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“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.” -Colin Powell

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“Weather forecast for tonight: dark.” -George Carlin

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FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES

Ms. Andrea Vidaurri and Ms. Danielle Friend have been assisting the HR office during the temporary closure of the Library. Both Ms. Vidaurri and Ms. Friend have been of invaluable assistance to the HR Department. Their meticulous nature was a good fit to assist the HR office with the Laserfiche project (records storage). All new employees have been scanned into the system as well as at least 6 years of past employees. They have been of great assistance with a very daunting project. The Good Job Award is definitely deserved.



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Let's Remember Our Award Winners!!!

2014 Safety & Recognition Awards.....

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

*Landfill Division, Public Works Department- **Injury Free Award***

*Gary Munoz, Landfill Division, Public Works Department- **Safety Hero Award***

2015 Good Job Awards.....

Andrea Vidaurri	Library Dept.	3/9/15	Assisting in Human Resources
Danielle Friend	Library Dept.	3/9/15	Assisting in Human Resources
Jose "BJ" Basaldu residents	Garage Division	2/9/15	Restoring water service to
Adela Barrientes	Planning Dept.	1/26/15	Dedication to duty
Teresa Cavazos	Planning Dept.	1/26/15	Dedication to duty
Daniel Ramirez	Planning Dept.	1/26/15	Dedication to duty
Manuel Buentello	Planning Dept.	1/26/15	Dedication to duty
David Garza	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Kevin Martinez	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Felix Reyna	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Tony Cervantes	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Ted Figueroa	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate

2015 Texas Warrant Roundup Event

March 9, 2015	8:00am – 8:00pm
March 10, 2015	8:00am – 8:00pm
March 11, 2015	8:00am – 8:00pm
March 12, 2015	8:00am – 8:00pm
March 13, 2015	8:00am – 8:00pm



Side door at City Hall will be kept open for payments.

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

Fun Fact Quote

“I have a theory that there is a little bit of magic involved in public library community outreach programs...It is what happens when our community engages with our program, our staff, and our library.”—Zola Maddison, *Public Library Outreach Makes Magic*

Mold Remediation and A/C System Update

Entering its fifth week of the remediation process, the Gerloff Company of San Antonio, Texas, is preparing to hand over the building to the



Rimkus Consulting Group also from San Antonio. The consulting group will re-inspect the building's internal environment for any signs of mold. If the test results come back clear, Gerloff's technicians can proceed with the next phase of the cleanup process. Since February 16, 2015, air conditioning (A/C) technicians with Ramos

Refrigeration of Kingsville, Texas, have also been onsite performing pre-demolition work of the library's air handlers and chiller. Once the consulting group gives them the required clearance to enter the library, the A/C technicians can install the interior components of the new system. In addition, at a Special Kleberg County Commission meeting held on Monday, February 23, 2015, the County agreed to pay half of the purchase cost for a commercial dehumidifier system. The dehumidifier is vital because it will help the new A/C system pull excess moisture out of the building. Better controlled moisture levels will foster a healthy environment for the books and comfortable surroundings for the patrons year round.

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Library Prepares For Spring Outreaches

The library is making preparations to begin its spring outreach events that include a career expo and library card registration drive. On Friday,



March 6, 2015, library staff will participate in the *South Texas Career Expo* at the J.K. Northway Coliseum from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Over 2,000 area middle school and high school students will be on hand to explore career and college opportunities. The library will have a booth manned by staff who will inform students about library

resources, such as LearningExpress® Library. The library's resources can play a vital part in helping students make post-graduate choices. In addition, the library will host a *Library Card Registration Drive*, which will take place on the Kenedy County Courthouse grounds in Sarita, Texas, on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Library staff will be on hand from 12 noon to 4 p.m., so that Kenedy County residents can register for new cards or update existing cards. Residents can also view the *Library on the GO* bookmobile and discover more about *The After Hours Hub*, a webpage specifically designed to serve patrons who need access to specific library services and resources after the library's normal operating hours and during closures. Additional library outreach opportunities are being planned that will include presentations at area schools and community events. For more information, residents can call the library at (361) 592-6381.

**CREATIVITY IS CONTAGIOUS, PASS IT ON.
—ALBERT EINSTEIN**

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Tourism Services Department (Courtesy of Leo Alarcon, Director)

Depot sign gets refurbished

Tourism staff had the 1904 Train Depot Museum sign redone. Technician George Delgado repainted the sign after ten years. The new hourly sign indicates that volunteers are being sought.



Spring is in the air in downtown Kingsville

Tourist visiting the 1904 Train Depot Museum are getting a glimpse of the beautiful shrubbery hot pink “Dr. Huey” roses long the west side of the Kleberg Bank building off of Pfc Daniel Alarcon Street. Although spring doesn’t begin for another month the roses got an early start blooming. Roses are known to be much older than man have special meaning by their color.



Dark pink and hot pink roses express thankfulness, appreciation and gratitude.

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Alcorn Chamber to get new logo sign

The Honorable Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chamber is getting a new sign to reflect the new logo adopted by the City in December. Tourism Director Leo Alarcon suggested ordering the sign from the Texas Correctional Industries. The sign foam is a rigid high density urethane material designed to replace wood and metal in sign applications. It is completely waterproof and light weight. It will not crack, warp or delaminate and can be suspended or pole mounted with minimum support.



Center prepares for Valentine's Day

Visitors Center staff members Mary Ann Escamilla and Alicia Tijerina were preparing

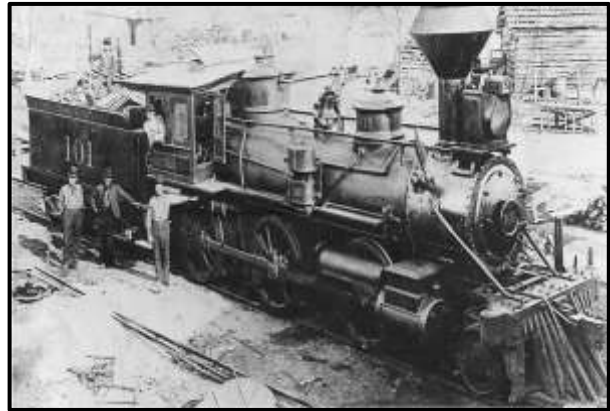


Valentine's Day goodies for all local hotel and motel personnel and for visitors coming in for a visit at the Center. Paper gift bags were a tradition for many and were duplicated. They were elegantly decorated for Valentine's Day with heart-shaped doilies in red and white and glued in the front of the bags.

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Traces of Texas features Kingsville train

The pictured 1916 train was featured in Traces of Texas and said the short line ran between Houston and Kingsville. George Thomas and his son Otis built the locomotive.



Bent fence is straightened out at depot

The wrought iron fence in front of the 1904 Train Depot Museum was straightened out and fixed by Tourism part-time staff member George Delgado. He had to dig out old broken cement, pull to straighten out the fence and attach the pulled rope to a work truck overnight after putting in new cement. Job well done.



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Downtown Manager Attends Main Street Manager Training in Nacogdoches



Earlier this month, Cynthia Martin traveled to Nacogdoches for Texas Main Street professional development sessions. Downtown vacancies, lofts in historic buildings, wayfinding signage and training on the use of Instagram to plan, promote, engage and extend downtown events were the topics of these sessions. A recent national survey revealed that downtown vacancies were one of the top five challenges of the program. Ideas to meet this

challenge include vacancy ordinances and/or registration; getting buildings prepared for occupancy, and targeted business recruitment among others. Each community needs to determine for itself the best practices for their community. Meeting attendees heard about Nacogdoches' recently completed way finding project, walked its downtown streets with members of the Texas Historical Commission's design staff and toured its lofts to learn from their successes and failures and to spark ideas for their own communities.

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Railroad Lantern Donated to Depot Museum



Winter Texan, Mark Smith, recently donated a Union Pacific lantern to the Depot Museum. Mark and wife, shown here at the Kingsville

Visitor Center, are visiting from Picayune, Mississippi and will be staying in the area for the several weeks. Mark got the idea to donate the lantern while visiting the museum last year.

County Historical Commission Updated on Flato School & Courthouse Program



The Kleberg County Historical Commission met February 24th at the Conner Museum to view a power point presentation by Conner Museum Director, Jonathan Plant, on the historic importance of the Flato School. After the presentation, Cynthia Martin spoke to the group about the Texas Historical Commission's courthouse preservation program. The Texas Historical Commission has requested \$40 million in funding for the Texas Courthouse Preservation Program. The Kleberg County Courthouse could stand to

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benefit if this program is funded. Emergency grants and planning grants are available as well as grants for full restoration.

Texas Independence Day Car Show coming soon downtown



The Kingsville Auto Club will hold its annual Texas Independence Day Car Show March 7th in the First United Methodist Church & Kleberg Bank parking lots on W Kleberg Ave., between 5th & 6th Streets. Registration will be held from 9 am – 11 am with the show running from 11 am – 3 pm. The cost is \$25 a vehicle to register. Proceeds benefit Brush Country CASA and ARK. Downtown merchant, Tommie Sue Reeves, TaZoChel Hidden Treasures, will once again host a wine tasting at her store in conjunction with the event to entice show attendees to venture further downtown and shop the stores. Last year's show was well-attended and we expect the same for this year.

2015 Heritage Rodeo plans underway

The Chamber of Commerce began plans for the 2nd annual Rodeo to be held during the Ranch Hand Weekend during the week before Thanksgiving. The 2014 rodeo was a big success.



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Kleberg and Kenedy Counties host Texas Tropical Trail Region meeting

48 people were in attendance for the Texas Tropical Trail Region throughout the day including 16 first-time attendees. The 48 persons represented 12 cities and 11 counties in South Texas plus Wisconsin and Illinois (Winter Texans). They enjoyed hearing about the



activities of the new Kingsville Tourism Department and absolutely loved the logo Leo Alarcon designed for the City of Kingsville. Kingsville was instrumental in the organization of the Texas Tropical Trail Region in 2005 and was home to our regional office for several years. They said Kingsville will always hold a special place in their history; in fact, our Region's history is permanently housed in the South Texas Archives at the University. Tourism Director Leo Alarcon was one of the speakers.

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RISK MANAGEMENT (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Risk Manager)

Risk Manager submits The Texas Tier II Report



The Texas Tier II Chemical Reporting Program is designed by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and is to protect the public health and environment by providing current and accurate information about hazardous chemicals and their health effects and by ensuring that the regulated community/city complies with the requirements of the state and federal community right-to-know laws. As of August 1, 2006, all Tier Two Chemical Inventory Reports are required to be submitted in electronic format, using either the Tier2 Submit software or a computer program that converts the electronic Tier Two data to a format and structure that is identical to the Tier2 Submit electronic file structure. Facilities may now indicate in the electronic Tier Two Reports whether the facility is subject to the Emergency Planning Letter requirements of EPCRA, so the Program no longer receives separate hard copy EPLs.

Risk Manager attends Emergency Management Tabletop at Texas A&M University in Kingsville



Randolph S. Creel Enterprise Risk Manager for Texas A&M University conducted its Annual Emergency Management exercise on February 25, 2015 from 8am - noon. The

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Tabletop discussion centered on a hurricane event designed to evaluate our newly developed IACUC Animal Unit Disaster Plans. City - County staff with University staff of each animal unit/entity was present for the event to discuss the actions required for animal care during emergency situations. The following City of Kingsville Staff attended the Tabletop Event – Melissa Perez (Risk Manager) Emilio Garcia (Health Director) & Staff.

Risk Manager receives a visit from Workers Compensation Specialist

Hermelinda Cruz

Risk Manager Melissa Perez visited with TML Workers Compensation Representative Hermelinda Cruz on Thursday February 10th. Hermelinda along with Art Alvarez visit their perspective Risk Managers to discuss current open and closed Injuries and if any employees are receiving temporary income



benefits while out on a workers comp injury. It is also a time to discuss any current or upcoming changes to documentation or policies and Training. Hermelinda will be coming back to visit next week to conduct Training to the Parks and Golf course employees and supervisors.

Risk Manager prepares Final Summary for Discovery Program

We are at the end of the race – We are almost there!! The Risk Manager is receiving the final reports from staff on The Discovery Program action items. TML Discovery Staff – Risk Manager and Staff have



been working so 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

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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.

Risk Manager meets with Interim City Manager Courtney Alvarez to discuss Injuries and Claims

The Risk Manager met with Interim City Manager Courtney Alvarez on Tuesday February 24th to discuss employee injuries and claims. The city currently has two employees out on a work-related injury and one employee on modified duty due to a work-related injury. Determining fault for an accident/injury is not an exact science, but in most cases the employee, insurance adjuster and Risk manager will at least have a good idea as to whether the insured person was entirely at fault, or a little at fault, or a lot at fault. Preventive measures are discussed to lessen the percentage of these accidents and injuries. One great resource to have is an injury and illness prevention program it's a proactive process to help employers find and fix workplace hazards before workers are hurt. These programs can be effective in reducing injuries, illnesses. Employers can experience dramatic decreases in workplace injuries and often report a workplace culture that can lead to higher productivity and quality, reduced turnover, reduced costs, and greater employee satisfaction.



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

Training and Professional Development

Training – C Shift personnel participated in training on sexual harassment, code of conduct, and disciplinary policies.



Incident Command Training – Firefighter Patton and Engineer Lee attended ICS 300 and ICS 400 advanced incident command training at the Counsel of Governments facility in Corpus Christi.

New Tools Orientation – A class was held with members of the KVFD on Tuesday night, February 17th, to go over new equipment. Instruction on the use of new chain saws, rubbish hooks, ethanol free fuels, K-tool sets, McLeods, and axe belts was provided.

Planning

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.

Community Project Development Meetings – The fire chief and fire marshal attended two planning development committee meeting with other department heads.

Exhaust Removal System – On February 17th, the Purchasing Department held a bid opening for the fire department exhaust removal systems. The fire department has reviewed the bids and sent recommendations to the Purchasing Department for consideration.

Other Department Activities

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Civil Service Commission Meeting – Recommendations to change the hiring requirements for the fire department were approved by the Commission. Firefighter/Paramedic applicants will now be tested in the order of qualifications. Starting with applicants that already are certified as both firefighter and paramedic, followed by applicants that are certified paramedics currently in a firefighter academy and will graduate within 6 months, certified firefighters that are currently enrolled in a paramedic school that will graduate within 6 months, and lastly individuals that are certified only as paramedics. Any individual offered a position that is only a paramedic will be required to complete a firefighter training program of the fire department's choosing within 9 months.

Fire Safety Presentation at the Tot-Spot – The A-shift presented a safety class to toddlers at the Tot-Spot located on South Brahma Blvd.

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

Texas Fire Chief's Conference – Chief Reed and Captain Valentine attended the chiefs conference in Frisco, Texas. They attended presentations by several state and national figures on the fire service, leadership, trends, and other related topics. They also met with vendors to discuss future equipment purchases.

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

Committee Meetings:

Officers Meeting – February 20th, an officers meeting was held to discuss operations, recent incidents, and review of policies and proposed policies.

New Policies or Policy Revisions:

- Updated minimum staffing and overtime policy

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Equipment and Facilities:

Fire Station 2 Street Widening and Improvements -

City crews have begun clearing to widen the street beside fire station 2. A new sidewalk has been installed to allow handicap access from the back parking area.

Medic units – Some mechanical problems with ambulances during the period. Repairs were made and returned to service quickly.

Brush 1 – Was sent to the local dealership for repairs. Required over \$3000 in diagnostics and sensor replacement.

2014-15 Projects:

Thermal Imager: New thermal imager has been ordered. Some accessories have arrived. Expected shipping date is now February 19. Still waiting.

New Fire Marshal Vehicle: Truck has been ordered.

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

Replacement Skid Unit for the Brush Truck: Preparing specifications for Purchasing Department.

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

Fire Station 1 Improvements: Still in review. Gathering list of needed improvements with detailed specifications to be provided to contractors.

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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: Computer access and email access problems have been reduced within the Fire Department. Still working toward daily operability.

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 13th, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on February 26th, 2015.

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	10
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	85
Total Emergency Responses -	95

Major Events during the period: House Fire, East Ragland, February 14th, 2015: Engine 1 arrived to find a two story house with fire showing from the first floor windows across the front of the home and smoke coming from the upstairs windows. Engine 1 laid a supply line from the hydrant at the corner and pulled an attack line to start knocking down the fire. A medic unit and engine 2 arrived and staged their vehicles and proceeded to pull another hose line and assist in knocking the fire down. Naval Air Station Kingsville Fire Department personnel arrived with an engine company to assist in the firefighting efforts. The building was full

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of equipment and other items making movement inside the building difficult. There was no power to the building and most 1st floor windows were boarded up. A total of 10 personnel including NAS Kingsville were used to control the fire. Two non-certified KVFD personnel arrived to assist with hose loading and other activities. No injuries were reported.



Grass Fire, W. Ceasar and S. 3rd Street, February 16th, 2015: Engine 2 arrived to find an acre of light grass and medium brush on fire with a strong wind from the North. A cold front was moving through town and caused the fire to spread quickly. The cause of the fire is suspicious. Six firefighters worked to place a line around the fire and extinguish hot spots inside the perimeter. A rattlesnake and a rat snake were encountered by firefighters while extinguishing the fire. No serious injuries were reported.



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FINANCE DEPARTMENT *(Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Finance Director)*

DID YOU KNOW?



In the US, the first income tax was created in 1861 during the Civil War as a mechanism to finance the war effort but it did not last as it was not renewed in 1872. It was not until February 1913 that the 16th Amendment was ratified to the Constitution granting congress the power to collect taxes on personal income. In 1913 the income tax was 1% on income up to \$20,000 and 7% for the top bracket which included income over \$500,000.

<http://www.efile.com/tax-history-and-the-tax-code/>

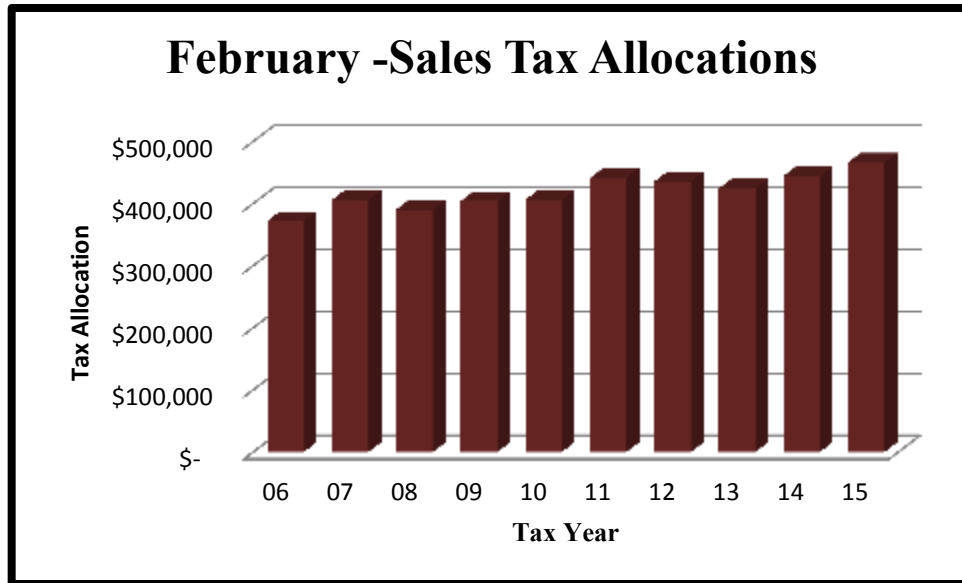
Monthly Financials

Monthly financials were sent out to all departments on Thursday, February 19th. Through February 19th, the year represented 38% of the budget. Departments were asked to review their budgets and any revenue below or expenditure above the 38% mark needed to be looked at to determine if there were any issues that need to be addressed at this time. Departments were also asked to send in a status report on all capital projects and complete any budget transfers that were needed to eliminate negative balances.

Sales Tax

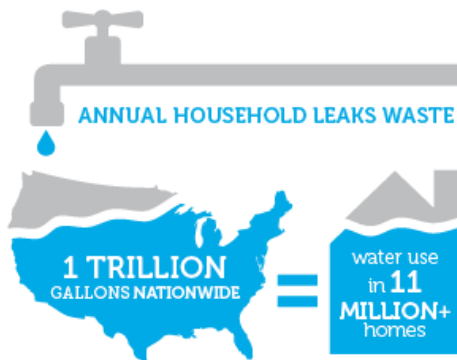
The City of Kingsville received \$465,811.74 in sales tax allocations in the month of February. This is a 4.90% increase over February 2014. Sales Tax is applied on all retail sales, leases, rentals and taxable services at a percentage rate of 8.25 % in Kingsville.

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Utility Billing Division

Nip Drips Inside and Out During Seventh Annual Fix a Leak Week



Leaking faucets, showerheads, toilets, and irrigation equipment can raise a family's water bill by 10 percent. Nationwide, easy-to-fix household leaks can lead to the loss of more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually. Communities across the country will join EPA for

the seventh annual [Fix a Leak Week](#) from March 16 to 22, 2015, as Water Sense partners encourage Americans to check, twist, and replace.

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1. **Check for leaks.** One way to detect leaks is to evaluate your water use during the winter. A household of four generally doesn't consume more than 12,000 gallons of water per month. If your family is using more than that, leaks might be the culprit. Another method is to check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when water isn't being used to verify whether the reading changes. If it does, a leak is likely.
2. **Twist your way to leak-free fixtures.** Once you've identified any leaks, tighten hose and pipe connections and faucet valves, or wrap showerheads with pipe tape if needed to form a good seal. Dripping faucets are easily remedied by replacing worn-out gaskets and washers. To save even more water, twist a Water Sense labeled aerator onto your bathroom sink faucets. 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.
3. **Replace when necessary.** Most toilet leaks are the result of worn-out flappers, which are cheap and easy to switch out with new ones. And if you still can't nip that drip in the bud, it might be time to replace the fixture. Look for the Water Sense label when considering a new toilet, faucet, or showerhead to ensure water savings with the performance you've come to expect.

Household leaks are a drain on resources and your wallet, but fixing them is relatively easy and saves water, energy, and money.

http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/our_water/winter2015.html#two

When and if your utility bill is affected by a leak, please contact our department at 361-592-5281 for the procedures pertaining to any consideration of a leak adjustment.

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Meter Reader Stats for January 2015

Type	Issued	Completed	Voided
Final/Closed out	49	29	20
Disconnect service	56	54	2
Fix meter	81	79	1
Force out	26	26	0
Check for leak	26	26	0
New Service	77	77	0
Swap meter	99	98	1
Total	491	466	25

The meter techs, Jerry Trevino (Supervisor meter tech) and Miguel Sandoval (meter tech) handle the above service orders as well as every Tuesday handling locking meters for non-payment and every Thursday handling disconnects for non-payment on a weekly basis. Also, the meter techs handle getting re-reads for the Billing Specialist and other miscellaneous duties. Their good work day in and day out should be commended.

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.

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

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

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

Municipal Court Activity Report

This report covers the court activity from
February 13, 2015 thru February 23, 2015.



New Cases

59 Parking, **190** Traffic, **56** State Law, **24** City Ordinance

New Cases Disposed

17 Parking, **258** Traffic, **92** State Law, **21** City Ordinance

Warrants

267 Issued, **80** Executed (Served)

Collections

Collections during this period came to \$59,568.37 in fines and court costs.

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Court Dates – February 2015

Jury Trial Hearing – Rescheduled	3/26	9:00 am
Inmate Session	2/26	2:00 pm
Regular Court Hearing	2/26	3:00 pm
Trial Hearing Bench (State Prosecutor Alvarez)	2/26	4:00 pm

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 (State Prosecutor Alvarez)	3/26	9:00 am
Trial Hearing Bench (Assist CA Prosecutor Craig)	3/26	4:00 pm

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

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Regular Court Hearing	4/09 & 4/23 3:00 pm
Jury Trial Hearing (State Prosecutor Alvarez)	4/23 9:00 am
Trial Hearing Bench (Assist CA Prosecutor Craig)	4/09 & 4/23 4:00 pm

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

Did you know?

According to the February 6, 2015 news release from the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics the unemployment rate of 5.7 percent has changed little in January and has shown no net change since October 2014. Also according to the Household Data survey of the report the number of unemployed persons is 9 million, with this number having little change since January numbers.

In January, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged at 2.8 million. These individuals accounted for 31.5 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed is down by 828,000.

Current Employment Opportunities

Fire - Firefighter

Police - Officers

Police - Telecommunication's Operator

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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

Milestone Anniversaries - 5, 10, 15 and 20, 25, 30, 35 years

20 years - Willie Davis – Pump Operator – Wastewater Division – Public Works Department

35 years - Oscar Luera – Maintenance Worker – Street Division – Public Works Department

Separations

Vincent J. Capell – City Manager

Alexis Flores – Temporary Inventory Clerk – Street Division of Public Works

Employee Changes:

Ms. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney, was appointed Interim City Manager effective February 9, 2015.

Mr. Daniel Barrientes, Equipment Operator II in the Sanitation Division of Public Works, accepted the Recycling Technician position within the same division.

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Department Training and Projects

The HR Director attended the 2015 Texas Public Employer Labor Relations Association (TXPELRA) Annual Workshop and the 29th Annual Civil Service Workshop on February 11th – February 13th, 2015 in Sugar Land, Texas. An estimated 150 persons were in attendance at the TXPELRA workshop and an estimated 250 persons in attendance at the Civil Service Workshop.

Civil Service Corner

Civil Service Commission Members:

Nick Harrel - Chairperson

Dora Martinez - Vice-Chairperson

Alonzo Lopez

The Civil Service (CS) Commission met on February 17, 2015. The CS Commission, by unanimous vote, approved the additions A, B, and C to the Fire Department entry-level testing requirements. Below are the existing minimum requirements with the additions underlined.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: ENTRY-LEVEL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. Age

18 years of age but not 36 years of age or older

2. Education

High School diploma or GED certificate

3. Driver's License

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Possession of a valid license (TX Class B required within 90 days of employment)

4. Basic Structure Fire Suppression Firefighter Certification issued by the Texas Commission of Fire Protection
5. Active EMT-P (Paramedic) certification issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Applicants with only #4 or #5 shall be allowed to test based on the following certification/license preference:

A. Certified TDSHS EMT-Paramedic currently enrolled in a Structural Firefighter academy with expected graduation within 6 months.

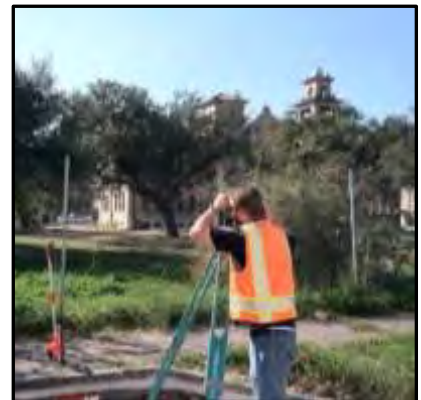
B. Certified TCFP Structural Firefighter currently enrolled in a Paramedic school with expected graduation within 6 months.

C. Certified Texas EMT-Paramedic and required to complete the Texas Structural Firefighter certification within 9 months of hire.

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

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

Engineering technicians – Engineering and GIS are taking an important role with utility construction for the new City Hall (Old HM King High School). Engineering has been marking the utility and laying out the utility, helping the city's water department during construction. Engineering is designing the line size and hydrant locations. Engineering is also helping the street Department during the Johnston Street construction.



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Street Division (2/9-2/22)

Road Constructions

- Cut out zipper 8' Ft away from new curbs and hauled out old material
- Cut down limestone curbside, swept curbs and rolled
- Sprayed MC30 and laid hot mix
- Used 200 tons limestone and 258.26 tons of Hot Mix

Gutter

- Wells from Richard Ave. to Alice Ave.
- Richard Ave. from Wells to 2nd St.
- 1st St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Alice Ave.
- 2nd St. from Richard Ave. to Alice Ave.

Sweeping

- Armstrong Ave. from Lee Ave. to Corral Ave.
- 6th St. from Lee Ave. to Loop 428
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to University Blvd.
- University Blvd from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to King Ave.
- Ailsie Ave. from 6th St. to Franklin Adams
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St to Star's Drive Inn
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from 6th St. to 2nd St.

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- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from University Blvd. to Hwy 141
- Shelly from Ailsie to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Ailsie from 14th St to Carlos Truan Blvd.
- 6th St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Kenedy Ave.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St. to Hwy 77
- East side of 14th St. from General Cavazos Blvd. to Corral Ave.
- North side of Ailsie from Carlos Truan Blvd. to 14th St.
- West side of 14th St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from 14th St. to Ailsie
- Caesar Ave. from 6th St. to 14th St.
- 6th St. from Richard Ave. to Caesar Ave.

Round Up

- Corral Ave. from Hwy 77 to Lantana
- 14th St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to 6th St.
- King Ave. from 6th St. to May
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from Hwy 141 to Fairview
- KPD on King Ave. from Ailsie to 6th St.
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from Fairview to Hwy 77

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- Caesar Ave. from 14th St. to 18th St.
- Caesar Ave. from Hwy 77 to 23rd St.

Hot Mix/Cold Patch

Hot Mix

- Oklahoma St. from Lott Ave. to Hwy 77
- Pasadena St
- Wild Wood area
- Fordyce Project
- In front of Harvey School
- Intersections of North and South 17th St
- Intersections of 17th and Kenedy Ave.
- Water Patch on Boyd St
- Jamlie St
- 8th St. from Ave C to Ave D
- Intersection of Ave D and 6th St.
- Stacie Dr
- Wanda and Jackson from Kenedy Ave. to King Ave.



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- 1st St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Ave A
- Circle Drive
- Lawndale Dr.
- Allen Drive
- Boyd St
- 6th St. & General Cavazos
- College at circle gutter
- Trant Rd. from 6th St. to County Rd 1030
- Armstrong in front of school
- Johnston Ave. from Armstrong to College Place
- Intersections of 17th St. & Johnston Ave. , 17th St. & Lott Ave. and 17th St. & King Ave.
- Huisache Ave. & Wells
- Corral Ave. & Santa Rosa
- Retama Dr
- W Kenedy Ave. & Jackson
- W Yoakum Ave. & Wanda
- Intersection of Santa Monica
- Kleberg Ave. & Jackson
- Henrietta Ave. & Wanda

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Cold Mix

- 1st St. & 20th St.
- Wells & W Huisache Ave.
- Santa Monica & Santa Clara
- Santa Barbara
- Cut out at Santa Monica intersection
- Intersection of Mesquite & 6th St.
- Water patch at Huisache Ave & 11th St.
- 200 W Lott Ave. & 15th St.
- 600 E Lott Ave. & 11th St.
- 300 S 13th St. & E Lott Ave.
- E 800 Fordyce Ave. & 13th St.



Alley Maintenance

- 602 W Caesar Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. & Lott Ave. by 8th St.
- 932 Mesquite Ave.
- 1023 Corral Ave.
- 710 E Alice Ave.
- Ave A & Ave B on 5th St.

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Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Set Mourning signs at 621 E Mesquite and picked up signs on Chandler
- Helped with curb and gutter on Santa Gertrudis Estates
- Helped mike with hot mix on Boyd
- Cold mixed on Arroyo and Jamlie
- Helped mike with a water patch on Arroyo, 8th St between Ave D & Ave C, Jamlie & Stacie, Pasadena St and on 6th & Ave D
- Picked up Stop sign on 10th & Caesar
- Put pipe anchor and wetch on Stop sign on 10th St. & Caesar Ave.
- Put Yield signs on Chandler
- Hauled dirt out of Coliseum
- Backfilled curb with limestone on 21st & Caesar
- Set Mourning signs on Mesquite and on 1803 Oklahoma
- Cold mixed on 6th & Richard, 9th & Alice and 10th from Santa Gertrudis to Henrietta
- Helped Mike with patching on Corral and Armstrong
- Helped Jaime with cold mix on Wells & Huisache Ave., Wanda & Henrietta Ave., Kleberg Ave. & Jackson and on Santa Monica
- Put cement where pot planter used to be outside west side of City Hall
- Picked trash bags on 6th St

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- Took 16 cones to 916 W Ave H

Water Production (2/9 – 2/22)

Collected 12 routine Bacteriological Samples:

- 1121 E. Ave A
- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 511 College Place
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd.
- 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:

- 209 Reidda Drive
- 1113 Kathleen
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave.

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- 318 Briarwood
- 329 E. Doddridge Ave
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 620 Mesquite Ave.
- 1630 Santa Fe
- 428 W. Nettie Ave.
- 1142 W. Yoakum Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave
- 707 E. Santa Gertudis Ave.

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

Water pumped to distribution (2/9 – 2/22) - Wells – 40,400,000 gallons; Surface – 3,254,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 43,654,000 gallons; Average –3,118,142.86 gals/day

Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (2/9- 2/22)

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. Rabalais replace two ¾” solenoids.

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Wastewater Treatment South Plant – Operator cleaned clarifier troughs and shoveled sludge from sand drying beds. Crew is wasting in wedge wires and sand drying bed. Operators and helpers mowed grass around Plant and Lift Stations. Rabalais replaced two ¾” solenoids.

Wastewater Collection – Had 10 call outs for sewer backups

6174 E. Ragland Ave.

325 E. Lott Ave.

929 W. King Ave.

1312 E. Fordyce Ave

215 N. 3rd Ave.

2 – Sewer line repair one at 311 W. Alice Ave and one at 617 E. Ragland Ave.

Installed clean out boot at 522 W. Alice and installed clean out and did sewer service repair at 209 Rettye.

Backfilled area at 1204 W. King Ave.

Vacuumed water on the curb at Carlos Truan Lift Station

Located clean out at 515 N. 3rd St.

Hauled sludge from South Plant (1MGD) and from the North Plant to the Landfill.

1 – Bad odor call at 904 E. Hoffman

2 – Line locates

Scheduled work for the week

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

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

Construction crews continue replacing line at 723 E. Miller.

Loftin will be working on preventative maintenance on generators at the North and South Plant and Lift Stations.

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

Jah-Con will be replacing flow recorders for 1&3 MGD

Construction crews will be working on service line repair at 209 E. Rettye Dr. and 1713 John and also repairing service at 407 E. Ave B.

Water Distribution (2/9 – 2/22)

Repaired 3 Main Breaks and answered approximately 24- Service Calls

.2" Main Break	7 th St. and Santa Gertrudis Ave.
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6" Main Break	410 E. Ailsie Ave.
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8" Main Break	5 th St and Lott Ave.
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3- Locates, 0-Service line leaks, 7- water leaks; 6 - Meter Leaks, 3- Backfills, 2- valve repairs, 0- Customer Side Leaks; 2- No Water/Low Pressures; 1 - Fire Hydrant 0- Turn off Water, 0 -Turn on and 0 - Water Tap.

- The Water Department worked with contractor 5125 to do tie-in on 10th St. and Lott Ave.
- Crews located and repaired leak in crop field behind Southgate Mall.
- The Water Dept. helped the Parks Dept. clean out sand in the J.K. Northway building.

City Garage (2/9 -2/22)

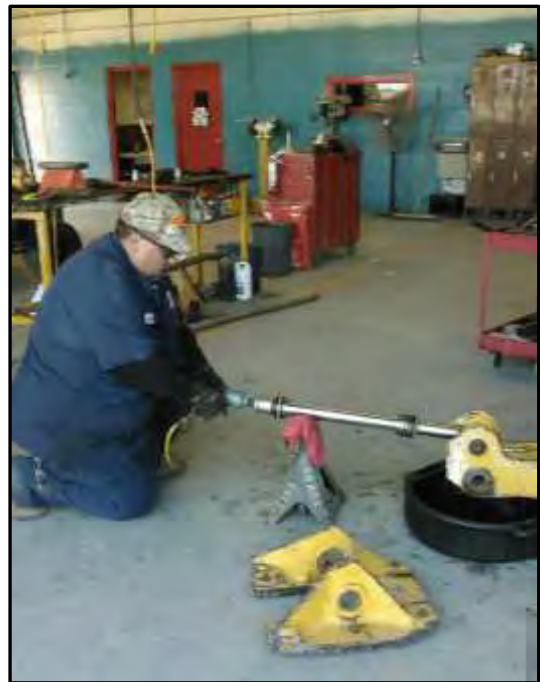
Maintenance

10- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 34 Scheduled work orders; 50 Nonscheduled work; 8 Service calls; 2 Call out; 13-New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 10 flat tire repairs and balances; 31 pending work orders. We will replace the piston and the seal on the valve body on Unit 335. We will repair the electrical short in the brakes on Unit 545. The city garage replaced the ramp bearing on Unit 334 and replaced the grease unit on Unit 329.

Welder

5 received work order and 2 pending work orders

Welder repaired the floor of the bed of Unit 4011 and repaired the bed rails on Unit 331. The Welder also welding the loading ramp of Unit 334.



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Solid Waste (2/9 – 2/22)

Landfill - (2/9 – 2/22)

Pete Pina, Gary Munoz and Tim Flores to the Solid Waste B-Course. The Landfill Scraper is down so Art from the City Garage came out to look at it. The scraper was picked up by Holt Cat to be repaired. The fuel filter were replaced on the diesel and gasoline tanks. Took Unit 9316 to the Garage Department to get the fuel transfer pump installed. Gary Munoz received his Class A - Municipal Solid Waste operator License. Wastewater hauled 7 loads of sludge from the big plant.

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 2/9 – 2/22 –**633,780** pounds; Commercial waste collected **705,180** pounds; Brush collected **19,660** pounds and construction debris collected **364,640** pounds. The brush crew collected in Zone 4 and picked up White Goods on Friday February 20th. They are picking up brush in Zone 1 now. Sanitation has been helping Community Appearance finish small abatements as needed. Sanitation has also taken over watering new trees planted around the city and does this on Wednesdays. Sanitation will be hauling debris from the yard this week in a cleanup effort. Recycling for the month of January totaled 20.18 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

We do not remember days, we remember moments.

-Cesare Pavese

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Parks & Recreation Department*(Courtesy of Bill Donnell, Golf Course Supervisor)*

Golf Division (2/14-2/27)

The course has been moderately dry with nice weather and the Golf Division employees are doing a great job on improving the playability and esthetics of the course through mowing of greens, collars, fairways, driving range where possible. Staff is in the process of repairing the tractor's brake system and replaced blades and bushing on both Scag mowers which caused a little mowing down time last week. City staff from Wastewater Division has completed about 95% of the renovation repairs to the restroom facilities on the backside of the course. The interior is nearly complete. A water leak within the wall slowed progress, but it is now repaired. The roof material has been delivered and staff will begin the reconstruction soon.

Players will notice clover is beginning to wilt as golf staff sprayed broadleaf herbicide on the fairways and areas in the rough. The number 3 green has a little fungus problem that we are working to eliminate. The grass is starting to grow and the clover is beginning to fade.



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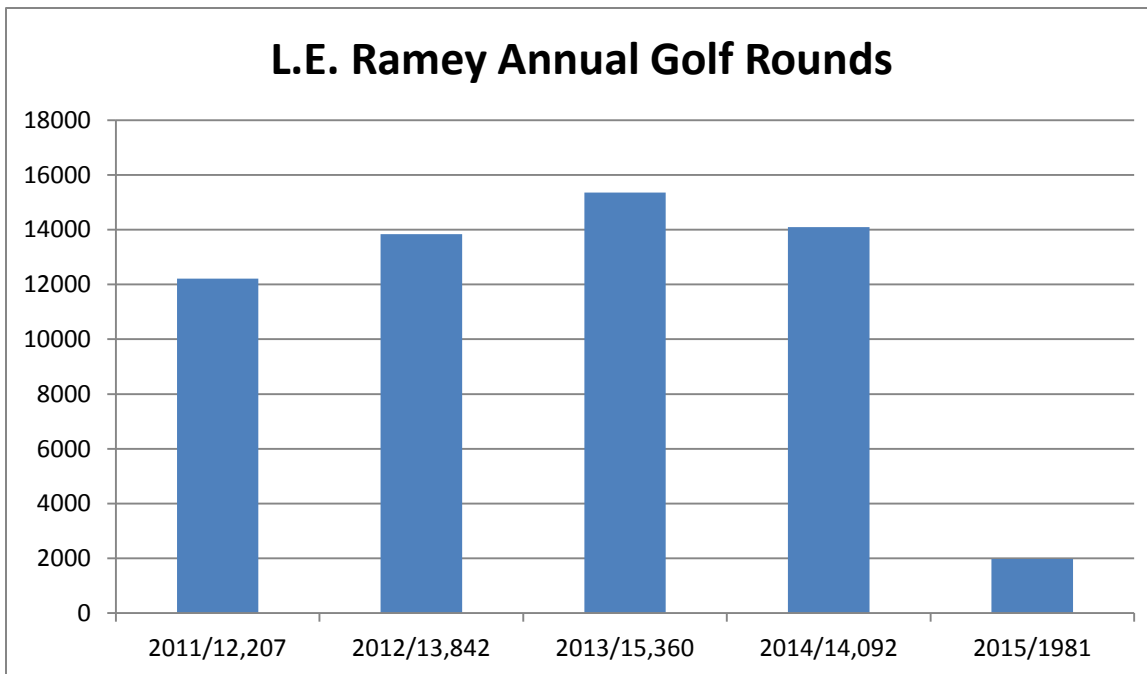
The weather has been cool but dryer for golf activity with 609 rounds of golf played and 96 buckets of range balls used during the period of February 14th thru February 27, 2015.

Scheduled tournaments at L.E. Ramey Golf Course: (Schedule your tournament call 361-592-1101)

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

Past tournaments: District 29-3A Golf Tournament, February 16, 2015

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



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Health Department (Courtesy of Emilio Garcia, Director)

Administration Division

Kleberg County Commissioner's Meeting

City-County Health Director, Emilio H. Garcia attended the Kleberg County Commissioner's meeting on February 2, 2015. The meeting was held at the Courthouse Annex Law Enforcement Center at 1:30 pm. Mr. Garcia had placed 4 agenda items for approval. The agenda items were: to purchase a Ford F250 pickup truck (for animal control services), a 6 stall slide-in animal control box, a 7 cage stainless steel cat cage and a London Fogger (mosquito sprayer). The Kleberg County Commissioner's Court unanimously approved the requested items. The City-County Health Department will order the items in the next few weeks. Thanks to Kleberg County Commissioner's for approving the request. The equipment and vehicle will help improve our efforts in our Animal Control Division.

Animal Unit Disaster Plans Tabletop Exercise

The Texas A & M University Kingsville Emergency Management Division held their annual IACUC Animal Unit Disaster Plan tabletop exercise. The event was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at TAMUK sub room 219 C from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. The University invited the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Division staff, the Kleberg County Emergency Management Coordinator, the City of Kingsville Risk Management office, and the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension office and several animal departments from TAMUK were also in attendance. The table top exercise focused on the event of a major hurricane making landfall in our vicinity. Discussions included preparations to be made prior to a landfall, during landfall and re-entry into the city. The tabletop exercise was a great way to network what other departments are doing in case of such an event. The exercise covered issues on food and water for animals and how much, transportation, sheltering and/or evacuating. Attending the table top exercise from the City of Kingsville were Melissa Perez, Risk Manager; Emilio H. Garcia, City-County Health Director; Jason Torres, Health Inspector II; Jessica Montalvo, Customer Service Representative; and from Kleberg County Tomas Sanchez Jr., Kleberg County Emergency Management Coordinator. Thanks to Dr. Shane

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Creel, Executive Director, Enterprise Risk Management, Texas A&M University-Kingsville to organizing the table top exercise. Pictured is Dr. Creel speaking to the attendees.



Food Service Division

Food Service Inspections

Food Service inspections are conducted on a quarterly schedule per year based on the risk category to insure compliance with the Texas Food Service Establishment Regulations and local food sanitation ordinances. Risk levels include low, moderate and high risk. Establishment scoring is based on a demerit system, as per The Texas Food Establishment Rules. There are two types of violations. Critical violations are 5 and 4 points demerits per violation and non-critical violations are 3 points demerit violations. Critical Violations are improper practices and actions that directly contribute to food contamination and temperature abuse that may pose a potential risk to the public health, resulting in food borne illness. Critical violations must be corrected immediately or as directed by the Health Department.

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

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February 16 thru February 26, 2015

Browns Convenience Store-100	Best Western Motel-96	DairyQueen/Riviera-100
Kingsville Quality Inn-97	V&J Food Mart-82	Hampton Inn-100
Holiday Inn Express-92	Rodeway Inn-100	Harvey School Cafeteria-96
Aspire to Lead Academy-100	Kingsville Headstart-100	JC3 Mart-95
Academy High School-100	Santa Gertrudis School-95	Sunny Mini Mart-90
Our Lady of Good Counsel-92	El Tapatio/Ricardo-100	Kings Inn/Riviera-96
Agave Jalisco/Riviera-90	A&J Super Store-100	La Famosa Factory-100
Valero Corner Store-97		

Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Classes

Food Handler Class 9 Students Regular Food Handler Class-Health Department

Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events

Rod Starr BBQ & Catering Temporary Food Event/Nacho Bar-JK
Northway Coliseum

Animal Control Center Division

New gate installed

The City-County Health Department recently hired D & C Fence Co. from Corpus Christi, Texas to cut in and add one 6' height 4' personnel gate to an existing fence line. The new gate was installed in the front fence line of our dog run. The gate will make it easier to gain excess into our dog run for volunteers walking our sheltered dogs. Pictured are Animal Control Staff Jessica Montalvo and Teresa Orr examining the new gate!



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Volunteers from TAMUK

Students from Texas A & M University-Kingsville have been volunteering several hours in the mornings to walk, exercise and socialize with our sheltered dogs. Pictured are Alex Rincon, Codi Hargrave and Julia Burchsted. Thanks to them for their volunteerism at the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center.



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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, March 7, 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



Police Department (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Police Chief)

Office of Chief of Police

Message from the Chief

I was reminded a few days ago of how much we take our police officers for granted. I am including myself as the department head of the Kingsville Police Department in that number. We take for granted that we are in a safe environment at home or wherever we travel in our community. Our law enforcement personnel here in Kingsville are out working while most of us are home in bed. This especially comes to mind because they are out working, as in the last few weeks in the cold, wet wintery weather while we bask in the warmth of central heating or our

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space heaters and sleep in our warm houses. Just wanted to let them know that they are appreciated, so thank you for all you do!

Patrol Division Activity

February 11 – 25, 2015

Officers responded to hundreds of calls, including many disturbances and civil matters. Patrol officers wrote 141 citations and 64 warnings. Patrol officers responded to several private property accidents, 9 minor/major accidents and one hit and run. Ten reports of assault were made, with 12 calls of criminal mischief and three trespassing reports.

There were seven reports of residential burglaries, 14 calls of vehicular burglaries, two counts of credit card abuse, one report of Fraudulent use of Identifying Information and one count of Fraud. Thirteen reports of theft were made and one vehicle was stolen.

One report was made for Indecency with a Child, one report of Disorderly Conduct, one report of harassment and one runaway was reported.

On February 12, officers were dispatched to Gillett Intermediate School, where school officials were questioning juveniles regarding marijuana possession. In the office, an 11 year-old female became angry, retrieved a bag of marijuana from her book bag and threw it on the principal's desk. She was detained for Possession of Marijuana, less than two ounces, in a drug free zone. She was processed and released to relatives.

On February 13, officers were dispatched to the area of 1200 E. Mesquite, in reference to a female who had just committed a burglary of vehicle. Officers found the female, nearby, with a flashlight taped to her arm. The officers attempted to arrest the well-known drug addict but she struggled with three officers. She was arrested and taken to jail for Burglary of Vehicle with 2 or more convictions and Resisting Arrest.

On February 13, officers were dispatched to the area of Santa Gertrudis and Wilson in reference to an intoxicated male. An officer found the officer lying in the grass and assisted him up. The male had urinated himself and was having difficulty speaking. After a short conversation, the male was arrested for Public Intoxication.

On February 19, officers were dispatched to 1300 N. 1st in reference to a male asleep near the street. Officers contacted citizens who were concerned about the sleeping male's welfare and had attempted to wake the male. The 42 year-old male was grasping a bottle of vodka. He was eventually awakened and transported to the jail for Public Intoxication.

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On February 21, a male living in the 700 block of E. Yoakum walked out of his house and observed one of his vehicles missing and the second vehicle with an open door. He had left his vehicles unlocked. A key to his first vehicle was kept in the second vehicle so the first vehicle was stolen. A

report was made for Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle and Burglary of a



Vehicle. Two days later, Palacios Police Department stopped the vehicle and arrested a male from Aransas Pass and a male from Portland, who denied knowing the car was stolen. They told the arresting officers that they had bought the vehicle in Corpus Christi, from "some guy".

On February 20, Sergeant Figueroa and Officer Vega attended an intelligence meeting of the Texas Gang Investigators in Corpus Christi.

Several officers have completed their online TML courses for this quarter.

Criminal Investigations Bureau
Activity Report

Detectives Supervisor assigned 143 cases and inactivated 29 cases as of February 25, 2015th. Along with these cases there were also 0 DWI's and 14 Crash reports.

Detectives have had an overabundance of interviews at the CAC (Child Advocacy Center) in Corpus in reference to crimes against children. Everyone needs to have a talk with their children about inappropriate touching and strangers. It is important for them to know that it is alright for them to tell someone and they are not to blame. Keeping our children safe is a goal for all of us to strive for.

There has been a lot of criminal mischief's were someone is busting shooting out windows to vehicles with like a bb-gun. If you see or hear anything please notify the police department.

There has been a rise in burglaries always keep your doors secured on vehicles and your homes.

Detectives have had to conduct several interviews at the CAC (Child Advocacy Center) in Corpus in reference to crimes against children.

Detectives have filed 50 cases during this period. There were 18 cases filed in District Court, 20 cases filed in County Court, 3 cases filed in City Court, and 9 filed in Juvenile Court.

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Three Detectives recently attended the REED Interview and Interrogation school. They will be conducting training with the other detectives in the techniques they have learned.

The last couple of weeks have actually been mild. Each Detective is currently working a case load of about 50 to 70 active cases. All Detectives have been busy wrapping up the homicide which they all did an outstanding job.

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

Communications Division

Our Division is gearing up for a system upgrade that will occur on March 2, 2015. Crimes 6.5 will be installed throughout the department, looking at a 1-2 hour down time.

On March 7,2015 will be having a bake sale at Wal-Mart, all benefits will be going towards Relay for life.

Training-

All operators are taking TML training courses on line on the following subjects:

Smoking Cessation
High Blood Pressure-Reducing Your Risks
Walking Your Way to Fitness

Selena Cavazos has completed 16 hours TCIC / NCIC Full Access.

Calls:

From 2-11-15 through 2-25-15, we have received **1,265** incoming calls on our land lines.

Total of 84 -- 9-1-1 Calls

Transfer to:

- 5-Bishop PD
- 60- Kingsville Fire & EMS
- 14- KPD- Admin (for non emergency calls)
- 8- Kleberg SO
- 1- Corpus Christi Metro Com
- 2- UPD

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176 reports were taken

We had over 1,000 traffic stops

6- Major Accidents

23- Minor Accidents

19- Assault Reports

27-Arrest

Neighborhood Improvement Officer
2015 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS

WEEK 7

The following stats are from Week 7:

- Junk Vehicles – 1
- Abandoned Vehicle-2
- Parking Citations –14
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -13
- Compliance – 4

WEEK 8

The following stats are from Week 8:

- Junk Vehicles-3
- Abandoned Vehicles-1
- Parking Citations –25
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -16
- Compliance – 5

So far for the calendar year 2015, 20 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 19 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 109 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year and 45 Traffic Citations.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.

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1109 N 1ST ST



431 W KING AVE.



1031 E JOHNSTON



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

Activity for Reporting Period

02/11/2015 – 02/25/2015 Work Log # 4- 2015

SELF INITIATED CASES / ARREST:

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

MURRAY:

1500004302- Cpl. Murray worked a traffic accident that occurred at the intersection of S 6th St and E Ailsie.

CASES FILED WITH COUNTY COURT: 1

CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT: 1

PROSECUTION CHARGE REPORT SUPPLEMENTS: 30

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TRAFFIC STOPS: 21

CITATIONS: 2

GONZALEZ:

1500004065 – Inv. Gonzalez worked a single vehicle traffic accident after a vehicle struck a light pole on US Highway 77.

1500004976 – Inv. Gonzalez conducted a traffic stop at Highway 77 north bound and E Corral. During the investigation over one ounce of marijuana was located in the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for Possession of Marijuana under two ounces.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 59

CITATIONS: 5

RUIZ:

150005444 – Inv. Ruiz conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of N 14th St and E Corral. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for Municipal Warrants.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 55

CITATIONS: 2

TRAINING:

Cpl. Murray, Cpl. G. Rodriguez, and Det. J. Michalski attended the Reid Interview and Interrogation class in Rockport, Texas.

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS / PURCHASES CONDUCTED:

Case#1500004283 – Purchased Marijuana

Case#1500005495 – Purchased Marijuana

Training Bureau

On February 20, 2015 Sgt. T. Figueroa and Patrolman George Vega attended the Texas Violent Gang Task Force Training-South Region.

On February 17, 2015, Cpl. Vincent Murray, Cpl Gilbert Rodriguez, and Joseph Michalski attended a class featuring The Reid Technique of Interview and interrogation. They received 18 hours of TCOLE Credit for this class.

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On February 20, 2015, Cpl. Vincent Murray, Cpl Gilbert Rodriguez attended that Advance Course on The Reid Technique of Interview and interrogation and received 6 hours of TCOLE Credit.

On February 22, 2015, Patrolman K. Martinez was released from the FTO Training Program.

Systems Specialist Staff Report

The Following issue from 2/11/15 – 2/25/15 were addressed and resolved. A brief description of the problems assisted with is included.

A vehicle accident in the 300 block of S. 14th was recorded on a store surveillance video. Help was provided in extracting the video.

Assistance was provided in extracting a file from a diagraming system and photographs from electronic devices, along with assisting with various surveillance systems for pending cases.

Aside from these issues, the Systems Analyst has been also working with ATT to resolve a phone system issues and preparing for the upgrade of CRIMES to version 6.5. The KPD website continues its construction awaiting data from departments to input on the site.

ATT has sent test devices which will be tested for 30 days. During that time, they will be analyzed and a determination made if this solution is best for KPD.

Traffic Unit
February 2015

<u>Violations</u> <u>Citations</u>	<u>Number of</u>
1 st Offense- Use of Wireless Communication Device	23
Defective Brake Lamps	9
Defective Equipment – No License Plate light	1
Defective Head Lamps	2
Disregard Railroad Crossing Signal	1
Driving While License Invalid under Provisions of DL Laws	7
Drove Without Headlights (When Required)	2
Expired Driver's License	1

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Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	41
Expired Registration	22
Fail to Display Driver's License	12
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility	11
Fail to Report Change of Address	4
Fail to Yield ROW to Pedestrian in Crosswalk (No Signals)	2
Fail to Yield ROW at Stop Sign / Negligent Collision	1
Fail to Yield ROW Turning Left / Negligent Collision	1
Fail to Control Speed / Negligent Collision	3
Fail to Drive in a Single Lane	3
Failed to Signal Turn	5
Failed to Signal Lane Change	2
Failed to Stop at Designated Point	3
Following too Closely	1
Illegal Parking – Handicap Zone	10
No Driver's License	3
No Motor Vehicle Inspection	1
No Seatbelt – Driver	17
No Seatbelt – Passenger	1
No Valid Class C	1
Open Container	1
Parked Facing Traffic	19
Ran Red Light	3
Ran Stop Sign	14
Speeding	17
Unapproved Window Tint	1
Unrestrained Child Under 2 or under 36"	1
Unsafe Backing / Negligent Collision	1
Unsafe Lane Change / Negligent Collision	1
Violation of Restrictions A – Corrective Lenses	1
Violation of Restrictions B – Licensed by an 18 year old driver	1

Total Citations

252 Citations

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Accidents Reports

February 3, 2015 / Accident / 500 W. Alice / Fail to Control Speed Negligent Collision
February 4, 2015 / Accident / 1100 Franklin Adams / Fail to Control Speed Negligent Collision
February 5, 2015 / Accident / 600 W. Corral / Fail to Control Speed Negligent Collision
February 9, 2015 / Accident / 1000 E. Kenedy / Unsafe Backing Negligent Collision
February 11, 2015 / Accident / 700 N. Armstrong / Fail to Control Speed Negligent Collision
February 16, 2015 / Accident / 800 S. 6th / Fail to Control Speed Negligent Collision
February 17, 2015 / Accident / 300 N. Armstrong / Fail to Yield ROW @ Stop Sign Negligent Collision
February 18, 2015 / Accident / 400 E. King / Unsafe Lane Change Negligent Collision
February 19, 2015 / Accident / 800 W. Caesar / Fail to Yield ROW Turning Left
February 23, 2015 / Accident / 900 E. Escondido / Fail To Control Speed Negligent Collision

Arrest Report

February 2, 2015 / Arrest / Frances Alvarado City Warrants for \$910.00. Paid in full after incarceration
February 2, 2015 / Arrest / Deana Briley City Warrants for \$167.40 Paid in full before incarceration
February 4, 2015 / Arrest / Alex Mcgee City Warrants \$1,047.00
February 5, 2015 / Arrest / Abraham Rubio POM <2oz
February 6, 2015 / Arrest / Maria Reyes City Warrants for \$520.00 Paid in full before incarceration
February 10, 2015 / Arrest / Marie Bueno City Warrants \$485.00 Paid in full before Incarceration
February 10, 2015 / Arrest / Norma Macias DWLI W/Previous Convictions
February 12, 2015 / Arrest / Angelita Cruz City Warrants for \$660.10 Paid in full after incarceration
February 16, 2015 / Arrest / Juan Garcia DWLI W/Previous Convictions
February 23, 2015 / Arrest / Desmond Thomas City Warrants for \$204.00. Paid in full before incarceration

The following report is from February 1, 2015 to February 24, 2015. There were minimal private property accidents reported with little to no damage.

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Parks (Courtesy of Susan Ivy, Director)

J.K. Northway wrapped up Rodeo Season on Feb 13, & 14 with the National Professional Bull Riders 15th Annual Bull Riding event. The two day event hosted about 1500 spectators for an always exciting show.

Planning continues with the Corral Park project with the Pharmacy School team. We are meeting with Interim City Manager, Engineering, Planning and Finance team on Friday to discuss info about the project for an end of March City Commission Meeting.

We are meeting with the Pharmacy School team on Monday to discuss trail options.

Parks Manager, Susan Ivy was invited to speak to the Community Service Department of the Woman's Club of Kingsville on "Life of a Parks Director". We talked about transition from County to City Parks, City Support, Prisoner Project, events, master planning, partnerships and community involvement. They are great group of ladies. It was a great opportunity to strengthen our partnerships.



Big Thanks out to Public Works for removing the dirt from the JK Northway for us. An enormous task and much appreciated help.

We have Josh Abbot Texas Country concert Feb 27th followed by the South Texas Youth Career Expo hosted by the TEA Service Center, Riviera ISD and the County Extension service on March 6th and a Quinceanera on March 14th. We are making plans for a Spring Break kids event in Dick Kleberg Park utilizing the Recreation Hall and playground area on March 17th from 3-7pm. Don't forget to check in on our Kingsville Parks &



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Recreation Facebook Page for details on all these events.

Demolition has begun at the Brookshire Pool on the Re-Roof project. Gonzalez Steel has been contracted for this project and anticipates completion in about 4 weeks. Painting, fence repair and other appearance needs will be started once the construction is done. Actual pool cleanup will begin soon as well to be ready for June 1st opening.

Now that the \$4,400.00 donation from 4H has been properly recorded, the work is starting to put a new face on the Dick Kleberg Park Recreation Hall. Park staff is doing some prep work for the painting that will be done this Saturday (2/28/15) by TAMUK volunteers during "The Bigger Event". Aside from painting, we plan to install new restroom partitions, improve staging appearance, purchase some new tables, vinyl baseboards, kitchen counter, and a projector screen if funding holds out that long.



We are getting our crews and equipment/supplies ready for TAMUK's Bigger Event on Sat. Feb 28. We will have volunteers working at Corral Park with the Pharmacy School students, in Dick Kleberg Park painting the Rec Hall, at the baseball fields with Boys & Girls Club, at the Girls Softball Fields with Thunder Girls Fast Pitch League, and cleaning tables and chairs and under bleachers at JK Northway and tree trimming with Park Staff.

We are proud to announce our February Employee of the Month is Edward Barrientes.



Edward has been with the Parks Department since 10-3-13. Edward is a very talented carpenter and is a great asset to our department. He takes the initiative to get problems solved, projects finished, and helps us with our safety program. Great job Edward! Edward received a certificate and a \$30.00 gift card to Big House Burgers to enjoy with his family.

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

Million Dollar Seizure on Major Corridor to Mexico

On Wednesday February 18th, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Tamez conducted a traffic stop on a truck tractor semi-trailer (TTST) near the intersection of U.S. Highway 77 and County Road 2210 for a traffic violation. Agent Tamez contacted the male driver and observed a female passenger inside the truck's cab. Agent Tamez spoke with the driver inside the patrol unit while the female passenger (later identified as the driver's wife) sat inside the truck tractor. Agent Tamez explained the traffic violation to the driver and while typing the warning Agent Tamez asked the driver questions regarding his trip. While speaking with the driver Agent Tamez heard verbal indicators of deception and observed physical signs of unsettledness when asked questions regarding his trip. Agent Tamez asked the driver for consent to speak with his passenger and he said "Yes."

Agent Tamez spoke with the female passenger (co-driver/wife) and asked her the same questions asked of the driver. While speaking with the co-driver/wife, Agent Tamez heard verbal indicators of deception and observed physical signs of unsettledness when asked questions regarding their trip. Based on his observations, Agent Tamez asked for and received verbal consent to search the truck tractor and the trailer from the co-driver/wife.

Agent Tamez returned to the driver and re-engaged him. Immediately the driver began displaying attacking behavior which Agent Tamez knew as a very strong clue of deception. Agent Tamez asked for and was denied consent to search the truck tractor and trailer.

Agent Tamez called Agent Kirkpatrick for assistance with his K-9 drug detector canine "Apollo." Agent Kirkpatrick deployed "Apollo" and he told Agent Tamez there was a positive alert for the presence of narcotics on the truck tractor.

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Agents Tamez and Kirkpatrick began a search of the truck tractor. While searching the truck's cab, Agent Tamez lifted the sleeper bunk and observed a duffle bag that appeared new. Agent Tamez unzipped the duffle bag and observed United States Currency (USC) wrapped in plastic wrapping inside. Agent Tamez immediately halted the search and called for additional assistance.

Task Force Agents arrived and assisted with the search. Agents transported both the driver, co-driver and the TTST to the City of Kingsville Garage. Once at the garage the duffle bag was removed along with a blue compressible bag; both contained USC. Agents removed a total of 41 bundles (containing USC) from the two bags. Based on the totality of all circumstances surrounding the traffic stop, search and investigatory interviews, Agent Tamez placed both driver and co-driver under arrest for Money Laundering. Both subjects were transported to the Kleberg County Jail where they were booked and incarcerated without incident.

On Thursday, February 19th, 2015, agents conducted a count of the USC at a local bank; all 41 bundles totaled \$1,048,995.00. The currency and the TTST were seized pending prosecution.



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KTF Agents Locate Electronic Compartment That Leads to Bundles of U.S. Currency

On Thursday February 19th, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Loftin was working criminal interdiction within Kleberg County and was focusing his efforts on U.S. Highway 77. Agent Loftin conducted a traffic stop on a red 2012 Volkswagen Beetle Turbo bearing Texas registration for traffic violations at U.S. Highway 77 and Trant Rd.

Agent Loftin contacted the driver, an Hispanic male from McAllen, Texas. During the course of Agent Loftin's traffic enforcement and interview with the driver he observed physical and verbal signs of overly deceptive behavior. Agent Loftin asked the driver if he was traveling with any large amounts of U.S. Currency inside the vehicle in which he replied "No". Since the driver was the owner of the Volkswagen Beetle Turbo, Agent Loftin asked for and was granted verbal consent to search the vehicle.

Task Force Agent Villalobos arrived at the scene to assist Agent Loftin in his investigation and helped with the search. Agent Villalobos observed an aftermarket electronic compartment that was secured with a trunk latch located at the left rear quarter panel of the vehicle. Inside the compartment contained 17 vacuumed sealed

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and saran wrapped bundles of U.S. Currency. The driver was detained and Agent Villalobos then deployed his narcotic K-9 "Nitro" to conduct an open air sniff on the Volkswagen Beetle Turbo. Agent Villalobos informed Agent Loftin that he received a positive alert to the odor of a narcotic coming from the vehicle. The investigation was taken to the City of Kingsville Garage where the bundles of U.S. Currency were removed out of the vehicle and later counted, totaling \$340,695.00. Based on the totality of circumstances, the driver was arrested for Money Laundering and placed in the Kleberg County Jail. The currency and vehicle were seized pending prosecution.



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County Judge Requests KTF Agents to Kleberg County Commissioner's Court

On Monday February 23rd, 2015, Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid invited all the members of the Kingsville Task Force to their Commissioner's Court Meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Kleberg County Courthouse Annex. Judge Madrid wanted to take a moment before their meeting began to commend Task Force Command Staff and Agents for the outstanding job they are doing in making the recent money and drug seizures.

Commander Vera introduced all the KTF members and thanked the Court for their support. It is gratifying to receive acknowledgements from elected officials and members of this community for the outstanding work our Kingsville Task Force Agents do.



Kingsville Task Force Rescues Protected Wildlife

On Monday February 23rd, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Command Staff rescued a sand crane from a group of dogs attacking it in the middle of a County Road in Kleberg

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County. Agent Loftin transported the sand crane to Corpus Christi in a Task Force K-9 kennel where it was turned over to the Corpus Christi State Aquarium Wildlife Section for proper medical care.

Since the sand crane is a protected bird, the rescue falls under the special crimes aspect of the Task Force's job. The sand crane is expected to make a full recovery.



KTF Interdiction Agents Attend Specialized Training in Houston

On Wednesday and Thursday, February 25th & 26th, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Interdiction Agents were in Houston, Texas attending specialized training with Houston High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) personnel. The Kingsville Task Force was invited to participate in a nationwide pilot project which seeks to empower intelligence sharing for the HIDTA Domestic Highway Enforcement (DHE)

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Strategy in its interdiction of drugs, currency, weapons, people, and other contraband traveling through designated U.S. corridors.

The Cross Agency Distributed Edge Network Analysis (CADENA) pilot project will provide a proof of concept in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating DHE field agent interdiction data for purposes of enabling HIDTA personnel to assist DHE in making search and seizure decisions for transportation and passenger vehicles along U.S. highways.

Purchasing & IT (Courtesy of David Mason, Director)



Purchasing Division

Purchase Orders

Purchasing issued 49 Purchase Orders valued at \$333,043.36.

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 line item to code a purchase from check your GL Account hand-outs or call the Purchasing Department. If you need them please stop by and pick one up.

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Purchasing Department

Purchasing/Technology Department was busy with bid openings and vehicle deliveries. Bid's were opened for the Fire Exhaust System. Two bid packages were received. The Dewatering Centrifuge System bid will be opened on Wednesday, February 25 at 1:30 pm in the Commission Chambers. Vehicle deliveries included a truck for the Health Department and a truck and a trailer for the Community Appearance Division.

The Purchasing and Technology Director has also been busy attending County Commission Meetings as the City's representative in reference to the mold remediation and air conditioning system at the Kleberg Library. Roofing work is beginning at the Brookshire Pool with Purchasing and Parks handling specifications and quotes.

Technology Division

Firewall Replacement

In order to better facilitate the move between buildings, the technology staff has completed the replacement of the main firewall in the Data Center at City Hall. This was one of the prerequisite requests prior to the deployment of the phone systems and the new network infrastructure. Additionally, it has increased our internet and network speeds by 20%. Thanks to the hard work by the technology staff the network was down for no longer than 9 hours and email and payment systems were minimally affected. The majority of time down was due to issues with ISP from a drop in internet services. To accompany this change in the firewall we will begin rolling out new security protocols to better improve network security and hardening infrastructure. The major additions will include a new authentication portal for offsite users as well as consolidating infrastructure. Additionally, along with new proposed

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policy changes, we are confident we can increase our security and provide a better overall end user experience.

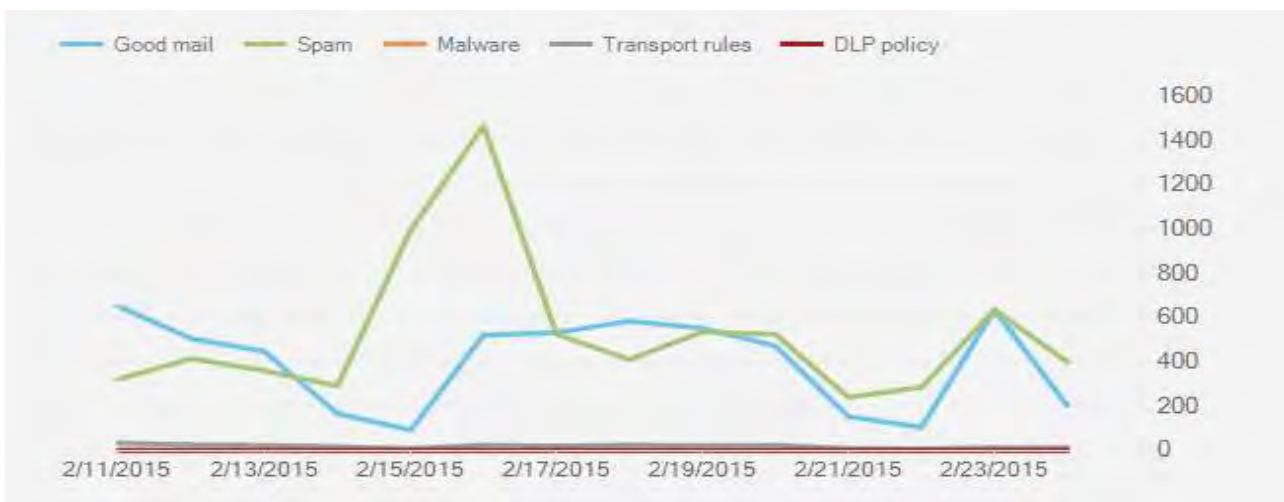
HM King Project

As an addition to the HM King new infrastructure project, we have met and reviewed the phone systems at the Public Works building. Currently, we are looking into the most cost efficient method to deploy the new phone system simultaneously to the new building and to the public works department to minimize down time. The Public Works building is presently being supported through existing infrastructure at the current City Hall building. In order to move services to a different system, we need to migrate their phone system at almost the same time.

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



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The City of Kingsville over the past week processed 13,053 email messages. We blocked 7,406 spam and 36 malware messages. We processed 5,616 'good' emails.

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

5th and Henrietta

The City owns the building at this location and has a lease with the Border Patrol to use it. 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.10 to look over the building. The roof on the north building is in bad shape. Currently, they do not have sufficient funding to fix the roof. They will be discussing what they want to do with the property and get back to the us.

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 this item came before the City Commission on February 9th, staff has had the opportunity to meet with the developer. He has decided that he to rezone the property to RP-2, which is a more suitable zoning for this development. We should be able to get this on the March 18th Planning and Zoning commission agenda.

La Quinta Hotel

The Development Review Team (DRT) 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 Neesen Chevrolet and the Hampton Inn. At this time, ground breaking for this project is unknown.

Wells Apartments

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

FEMA Domes

The City has issued a 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.

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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 this week that was a part of the development agreement for this project. The amended plat reducing the front yard setback from 40 feet to 30 feet was approved by the City Commission, which should allow for more space in the back yard areas.

Lake View Villas

They have submitted a replat for this project. The replat cuts down the number of lots from 37 to 24. This will have to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission first for their review. It may be on the March 18th agenda.

6th Street Corridor Planting Project

Proposals were due to the City on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 by 1:30p.m. This project is about planting approximately 179 trees along the 6th Street Corridor, from the north end to the south end. No requests for proposal 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 the last commission meeting. Staff will be putting some numbers together for the Interim City Manager to review.

New City Hall

A Notice To Proceed has been given to the contractor Rusty Van Fleet Construction which will take effect, Monday, January 5, 2015. He will have 330 days to complete the project with an expected completion date of December 1, 2015. At our last 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. The first meeting for construction will be January 20th and the first meeting for administrative issues will be February 3rd. At the first meeting the work by the city crews for water, sewer and storm drainage was discussed. Right now it is the intent for city crews to start work on these items by the end of February. Work is progressing well on this project.

Joint Airport Zoning Board

This board will start meeting again to take care of business that had been started some time ago. We are planning on a meeting for Thursday, January 22nd, 2015. The county will be appointing Chuck Schulz to replace Anse Windham. That will become effective January 26th. The JAZB met on the 22nd and reviewed the lighting regulation and the Notice To Buyer form. They also discussed the Schubert pond project which has not been started. It was determined that the lighting regulation was passed and we now have a signed copy. Staff will be following up on the Notice To Buyer form and Schubert's pond issue. The JAZB met on Thursday, February 19th. The Interim City Manager gave a presentation on the JAZB's organization and authority. Staff

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gave an update on the Schubert's pond issue. At this time they have not signed the letter agreement so at the next meeting options will be discussed.

TAMUK – Tree Planting

I have been working with Dr. Brent Hedquist on the planting of trees at Corral Park. The trees will be purchased by the TAMUK and planted by his students. We will water the trees for him. We are planning on doing this, March 3rd. We hope to plant 10 live oak trees. I have also been working with Susan Ivy and Charlie Cardenas on some other improvements by some pharmacy students. All of the improvements are planned for Corral Park. Dr. Hedquist may plant some more trees there on earth day, April 22nd.

TAMUK- GSC Building

I 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 originates 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 you. They will be conducting a student driven research symposium for oil and gas operations, April 23 at this facility, which I will be attending.

Cayetano Villas of Kingsville

This is the proposed tax credit development at the 500 block of General Cavazos. It is planned to be on the March 18th Planning and Zoning Commission agenda for a rezoning review.

Flato School Project

Along with Cynthia Martin, Maggie Salinas and myself we 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 they are 100% leased for the school year starting in the fall. Progress is going well on the rest of the buildings. Have 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.

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Building Services Division

Permits

Residential Remodel: 14	Commercial Remodel: 0	Electrical: 19	Pulled:
New Commercial: 2	Mechanical: 4	Moving: 1	
New Residential: 1	Fire Inspection: 13	Gas Inspection: 7	
Cert. of Occupancy: 1	Commercial Meter: 1	House Leveling: 1	
Plumbing: 6	Residential Meter: 14	Re-roof: 6	
Sprinkler: 0	Sidewalk: 0	Sign: 1	
Curb: 0	Swimming Pool: 0	Demolition: 1	
Fence: 3	Driveway: 2		

Total Permits Pulled: 97

New Business:

Sweet Repeats, at 1908 E Kenedy waiting on final inspection.

Tequila, at 1406 N 14th waiting on final inspection.

EZ Mail Packaging, at 1001 E Yoakum is now open for buisness.

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Top 30 Initiative

As the beautification effort of our city continues, the Planning and Development Services Department has implemented a new list of the city's Worst 30. The Worst 30 are categorized in three different categories of ten each. The purpose of this new Worst 30 initiative is to eradicate unsightly and unhealthy property conditions. The first category of ten is businesses that do not have hard surface parking or the parking lot in is disrepair. The second category of ten will focus on unfinished exterior of buildings. The third category of ten will be comprised of various types of property code, building and other violations that are especially intractable and will need the coordinated efforts of various departments. Some, of the Worst 30 will likelu take an extended period of time 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>
1029 W. King	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
1026 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	

1026 W. King



712 W. Ave. F



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621 W. Corral



629 W. Nettie



Unfinished Siding/Roof

<u>Property location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
610 S. Lantana	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
1702 E. Ave. F	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
315 S. 21 st	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
519 E. Lott	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
822 S. 16 th	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
428 W. Lee	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
528 S. 18 th	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
324 W. Santa Gertrudis	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
516 E. Alice	Letter mailed 2/16/15	

610 S. Lantana



1702 E. Ave F



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315 S. 21st



1519 E. Lott



Multiple Violations

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comment</u>
430/426 E Alice	Pending cleanup	
400 E Corral	Court scheduled 3/9/15	
1808 Kelly	Pending variance	
1420 Sen. Carlos Truan	Cleared by city	
1202 W King	Property owner working on violation	
1950 E Corral	Pending notice of violation	
2151 N. Hwy 77 Byp	Pending notice of violation	
223 S 6 th	Pending notice of violation	
109 S Hwy 77	Property owner working on violation	
E Henrietta & 19 th St.	Pending notice of violation	

1420 Sen Carlos Truan



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Community Appearance Division

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

Notices Sent:	77	Abatements:	33	Obsolete Sign Violations:	3
Inspections:	150	Court Cases:	3	Placards Posted:	6
Re-Inspections:	76	Illegal Dumping Cases:	0		
Compliances:	45	Front/Side yard parking violations:	0		

Community Appearance: Billing

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

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



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:

219 E Richard – City Abated

BEFORE



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641 E Ave D – City Abated

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AFTER



729 W Kleberg – 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:

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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 32: 501 FRANCES – 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>	<u>#of Cleanups Conducted</u>	<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u>#of Cleanups Conducted</u>
	<u>By property owner</u>		<u>By property owner</u>
PHASE 1	0 out of 10	PHASE 21	7 out of 10
PHASE 2	2 out of 10	PHASE 22	4 out of 10
PHASE 3	2 out of 10	PHASE 23	7 out of 10

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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	(IN PROGRESS)
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:

Our beautiful Community Appearance office space is getting a renovation of sorts. Air conditioning ducts were added to our *time-honored* establishment. A heart-felt thank you could be heard down Lee Ave.



Gone are the days of portable heaters and fans.



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Meet Community Appearance's NEWEST addition:



Among other duties, our new vehicle will help mobilize our skid loader, which is used for property abatements and removal of large debris. Our goal is to minimize the need to use the services of the city's Brush Crew, giving them more time to concentrate on their core mission. We hope this will take a *load* off the Brush Crew's busy schedule.

Trash-Off Day:

We are excited and ready for our first of **two** Trash-Off Days in 2015, which is set for the 2/28/15. Hats off to everyone involved in this year's Trash-Off as we expect to **BREAK** last year's record of 15.36 tons of debris and 2.88 tons of tires... which is how much refuse the great citizens of Kingsville dropped-off in February of 2014.

Our focus this year is on preparation and better yet, our hope is that this Trash-Off will continue to motivate our local citizens to maintain and pass along a desire to Keep Kingsville Beautiful.

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Meetings, Events & Reminders (Courtesy of Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary)

Regular Commission Meetings (Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers)

Monday, March 9, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 23, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 13, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 27, 2015	6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)

Thursday, March 12, 2015	3:00 p.m.
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, March 18, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, March 18, 2015	4:00 p.m.
Zoning and Board of Adjustments	Wednesday, March 19, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	TBA	TBA
Joint Airport Zoning Board	Thursday, March 19, 2015	6:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Respective Locations)

Library Board	TBA	
City/County Health Board	3 rd 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:

Board Name	Vacancies	Recommendations
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	1
Planning & Zoning Commission	2	0