount of water needed to wash 270 loads of laundry.
- •Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons annually nationwide. That's equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes.
- Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.
- •Common types of leaks found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. All are easily correctable.
- •Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.
- •Keep your home leak-free by repairing dripping faucets, toilet flappers, and showerheads. In most cases, fixture replacement parts don't require a major investment.
- •Most common leaks can be eliminated after retrofitting a household with new WaterSense labeled fixtures and other high-efficiency appliances.

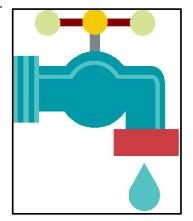
#### **Faucets and Showerheads**

- •A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That's the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers!
- •Leaky faucets can be fixed by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary. If you are replacing a faucet, look for the WaterSense label.
- •A showerhead leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year. That's the amount of water it takes to wash 60 loads of dishes in your dishwasher.
- ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD LEAKS WASTE

  1 TRILLION
  GALLONS NATIONWIDE

  water use
  in 11
  MILLION+
  homes

•Most leaky showerheads can be fixed by ensuring a tight connection using pipe tape and a wrench. If you are replacing a showerhead, look for one that has earned the WaterSense label.



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#### **Toilets**

If your toilet is leaking, the cause is often an old, faulty toilet flapper. Over time, this inexpensive rubber part decays, or minerals build up on it. It's usually best to replace the whole rubber flapper—a relatively easy, inexpensive do-it-yourself project that pays for itself in no time.

If you do need to replace the entire toilet, look for a <u>WaterSense labeled model</u>. If the average family replaces its older, inefficient toilets with new WaterSense labeled ones, it could save

13,000 gallons per year. Retrofitting the house could save the family nearly \$2,400 in water and wastewater bills over the lifetime of the toilets.



#### Fixing Leaks around the Home

Being handy around the house doesn't have to be difficult. Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easily correctable, requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings.

#### **Checking for Leaks**

To check for leaks in your home, you first need to determine whether you're wasting water. Then identify the source of the leak.

Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are serious leaks.

Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.

Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 15 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)

Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

#### **Toilets**

A common reason why toilets will leak is an old or worn—out toilet flapper (e.g., valve seal). Flappers are inexpensive rubber parts that can build up minerals or decay over time. Replacing them can be a quick and easy fix for your water woes. To fix this leak, consult your local hardware store, home improvement retailer, or licensed plumber. **Tip:** Bring the old flapper to the hardware store for comparison to make sure you buy a new flapper that fits your toilet model. You can also check the owner's manual, if you have it or the manufacturer's website for the appropriate replacement part number for the flapper.

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#### **Faucets**

Old and worn faucet washers and gaskets frequently cause leaks in faucets. Many tutorials are available online for how to fix a wide variety of faucets

Tip: Don't forget to turn off the water line before you start!

#### **Showerheads**

Some leaky showerheads can be fixed by making sure there is a tight connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem and by using pipe tape to secure it. Pipe tape, also called Teflon tape, is available at most hardware stores, is easy to apply, and can help tame unruly leaks. For more complicated valve leaks in showers that drip when not in use, contact an experienced handyperson or licensed plumber.

Tip It's also a good idea to check and, if needed, replace the washer or "o" ring inside the showerhead while making this repair.

#### **Outdoors**

If you have an in-ground irrigation system, check it each spring before use to make sure it wasn't damaged by frost or freezing. Or hire <u>an irrigation professional certified by a WaterSense labeled program</u> to inspect it for you. These professionals have passed a certification program focused on water efficiency. They will not only help you detect and correct leaks in the system, but also maximize its efficiency.

Finally, check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

#### **Leaks Still Flowing Overboard?**

Have you done all that you can to try to eliminate leaks from your home but *still* can't nip that drip in the bud?

If you've already determined you have leaks and you find these step-by-step solutions aren't enough to stop them, it might be time to replace your leaking fixtures. If you consult with a plumbing professional, and look for the WaterSense label when considering a new toilet, faucet, or showerhead, you could increase your home's water efficiency.

http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/our water/howto.html

#### 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

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disruption in water service as well as additional penalties. This information is also listed on the red notices.

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. See the following City Ordinance:

Sec. 5-1-35. When collections made.

B) For customers served by city roll-out containers, the time for placement of city roll-out containers shall be 7:00 a.m. on the date of collection and removed from the street or curb by 8:00 p.m. on the date of collection.

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

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

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

#### **Municipal Court Division**

#### Activities and Cases from August 13, 2014 through August 27, 2014

444 new cases were recorded. Of these new records:

State & City offenses	Records
Traffic Citations	249
Parking Citations	75
City Ordinance Citation	19
Alcohol/Misdemeanor Charges	40
Failure to Appear-Bail jumping Charges	61

#### August 25, 2014, Pre-Trial Session:

37 individuals were summoned. The list below encompasses the disposition for each case:

Disposition of Cases	Number Of Cases
Pending: Judge to review state motion	17
Extensions or Payment Plan Orders	9
Trial Motions	2
Clean Record Orders: DSC & Deferrals	1
Continuance Order	6
New warrant orders-Non Appearance	4
Cases settled out of Court-Full payment	2
Motion for Dismissal: State & Judge order	4

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#### August 14, 2014, Court Hearing

The 3 o'clock regular session, with a court summons of 183 people, consisted of 298 cases. Below are the dispositions for these cases:

Disposition of Cases	Number Of Cases
Payment Plans Orders	28
Extensions Orders	6
Trial Motions	4
Clean Record Orders: DSC & Deferrals	7
Compliance Dismissals	6
State Motion-Dismissals or Plea Bargain	9
Continuance Order	0
New warrant orders-Non Appearance	32
New Court Date-reset	19
Cases settled out of Court-Full payment	76
Inmate cases-Commitment orders	0
Omni-Dl suspension orders	93
Case to be reviewed prior to court	9

<sup>\*\*</sup> Of the remaining who did not make their court appearance, 93 individual driver's licenses were reported to the Omnibase (Department of Public Safety) for suspension, and 32 records of arrest and failure to appear charges for non-appearance and contempt of court.\*\*

#### Our Appreciation

Many thanks to Kingsville Police department for the security provided during scheduled court sessions! Special thanks to these officers: Officer Grant #94, and Officer Dodd #88.

#### **Cash Collections**

656 cases were resolved with 173 warrant executions of which there was a collection of \$42,945.14 dollars.

#### **Pre-Trial Session**

September 9 & 23, 2014

**Inmate Hearing** 

September 11 & 25, 2014

Regular Court Hearing

September 11 & 25, 2014

Bench Trial

September 25, 2014

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

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

<u>Station Training</u> – Crews conducted various training at the shift level during the period.

<u>Swiftwater Rescue Training</u> – 3 firefighters attended an advanced swiftwater rescue course in New Braunsfels. Following that 2 day course, the firefighters attended a class on rescue boat operations. Personnel were instructed in more advanced rope systems used for rescuing stranded persons or persons moving downstream. They also learned how to operate inflatable rescue boats in moving water situations. Personnel are being sent to swiftwater training classes so that they may train other department personnel in preparation for heavy flood conditions that may occur in Kingsville.



Wildland Urban Interface Training -The **B-Shift** and members of the Kingsville Volunteer Department Fire participated in annual training basic firefighter wildland safety, tactics, and incident command.





#### **Planning**

<u>Community Project Development Meetings</u> – The fire chief attended one meeting with personnel from Planning and Engineering departments. Additional meetings have been held to discuss specific apartment complex projects.

<u>Meeting with Corpus Christi Fire Department – The fire chief met with Corpus Christi Fire Department Chiefs to discuss operations and mutual aid options.</u>

<u>Tour of ExxonMobil Plant, King Ranch</u> – Acting Captain Valentine attended a tour of the Exxonmobil plant at the King Ranch. Maps of the property were given out and explanations of some of the hazards were discussed with emergency responders from the area.

<u>Coastal Bend RAC</u> – Acting Lieutenant Camarillo attended the EMS regional advisory committee meeting in Corpus Christi on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

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#### **Other Department Activities**

<u>Civil Service Board Meeting</u> – On August 26<sup>th</sup>, Fire Department members attended a Public Safety Civil Service Commission meeting to determine the outcome of promotional exam issues.

<u>Hydrant Maintenance</u> – Crews continued clearing weeds from around fire hydrants.

#### **Apparatus, Equipment, Facility Status**

Medic 1 – Getting revised quotes for damage repairs from previous accident.

Medic 2 – Emergency light problems.

Medic 3 – Back from shops, still having problems, being returned to dealer.

Engine 1 – Waiting on water valve parts.

Engine 2 – Sent to Pharr to have air conditioning installed.

Tower 1 – Breathing air cylinder was returned from hydrostatic testing and placed back on aerial ladder.

Rescue 1 – Foam proportioner not working.

Fire Station 1 – Some defects in new restroom identified and contractor being notified.

Fire Station 2 – Multiple projects being worked on.

Computers – Intermittent internet connection and phone service some days. Email issues due to migration to new email system.

#### **Projects**

<u>Fire Station 2 Exterior</u> – Base project completed. The Sanitation Department brought in a front loader and leveled out front yard of station. The fire chief leveled out dirt and added gypsum. Sod St. Augustine grass was delivered and laid by Acting Lt. Camarillo. The south side of station was leveled out by the fire chief and evergreen flowering plants were planted. The fire chief worked on the sprinkler system in the front yard and then had the installer make some changes. Landscape paper was laid out in the median on west side of station and some landscape rocks were added. Engineer Mendiola drove the ERT Tow vehicle to pick up rocks and other personnel helped unload. We will be getting another load of rocks to top off the area. The electric service pole on the south side of station was moved by the electric company in preparation for Alice Street being widened.





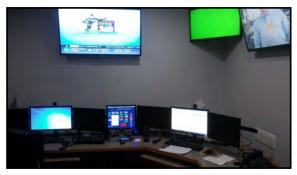
Sanitation employees have been working hard to improve the north end of property installing pads for a fountain and bench, electrical conduit for fountain pump, and base for walkway paver bricks.

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<u>Fire Station 2 Interior</u> – Still waiting on contractor to install proper doors.

<u>Dispatch</u> –Radio dispatching system is still being worked on. New monitor stands and overhead monitors have been installed.

<u>Fire Station 1 Restrooms, Upstairs/Downstairs</u> – Upstairs and downstairs restrooms are completed. Additional fans (not part of project) will need to be installed in downstairs restrooms. Some repairs needed on new construction.



<u>Fire Station 1 Electrical Project</u>- Installation of new electrical systems for apparatus should be finished in the next week.

# Response Statistics for the period of: 21:00 hrs on August 14th to 08:00 hrs on August 29th, 2014.

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls - 20 Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) - 111 Total Emergency Responses - 131

Major Events during the period

Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, (2) Commercial Building Fires: American Legion and Mireles Auto Body Repair shop at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Shelton. Crews reported smoke and fire showing while still in route to the scene. The American Legion building was found to have heavy fire coming from the roof on the north end upon arrival. Crews tried to make

entry to attack the fire from the inside, but found there were two roofs on the building and the fire was running back over the top of them and they withdrew and began a defensive attack. During the fire, the Mireles Auto Body Repair shop also caught fire and had heavy losses. No serious injuries were reported. State fire marshals were called in to investigate, but the fire appears to be electrical related. Four firefighters from the Naval Air Station, 4 from the Kleberg County Volunteer fire department, and 2 from the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire. Eight (8) Kingsville firefighters responded to the incident.





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

#### Policy Highlight - Excerpt from Policy # 890.10 VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE

#### I. Prevention of Violence In The Workplace

It is the policy of the City of Kingsville to provide all employees with a work environment that is safe and free from violence. The City expressly prohibits any acts or threats of violence by any current or former employee against any other employee in or around the workplace or elsewhere at any time while conducting City business. The City also will not tolerate any acts or threats of violence against employees, customers, visitors, vendors or other people at the work site at any time or while they are engaged in business with or on behalf of the City. Such violations shall be treated with disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.



Any employee, who becomes aware of a display of violent, abusive or threatening behavior, or a threat or tendency to engage in such behavior by another employee, is to report such behavior to his immediate supervisor or to Human Resources. To the extent possible, such reports will be handled confidentially. Employees have an obligation to inform their immediate supervisor, department director, or Human Resources of any activity in the workplace that they believe could result in violence. For example, this includes threats of violence, aggressive/confrontational behavior, offensive acts, or threatening/hostile comments.

Employees shall report violence or threats of violence between employees away from the work site occurring at any time. These reports should be made to the Human Resource Department. Employee reports made pursuant to this policy will be held in confidence to the extent possible. The City will not tolerate any form of retaliation against any employee for making a report under this or any other policy.

The purpose of this policy is preventative and to establish a **zero-tolerance** policy for the City of Kingsville, which prohibits all workplace violence. Each employee is to be treated with dignity, respect and fairness. Violence, threats of violence or physically threatening behavior by or against any City of Kingsville employee at any level will not be tolerated.

#### **Advertised Positions**

Fire – Firefighter
Garage – Equipment Service Worker
Planning – Planning and Development Services Director
Police – Telecommunication's Operator
Street – Maintenance Worker
Wastewater – Utility Worker

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#### **New Employees**



**David Boliford Accounting Supervisor Finance Department** 



Allen Martinez **Equipment Operator I Community Appearance Division Wastewater Division** 



Rafael Deleon **Temporary Plant Helper** 

#### **Promotions**



Mary Jane Lopez **Administrative Assistant II Tourism Department** 

#### Milestone Anniversaries - 5, 10, 15 and 20, 25, 30+ years

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35 years - Jose Flores / 15 years - Ruben Guajardo / 5 years - Maria Hinojosa Bruce, Celena Longoria and Jessica Montalvo

#### General

The Human Resource Director attended City Commission Budget Workshops on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The HR office has been busy scheduling open enrollment meetings and coordinating with departments on the proposed addition of the Parks and Golf Course employees to City staff.

The HR office is also starting to work on the Employee Appreciation Tailgate event scheduled for October 2014.

#### **Civil Service Commission Corner**

Civil Service Commission met on August 26, 2014 and is scheduled to meet on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

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# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Cynthia Martin, Interim Director)

#### **Planning Division**

#### 1909 H.M. King High School rehabilitation

The construction documents have recently been finalized for the rehabilitation of the historic H. M. King High School at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Kleberg Avenue and the four week bidding period begun. Rusty Van Fleet is the general contractor for the project and is seeking bids from subcontractors. The building is slated to become the new City Hall.





#### Proposed Subdivision Code Amendments and New Platting Procedures on the Way

A final draft of proposed subdivision code amendments meant to clarify the City's platting procedures is complete and is schedule to be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their evaluation and approval. The consultant who worked with the City in the preparation of the code amendments will be on hand to present these to the Planning & Zoning Commission on September 17<sup>th</sup> and at a City Commission workshop on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Kingsville Developer's Guide Nearly Completed

A comprehensive guide to land development in the City of Kingsville has been written and will also be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission at their September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The guide will take the developer through the zoning, platting and public infrastructure processes. The guide references the City's Master Plan, comprehensive building plan and speaks about Kingsville's Historic District. Listed are city staff members and duties of the various boards that the developer would encounter during the development process as well as platting checklists, etc.

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Building	Services	Division
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Permits Pulled					
Residential Remodel:	12	Commercial Remodel:	0	Electrical:	14
New Commercial:	0	Mechanical:	11	Moving:	0
New Residential:	1	Fire Inspection:	12	Gas Inspection:	14
Cert. of Occupancy:	5	Commercial Meter:	8	House Leveling:	: 0
Plumbing:	3	Residential Meter:	19	Re-roof:	1
Sprinkler:	0	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	2
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	0	Demolition:	1

Total Permits Pulled: 103

#### **New Business**

- Toledo Finance Corp. at 622 E King- waiting for all final inspections
- Live 2 Dance at 1017 S 14<sup>th</sup>- waiting for final inspections
- Dark Tide Comics at 1021 S 14<sup>th</sup>- waiting for final inspections
- Tipsy Time at 2730 S Brahma Blvd Ste. 100- needs final inspections
- Moore Vapor at 717 S 14<sup>th</sup>- waiting for final inspections

#### **Community Appearance Division**

#### **Recent Inspections Activity (August 14-August 27)**

Notices Sent:	70	Abatements:	26	Obsolete Sign Violations:	7
Inspections:	123	Court Cases:	2	Placards Posted:	3
Re-Inspections:	77	Illegal Dumping Cases:	0	Compliances:	38

Front/Side yard parking violations: 6

#### **Routine/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:

# 331 E Henrietta- Property Owner Complied BEFORE AFTER

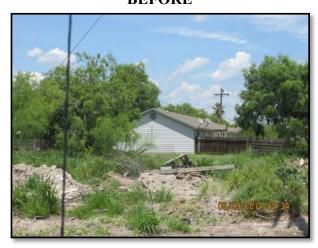




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#### 1525 S 7<sup>th</sup>- Property Owner Abated **BEFORE**





316 General Cavazos- Property Owner Abated





722 E Henrietta- Property Owner Complied





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#### **Community Appearance Staff**

Community Appearance operators have begun increasing their abatement count now that we are fully staffed. We would like to welcome **Allen Martinez** to Community Appearance. Allen is a native of Kingsville. This is helpful in that he knows his way around the city and is able to locate the properties quicker. Welcome Allen!

Community Appearance operators are a major component in the beautification effort. They are the final resolve of noncompliant property owners. They have been effective in achieving the standard set for city abatements. Their job is never ending however they keep a positive view on things knowing the good that is coming out of the work they do. Great job operators!



#### **Trash Off Event Preparation**

Community appearance is finalizing preparations for the next Trash Off event scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>. Once again we will be asking for the assistance of citizen volunteers as well as city

employees to show their support towards the beautification effort. Please contact Jennifer Bernal @ 595.8093 with any questions or concerns for the event.

#### **Community Appearance: Billing**

Community Appearance Division has begun tracking the monthly totals being billed each moth due to City private property cleanups. These cleanups include mowing and abatements of noxious matter through FY '14.

OCT \$9107.08 NOV \$6550.24 DEC \$9605.00 JAN \$7148.91 FEB \$6117.44 MAR \$7280.90 APR \$3851.83 MAY \$5762.10 JUN \$16493.69

\$3722.36

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#### **Keep Kingsville Beautiful Participates in Community Fair**

KKB participated in the Community Fair hosted by KISD on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The event was held at the Administration building on W. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Henrietta. There was an awesome turn out of children. KKB donated a backpack full of school essentials such as folders, pens, pencils, calculator and best of all a KKB t-shirt and water bottle. The booth handed out coloring books that were donated by TCEQ as well as a spiral notebook, a KKB pencil & pen and a ruler.









#### **Condemnation and Demolition of Unsafe Structures**

The Building Department will be presenting dilapidated structure cases to City Commissioners for review on the last meeting of each month. To date 10 condemnations have been approved by commission since October 2013. As part of our building structure evaluations, 17 notices have resulted in property owner agreements to demolish the unsafe buildings.

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

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#### Top Ten Worst Private 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 the 29<sup>th</sup> Phase (each phase is 10 new properties meaning that City crews have initiated and completed 290 clean ups since the program was initiated more than two years ago) to be completed in September. 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 29

Property Address:	Date of Compliance Deadline:
1019 N Lantana	9/30/14
1116 S 11 <sup>th</sup>	9/30/14
201 Helen Marie	9/30/14
524 W Warren	9/30/14
730 E Shelton	9/30/14
303 S 21 <sup>st</sup>	9/30/14
415 S 17 <sup>th</sup>	9/30/14
1302 E Richard	9/30/14
1245 E Nettie	9/30/14
1220 E Ave B	9/30/14

# 1132 E Nettie- Debris Cleaned up / Property Owner Abated BEFORE AFTER





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# 810 W Kenedy- Junk/Debris Removed / Property Owner Complied BEFORE AFTER





326 E Kleberg - Old Sign Removed / City Crews Abated





A 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.

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Top Ten Phase#	#of Cleanups Conducted	Top Ten Phase#	#of Cleanups Conducted
	By property owner		By property owner
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	(IN PROGRESS)
PHASE 10	8 out of 10	PHASE	
PHASE 11	7 out of 10	PHASE	
PHASE 12	8 out of 10	PHASE	
PHASE 13	9 out of 10	PHASE	
PHASE 14	6 out of 10		
PHASE 15	9 out of 10		
PHASE 16	9 out of 10		
PHASE 17	8 out of 10		
PHASE 18	8 out of 10		
PHASE 19	8 out of 10		
PHASE 20	9 out of 10		

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

#### **Administration Division**

#### **Police Speak to TAMUK Athletes**

Chief Ricardo Torres, Cpl. Vincent Murray, Criminal Investigator Daniel Gonzales and Criminal Investigator Agustine Ruiz spoke at a meeting of Texas A&M University student athletes on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The speakers touched on parking issues in the area of the university as well as times when students may come into contact with law enforcement.

#### **KPD/KLEA Provide Bikes for Kids!**

KPD Chief Ricardo Torres and newly elected KLEA President Brad Allen partnered together to provide bicycles to several lucky children at the KISD kick off event on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The bicycles are provided by a local business with a few dings and scratches. The bicycles were repaired and given out to attendees via a free raffle.



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KPD SWAT members also took part in the event and showed some of their equipment to attendees as well as interacted with several future police officers of our community. Shown below is SWAT member Daniel Gonzales with two future officers!

A total of 6 bicycles were provided to attendees and snow cones were also served to attendees by KLEA members as well as other City of Kingsville volunteers.





#### **Patrol Division**

Patrol officers responded to hundreds of calls and wrote at least 168 reports.

Nine residential burglaries were reported (220 E Doddridge, 911 E Alice, 1014 E Avenue A, 328 Frances, 1227 W Kenedy, 720 W Kenedy, 828 E Ella, 330 W Richard, 4000 S Brahma). There was one burglary of a building (501 W Avenue B) and six burglaries of vehicles (1505 E. Corral, 1505 E. Corral, 1010 E Fordyce, 2007 S Hwy 77, 829 W Yoakum and 1701 S Brahma).

There were three arrests for DWI, three arrests for Driving Under the Influence-Under 21 and four arrests for Public Intoxication. There were four collisions that officers responded to. Three "hit and

run" collisions were reported.

On August 16, an officer stopped to check on a vehicle that was improperly parked in the



500 block of W. Huisache. The officer suspected that the male driver was a male that was wanted in Duval County and had lied to KPD officers, on several occasions, about his identity. Other officers arrived. The male gave the false name but officers already had a copy of the fugitive's driver license photo. The male was arrested for two felony warrants and for Failure to Identify-Fugitive from

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Justice. He was cited for a crack/meth pipe found in his vehicle. His vehicle was towed as he was taken to jail.

On August 17, officers were dispatched to a bar at 7<sup>th</sup> and Richard for a disturbance. The male involved could not be located and officers were about to leave when they observed a female yelling and threatening other people. Officers asked her to lower her voice but she began to argue. She then began swinging at other people while continuing to yell and curse. Bystanders were holding this woman to prevent her attacking others. Officers then placed the female under arrest for Public Intoxication.

On August 22, officers responded to East Fairview Drive in reference to a death. An adult male had discovered his grandfather (74) deceased. The male had probably been deceased for a week. Though the decedent had serious medical problems, an autopsy was ordered.

On August 23, an officer was standing outside of a local nightclub, at closing time, when a highly-intoxicated patron approached the officer and asked if the officer knew the whereabouts of the patron's friend. The male was not making sense and told the officer that he was going to drive home. The officer confirmed that the intoxicated male had money for a cab and summoned a cab for the male. When the male got into the cab, he began to curse and threaten the cab driver. The officer then placed the male under arrest for Public Intoxication.

On August 23, an officer made a stop for a traffic violation. The driver was soon arrested for Possession of Marijuana < 2 ounces, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Minor in Possession of Alcohol. His vehicle was towed and he was transported to jail.

On August 24, an officer was dispatched to an apartment complex in the 1100 block of West Corral, in reference to a car stolen from that area. As the officer was arriving on West Corral, another officer heard the vehicle description over the radio and observed a similar vehicle going through the drive-through window of a business at 14<sup>th</sup> and Avenue B. The officer ran the license plates and confirmed that this was the vehicle. The stolen vehicle then parked at the store and the driver exited.

The officer detained the driver, a known gang member. When it was confirmed that the vehicle owner did not know the driver, the driver was arrested for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

The driver of this vehicle was arrested for DWI.

At least two scams were reported where a caller tells the local victim that they are a relative and are stuck in Mexico and need help to get back. The local victim then does a wire transfer of money and later discovers that the relative was in town, the entire time. It is unknown how

the caller obtains enough information about the relative to pull this scam. There are no suspects.

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On August 26, five patrol officers attended "Basic Gang Awareness Course", at KPD, taught by CCPD gang officers.

#### **Criminal Investigations Bureau**

Detectives Supervisor assigned 121 cases and inactivated 39 cases as of August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Along with these cases there were also 5 DWI's and 7 Crash reports.

Detectives are working case of the 25 stolen Ipads from the school district and have suspects that have been named in this theft.

At this time there is no single major case being worked other than the Burglary at the school.

Detectives have filed 86 cases during this period. There were 40 cases filed in District Court, 43 cases filed in County Court, 2 case filed in City Court, and 1 filed in Juvenile Court.

Each Detective is currently working a case load of about 50 to 70 active cases.

Now that school and college is back in session two detectives are working nights to assist is cases that may arise from the higher volume of traffic in late hours.

Several of the Detectives assisted with the Back to School function at the KISD Administration building. Everyone enjoyed the good turn out and was glad to give back to the community.

The detectives have been attending local training that has been brought locally. The training has ranged from Search Warrants to Gang Investigations.

#### **Street Level Operations Team**

#### **MURRAY**

Case #1400022687- Sgt. Allen, Inv. Ruiz, Federal Agent Prado, Federal Agent Cawthard, and myself all went to 2211 Oklahoma to conduct a Knock and Talk. Information was received that the homeowner was distributing narcotics from the residence as well as harboring Illegal Immigrants inside. Upon arrival at the residence it was discovered that the home appeared to have been broken into. The residence was checked and no one was located inside. The living conditions in the residence were poor and the information that I had been given advised of children residing in the residence. The residence was secured and contact was made with the homeowner over the telephone. Child Protective Services was also contacted due to the living conditions. The homeowner was later contacted and she denied all accusations that were made about the narcotics and Illegal Immigrants. Child Protective Services conducted an investigation.

Cases Filed with county Court	14
Cases Filed with District Court	2
Prosecution charge Report Supplements	0
Traffic Stops	11

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#### **GONZALEZ**

Case #1400023152 – Inv. Gonzalez conducted a traffic stop at the Highway 77 south bound and E King Exit. Inv. Gonzalez made contact with the driver of the vehicle and during the course of the investigation it was discovered that the wife of the driver was found deceased in a hotel in Sinton, Texas earlier that morning. Inv. Gonzalez continued the investigation and made contact with detectives from the Sinton Police Department. Inv. Gonzalez detained the driver until Sinton Police Department Detectives arrived on location at the Kingsville Police Department. The driver of the vehicle was later released due to the Medical Examiner being unable to declare the death of the female a Homicide at this time. However, Homicide has not been ruled out at this point in time.

Traffic Stops 38 Citations 8

#### RUIZ

Case #1400023288- Inv. Ruiz conducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of N 12<sup>th</sup> St. Inv. Ruiz arrested the driver Elvira Falcon for an active warrant issued by the City of Kingsville. Jesus Limas arrived on location in attempt to pay for Falcon's warrants (\$720.20). However, it was found he had warrants, so Falcon was still arrested and Limas paid his warrants (\$321.00) that had also been issued by the City of Kingsville. When Falcon was booked into the Kleberg County Jail it was discovered that she had synthetic marijuana in her possession. Falcon was also charged for having a Prohibited Substance in a Correctional Facility.

Traffic Stops 44 Citations 12

#### **Patrol Assist**

Case #1400023272 - On 08-27-14 Ptlm. Garza conducted a traffic stop on Chauncey Saucedo who had been identified as a possible theft suspect. Ptlm. Garza arrested Saucedo due to having several active warrants issued by the City of Kingsville. Ptlm. Reyes assisted in the traffic stop by completing the vehicle inventory. During the vehicle inventory Ptlm. Reyes requested that I come to the traffic stop. During the vehicle inventory



Ptlm. Reyes located a bag containing several pieces of drug paraphernalia (Burnt spoon, a small piece of rope, two needles, and a piece of cotton fiber that was being used as a filter for loading the needle with the narcotic). I photographed and collected the evidence. The evidence was transported

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to the police department where it was later destroyed. Saucedo was later charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

#### **Narcotics Investigations/Purchases Conducted**

Case #1400021706 – Purchased \$20.00 of Synthetic Marijuana

#### **Neighborhood Improvement Officer**

#### 2014 Abandoned and Junk Autos

#### Week 33

The following stats are from Week 33:

- Junk Vehicles 3
- Parking Citations –62
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -10
- Compliance 2

#### Week 34

Out on Vacation for the Week

So far for the year of 2014, 101 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 100 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 809 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.





500 E MESQUITE AV





528 W LEE AVE

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#### Warrant Bureau/Officer

#### Paid

Michael Anthony Fewox - \$776.00

Joe Ouintanilla- \$157.00

Lisa Colunga-\$150.00

Danielle Hernandez- \$80.00

Leslie Melendez - \$250.00

Juan Mauel Palos- \$80.00

Michael Fewok- \$449.00

Jonathan Ray Benavidez- \$449.00

Audra Lee Davila- \$400.00

Maria Escatel- \$170.00

Tanisha Calderon-\$599.00

Robert Sexton-\$80.00

David Reyes- \$184.00

Crystal Perez-\$450.00

Santiago Lamas-\$120.00

Angelica Salaiz-\$341.00

Selina Garza-\$570.00

Melinda Beltran-\$421.55

Viviana Bonilla-\$225.00

Orlando Gonzalez-\$250.00

Jesus Limas-\$331.50

Diana Serna-\$150.00

Jacob Gonzalez-\$250.00

Claudia Silva-\$277.00

Gabriella Gonzalez-\$250.00

*Total Collected*= \$7,685.05

#### Arrested

Saucedo, Chauncey-\$1,392.30

Matthew Spencer -\$2,250.00

Pedro Hernandez III-\$890.00

Armando Mora-\$1,098.00

Elvira Falcon-\$720.20

Carla West-\$1,302.00

Jose Alfaro-\$255.00

Larissa Quintanilla-\$2,738.88

Abraham Resurez-\$786.50

Devin Tejeda-\$2,343.60

Armando Naranjo-\$779.00

Mario Pena-\$690.10

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Justin Rojas-\$509.00 Ana Encia-\$784.00 Cristobal Garcia-\$576.00 *Arrest Total=* \$17,114.58

Paid and Arrested Combined Total= \$24,779.63

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

#### Engineering Division (8/11 - 8/28)

#### **Engineering**

Engineering and GIS is working with an inspiring "Eagle Scout" on his eagle project. Mr. Jace Lutchenbacher is working on repainting and researching the "monument signs" in the historical district. His project is to identify the monument signs, GPS them and enter data elements in GIS. Once the data is collected his plans are for troop 186 to repaint the signs. Engineering is helping with the data collections and safety of this project.

#### GIS

GIS is helping Mr. Lutchenbacher on the GIS maps and features. GIS is also working on the next step of the pavement model and is that of the pavement degradation rate.



#### Street Division (8/11 - 8/24)

#### Road Constructions- Project 90 – Warren St.

- Water rolled patches, cleaned curbs and sprayed MC-30
- Set 10 tons of Limestone at Police Department
- Hot mixed at Wildwood Trails

#### Weed Eating

- King Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 141
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from General Cavazos Blvd. to Corral Ave
- Armstrong Ave. from King Ave to Corral Ave.
- King Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 141
- Ailsie Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Carlos Truan Blvd.
- Corral Ave from Armstrong to Hwy141

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- Warren Ave from 19<sup>th</sup> St to 21<sup>st</sup> St
- 14<sup>th</sup> from General Cavazos to Corral
- Armstrong from King to Caesar
- Corral from 6<sup>th</sup> to Armstrong
- Santa Gertrudis from 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>
- Santa Gertrudis from University to 141
- Kenedy Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Henrietta from Armstrong to University
- 2<sup>nd</sup> from King to Caesar
- 12<sup>th</sup> from Santa Gertrudis to Ave B
- 3<sup>rd</sup> from Yoakum to King

#### Mowing

- Armstrong to 1<sup>st</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and Shelly 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>
- Behind Carriage Park Subdivision
- W Armstrong to Ave I
- Ave I to 1<sup>st</sup> on the East side of Street

#### Round up Spraying

- 9<sup>th</sup> from Warren to King
- 10<sup>th</sup> from King to Caesar
- 11<sup>th</sup> from Caesar to Lott
- Public Works Yard
- 11<sup>th</sup> from Lott to King
- 12<sup>th</sup> from King to Johnston
- 12<sup>th</sup> from Johnston to Caesar
- 13<sup>th</sup> St. from Kenedy Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. from Caesar Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. from Caesar Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- Richard Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- Ragland Ave. from 16<sup>th</sup> St.to 15<sup>th</sup> St
- Warren Ave. from 16<sup>th</sup> St.to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Doddridge Ave. from 16<sup>th</sup> St.to 15<sup>th</sup> St.
- Johnston Ave. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. from Huisache Ave. to King Ave.
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. from Johnston Ave. to Lott Ave.
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. from Lott Ave. to King Ave.
- Fordyce Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Dead End



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- Huisache Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Dead End
- Lott Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 19<sup>th</sup> St.
- Kenedy Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Kenedy Ave. from 16<sup>th</sup> St. to 19<sup>th</sup> St.
- 17<sup>th</sup> St., 18<sup>th St</sup>. & 19<sup>th St</sup>. from Kenedy Ave. to King Ave.
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. from Lott Ave. to Kenedy Ave.
- Huisache Ave., Fordyce Ave. and Johnston Ave. 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 18<sup>th</sup> St.
   Kleberg Elementary, McRoberts, Flato, Memorial Middle School, Harrel Elementary, Lamar Elementary, Polk, Gillett Intermediate School, Perez Elementary, HM King High School and Harvey Elementary perimeters

#### **Street Sweeping**

- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Loop 428 to Corral Ave.
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to University
- 5<sup>th</sup> St. from Kenedy Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- University Blvd. from King Ave. to Santa Gertrudis
- Caesar Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Caesar Ave. to Corral Ave/
- Seale from Ailsie to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Gillette school parking lot and surrounding areas
- Memorial school parking lot and surrounding area
- Ailsie from 6<sup>th</sup> to 428
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from General Cavazos Blvd to 428
- HM King parking lot and surrounding areas
- Harvey parking lot and surrounding areas
- Perez parking lot and surrounding area
- Armstrong from Caesar Ave. to Corral Ave.
- Santa Gertrudis from University Blvd. to Hwy 141
- Santa Rosa from Santa Gertrudis to Santa Fe
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to University Blvd.
- Armstrong from Corral Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Santa Gertrudis from Wells to Hwy77
- Wells from King Ave to Santa Gertrudis
   14<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave to General Cavazos Blvd
- Corral Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd
- King Ave. from University Blvd to Hwy 77
- Kenedy Ave. from Hwy 77 to 6<sup>th</sup> St.

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- 5<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- Santa Gertrudis from 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>
- Shelly from Ailsie to General Cavazos Blvd
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77
- Armstrong Ave. from Corral Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Corral Ave. from Armstrong to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Santa Gertrudis Ave from Hwy 141 to Armstrong Ave.

#### Hot Mix/Cold Patching

- 17<sup>th</sup> St. & Ave D
- John & 23<sup>rd</sup> St.
- Hall & Warren (Intersection)
- Santa Rosa & Corral Ave.
- Santa Gertrudis & Armstrong Ave
- 1300 Blk. Lott Ave
- Huisache Ave. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 18<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1709 Annette
- 21<sup>st</sup> St. from Caesar Ave. to Calvin
- 947 N Lantana
- Kleberg Ave. to 4<sup>th</sup> St.
- 4<sup>th</sup> St. & Henrietta Ave. (Intersection)
- Worked on closing work orders

#### Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Repaired cross walks on Warren & Armstrong and Nettie & Armstrong
- Picked up a tree on 1323 E Johnston
- Put Children crossing sign on Armstrong & Ave C, Corral & University
- Helped with Hot Mix on New Project
- Picked up barricades on Warren St
- Turned on all School lights
- Put new pipe on Oklahoma & 25<sup>th</sup> St for Stop Sign
- Put Mourning signs on Ave F
- Put back right turn only signs on Santa Gertrudis
- Put new signs on Wells St.
- Cut grass at the entrance of the High School



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- Put new batteries on school lights on Kleberg
- Put anchor with cement on Santa Gertrudis for Cell phone sign
- Went to TxDOT to get pipe for new cell phone signs
- Put up cell phone signs and cut branches
- Checked all school lights
- Took branches to Landfill

#### Water Production Division (8/11 - 8/24)

#### Routine job

#### Collected 12 routine Bacteriological Samples

- 511 College Place
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 1121 E. Ave A
- 620 E. Mesquite Ave.
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 428 W. Nettie Ave.
- 1630 Santa Fe
- 1142 W. Yoakum Ave.
- 329 E. Doddridge Ave

#### Collected 14 daily chlorine residuals

- 1142 W. Yoakum Ave
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd
- 1107 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis
- 1121 E. Ave A
- 511 College Place
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave.
- 318 Briarwood
- 329 E. Doddridge Ave.
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 620 E. Mesquite Ave.
- 1630 Santa Fe
- 428 W. Nettie Ave.

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

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Water pumped to distribution (8/11 - 8/24) - Wells -53,200,000 gallons; Surface -7,110,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 60,310,000 gallons; Average -4,307,857.14 gals/day

#### Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant Division (8/11–8/24)

#### **Wastewater Treatment North Plant**

Operators and Helpers cleaned primary and secondary clarifier troughs and weirs. Operators shoveled sludge from sand drying bed. Helpers and Operators are replacing and cleaning UV modules. We continue wasting in wedge and sand drying beds and wire drying beds. Operators and Helpers are mowing grass around plant and lift stations. Rabalais and Pump Solutions gave quotes on lights repairs around plant and control boxes at 3MGD and Sage Lift Station.

#### **Wastewater Treatment South Plant**

Operator cleaned clarifier troughs and shoveled sludge from sand drying beds. Crew is wasting in wedge wires and sand drying bed. Operators and helpers mowed grass around Plant and Lift Stations. Crews are wasting sludge into drying beds. Perez Air Conditioning trouble shot A/C control box. Rabalais installed relay at lift station at the 1MGD.

#### Wastewater Collection – Had 7 call outs for sewer backups

NAS Kingsville

899 block of W. King Ave

408 W. Ella Ave.

King Ave and Wanda

602 E. Henrietta Ave.

220 W. Richard Ave

602 E. Henrietta Ave.

Crews disconnected sewer at 706/708 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St and 611 W. Huisache Ave.

Crews had a missing clean out cap at 1109 N.  $1^{\text{st}}$  and replaced cap and plug at 804 W. Ella Ave. Crew hydro-excavated and located main in the 2600 - 2800 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave. Crews located 9 lines and had 1 bad odor call.

#### **Scheduled Work for the Week**

- 1. Cleaning sewer mains, curbs & gutters.
- 2. Clean troughs (Mon, Thurs, Fri)
- 3. Clean drying beds (Tues, Wed.)
- 4. 3 & 1 MGD wasting on drying beds
- 5. Mowing and weed eating 1MGD, 3MGD, and Lift stations
- 6. Plant helpers spraying weed killer along fence lines & drying beds @ 1 & 3 MGD
- 7. C&D Electric sill be sending out 1600 amp breaker to Houston to determine cost estimate.
- 8. Mendez Construction replacing 2" airline at aeration tank
- 9. Running Bio's for 1MGD.
- 10. Radiant Industrial working on UV system @3MGD.

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#### Water Distribution Division (8/11–8/24)

#### **Repairs and Service Calls**

Repaired 7 Main Breaks and answered approximately 39- Service Calls, 11 - Locates, 4 -Service line leaks, 8 - water leaks 7- Meter Leaks, 0- Backfills, 5 - valve replacements 1 - Customer Side Leaks; 2- No Water/Low Pressures; 0- Turn off Water, 0 -Turn on; 1 Hydrant Repair

2"	Main Break	1245 E. King Ave.
6"	Main Break	Caesar Ave. / Armstrong Ave.
2"	Main Break	Johnston Ave. between 17 <sup>th</sup> St. & 18 <sup>th</sup> St.
6"	Main Break	Santa Gertrudis Ave./Santa Rosa Ave.
6"	Main Break	335 W. Trant Rd.
6"	Main Break	228 W. Alice Ave.
4"	Main Break	421 S. Wanda Ave.

#### **Routine Tasks**

Water crews made (1) - 2" taps at Wildwood Subdivision for irrigation. Crews removed old 6" water on H.M. King High School. Water crews checked fire hydrant that Fire Marshall broke on W. Santa Gertrudis Ave. Water crews cleaned up around warehouse area. Water Dept. finished hauling concrete from S. Francis demo.

#### City Garage Division (8/11 – 8/24)

#### Maintenance

18 Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 33 scheduled work orders; 49 nonscheduled work; 19 Service calls; 1 Call out; 11 New tires on heavy equipment and trucks;19 flat tire repairs and balances; 22 pending work orders. Parts have been ordered for unit 582 and Unit 320 is at the dealer for repairs.

#### Welder

6 received work order and 4 pending work orders

Welder worked on Unit 336 and Unit 334, both are Sanitation trucks. Welder is currently working on meter brackets for Water Production.

#### Solid Waste Division (8/11 - 8/24)

#### Landfill - (8/11 - 8/24)

The end bits for the D6-T Dozer were order from Holt-Cat. Santana Electric came to fix the electrical lines for the Leachate Pump #2. The startup relays and capacitor was purchased for the Leachate pump #1. The Landfill had their monthly safety meeting on "Accident Prevention and had a special training on "Accident Reporting"

<u>Brush</u> - 123 tons / <u>Garbage</u> -870 tons Litter - .21 tons / <u>Construction/Demolition</u> - 584 tons; <u>Concrete</u> -119 tons / <u>Metals</u> - .22 tons / <u>Litter</u> - .21 tons / <u>Sludge</u> - 75 tons / <u>Tires</u> - .95 tons.

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#### Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 8/11 - 8/24 - 558,180 pounds; Commercial waste collected

<u>723,060</u> pounds; Brush collected <u>125,406</u> pounds and construction debris collected <u>48,100</u> pounds. The brush crew completed pickups in Zone 3 and has started Zone 4. We are working on abatements and demos when possible. White Good Collection for Zone 3 was Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Sanitation is also helping with the enclosure suggestions in the City for the dumpsters used in commercial collections. Work to erect enclosures has begun and 41 have been built. The contract is complete for Phase III. Sanitation has also taken over watering new trees planted around the city and does this on Wednesday. Sanitation has also started a landscaping project at Fire Station #2. Recycling for the month of July totaled 17.08 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.



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

#### **Purchasing Division**

#### **Purchase Orders**

Purchasing issued 67 Purchase Orders valued at \$130,303.99. We would like to remind every department to check your Outstanding Purchase Orders and either submit those Purchase Orders or have them voided in order to help the Finance Department close out the Fiscal Year 2013-2014.



#### **P-Card Statements**

90 P-Card statements have been distributed and are pending. Purchasing Department will have a follow up report for you on the next staff report. Good Luck everyone and let's aim for an error free month.

#### **Various Staff Support and Purchasing Activities**

The Purchasing/Technology Director has been active with meetings as budget discussions, planning for the new City Hall, and proposals for L. E. Ramey Golf Course and Dick Kleberg Park continue. Wrap up work on several projects for the FY 14 Fiscal Year continues including Fire Station 2 and Recycling Center. Water Well #25 Bids were opened and are being evaluated by LNV Engineering and we should have a recommendation for the September 22nd Regular City Commission meeting.

#### **Technology Division**

#### **Network Interconnectivity Initiative**

IT staff continues the second round of planning and pricing an interconnectivity project. The goal of this project is to have a uniform user experience across the entire City environment. We are meeting with additional potential vendors in an attempt to maximize resources and minimize costs.

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#### Exchange 365

IT staff has upgraded the current email system to the Exchange 365 platform, which will increase the availability and size of email boxes from 2GB to 50GB. A few minor problems still exist and technoogy staff is troubleshooting the issues with individual users.

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

#### City Staff attend TML Region 11 Meeting in Fulton Texas







The City of Fulton Texas hosted the Region 11 TML Meeting, at Paws and Taws convention center. The meeting started at 4:30 pm with The Fulton Schoolhouse museum open from 4:00 to 6:00 for viewing of Fulton History. You could also visit Eleanor's General Store, where you could find many unique finds, hidden treasures and custom cars for your viewing pleasure, located at 3316 Hwy 35N, Fulton, TX. If you are looking for beachwear or souvenirs, you could stop by TG's located at 201 S. Fulton Beach Road. Employees were treated to a dinner of Sliced Sirloin in mushroom sauce, coconut shrimp, rosmarin potatoes, green beans, fresh rolls and dessert. John Metz from the National Weather Service discussed Hurricane Awareness

#### **Meeting of the Minds**

Charlie Cardenas Director Public Works & City Engineer Bill Donnell Asst. Public Works Director & Melissa Perez Risk Manager discuss Injury Reporting & Measures to prevent Injuries at Public Works

It is no secret that workplace injuries result in the loss of time and compensation for both workers and employers, not to mention that it severely diminishes the quality of



life of those who are injured. Yet workplace injuries remain common. Tens of thousands of Americans are injured every year in the workplace, and many of these injuries could be easily avoided by following proper safety protocols. Charlie Cardenas, Bill Donnell and Melissa Perez met on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in the Conference room to discuss ways to improve employee injuries at Public Works with Streets, Water, Sanitation, Wastewater departments. Some suggestions and practices that are being used are: Provide safety gear and protective clothing, Post a safety guideline in a place where workers can easily see this, Safety training, Provide strict enforcement.

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#### Risk Management getting ready to add Parks and Golf Course to its City Property Schedule

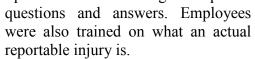




The Dick Kleberg Park is the main park within our park system. The park hosts a wide variety of activities and facilities for all ages of recreation enthusiasts. The park is home to two baseball fields, 3 little league baseball fields, 2 softball fields in addition to one -three field multi-purpose softball complex and one - three field adult softball complex and we have hosted the Girls PONY regionals and state semifinal tournaments in these fields. In addition to top rated fields the park enjoys Escondido Creek running through the south side and it lays a beautiful landscape for our walking/jogging trail, a fishing pier, and is home to some of the best birding in South Texas. The City of Kingsville will be adding Parks & Recreation to their departmental list, which means that Risk Management would be in charge of ensuring that all property is properly insured buildings, equipment, vehicles. Employees of the Parks and Recreational areas will also be given Initial orientation safety and health training and will be provided with PPE Equipment for their jobs.

#### Street Department Employees Receive Training on Injury Reporting

The Street department received training on August 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Public Works building. All street employees and supervisors attended the training. Employees were informed of the policies and Standard operating procedures for reporting injuries to their supervisors. Employees were given step by step instructions. Training was open to







#### **Employee Recognition & Safety Committee**

The Employee Recognition and Safety Committee is meeting regularly to discuss plans for the upcoming Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet. The city of kingsville will also be throwing an

appreciation event Game night tail gate for all City employees on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas banquet will be from December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup> the Christmas Banquet will be located at the Henrietta Memorial Center. The committee also voted for a new member to the ERS Committee Leo Alarcon Tourism Director will be joining the Team. Congratulations Leo!!

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

#### **Fun Fact Tidbit**

"The only limit to your impact is your imagination and commitment." ~Tony Robbins

#### **Library Survey**



Patrons visiting the library's website will notice an addition to the library's homepage, a patron survey. In order to serve the community better, the library placed an online survey on its website to gauge user satisfaction, to assess users' needs, and to learn more about the end results of using the library. From time to time, the library utilizes patron surveys to gauge user interest and seek patron input. A previous survey offered in 2012 helped the library determine the need to add eBooks to the collection. The survey asked patrons about the types of devices they owned, their level of

#### **Library Survey**

The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library is conducting an online survey to assess its library services and patron experience. We invite you to take this survey and answer some questions that will help us ensure that the general public's needs are being met.

All submissions are entirely anonymous, no forms of personal information are collected, and all results obtained are strictly for statistical and reporting purposes only. Estimated time to complete this survey is 5 minutes. Thank you for participating in this survey.

\* Required



The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library

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technological expertise, and the types of genres they would most frequently download. feedback was beneficial, and the library launched eBooks February 2014. The current survey addresses such topics as how patrons view the library's customer service, how often patrons utilize the library, how informed patrons are of library events and new services, and what types of new services patrons would like the library to offer. Because services

continually being updated, the library plans to maintain the survey year round on its website. The surveys are anonymous, and no personal data is collected. The library will keep all survey results on file, and the information may be used in library statistical reports. Patrons' suggestions can influence long-range planning for the library, so all residents are encouraged to complete the survey. To participate, simply visit the library's website at <a href="https://www.kleberglibrary.com">www.kleberglibrary.com</a> and click on the "Library Survey" tab at the top of the homepage. The survey takes approximately five minutes to complete. Patrons' suggestions are an invaluable resource in materials selected and services provided. Make an impact on your community and let your voice be heard.

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#### **Library Welcomes Students Back to School**

As area students are returning to school, parents and students are encouraged to make the library an



integral part of the academic year. The library is heavily promoting on its website and social media sites the importance of having a library card. With a library card, students can access homework help services that include practice tests, academic databases, and educational eBooks. The library plans to continue this promotional campaign through September, since the campaign coincides with *National Library Card Signup Month*. Already area schools, such as the Kingsville Independent School District, are recognizing the importance of having a public library card. KISD has listed the library as a *KISD Partner in Education*. For more information about how to access the

library's homework help resources or how to apply for a library card, call the library at 361-592-6381 or visit the library's website at <a href="https://www.kleberglibrary.com">www.kleberglibrary.com</a>.

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

#### **Kingsville Task Force Agents Attend TNOA Training Conference**

During the Week of August 18 thru 21, 2014 members of the Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force attended the Texas Narcotics Officers Association (TNOA) Annual Training Conference in South Padre Island, Texas. The conference was very informative with break out classes covering the latest threats and innovations facing Narcotics investigations and officer safety.

#### Shop with a Cop Annual Fund Raiser

The Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force staff is assisting in the preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Shop with a Cop Golf Tournament to be held on October 6, 2014 at the Riverhills Country Club in Calallen. All proceeds from the tournament minus the prizes go to helping the needy children shop with police officers during the Christmas season in Kingsville and surrounding area. Entry fee is \$350 for 4 players.

# 2nd ANNUAL SHOP WITH A COP GOLF TOURNAMENT MONDAY, October 6, 2014

#### **River Hills Country Club**

**Registration** 12 pm •• **Tee-off:** 1 pm •• **Cost:** \$90 a player; 4 person team \$350 This includes entry into all events, 18-holes of golf, riding cart, drink tickets, dinner and chance to win various prizes! \$25 per player mulligan, strings and 2 Tiger drives packet or Tiger Drive \$20 per player: Mulligans for \$5 and strings for \$3.

#### Awards

\* 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes, plus 2<sup>nd</sup> chance team drawing \* Longest Drive \* Closest to the Pin \* Live and Silent auction

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	Registration Form	
Team name (optional)	ph#	
Player 1		
Player 2		
Player 3		
Player 4		
Player 3		

Amount enclosed

Send to payment with registration form to CCFOP SWC 5218 Northwest Trail. CC. TX 78410 or leave form and payment at the River Hills Golf Shop

For further info contact tournament directors or Ken Starrs (361)455-2602 or Tara Mylett at (361)442-4787 or Ron Evans (361)946-5971 or Ron Ordner (361)215-0339

email: shopwithacop@fop.net

#### **Kingsville Task Force Agents Obtain Title 19 Cross Training for HIS**

Three Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force Agents received Title 19 Cross Training sponsored by Homeland Security Investigations (HIS) Houston. HSI Houston paid for all travel expenses except agency fuel costs for the two day training in Houston, Texas. Task Force Agents Arnold Salinas, Richard Kirkpatrick and Ruben Guajardo are designated a Customs Officer

(Excepted) without additional compensation. This designation allows for the performance of such duties subject to all guidelines, directives and instructions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Agents received their T-19

credentials in Corpus Christi on Monday August 25, 2014.

#### KTF Agent Attends Basic Gang Awareness Course

On Tuesday August 26, 2014 Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force Agent Mike Tamez





attended a Basic Gang Awareness Course. The Kingsville Police Department hosted the training which was taught by members of the Corpus Christi Police Department Gang Unit. The course covered Street Gangs, Prison Gangs and Drug Cartels. Training also included gang identification and tattoo recognition.

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#### TOURISM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Leo Alarcon, Director)

#### The Kingsville Visitors Center Presents ...

The United States Air Force Band of the West Mission Winds Quartet made an appearance at the Center for a concert this week. They came as a group from the joint bases of San Antonio – Lackland, Texas after several performances in the Corpus Christi area. The website describes the



Band of the West as a musical organization with an outstanding record achievement. The quartet and others are known to performed presidents, heads of state, and dignitaries from around the world. Jennifer Daffinee and her accompany have played the clarinet for 20 vears. The Kingsville audience enjoyed a number of selections which included a diverse assortment from

classical music to traditional jazz pieces and Latin music, tangos and military marches with the duration of the concert being over an hour. It was a real treat according to Director Leo Alarcon.

#### **Director's Treasure Becomes Portable Stage**

In trying to locate a hand me down desk at the General Services Complex (GSC), Tourism Director Leo Alarcon found that all desks had been called for but felt that he found a treasurer by combining

two platforms and making them into a circular stage for performances the Center. Also found were a number of wooden chairs in mint condition to be used for the audiences.

# Back Gateway to "Javelina Country" Says Welcome Back

We at the Kingsville Visitors Center had to be part of the "Welcoming Experience" greeting our students back after a long hot summer. Pictures of the banner in front of the Center were sent to the campus in an effort to be part of the welcoming committee. The Center



being located at the corner of the Bypass, Highway 77 and Corral Avenue,

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Director Leo Alarcon said he feels it is the back gateway to "Javelina Country." Leo was hopeful that many students and their parents saw the banner while driving into Kingsville. Go Hogs...

**Downtown Plantings Good Samaritan Award Given** 



Pharmacist and downtown merchant Nick Harrel was awarded the Noon Rotary Club Vocational Service Award last week. For years, Harrel continues to support the business district's plantings to help beautify downtown. Last year Harrel was awarded the Texas Historical Commission Texas Treasure Business Award which is specific for businesses that have provided employment and support to the local economy for at least 50 years. Making the nomination and presentation were Rotarians Clyde Allen and Ricki Cunningham.

#### **Director Introduces Rotarian Speaker**

The Kingsville Record reported that Tourism Director Leo Alarcon introduced Santa Gertrudis Independent School District Superintendent Mary Springs at the Kingsville Noon Rotary Club last week. Springs spoke about the districts commitment in providing the finest educational experiences for all King Ranch, Driscoll and transfer students from the surrounding area including Kingsville. She acknowledged a number of students earning dual credit in partnership with Texas A&M University- Kingsville.



# **Kingsville Possible Sight for Lipan Apache Tribe** of Texas Pow Wow

Several members of the community, including Commissioners Al Garcia and Arturo Pecos, met with Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas leader Robert Soto on the possibility of having a Pow Wow in Kingsville at the J. K. Northway Expo Center. A pow wow is a gathering of Indians and is a specific type of event to meet and dance, sing, socialize and accentuate the culture. Soto along with other

(Robert Soto, top right)



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area members of the Hispanic Lipan tribe attended the meeting. One Lipan member who lives in



Bishop has been very visible during all the meetings including those for the Ranch Hand Breakfast and Festival. Hector Garza passed out a hand out called, "Out of the Shadows of the Past and Into the Light of Today."

#### Ready, Rolling, Action ...

This week during a morning show Tourism Director Leo Alarcon and Jean Clair Turcotte, both members of the Centennial Scholarship Committee, were on the set of KIII TV 3 in Corpus Christi to promote the Pinto Bean Festival and BBQ Cook-off scheduled for that week. Both Leo and Jean Claire took BBQ plates to the hosts of the morning show.





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#### Staff Attends TML Regional Conference in Fulton

City staff members Charlie Cardenas, Melissa Perez, David Mason, Mary Valenzuela, Deborah Balli and Leo Alarcon attended the regional conference in Fulton on preparing for Hurricane season.





#### New Possibilities to Downtown Kingsville for Christmas



After a number of years without a Christmas tree downtown, the Center has partnered with the Keep Kingsville Beautiful (KKB) group in searching for the perfect tree to be erected and lit in conjunction with La Posada de Kingsville.

Also, the introduction of new 2014 La Posada Banners with green backgrounds will be offered for the season by the Kingsville Historic Downtown District Association (KHDDA) for \$225. The King Ranch Museum at 405 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street will accept the orders.

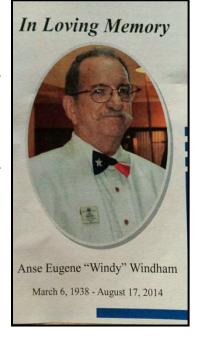


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#### A Tribute to Anse Windham

The Kingsville Visitors Center and the City of Kingsville paid tribute to Anse Windham, civic leader and the former president of what used to be known as the Convention and Vistors Bureau of Kingsville board. Anse was well known for his selflessly volunteering around town. Anse received numerous awards including the Otis West Lifetime Achievement award and the Citizen of the Year award.







#### **Downtown Kingsville Business Happenings**

Downtown is the heart of the city. "It's really kind of hard to be a suburb of nothing. If you don't have a downtown, you really don't have anything. It's hard to build a community around parking lots and subdivisions." Ed McMahon

#### Clydesman Fitness

at 301 E Kleberg now offers classes in Jui-Sitzu on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 7:30 pm.

#### TaZoChel

Tommie Sue Reeves, owner of TaZoChel Hidden Treasures at 220 ½ E Kleberg, has started another enterprise- the Kingsville Soap and Candle Company. Ms. Reeves handmakes her high quality soaps from all natural ingredients which can be purchased at her shop "In the Heart of Historic Downtown Kingsville.



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

#### **Regular Commission Meetings (Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers)**

Monday, September 8, 2014 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 22, 2014 6:00 p.m. Monday, October 13, 2014 6:00 p.m. Monday, October 27, 2014 6:00 p.m.

#### **Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)**

Thursday, September 11, 2014 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 25, 2014 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 9, 2014 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 23, 2014 3:00 p.m.

#### **Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)**

Planning and Zoning Board	Wednesday, September 17, 2014	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, September 17, 2014	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	TBA	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	TBA	11:00 a.m.

#### **Board Meetings (Respective Location)**

Library Board Wednesday, October 15, 2104 4:00 p.m. City/County Health Board 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every other month 5:30 p.m.

#### Staff will be attending the following conferences:

TML Annual Conference in Houston, TX, September 30<sup>th</sup> - October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

#### Reminders

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

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