

City of Kingsville, Texas
Staff Report
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Monday, May 11, 2015

“There is always a better way to do it-find it.”

-Thomas Edison

www.brainyquote.com



FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES

Community Appearance Division congratulates Kristina Gomez on passing her Code Enforcement Officer certification. She is now officially certified by the State of Texas as a Code Enforcement Officer. Kristina has been with Community Appearance for 2 years and has shown a passion for making Kingsville a safer, cleaner place to live. As Community Appearance Supervisor, I am very proud of her accomplishments and her fresh strategies on enforcing codes while maintaining a good relationship with residents. Kristina has assisted me on many speaking events where she has engaged with the audience to answer questions and suggest cleanup options. Great Job Kristina!!!

Thank you, Jennifer Bernal, Community
Appearance Supervisor



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

5th and Henrietta

The City owns this building and has a lease with the Border Patrol. Staff will be working with that agency on their desire to use it in the future. They have been in town to visit the site and in the past week submitted to staff a scope of work that they would like to have done to the building. Staff obtained a quote from a local construction company, which has been forwarded to the Border Patrol. Staff is waiting on their response.

Torres Estates

The City Commission has approved all of the necessary administrative tasks for developer Mark Dizdar to start his infill single family residential development project off of Kenedy Ave.

La Quinta Hotel

At this time a full permit has been approved for them. After not breaking ground as anticipated, staff reached out to them as to what was the cause for the delay. They responded that the franchise folks have suggested reducing the number of rooms per a market study that was conducted; the owners are reviewing their options as this time. Staff understands that they are still going to build the hotel. The hotel will be located 2151 S. Highway 77, between Phil Neessen Chevrolet and the Hampton Inn.

Wells Apartments

This is an 11 unit 2 bedroom development at 625 W. Avenue F. The completion date has been pushed into May due to the rain.

FEMA Domes

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

Wildwood Trails

A number of homes have been started in the subdivision. Additional builders have submitted plans for homes in this subdivision off of Carlos Truan Blvd..

Lake View Villas

Both the preliminary and final plat items were approved at a recent last City Commission meeting so Mr. Dizdar can now start on the garden home project off of General Cavazos Blvd.

New City Hall

Things are going well. Public Works will be working on sewer and storm drainage in the month of May.

Joint Airport Zoning Board

At the last meeting, Brad Womack was named the fifth member and chair of the group. Ramon Perez was named Vice Chair. At the last meeting, the Board discussed the Schubert pond hazard with Mr. Schubert present. While this item has been ongoing for some time, the discussion was good for staff to learn more about the history and how we got to where we are at. Some more options were discussed which staff will be researching as to the feasibility and cost. We do hope to come to some agreement very soon so this can be taken care of. The Board also passed the Notice to Buyer regulations, so staff can start educating the community especially when property is sold or leased in the affected area near NAS Kingsville.

Cayetano Villages of Kingsville

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

Flato School Project

Staff met with Craig Forsythe an architect with LNV Engineering who has been retained by the Zaragosa family, to assist them with the design and site plan work for this project. Their intentions are to develop the back property first with apartments which would give them income so they can proceed with developing the front part. Since they will have to rezone from an R1 to build apartments, staff has suggested they consider the Mixed Use zoning designation as that category would allow for commercial and residential on the same property. They are working to be ready for the June meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board.

Legends of Kingsville

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

Domino's

Domino's submitted a development plan in September of 2014. The site is located on King Ave. near 10th Street. They have broken ground for the new building. This Domino's will have some limited inside dining. They plan to be done by October 2015.

University Center

Ali Samadi who owns all of the Subways in town has submitted a development titled University Center. This will be a three tenant commercial building located at 702 W. Santa Gertrudis. One of the tenants will be a Subway. The site is the vacant lot east of the IBC Bank, at the corner of Wells and Santa Gertrudis. He plans to close the Subway that is around the corner facing Santa Gertrudis and replace it with this one. He doesn't know at this time what other two tenants will be in the building. The project is valued as \$420,000 dollars. He hopes to have it done by the end of the year. He has been granted a permit to start construction.

Advance Auto Parts

A third party doing pre site work has been inquiring about codes and other information pertaining to the building of an Advance Auto Parts store. The location being looked at is the ground next to the O'Reilly Auto Parts store. At this time we have not received a development plan for this project. They are looking at the June meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission for review of the project.

Christus Spohn Hospital

They have submitted a development plan to turn the second floor of the Colston Occupational Building into a wellness center.

Neessen Chevrolet

They have submitted a development plan to remodel a part of the building and to add a freestanding Chevrolet tower.

Building Services Division

Permits Pulled:

Residential Remodel:	13	Commercial Remodel:	4	Electrical:	21
New Commercial:	1	Mechanical:	9	Moving:	1
New Residential:	2	Fire Inspection:	17	Gas Inspection:	5
Cert. of Occupancy:	1	Commercial Meter:	1	House Leveling:	1
Plumbing:	6	Residential Meter:	10	Re-roof:	8
Sprinkler:	1	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	0
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	1	Demolition:	1
Fence:	2	Driveway:	4		

Total Permits Pulled: 109

Staff Volunteers at PDAP(Palmer Drug Abuse Program) Walk:

City staff volunteered their time for fundraising efforts for the PDAP, and it was a successful one. They raised \$700.00 through bake sales and hot dog sales. Theresa Cavazos of Planning organized the efforts and thanked Diana and her staff from collections, Tanya and Stephanie from Public Works and Jennifer and her staff from Community Appearance and Theresa's co-workers at City Hall in their effort to make this event a success one. The team won the trophy for the third straight year in a role for the business with the most participants and we had 24 persons that took part in the PDAP walk. Thank you staff for all you do for the betterment of our community!





Top 30 Initiative

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

Dilapidated or Non-existent Parking Lots

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

321 W. Santa Gertrudis

Before



After



**Violations
109 N. Armstrong**



Unfinished Siding/Roof

<u>Property location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
610 S. Lantana	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
315 S. 21 st	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
1519 E. Lott	Letter mailed 2/16/15	Completed
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	
516 E. Alice	Letter mailed 2/16/15	

1519 E. Lott

Before

After



Violations

428 W. Lee

610 S. Lantana



Multiple Violations:

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comment</u>
430/426 E Alice	Pending Cleanup	Court ordered extension-May 7
400 E Corral	Court scheduled 3/26/15	Pending Cleanup
1808 Kelly	Pending variance	
1420 Sen. Carlos Truan	Notice sent 6/24/14	Cleared by city
1202 W King violation	Notice sent 2/26/14	Property owner working on
1950 E Corral	Pending notice of violation	
2151 N. Hwy 77 Byp	Pending notice of violation	
223 S 6 th	Pending notice of violation	
109 S Hwy 77	Notice sent 6/14/14	Property owner complied
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Community Appearance Division**Recent activity (April 16th - April 29th) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:**

Notices Sent: 339
 Abatements: 20
 Obsolete Sign Violations: 1
 Inspections: 54
 Court Cases: 0
 Placards Posted: 4
 Re-Inspections: 154
 Illegal Dumping Cases: 0
 Compliances: 102
 Front/Side yard parking violations:0

Community Appearance: Billing

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

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



Typical Violations & Compliances:

Below are photos of recent examples of success in the removal of trash and debris due to our Community Appearance Division efforts:

602 E Kenedy - Property Owner Abated

BEFORE



AFTER



225 E King - Property Owner Abated

BEFORE



AFTER



1320 E Alice - City Abated

BEFORE



AFTER



1122 E Santa Gertrudis – Property Owner Abated
BEFORE **AFTER**



Community Appearance

It is business as usual as for cleanups. Our office has been inundated with calls regarding high grass and we have been addressing those as priority. Community Appearance is entering its peak season and our focus will shift to being more reactive than proactive during this season. As usual we ask residents to be the example and do their part in keeping neighborhoods clean and safe. Remember high grass and accumulated junk/debris is a breeding and housing haven for mosquitos and other pests.

Keep Kingsville Beautiful

KKB is working on reviving and updating the Adopt-A-Spot program. Many calls have come in to get more information. The community has shown a great deal of interest in this program which is great because there are so many spots in town that just need that extra TLC to make a difference in our great city. For more information on the Adopt-A-Spot program or to become a member of KKB, please contact Jennifer Bernal at 361.595.8093 or jbernal@cityofkingsville.com.

Finance Department (Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Director)

Finance Administration Division



DID YOU KNOW?



George Washington's portrait first appeared on US currency when it was printed on the Series 1869 United State Notes. The \$1 note makes up about 45% of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's currency production.

<http://www.moneyfactory.gov/small1denom.html>

Budget Calendar

Finance Director, Deborah Balli, sent out the tentative FY 15-16 budget schedule. On Thursday, May 14th, the Finance Director will review the budget packet/instructions with Department Directors. The Finance Department will also hold a budget training class to go over entering the budget data into Incode. All department information will need to be entered by June 5th to allow the Finance Department time to prepare the draft budget for the City Manager.

CITY OF KINGSVILLE
BUDGET CALENDAR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

Day	Date	Description
Thursday	April 23, 2015	Provide department directors and City Attorney with draft proposal of FY 2016 Budget Calendar
Thursday	May 14, 2015	Finance Director to review budget packet/instructions with Department Directors
		Distribute budget packets and detailed instructions to Department Directors, including calculation of base budget with City Manager Budget Guidance Memo
		Hold budget training classes
May 13 – June 5: During this time Department Directors should be entering their budgets and completing the supplemental request items		
Friday	May 22, 2015	Assessment of department budget progress (at this point you have 2 weeks left to complete your budget submission)
Monday	May 25, 2015	City Holiday – Memorial Day
Tues-Fri	May 26-29, 2015	HR, Payroll, Finance working on compensation benefits spreadsheets and all other salary related schedules that are due on Friday 5/29/15.
Friday	May 29, 2015	HR & Finance to provide FY 2016 compensation and benefits spreadsheets with FY 2016 scheduled step and collective bargaining increases
		HR to finalize and submit recommended internal equity pay adjustment for FY 2016
Friday	June 5, 2015	Departments to finalize and enter annual revenue and expenditures estimates for FY 15-16
		Departments to finalize and submit supplemental capital, expenditure and personnel requests for FY 2016 to Finance
		Finance to finalize and enter Certificate of Obligation expenditures, debt service, capital projects, transfers and other non-departmental and special budget accounts

Day	Date	Description
June 5 – July 2: During this time Finance will be reviewing and preparing the draft budget and supporting documentation for presentation to the City Manager		
Thursday	July 2, 2015	Finance Director to provide City Manager with draft budget detail for all funds and departments and fund balance schedules/summaries

Unclaimed Property

The Finance Department sent out notices to individuals who have unclaimed property in the form of outstanding/uncashed checks totaling over \$100. Under Texas state law, we will be required to deliver this unclaimed property to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, on or before July 1 if the property is not claimed. We asked individuals with unclaimed property to complete the information requested in the letter and return to the City of Kingsville no later than 04/30/2015 to receive a replacement check. The Finance Department is working with Technology Services to develop a webpage that will display all customers with unclaimed property.



Utility Billing Division



The Facts on Leaks:

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

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

FYI

Water in Daily Life

In the United States, we are lucky to have easy access to some of the safest treated water in the world—just by turning on the tap.

We wake up in the morning, take a shower, brush our teeth, grab a cup of coffee and head out for the day. Water is an important part of our daily lives and we use it for a wide variety of purposes, but do we really understand how much we use?

The average American family uses more than 300 gallons of water per day at home. Roughly 70 percent of this use occurs indoors. Nationally, outdoor water use accounts for 30 percent of household use yet can be much higher in drier parts of the country and in more water-intensive landscapes. For example, the arid West has some of the highest per capita residential water use because of landscape irrigation.

http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/our_water/water_use_today.html

Collections April 2015

Late charges: \$9,430.55

Payments received: \$700,940.38

Bank drafts: \$38,031.84

Online web payments: \$92,896.60

Penalties for cutoff: \$8,505.00

Applied deposits: \$10,100.21

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

All roll outs must be out by 7 a.m. for trash pickup. Once your roll out has been serviced, it must be removed immediately from the curb or street and moved out of public view.

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

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

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

Municipal Court Activity Report

This report covers the court activity from
April 15, 2015 thru April 28, 2015



New Cases: 261

53 Parking, 149 Traffic, 47 State Law, 12 City Ordinance

Cases Disposed: 255

25 Parking, 172 Traffic, 42 State Law, 16 City Ordinance

Warrants

16 Issued, 132 Executed (Served)

Collections

Collections during this period came to \$63,153.65 in fines and court costs.

Court Dates – May 2015

Pre Trial Session	5/5, 5/12 & 5/26	8:30 am (Assist DA Prosecutor Popejoy)
Attorney Cases Incl.	5/19	8:30 am (Assist DA Prosecutor Popejoy)

Contempt of Court	5/12 & 5/26	9:00 am
Inmate Session	5/7 & 5/21	2:00 pm
Regular Court Hearing	5/7 & 5/21	3:00 pm
Trial Hearing- Bench	5/7 & 5/21	4:00 pm (Assist DA Prosecutor Craig)

Court Dates – June 2015

Pre Trial Session	6/2 & 6/9 & 6/23	8:30 am (Assist DA Prosecutor Popejoy)
Attorney Cases Incl.	6/16 & 6/30	8:30 am (Assist DA Prosecutor Popejoy)

Contempt of Court	6/9 & 6/23	9:00 am
Inmate Session	6/4 & 6/18	2:00 pm
Regular Court Hearing	6/4 & 6/18	3:00 pm
Trial Hearing- Bench	6/4 & 6/18	4:00 pm (Assist DA Prosecutor Craig)

Court Dates – July 2015

Contempt of Court	7/7 & 7/24	9:00 am
Inmate Session	7/2, 7/16 & 7/30	2:00 pm
Regular Court Hearing	7/2, 7/16 & 7/30	3:00 pm

Acknowledgments

Many thanks to the Kingsville Police Department for the security provided during the court session on April 23, 2015! Special thanks to Officers Fonseca 86, and Chavana 73.

Municipal Court Updates

Municipal Court Specialist, Mrs. Vicky Cavazos is attending the 2015 Clerical update and testing for the clerical level 2. All of us here at the office of the court wish her luck and we all believe in you.

The 2015 Texas Warrant Roundup Event is now complete. If you would like to see the number of warrant orders executed throughout the state during this event, you can go to the Kingsville Police Department website.

Judge Krueger and Judge Murphy will attend the regional attorney judge seminar in the month of May.

Updates to the legislation new laws will be printed in an upcoming staff report.

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

Street Division (4/13 – 4/26)

Road Constructions – Project E99 – Corral Ave.

- Cut out asphalt and caliche, hauled out 23 loads of asphalt and caliche
- Cut down subgrade, level blue tops and hauled out 40 loads of caliche and dirt
- Hauled in limestone and rolled subgrade with sheep foot roller
- Used 931.83 tons of limestone



Tree Trimming

- 524 W Richard Ave.
- 700 W Lee Ave.
- E Trant Rd
- 422 W Richard Ave.
- 500 W Richard Ave.
- 1617 E Huisache Ave.
- 500 Alexander Ave.
- 1st St. & Huisache Ave.
- 218 W Fairview Ave
- 216 E Fairview Ave.
- 324 E Shelton Ave.
- 503 E Shelton Ave.
- 708 E Miller Ave.
- 702 E Miller Ave.
- 1700 Santa Cecilia
- 600 W Kleberg Ave.
- 1st St. & Richard Ave
- 500 W Ave C
- 7th St. & Doddridge Ave.

- 319 S 25th St.
- 306 S 25th St.
- 309 W Richard Ave.
- 211 E Ragland Ave.
- 19th St. & Johnston Ave.
- Northside Carlos Truan
- West of Wildwood Trails
- 318 S 23rd St.
- All of Santa Gertrudis Estates
- Kenedy Ave. & 18th St.
- Richard Ave. & University Blvd.
- Martin & 7th St.
- Otis & Carol
- Fordyce Ave. between 11th St. & 12th St.
- 12th St. between Lott Ave. & Kenedy Ave.
- 9th St. between Richard Ave. & Alice Ave.
- 9th St. between Ave D & Mesquite Ave.
- Alley East of 9th St. between Ave D & Mesquite Ave.
- 335 S 23rd St.
- 4th St. & W Ave D
- 10th between Ave D & Mesquite
- 328 S 22nd St.
- 504 E Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 9th St. & Mesquite Ave.
- 725 S 18th St.
- 814 S 18th St.
- 813 S 18th St.
- 28 S 18th St.
- 12th St. & Johnston Ave.
- 12th St. & E Doddridge
- 11th St. & Doddridge- Alley
- 619 College Place
- 704 ½ W Richard Ave.
- 529 W Alice Ave
- Corral Ave. & 12th St.
- 1219 E Henrietta Ave.
- 419 W Richard Ave.
- 417 W Richard Ave.
- 422 W Richard Ave.
- Kingsville PD
- 404 W Ave F & 3rd St.

Mowing

- Corral Ave. from Hwy 77 Bypass to 14th St.
- North Y
- 14th St. to North Y
- 6th St. from Corral Ave. to North Y
- Creeks from Corral Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.

Gutter

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



Sweeping

- King Ave. from 11th St. to University Blvd.
- Kleberg Ave. from 13th St. to 12th St.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St. to Hwy 77
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from 14th St. to Ailsie Ave.
- Kleberg Ave. from 16th St. to 17th St.
- 17th St. from Kleberg Ave. to King Ave.
- Shelton from 14th St. to 13th St.
- 13th St. from Miller to Shelton
- 6th St. from Richard Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Fairview from E Fairview to W Fairview
- Corral from 6th St. to Armstrong
- Corral from 20th St. to Yard
- Corral from 20th St. to Hwy 77
- Caesar from 14th St. to 8th St.
- Caesar Ave. from 6th St. to 14th St.
- 14th St. from Caesar Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Ailsie Ave. from 14th St. to Carlos Truan Blvd.
- King Ave. from 6th St. to Hwy 77
- Kleberg Ave. from 3rd St. to 11th St.
- Nettie Ave. from 10th St. to 12th St.

Drained water

- 11th St. & 10th St.–Alley
- 10th St. & 9th St. – Alley
- Alley behind Walgreens to 13th St.
- Lott Ave. from 15th St. to 16th St.

- 16th St. from Lott Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- King Ave. and Hwy 77 Bypass
- 6th from Corral to Loop 428
- Corral from 14th to 77 Bypass
- Santa Monica from Santa Elena to Santa Gertrudis
- Shelly from Ailsie Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St. to Hwy 77
- 5th St. from King Ave. to Kleberg Ave.
- 5th St. from Kenedy Ave. to Kleberg Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. from 14th St. to 5th St.
- 5th St. to 6th St. behind AJ's Store
- Corral Ave. from 6th St. to 14th St.

Gutters

- 13th St. from Yoakum Ave. to King Ave.
- Kleberg Ave. from 12th St. to 14th St.
- Kenedy Ave. from 14th St. to 9th St.
- 12th, 11th, 10th and 9th Sts. from King Ave. to Kenedy Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. from 9th St. to 6th St.
- 8th St. from Kenedy Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- 7th St. from King Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- Lott Ave. from 6th St. to 8th St.
- Yoakum, Cypher, Henrietta, Lee, Richard and Retama from University Blvd. to Seale
- All of Santa Gertrudis Estates area.
- Lott Ave. from 8th St. to 13th St.
- 9th St. 10th St., 11th St. and 12th St. from Kenedy Ave. to Huisache Ave
- Lott Ave. from 13th St. to 14th St.
- 13th St. from Kenedy Ave. to Lott Ave.

Round Up

- 2nd St. from King Ave. to Doddridge Ave
- 3rd St. from Fordyce Ave. to King Ave.
- 4th St. from King Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- 5th St. from King Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- 1st St. from King Ave. to Warren Ave.
- 1st St. from Warren Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Wells from Caesar Ave. to King Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. from 14th St. to 6th St.
- Lott Ave. from 14th St. to 10th St.
- Kleberg Ave. from 6th St. to 3rd St.
- 5th St. from King Ave. to Yoakum Ave.
- 4th St. from Kleberg Ave. to Yoakum Ave.
- 3rd St. from King Ave. to Yoakum Ave.
- Kingsville Police Station on King St.
- Lott Ave. from 10th St. to 6th St.

- Huisache Ave. & 6th St.
- 6th St. from Corral Ave. to Alexander Ave.
- 6th St. from Alexander to Loop 428
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from Fairview to Hwy 77 Bypass

Hot Mix/Cold Patch

Hot Mix

- Sage Rd
- Young Dr.
- 4th St. & Ave D
- 3rd St. from Ave D to Ave C
- Ave B & Armstrong Ave.
- Ella Ave. from 9th St. to 10th St.
- Santa Gertrudis Ave & 9th St.
- Hoffman Ave. & 8th St.
- King Ave. from 2nd St. to 3rd St.
- Corral & PD
- 5th St. from Santa Gertrudis to Henrietta Ave.
- Henrietta Ave. from 5th St. to 3rd St.
- Water patch on 9th St. & Ave B
- Young Dry from curve to Corral
- W Warren to W Ave D

Alley Maintenance

- 4th St. & Ave D
- 3rd St. from Ave D to Ave C
- Ave B & Armstrong Ave.
- Ella Ave. from 9th St. to 10th St.
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. & 9th St.
- Hoffman Ave. & 8th St.
- King Ave. from 2nd St. to 3rd St.
- Corral Ave. & Kingsville PD
- 5th St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Henrietta Ave.
- Henrietta Ave. from 5th St. to 3rd St.
- Water patch on 9th St. & Ave B
- Young Dr. from curve to Corral Ave.
- W Warren Ave. to W Ave D
- 1400 Balk W Kennedy Ave.
- 218 W Kennedy Ave.
- 814 E King Ave.



Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Put portable Stop sign on Armstrong and Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Helped pick up brush on 6th St at the Y

- Took barricades to 9th St. & Ave B for cave in
- Took barricades to 6th St. & Kleberg Ave.
- Cut sidewalk behind pavilion
- Moved timers on school lights at Santa Rosa
- Picked up big foam block on 16th St. & Kleberg Ave.
- Picked up portable Stop signs on 14th St. & Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Helped with traffic control on 6th from South Y to A&R
- Helped with brush on sweeper on side barn
- Fixed leaning No Parking sign on Ave A & Armstrong
- Cut tree on Trant Rd., 2nd St. & Richard Ave., 1st St. & Nettie Ave.
- Picked up Type 3 barricades on Alice Ave. & Armstrong
- Put pipe, anchor and wetch on 17th St. Ave D
- Put two handicap signs behind pavilion area
- Put back barricades on E Caesar Ave.
- Worked PDAP parade
- Put Type 3 barricades on Corral Ave. & Armstrong and Corral Ave. & Lantana
- Repaired Stop sign on Lott & 13th and on Carlos Truan & Parker
- Checked school lights on 9th St. & Nettie Ave.
- Cleaned backyard, threw trash and cut grass
- Helped BJ cut rebar on Kenedy Ave. & 5th St.
- Put T-post and orange fencing on 6th St
- Put cones on alleys between Armstrong & Wells
- Helped with Sweeper
- Put name signs on 12th St. & Yoakum Ave. , Alice Lane and Margaret Lane
- Put orange fencing on Rail road side for Farmers Market
- Went to Lowe's to get zip ties
- Helped drain pipes on 2nd St. & Kleberg Ave.



Water Production (4/13 –4/23)

Collected 6 routine Bacteriological Samples:

- 4011 Allen Drive
- 329 E. Doddridge Ave.
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 620 E. Mesquite Ave.
- 1630 Santa Fe
- 426 W. Nettie Ave.



Collected 7 daily chlorine residuals:

- 329 E. Doddridge Ave.
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 620 E. Mesquite Ave.
- 1630 Santa Fe
- 428 W. Nettie Ave.
- 1142 W. Yoakum Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.

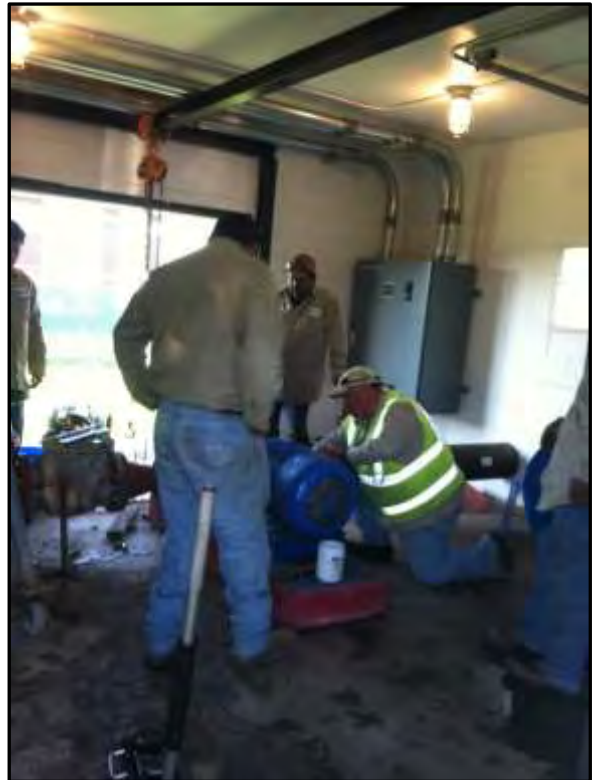
Delivered Ammonia to 6 sites; delivered Chlorine to 6 sites.

Water pumped to distribution (3/30 –4/12) - Wells – 34,837,000 gallons; Surface – 4,640,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 39,477,000 gallons; Average –2,819,785.71 gals/day

Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (4/13-4/23)

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. Contractor Rabalais trouble shoot transfer switch on generator and the UV system.

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. Contractor Rabalais trouble shot the blower and the UV system. Operators started the Bio Monitoring.



Wastewater Collection – Had 8 call outs for sewer backups:

- 509 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 909 E. Ragland Ave.
- 215 W. Nettie Ave.
- 1760 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 311 W. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 5405 Box Creek
- 909 E. Ragland
- 325 Billy Evans

Installed main sewer line at new City Hall Building.

Repaired a manhole at the 1200 block of E. Henrietta Ave.

Did 4 – Line Locates

Backfilled and cleaned up at 2624 E. Corral Ave.

Installed service at 1600 E. Ailsie Ave and installed clean out at 909 E. Ragland Ave.

Vacuumed lift station in Driscoll, Texas and the Pit at the South Plant.

Scheduled work for the week

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

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

Cleaning sewer mains, curbs & gutters.

Clean troughs (Mon, Thurs, and Fri)

Clean drying beds (Tues, Wed.)

3 & 1 MGD wasting on drying beds

Construction crews working on a manhole repair at 16th St. and Henrietta Ave.

Construction crews are working on a sewer line repairs at 525 W. Santa Gertrudis Ave. and 909 E. Ragland Ave.

Water Distribution (4/13 – 4/23)

Repaired 8 Main Breaks and answered approximately 41- Service Calls

2” Main Break	903 S. 6 th St.
2” Main Break	116 E. Fairview
2” Main Break	Wastewater Plant
2” Main Break	800 block of E. Veal
2” Main Break	618 Fairview
6” Main Break	2700 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
8” Main Break	12th St. and Nettie Ave.
8” Main Break	1220 E. King Ave.

18- Locates, 0-Service line leaks, 6- water leaks; 4 - Meter Leaks, 1- Backfills, 3- valve repairs, 1- Customer Side Leaks; 3- No Water/Low Pressures; 0 – Fire Hydrant 0- Turn off Water, 0 -Turn on and 0 – Water Tap.

0 – Locate Meter; 0 – Install Riser; 0 – Expose line

The Water Department received 20” weld on clamp for remark on Hwy 77 and Corral Ave. Crews will take track hoe to be repaired when pool demo is complete.

City Garage (4/13 –4/23)

Maintenance

12- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 31 Scheduled work orders; 59-Nonscheduled work; 10 Service calls; 0 Call out; 9-New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 17 flat tire repairs and balances; 25 pending work orders.

Replaced the PTO on Unit 337 and repaired transmission on Unit 329. Repaired the fuel tank on Unit 120.

Welder

3 received work orders and 1 pending work order

Welded jack on trailer and the rear door lock on dump truck Unit 458. Welder has been welding tools for the Waste Water department.

Solid Waste (4/13 – 4/23)

Landfill - (4/13 – 4/23)

Daily litter clean-up continues in and around the facility. The magnet trailer is also being used to pick up nails around the facility and surrounding roads leading to the landfill. Sector 1 information was taken to Naismith Engineering. Skid Loader arrived at Landfill on Friday April 24th. The differential lock on the scraper was repaired. We have been mowing and weed eating around the facility and wells. The Street department has been working late hauling dirt with asphalt. We ordered teeth for the Scraper. We have been in talks with H&V Equipment regarding the Trench Burner.

Brush – 144 tons; Garbage –1014 tons; Litter –1.3 tons; Construction/Demolition – 199 tons; Concrete -.78 tons, metals -.12 tons; and Recycled tires – 0 tons. (Shown below: City Engineer/Public Works Director meeting on proposed Landfill permit amendment.)



Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 4/13 – 4/23 –**730,770** pounds; Commercial waste collected **796,500** pounds; Brush collected **53,340** pounds and construction debris collected **33,100** pounds. The brush crew is collecting in Zone 1 this week. White Goods pick up for Zone 1 is on Friday May 1, 2015. Sanitation has been helping Community Appearance finish small abatements as needed. Sanitation has also taken over watering new trees planted around the city and does this on Wednesdays. The Recycling Center got upgraded with new lights and new bookshelves. The lights have been out for several years and MIA Electric will be helping with the repairs. New signs have also been erected to

replace old and worn out signage. New fans have been ordered from Big Ass Fans to help cool the Recycling Center during the hot summer months. Recycling for the month of March totaled 11.43 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.



PURCHASING/TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT *(Courtesy of David Mason, Purchasing/Technology Director)*

Purchasing Division



Purchase Orders

Purchasing issued 61 Purchase Orders valued at \$187,369.09.

Purchasing Card Statements

Purchasing Card statements were dispersed to the departments and are in the process of coming into Purchasing. We will have updates in the next staff report. As always, we ask you to check your reconciliation before turning it in to ensure all your receipts are accounted for, to check for errors, and verify everything is correct.

Technology Division

TAGITM Conference

Kyle Benson and Tony Verdin attended the 2015 Texas Association of Government IT Managers Conference in Corpus Christi from April 21-24, 2015. In addition to providing opportunities for the development of strategic partnerships and collaboration among government technology professionals, this conference offers the opportunity for staff to become familiarized with new and exciting products coming to the government market. During this time staff attended educational sessions covering subjects ranging from strategic master plan development and industry best practices to information

security and cyber threat assessment. The knowledge gained during these sessions will no doubt prove very useful as the city continues to improve its digital infrastructure and implement new technologies. The continuing education units earned through the attendance of educational sessions also allows for staff to retain several key certifications.

Website Update

The city website underwent a series of updates and improvements over the last week as a result of AT&T Web Hosting relocating the site to a new server space. In addition to stronger security, these updates should also provide a much smoother and quicker user experience for both city staff and citizens.

Security Tip: Avoid Getting Fried By Phony Phishermen

Phishing is an increasingly common type of spam that can lead to theft of your personal details such as credit card numbers or online banking passwords.

Phishing attacks work by the scam artist sending "spoofed" emails that appear to come from a legitimate website that you have online dealings with such as a bank, credit card company or ISP — any site which requires users to have a personal identity or account. The email may ask you to reply with your account details in order to "update security" or for some other reason.

The phishing email may also direct you to a spoofed website or pop-up window which looks exactly like the real site, but has been set up for the sole purpose of stealing personal information. Unsuspecting people are then often fooled into handing over credit card numbers, passwords or other details.

According to the Anti-Phishing Working Group, phishers are able to convince up to five percent of recipients to respond.

How to protect yourself:

- ***Never respond to emails that request personal financial information***
Banks or e-commerce companies generally personalize emails, while phishers do not. Phishers often include false but sensational messages ("urgent - your account details may have been stolen") in order to get an immediate reaction. Reputable companies don't ask their customers for passwords or account details in an email. Even if you think the email may be legitimate, don't respond - contact the company by phone or by visiting their website.
- ***Visit banks' websites by typing the URL into the address bar***
Phishers often use links within emails to direct their victims to a spoofed site, usually to a similar address such as mybankonline.com instead of mybank.com. When clicked on, the URL shown in the address bar may look genuine, but there are several ways it can be faked, taking you to the spoofed site. If you suspect an email from your bank or online company is false, do not follow any links embedded within it.
- ***Keep a regular check on your accounts***
Regularly log into your online accounts, and check your statements. If you see any suspicious transactions, report them to your bank or credit card provider.
- ***Check the website you are visiting is secure***
Before submitting your bank details or other sensitive information there are a couple of checks you

can do to help ensure the site uses encryption to protect your personal data. Check the web address in the address bar. If the website you are visiting is on a secure server it should start with "https://" ("s" for security) rather than the usual "http://". Also look for a lock icon on the browser's status bar. You can check the level of encryption, expressed in bits, by hovering over the icon with your cursor. Note that the fact that the website is using encryption doesn't necessarily mean that the website is legitimate. It only tells you that data is being sent in encrypted form.

- ***Be cautious with emails and personal data***

Most banks have a security page on their website with information on carrying out safe transactions, as well as the usual advice relating to personal data: never let anyone know your PINS or passwords, do not write them down, and do not use the same password for all your online accounts. Avoid opening or replying to spam emails as this will give the sender confirmation they have reached a live address. Use common sense when reading emails. If something seems implausible or too good to be true, then it probably is.

- ***Keep your computer secure***

Some phishing emails or other spam may contain software that can record information on your internet activities (spyware) or open a 'backdoor' to allow hackers access to your computer (Trojans). Installing anti-virus software and keeping it up to date will help detect and disable malicious software, while using anti-spam software will stop phishing emails from reaching you. It is also important, particularly for users with a broadband connection, to install a firewall. This will help keep the information on your computer secure while blocking communication from unwanted sources. Make sure you keep up to date and download the latest security patches for your browser. If you don't have any patches installed, visit your browser's website, for example users of Internet Explorer should go to the Microsoft website.

- ***Always report suspicious activity***

If you receive a suspicious email, forward it to the spoofed organization (many companies have a dedicated email address for reporting such abuse).

Office 365

Office 365 Government provides secure email and office applications to government entities as well as complying with most national security standards. Additionally it's a pay as you grow software that allows smaller cities to fully take advantage of the cloud offerings. The first deployments of Office 365 have commenced and there will be more on the way as licenses are provided to the Technology Dept.

POLICE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Police Chief)



Members of the Kingsville Police Department participated in the April 25th, 2015 drug free walk held in downtown historic Kingsville. Capt. Christopher Misner, Commanding Officer NAS-Kingsville served as the Grand Marshal for the event. The Police Department presented the local chapter of PDAP a check in the amount of \$5,000.00, from Chapter 59 seized drug proceeds, so that PDAP can continue their hard work assisting the youth of our community.

Patrol Division Activity April 1 – April 15

Patrol officers responded to hundreds of calls and wrote over 160 reports. Patrol officers issued 67 traffic citations and 20 written warnings.



On April 20th, a male was seen staggering across King Avenue, during the evening hours. The male was contacted and found to be extremely intoxicated. After being arrested, a baggie of “synthetic marijuana” was found in the man’s pocket. He was taken to jail.

On April 21st, officers were dispatched to an address on Inez Street, in reference to a family disturbance. A 15-year old male was detained after his mother and grandfather reported that he had assaulted them. He was taken to Corpus Christi for a stay in a mental facility.

On April 23rd, a female reported she had discovered suspicious transaction on her bank account. She later learned that nearly \$1,400 worth of purchases had been made in Russia.

On April 24th, an officer stopped a vehicle for speeding on North 6th Street. The driver had a felony warrant for his arrest and was taken into custody.

On April 24th, officers responded to a family disturbance on West Kleberg Ave. An angry wife used a ratchet to strike her husband’s Harley-Davidson motorcycle, damaging both fenders, gas tank, windshield, lights and gauges. She then pushed the bike over. (Shown above) She was arrested for a Criminal Mischief.

On April 26th, officers responded to a disturbance at 3rd St. and Richard Ave. A male did not want his girlfriend to leave but she was concerned that he was drinking too much. As she was leaving the area, he jumped onto the hood of her SUV and began kicking at her front windshield. He fell off and she drove off. Officers noted that her children inside were traumatized and the male may be injured, due to blood being on the hood and windshield. The male was not located.

All patrol officers assigned to SWAT received at least eight hours of training during this time period.

TRAINING:

On April 22 and 23, Officers Cervantes, Vega, K. Martinez, Dodd and Reyna attended “Intermediate Arrest, Search and Seizure”, a two-day course at the Del Mar Regional Police Academy.

From April 28 – 30, Officer Chavana attended the “FORT” course, a class on patrol tactical response in Corpus Christi.

On April 30, Officers Reyna and Cervantes attended “Missing and Exploited Children” in San Diego.



Criminal Investigations Bureau
Activity Report
No Report

Communications Division

Telecommunication Supervisor Monica Flores and Operator Tonya Johnson traveled to Corpus Christi the week of April 27th for the Texas Criminal Justice Information Users Group (TCJIUG) Conference. At the conference speakers from DPS talked about the future of UCR, CJIS Security, TCOLE State Standards for telecommunications, and much more.

Ernest Rivera, Formerly with the Texas Office of Attorney General had a presentation on Cyber crimes and safety. It discussed how internet Predators target Children and what techniques they use. For many children and young adults there is a sense that what happens online can't hurt them. Unfortunately, we are finding that many teens are posting personal information in chat rooms and on social networking sites making them easy prey for child predators.

Heath Hardwick, Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent/Computer Forensics Agent had a presentation on Sexting. Mr. Hardwick shared information about the child exploitation investigations, state law and federal statutes, as well as tools available to law enforcement and parents when encountering this type of criminal activity.

Selena Cavazos and Michelle Puente have finished their last week on training for call taking and will now be moving forward to dispatch.

Calls:

Total Land line calls- 1,529

Total of 911 calls- 814

911 Transfers:

Bishop PD-	7	
Kingsville Fire & EMS	85	
Admin Line	23	

Kleberg SO 9
UPD 1

Projects/Goals:

Working on 2015-2016 Budget

Training for Full Access

Training for the new dispatcher for the State Exam

Hire one Telecommunication Operator

**Neighborhood Improvement Officer (NIO)
2015 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS**

WEEK 16

The following stats are from Week 16:

- Abandoned Vehicles-5
- Parking Citations –15
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -21
- Traffic Citations-1

WEEK 17

The following stats are from Week 17:

- Junk Vehicles-3
- Abandoned Vehicles-1
- Parking Citations –14
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -26
- Traffic Citations-1

So far for the year of 2015, 46 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 37 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 216 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year and 99 Traffic Citations.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.



416 W Nettie Ave.



100 W Ave. A



900 E Shelton Ave.

Street Level Operations Team

SELF INITIATED CASES / ARREST:

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

MURRAY:

Case #1500009790 – Agency Assist Case generated for a fire that occurred at Hurricane Express Car Wash.

CASES FILED WITH COUNTY COURT: 20

CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT: 2

PROSECUTION CHARGE REPORT SUPPLMENTS: 8

TRAFFIC STOPS: 32

CITATIONS: 2

GONZALEZ:

Case #1500009949 – On 04-08-15 Inv. Gonzalez conducted a traffic stop at Highway 77 north bound and Senator Carlos Truan Blvd. During the course of the investigation approximately 62 pounds of marijuana were located throughout the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle identified as Flor Guillen was arrested for Possession of Marijuana more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds.



Case #1500008507 – Inv. Gonzalez was working security at the Texas Ranch when he made an arrest for Possession of Marijuana less than two ounces. A twenty-two year old male was taken into custody and later charged with Escape after he attempted to flee from officers as he was being placed in the back of a patrol unit for transport.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 152

CITATIONS: 11

RUIZ:

Case #1500009099 – Inv. Ruiz attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a stolen Chevrolet Tahoe. The vehicle led Inv. Ruiz on a pursuit into Kleberg County. The driver of the vehicle fled and the vehicle was submerged into a pond.

Case #1500010706 – Inv. Ruiz conducted a traffic stop at Highway 77 southbound and E General Cavazos. During the investigation Inv. Ruiz located a usable amount of marijuana inside the vehicle. Inv. Ruiz placed both the driver and passenger under arrest for Possession of Marijuana under two ounces after neither claimed ownership of the marijuana. The passenger was also taken into custody for a warrant that was issued out of Nueces County for Possession of Marijuana less than two ounces.

Case #1500010947 – Inv. Ruiz conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 4600 block of S Highway 77. During the investigation \$29,000.00 of US Currency was located inside the vehicle. The 37 year old male driver of the vehicle was taken into custody for Money Laundering greater than \$20,000.00 but less than \$100,000.00.

Case #1500011235 – Inv. Ruiz conducted a traffic stop at Highway 77 southbound and E King. During the investigation two bags of synthetic marijuana were located inside the vehicle. The 26 year old female driver of the vehicle was taken into custody for Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 2A less than two ounces.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 86

CITATIONS: 9

PATROL ASSIST:

NARCOTICIS INVESTIGATION:

Case #1500009908 – Sgt. Frost conducted a search warrant at 4147 Jamlie with the assistance of the Kingsville Police Department SWAT team. Both Mark Mendoza and Bianca Mata were arrested after narcotics were located in the residence.

Case #1500010792 – On 04-16-15 the Kingsville Police Department SWAT Team along with the Street Level Operations Team served a narcotics search warrant at 1300 W Corral Apartment #232 (Javelina Station Apartment Complex). Trevor Allen a 20 year old male was arrested for the following offenses: 1) Money Laundering > \$1,500 < \$20,000 which is a State Jail Felony 2) Possession of Marijuana > 4 ounces < 5 pounds which is a State Jail Felony 3) Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 2 < 1 gram which is a State Jail Felony 4) Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 3 < 28 grams which is a Class A Misdemeanor



NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS / PURCHASES CONDUCTED:

- Case # 1500008464
- Case # 1500008596
- Case # 1500009212
- Case # 1500009815
- Case # 1500010602

**Tourism Services
Department (Courtesy of
Leo Alarcon, Director)**

**Tourism Department Taking
the Lead in Marketing
Kingsville**

“Billboard advertising exposes your business to a whole new market in a specific location,” according to Michella Brudner of



Natural Living Expo. The Tourism Department is exploring the idea of having billboards displayed in the South Texas area.

At bottom, Tourism Director Leo Alarcon is shown working with Hi-Res Creative President Jonathan Swindle on billboard schematics.



City Now Being Marketed on Radio Stations

Radio advertising was the topic of discussion during an Ignite System advertising radio seminar. The Department of Tourism for the City is now advertising on K99 country and KSAB Spanish radio stations. The voice on the commercials is that of the Tourism director. Alarcon has a bachelor's degree in Journalism. While pursuing his degree, Alarcon took Radio & TV courses. Alicia Tijerina, administrative assistant for the Department of Tourism, at left; Leo Alarcon, Director of Tourism Services for the City of Kingsville, and Tamera Myers, iHeart sales rep.

The May Issue of The Centennial Newsletter is Being Produced by Tourism Staff



Alicia Tijerina and Mary Cortez are shown at bottom right picture printing and folding the May issue of The Centennial Newsletter. The newsletter being produced is issue number five.



Cinco de Mayo Celebration Planned at the Old “El Centro” on Richard Avenue

The City of Kingsville Tourism and Parks departments have joined forces with the Kleberg Hispanic Chamber and the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the Cinco de Mayo event. The celebration will take place on Saturday, May 9th at the Old El Centro area at 200 East Richard Avenue. Committee members include Maggie Salinas, Alice Byers, Leo Alarcon, County Judge Rudy Madrid, Sonny Alvarez, Susan Ivy, Richard Kirkpatrick, Cynthia Martin, Alicia Tijerina and Lucy Perez.



The poster features a central graphic with the text 'Let's Celebrate the CINCO DE MAYO' in a stylized, colorful font. Below this, it reads: '“A Cultural Event” Saturday, May 9, 2015 200 E. Richard Ave. “El Centro” 10 am – 2 pm'. Further down, it lists activities: 'Mariachis, Food, Speakers, Ballet Folklorico, Arts & Crafts Vendors'. A line states 'All Food & children's crafts will be FREE!'. At the bottom, it says 'Sponsored by Kleberg Hispanic Chamber, Kingsville Chamber of Commerce City of Kingsville-Tourism & Parks Depts. & Kleberg County Judge'.



Economic Impact of Tourism

According to the [U.S. Travel Association](#), tourism generated \$2.1 trillion in economic activity last year nationwide, with \$887.9 billion spent by domestic and international travelers that generated an additional \$2.1 trillion in other industries.

Furthermore, tourism was accountable for:

- \$133.9 billion in tax revenue for local, state and federal governments
- An average of \$2.4 billion daily, \$101.4 million an hour and \$1.7 million a minute in direct spending
- \$222.3 billion in travel exports
- 9 million jobs, 8.1 million directly in the travel industry
- 1 out of every 9 U.S. jobs created directly or indirectly due to travel and tourism

Third Farmers Market



Kingsville's third Farmers Market saw more vendors, more variety and greater quantities of produce, homemade breads, baked goods, jams, salsa etc. and lots of shoppers. Among the shoppers were folks waiting to participate in another downtown activity – Palmer Drug Abuse Center's annual drug-free walk that this year took walkers down Yoakum right by the market just as it was ending. Market hours have changed to 9am – noon ending an hour earlier than in the past.

County Judge Rudy Madrid Speaks on Courthouse Issues



Judge Madrid spoke to the Kleberg County Historical Commission at their April 28th meeting on County efforts to plan and obtain funding for the restoration of the historic Kleberg County Courthouse. Designed by architect Atlee Ayers in 1914, the Neo-Classical style courthouse is a State Landmark and listed on the National Register. The County is looking for a grant from the Texas Courthouse Preservation Program.



Celebrate Our Heritage: New Uses for Old Buildings

The theme for this year's local celebration of National Preservation Month is "Celebrate Our Heritage: New Uses for Old Buildings." Renovating a historic structure to a new use *saves* the piece of local history that building represents and that is something to celebrate. The rehabilitation of the historic Salazar Building is a prime example of this. This building will be a focal point of the May 9th Cinco de Mayo celebration on Richard Street right in front of "the Salazar" and will be featured in the May 22nd local preservation month celebration at the Depot Museum.





King Ranch Saddle Shop Hosts Mixer



The King Ranch Saddle Shop, located downtown at 6th & Kleberg, showcased their business at an after hours mixer they hosted on April 23rd. Rose Morales, Saddle Shop Manager, spoke about the history of the store and the current services they provide. Attendees enjoyed watching the shop's saddle maker go about his business.

Santa Gertrudis ISD Students Tour Depot Museum



For the third year in a row, Mrs. Connie Womack brought her fourth grade class to the Depot Museum for a tour. The twenty-two students had lots of questions and enjoyed ringing the bell that was used in the olden days to notify locals that the train was about to arrive at the station. From there the group was, after a brief stop at Kleberg Bank, walking over to visit the King Ranch Museum and then downtown to Harrel's Pharmacy for lunch completing their local history tour.

Risk Management (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Risk Manager)

Risk Manager Reviews City Windstorm Renewal



Risk Manager Melissa Perez, Georgina Ybarra TML Representative, and Tonya McPherson with Victor O' Shinnerer met on April 9th 2015 in the Risk Manager's office to discuss the City's Annual Renewal for Windstorm Insurance. Since the severe hurricane season of 2005, all property and casualty insurance (P&C) companies and re-insurers have taken a closer look at their windstorm insurance strategy along the coast of the entire USA and the Texas coast is no exception. The result was that the re-insurers and then followed by the insurers greatly reduced their writings of coastal windstorm insurance while the price they charge for writing windstorm policies increased significantly.

Risk Manager Conducts Mandatory Cultural Diversity Training for City Employees



Risk Manager conducts mandatory Cultural Diversity Training for all City employees. Cultural diversity refers to the variety of the makeup or the multiculturalism of a group or organization or region. It is also called multiculturalism. It includes the various different social structures, belief systems, and strategies the cultures use for adapting to life situations in various parts of the world. The differences in race, language, ethnicity, values systems, religion, and local cultures that make up various groups in a community also account for the diversity. The Risk Manager trained city employees on May 1st at the Commission Chambers and at the Recycling Center. Employees were given a self-assessment and viewed a 35 minute video on Cultural Diversity.

Risk Manager Conducts Training "How to Handle Difficult Customers for Government" to City Employees



Risk Manager conducted training for all billing and municipal court staff on “How to handle difficult customers” throughout the month of April. Those in customer service positions in retail, hospitality (hotel and restaurants), call centers and government have to deal with difficult customers, angry customers, and just plain rude customers on a daily basis. For customer service staff that are not accustomed to this, or lack the training and knowledge to deal with the difficult, angry and rude, the experience can be stressful and make an otherwise enjoyable job, unpleasant, and even intolerable. Some ways of defusing these situations can be. Step One: Adjust Your Mindset, Step Two: Listen Actively, Step Three: Repeat Their Concerns, Step Four: Be Empathic and Apologize, Step Five: Present a Solution, Step Six: Take Action and Follow-up, It's important to handle difficult customers professionally. Learning how to stay calm and how to stay cool under pressure can help you get through challenging situations with grace and professionalism.

Interim City Manger, Human Resource Director and Risk Manager Review City’s “Emergency Services Policy”



Risk Manager Melissa Perez, Diana Gonzalez Human Resource Director and Courtney Alvarez Interim City Manager met in April to discuss the City’s current Emergency Services Policy. An Emergency Services Policy is organizations which ensure public safety and health by addressing different emergencies. Some exist solely for addressing certain types of emergencies while others deal with other emergencies as part of their normal responsibilities. Many of these agencies engage in community awareness and prevention programs to help the public avoid, detect, and report emergencies effectively.

City Staff Prepares for Hurricane Season



Risk Manager and City staff are very busy ensuring all City Emergency Plans are current and are planning on several Hurricane Preparedness Trainings in the month of May. Other meetings that are being planned will be for local Emergency Managers from the Border Patrol, Spohn Hospital, Texas A&M University, Kleberg County, Celanese, KISD, the Red Cross and local assisted living homes. There is much to do before the season starts. The Risk Manager will also be placing Hurricane Preparedness information for the Public on the City of Kingsville website. The Atlantic hurricane

season runs from June 1 to November 30. History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster. Hurricane hazards come in many forms, including storm surge, heavy rainfall, inland flooding, high winds, tornadoes, and rip currents. The National Weather Service is responsible for protecting life and property through issuance of timely watches and warnings, but it is essential that your family be ready before a storm approaches.

May 25th through 31st is National Hurricane Preparedness Week



U. S. President Barack Obama hereby proclaims May 25th through May 31st as National Hurricane Preparedness Week. He called upon government agencies, private organizations, schools, media, and residents in the coastal areas of our Nation to share information about hurricane preparedness and response to help save lives and protect communities. Hurricanes can demolish towns, obliterate coastlines, and devastate families. We cannot eliminate the threats hurricanes pose, but with careful planning, we can better protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our communities. During National Hurricane Preparedness Week, America fortifies our homes and businesses so that we are ready long before these powerful storms make landfall.

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

29 Pounds of Cocaine Traveling North Bound on U.S. Highway 77

At approximately 5 PM on Friday April 17, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Tamez conducted a traffic stop on a 2005 maroon BMW X3 SUV near the intersection of U.S. Highway 77 and County Road 2140 in Kleberg County. Agent Tamez contacted the driver, a 21 year old Hispanic male. While writing the traffic warning for the violation, Agent Tamez asked the driver several questions regarding his current trip from Weslaco to Corpus Christi. While speaking with the driver, Agent Tamez heard many indicators of deception. Agent Tamez asked for and was granted verbal consent by the driver to search the BMW.

Agent McGee assisted Agent Tamez with the vehicle search. While Agents Tamez and McGee conducted the search, they were interrupted by the driver, whom requested the Agents stop searching. Agent Tamez believed that the driver was concealing drugs, so the driver was told he could not leave and Tamez requested the assistance from a drug detector K-9 handler. Kingsville Task Force Agent Villalobos arrived and deployed his K-9 partner, "Nitro" on the BMW. Agent Villalobos told Agent Tamez "Nitro" did show a positive indication for the presence of drugs inside the BMW. Agents continued searching and eventually located an after-factory added compartment built into the rear cargo floorboard. Agents slightly opened the compartment's access door and observed red square shaped bundles inside. Agent Tamez placed the driver under arrest and handcuffed him.

Agent Tamez moved the investigation to the City of Kingsville Public Work's Garage where the

compartment was opened and 11 bundles of contraband were removed. Agents tested one of the 11 bundles and received a positive field test for Cocaine. All the bundles weighed a total 13.2 kilograms (over 29 pounds) and have a street value of approximately \$320,000.00. The driver was placed under arrest for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Unlawful Use/Possession of a Criminal Instrument because the compartment was manufactured for the sole purpose of concealing and transporting the drugs. The 21 year old Hispanic driver was booked into the Kleberg County jail. The vehicle and drugs were seized pending prosecution.



Another 30 Pounds of Cocaine Traveling North Bound on U.S. Highway 77

On Tuesday evening April 21, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Loftin was working criminal interdiction within Kleberg County. While Agent Loftin was focusing his efforts on U.S. Highway 77, he conducted a traffic stop on a maroon 2004 Kenworth Truck Tractor bearing Texas registration at the vicinity of U.S. Highway 77 and County Road 2230. Agent Loftin contacted an Hispanic male driver from Brownsville, Texas. During the course of Agent Loftin's interview with the driver, he observed verbal behaviors of overly nervous and deceptive behavior. Since the driver was the operator of the vehicle, Agent Loftin asked for and was granted verbal consent to search the truck tractor and trailer.

During the course of his search, Agent Loftin located an electronic hidden compartment located toward the bottom center wall of the sleeper compartment. The inside of the hidden compartment contained 12 white cellophane wrapped bundles. A bundle was cut open and revealed a white powdery substance which was believed to be Cocaine. The powdery substance was field tested and received a positive result for Cocaine. Later the bundles were weighed and resulted at 13.8 kilos, (over 30 pounds) with a street value of over \$ 320,000.00. Based on the totality of circumstances, the Department of Homeland Security (HSI) took control of the investigation and federally charged the driver with Possession of Controlled Substance. HSI took custody of the driver and the contraband (cocaine). The truck tractor and trailer were secured at the Kingsville Task Force impound lot. Investigation continues.



Parks & Recreation (Courtesy of Susan Ivy, Manager)

This is a very busy time for our Parks staff. Baseball/Softball/Soccer Season are in progress and we are getting ready for Summer Programming and pool prep for opening. We have spent quite a bit of our time since the storms and rain stopped dealing with fallen trees and broken branches throughout all the parks in town. While we still have tree trimming to do, we have had to move on to mowing now that the ground has dried enough to get mowers moving. We have two employees that are mowing/weed eating in town daily. Remainder of staff are catching up on maintenance in DKP including all grass areas, baseball/softball/soccer fields weekly, building maintenance, special event work and ongoing repairs and improvement projects. An ongoing thank you goes out to Public Works, Community Appearance, and Sanitation departments for their assistance.

With improved weather, the Corral Park Improvement Project is getting off the ground. We have received two benches and the doggie cleanup station. The Students have put these things together for us and have made temporary signs for the Park that are set to be installed May 1st. The Students have also repainted the Basketball Court.



We expect the exercise equipment to be received any day now, along with the picnic tables and barbeque grills. The water fountain will be another couple weeks for delivery. We regret that the equipment will not be in place for the pharmacy students' Health Fair (Saturday, May 2nd) but we will be assisting them with whatever they need. Staff met regarding scheduling installation of the equipment next week. Park employees did a roundup application on the trail (shown right) the week of April 27th and Public Works is working on installing a water source for us in the park.



Two completely separate TAMUK Departments will be doing tree plantings the week of May 4th. Four new Crepe Myrtles trees will be planted in Corral Park and two of the previously planted Oak trees will be moved. And about 24 new Crepe Myrtle and Live Oak trees will be planted along Escondido Road in Dick Kleberg Park and at the campground by JK Northway.

Kleberg Kenedy County Agri Life Extension hosted a Community Forum at the Recreation Hall recently. About 50 people were in attendance. The attendees broke into groups to discuss, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Families and Health, Youth Development, and Community and Economic Development. After group discussions and prioritization of needs the results were presented to the whole audience and will be compiled and delivered to City and County leaders as well as any other groups that can benefit from this community input.



As an ongoing commitment to keep our City Staff safe, our employees were provided training during a Manager hosted luncheon in the Rec Hall on Slips & Falls & Cultural Diversity.



The last Sunday in April is always St. Gertrude's Church Festival, which is held in the JK Northway Building at Dick Kleberg Park. This year celebrated their 31st festival. They had a great attendance.

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

Training and Professional Development

Trench and Confined Space Rescue Awareness Training – Two shifts and the volunteer fire department participated in trench and confined space rescue awareness training. Personnel watched training videos and discussed operations.



New Chain Saw Familiarization and Roof Ventilation Review – Two crews participated in a class to learn about the new chain saws purchased by the fire department. Roof ventilation safety procedures were also discussed and practiced.

Bee Rescue Safety – Two crews were trained in Africanized Honey Bee rescue procedures. Personnel watched and discussed training videos. Then personnel were issued new Bee Veils and practiced donning them.

State Fire Commission Inspection – The compliance officer from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection conducted a surprise bi-annual inspection on April 23rd. Three minor violations were discovered and corrected on that day. An additional section was added to the SCBA policy, a form was completed regarding the selection process for PPE selection, updated state website with confirmation no injuries occurred in certain previous months, and removed one person from the state roster. We also were informed that several fire helmets would be reaching the end of 10 year life at the end of April, so we are now ordering new replacement helmets.

Jet Crash Ejection Seat Extrication Training – Naval Air Station Kingsville invited local firefighters to attend training at the Naval Air Station related to ejection seats in downed aircraft.

Planning

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

Communications Meeting with Police Chief – The fire chief met with the Police Chief to discuss communications systems.

Communications Meeting with Interim City Manager – Meeting was held with the interim City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Human Resources, and Purchasing/Technology to discuss communications needs.

Meeting with Dailey Wells – Meeting was held with representatives from Dailey Wells to discuss specifications for apparatus intercom systems.

Bonfire Meeting at TAMUK – Meeting was held to discuss changing the date of the bonfire.

Committee Meetings

EMS Committee Meeting – The EMS Committee met again to discuss equipment matters and review EMS Protocols. Discussion on bag systems and drug protocols was also held.

Uniform Committee – Committee met to discuss uniforms in general and set up new policies.

Apparatus Committee – Committee met to discuss several issues including: Ladder Tower operations, driver training, numbering and lettering of apparatus, and specifications for a new pumper if FEMA grant is awarded.

Other Department Activities

Brush Country Spring Festival – Fire Department units participated in the Spring Festival on April 18th.

Physical Abilities Exam – A Physical Abilities Test (PAT) was administered on Sunday, April 26th. Two applicants completed the test. Hiring interviews were held that same afternoon.

STAAR Testing Rally – Engine company attended the rally for STAAR testing at Kleberg Elementary on April 20th.

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

Power Tool Maintenance – Private contractor worked on extrication power tools on April 21st. New cutting blades needed on one of the tools.

Civil Service Commission Meeting – Civil Service Commission approved changes in Physical Abilities Testing of fire department new hires.

New Policies or Policy Revisions:

SCBA Policies

Equipment and Facilities:

Fire Station 2 - Street has been laid and is not open. Still discussing steps from front porch to front sidewalk. Need railing along sidewalk to assist persons with disabilities and signage to deter skateboarding along sloped concrete. New concrete poured at rear of station where fire engine turning had cut into roadway. Thank you to Public Works!

Fire Station 1 – Still having hot water problems in upstairs showers. Water leak in bay continues with each rain. Rain gutters needed to keep water from splashing in bay doors.

Medic units – Medic 3 power inverter out of service and sent back to the factory a second time. Medic 2 has been moved from station 2 into front line service. Medic 1 broke down and has been sent to the Warehouse for repairs for the second time in three weeks. Medic 2 to warehouse for transmission leak. Medic 1 pulling hard to side, but unable to determine problem.

Engine 1 – Back in service after a week at Rush Truck repair center. Moved to station 2 while Engine 2 in shops.

Engine 2 – Water leak under pump. Water level in radiator is running low. Not sure why level is dropping. Sent to Warehouse for repair of fuel tank leak, currently out of service.

2014-15 Projects:

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

New Fire Marshal Vehicle: Truck has been delivered and is in service.

New Vehicle to Tow Emergency Response Trailer and Personnel: Truck has been delivered. The vehicle is still being processed by the Warehouse and we hope to have it in service in the next week.

Replacement Skid Unit for the Brush Truck: Skid unit for brush truck as been ordered and is expected to be completed within 4 weeks.



Fire Station 1 Termite Remediation: Remediation completed on January 20th.

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

Exhaust Removal System: Work is nearly completed on exhaust removal system at fire station 2. Work on fire station 1 system should begin the week of May 4th.

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

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

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

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

Fire Department Response Statistics for the period of:

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

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls - 26

Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) - 107

Total Emergency Responses - 133

Major Events during the period: No Major Events during the period

City-County Health Department (Courtesy of Emilio H. Garcia, Director)

Administration Division

City of Kingsville Employees-Safety Training

City of Kingsville Risk Manager, Mrs. Melissa Perez, recently offered a Safety Training for all City of Kingsville Employees. The training occurred on Friday, May 1, 2015 at City Hall, Commission Chambers. The training was divided into two sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. City-County Health Employees attended at their assigned times. The training topic was “Cultural Diversity” with a 30 minute video and a brief discussion afterwards. Thanks to Mrs. Perez for the training opportunity. Attending the training were Connie Allen, Monica Longoria, Jessica Montalvo, Hector Garza, Robert Puente, Jason C. Torres, Robert Hinojosa and Emilio H. Garcia. We look forward to the Hurricane Preparedness training later this month.

City-County Health Department Monthly Revenues

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

Statistics-Revenues

Fees collected	Consumer Health	Animal Control
Oct 2014	\$1,090.00	\$1,884.00
Nov 2014	\$623.00	\$1,470.00
Dec 2014	\$1,390.00	\$1,940.00
Jan 2015	\$1,538.00	\$2405.00
Feb 2015	\$1,013.64	\$2,650.00
Mar 2015	\$1,621.00	\$1,980.00

Food Service Division

Food Service Inspections

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

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

April 17-April 30, 2015

Taqueria Martinez	100	St. Gertrude's School	97
Boat & Net	100	Los Mariachi's	96
Subway (Riviera)	100	Kingsville Nursing & Rehab	94
Epiphany School	100	A&V Convenience Store	93
Sonic Drive Thru	97	KC Hall Kitchen	90
Christus Spohn Health	97	Snappy Foods #2	88
Hot & Spicy	97	Marlott's Mobile Unit	86
Marlott's Mobile Unit (reinspection)	100	El Corral	89
Taqueria El Chato	95	Wendy's	90
El Dorado	100	One Stop Hwy 77	96
La Hacienda	80	Whataburger (14th)	100
Kwik Pantry (W.Corrall)	97		

Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Class:

Food Handler Class	10 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class/St. Gertrude's School
Food Handler Class	21 Students	Regular Food Handler Class/Health Department

Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events:

Boys & Girls Concession #1	Annual permit for concession stand/ Dick Kleberg Park
Boys & Girls Concession #2	Annual permit for concession stand/Dick Kleberg Park
Delf's Pit	Temporary Food Event Fundraiser/Brisket Sandwich Sales

St. Gertrude's School
 Riviera Hawk Youth Football
 KLEA
 Sale
 The Lunch Box/Mobile Unit

Temporary Food Event Fundraiser/BBQ Brisket Plate Sale
 Temporary Food Event Fundraiser/ Snow Cones
 Temporary Food Event Fundraiser/Burger, Chips & Drink
 Annual permit/Food Sales

City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Consumer Health

Consumer Health	Food Establishment Insp.	Restroom Insp.	Food Handler Attendees	Day Care & Foster Homes Insp.	Temp. Food Event Permits
Oct 2014	72	116	50	0	10
Nov 2014	59	85	69	6	7
Dec 2014	44	67	14	2	0
Jan 2015	65	102	57	2	14
Feb 2015	57	69	54	4	7
Mar 2015	48	87	43	2	6

Animal Control Center Division

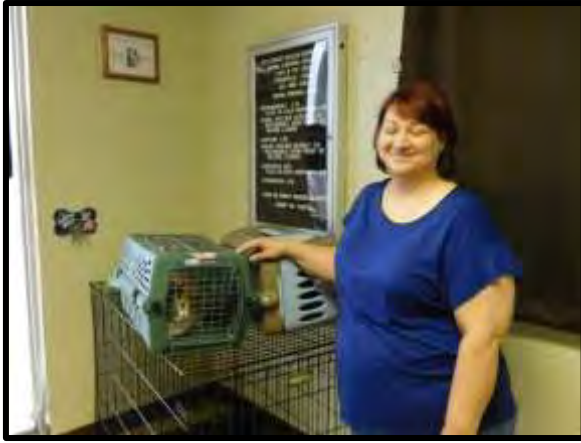
New Animal Control Webpage

The City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center is pleased to announce their new webpage on the City of Kingsville home page. Our webpage will have pictures of dogs and cats up for adoption and will also feature a lost and found section. The Animal Control Center will now be posting pictures with a brief description of every dog and cat that is picked up and impounded at the center. At the end of the work day or early the next morning Animal Control staff will upload pictures of all animal impounded. Under the new lost and found section, individuals missing a pet can search to see if their pet is at the Animal Control Center. This is a great tool for our residents to use if they are missing a pet. It is our goal to reunite dogs and cats with their rightful owner.

29 Lucky Kittens and Cats Rescued

Dorella Elizondo, a transporter for the Kitten House Rescue of Houston, Texas rescued 29 cats from the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center. The rescue group is a 501c3 that rescues cats and kittens from all over Texas. Mrs. Elizondo took kittens and cats of all sizes, shapes and colors. The cats will be taken to Houston to be vetted and placed in foster houses and then be adopted out into a forever home. Pictured below is Mrs. Elizondo with the cats securely packed and ready for their journey. Teresa Orr, Animal Care Attendant, and Jason Torres, Health Inspector II, are shown helping load the cats. **Big Thanks** to the Kitten House Rescue of Houston, Texas for rescuing cats and kittens from our Animal Control Center!





City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center
MONTHLY PET ADOPTION DAY

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

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

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

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

Adopters and rescue groups are invited to save a life!



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

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

**Protect your pets have them
Vaccinated, Sterilized and Microchip
The City-County Health Department
Animal Control Division**

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

City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Animal Control

Animal Control	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Mar 2015
Dogs impounded	191	126	121	127	107	128
Dogs adopted	28	22	26	27	18	23
Dogs released	24	26	21	30	42	34
<i>Dogs Rescue (Groups)</i>	41	12	28	26	19	14
Cats impounded	159	97	70	98	96	108
Cats adopted	6	6	12	11	6	3
Cats released	1	0	0	1	1	1
Cats rescued (Groups)	3	0	1	0	20	12
Opossum in traps	72	51	71	56	57	62
Other animals impounded	6	0	2	1	12	9
Other animals adopted	0	0	1	1	1	0
# of humans bitten	5	5	6	5	7	4
Animals obs. 10 days	5	4	5	3	5	4
Warnings issued	4	1	0	0	0	0
Citation issued	75	41	67	28	26	25

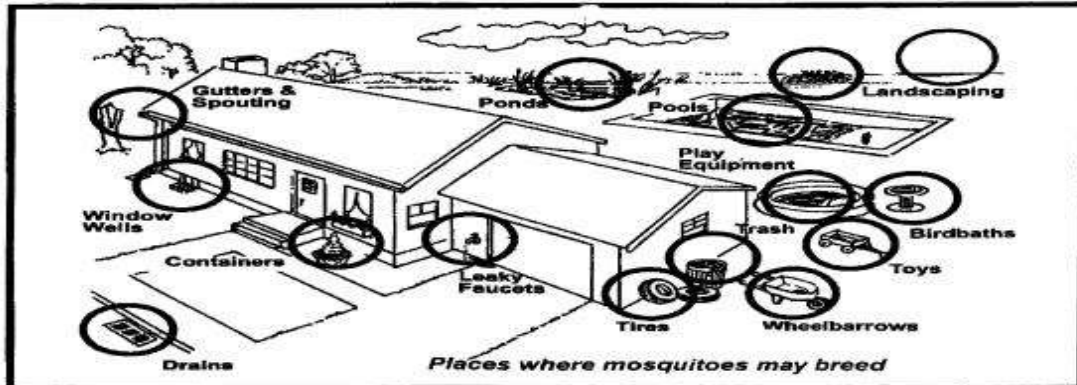
Mosquito Control Division-(Vector)

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

REDUCE THE RISK OF DISEASE



BREEDING MOSQUITOES AT YOUR HOUSE!!

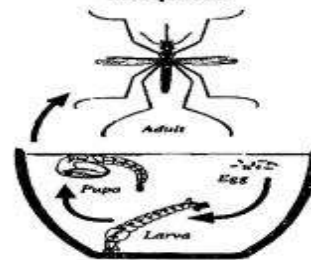


To eliminate standing water:

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



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



Life Cycle

The stages of a mosquito's life cycle.

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

Personal protection:

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

City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Vector Control

Vector Control	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Mar 2015
Calls pertaining to bees	18	1	4	4	6	7
Removal of swarms	7	1	1	1	6	5
Site unable to abate	11	0	3	3	0	2
Mosquito surveillance	0	1	0	0	0	0
Larvacide applications (Blocks)	0	0	0	0	0	5
Adulticide Application (Days of Mosquito Spraying at night)	3	0	0	0	0	1

Golf Course (Courtesy of Jimmy Saenz, Manager)

Golf Division (4/18-4/30)

Staff would like to personally thank everyone who came out to play and supported the recent TAMUK College of Pharmacy golf tournament. The rain that the course has received over the past couple of weeks has been very beneficial. Things at the course are green and growing. Now the clean-up is underway. We still have areas that we are unable to get mowers into due to standing water; but the guys have done a great job getting the course playable once again. The pro shop floor should be finish early the week of May 4th.



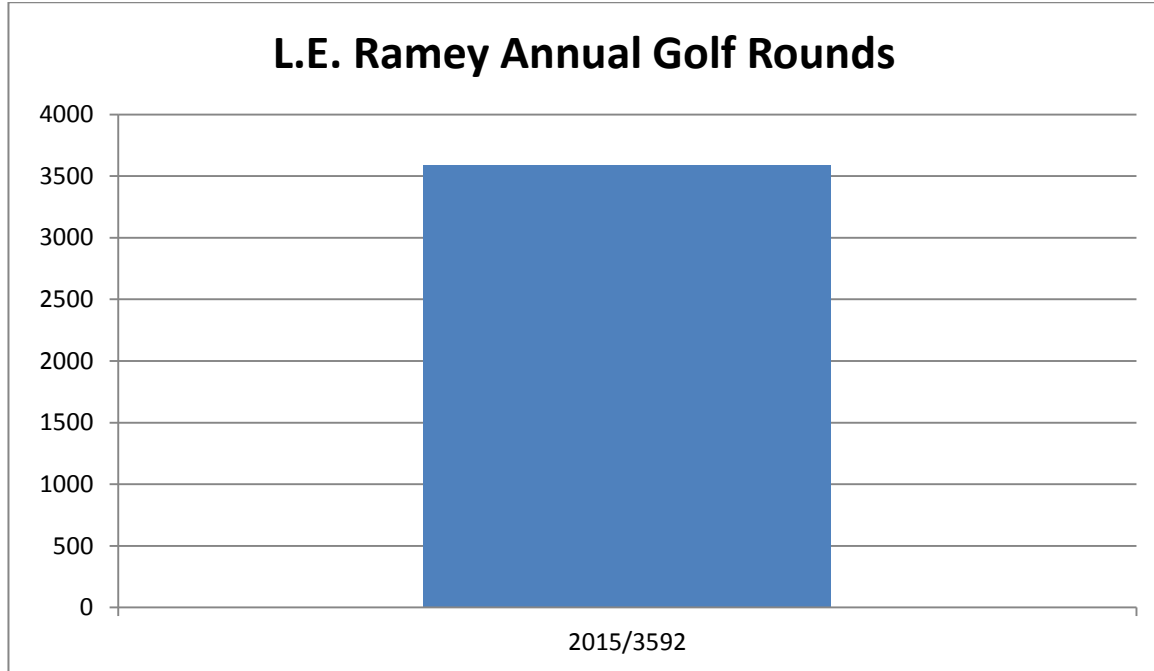
Scheduled tournaments at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:

- *H.M. King Scholarship Tournament, May 2, 2015
- *St. Gertrude's Tournament, May 23, 2015
- *Yaklin Family Reunion Tournament, June 13, 2015

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

Past tournaments: TAMUK College of Pharmacy Golf Tournament

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



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

Fun Fact Quote

"The love of libraries, like most loves, must be learned." ~ Alberto Manguel, essayist, novelist, and editor

Library Core Staff

Even though the library is temporarily closed, the core staff has been "holding down the fort," performing vital behind-the-scenes operations. They have been busy answering the phones, and maintaining communication with City and County officials and departments, the A/C and mold remediation technicians, book vendors, local organizations, government entities, reassigned staff members, and the general public. The team has been available to answer patrons' questions, and provide needed IRS tax forms. The I.T. Department has also been busy maintaining the internal computer network, server, online electronic services, patron online accounts, and Facebook and



Twitter accounts. The Acquisitions Department continues to prepare purchase orders, reconcile invoices, and manage essential library purchases. The staff is also receiving and processing standing and new book orders, incoming mail, magazines, and newspapers. The Technical Services Department has been processing books that patrons leave in the book drops, and maintaining the patrons' accounts to keep them up-to-date. To promote the library's online services, members of the staff have participated in various academic and community outreach events. The team continues to perform not only custodial services but also minor grounds services as well. A special "thank-you" from the Library Board and Library Director Robert Rodriguez goes to Ruthie Valdez, Hector Vela, Joey Garcia, and Michelle Smith, for all their hard work in maintaining, cleaning, and organizing the library and its premise. Without this group, it would have been more difficult to accomplish many of these vital functions. A

special thanks also goes out to the library staff members that were reassigned. Even though it has been a sacrifice for them, they have been patient and have represented the library well. It has been a tremendous journey, but all worthwhile because the library will be able to better serve its patrons.

New Carpet Coming

County Commissioners Court selected Sherwin Williams to purchase and install the new carpet at the library. To prepare the library for the installation, Mrs. Veronica Hare, Kleberg County Insurance Coordinator, coordinated with City and County officials, so they could lend employees to move the freestanding bookshelves. On Wednesday, April 29, 2015, these employees moved the bookshelves, with the library staff assisting in the process. The Library Board and the Library Director appreciate the assistance of the City and County employees. Also on April 29th, Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid and Mrs. Hare met with Mr. Michael Gibson, a reporter with KIII-TV from Corpus Christi, to update the public on the library's progress. Starting on Monday, May 4, 2015, the installers will begin laying the carpet at the front of the library and work their way back to the adult area. City and County officials have been working together diligently, so the library's reopening will be a smooth process. The reopening is still tentatively set for Tuesday, June 9, 2015. City and County officials are working together on the plans for the reopening celebration. Reopening announcements will appear via the *Kingsville Record and Bishop News* newspaper, the library's website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Human Resource Department (Courtesy of Diana Gonzalez, Director)

Did you know?



News about City of Kingsville Employee

Benefit

The City's third party administrator for health benefits, ENTRUST, has rolled out its new website for employees. The new www.enformed.com will allow employees to do the following in each of the categories listed below:

Claims – View details, status paid, dates, history, and explanation of benefits

Eligibility – View effective dates, demographic information, and summary of benefits

Accumulators – View family/individual out-of-pocket expenses, deductibles, co-insurance and co-pays

Plan Information – View benefits, plan documents, links, network information, glossary and Rx information

Notifications – View email notices upon Explanation of Benefits (EOB) availability online and announcements

Paperless ID Cards – view your customized Red Card ID paperless image

City Employees only have to register to have this information at their fingertips – just follow the steps on the flyers previously handed out to each employee or simply go to the website and follow the steps.

Current Employment Opportunities

Fire:

- Firefighter
- Fire Telecommunication’s Operator

Parks and Recreation:

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

Police:

- Police Officers
- Telecommunication’s Operator

Public Works:

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

New Employees



Jimmy Saenz
Golf Course Manager



Juan Maldonado
Temporary Maintenance Worker
Golf Course

May Anniversaries

YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DIVISION/DEPARTMENT
36	Valdez, Ruth	Assistant Administrator	Library
19	Loera, Reynaldo	Equipment Operator III	Sanitation/PW
17	Garcia, Alfonso	City Commissioner	City Commission
17	Mendietta, Jose	Firefighter	Fire
16	Pecos, Arturo	City Commissioner	City Commission
15	Salinas, Arnold	City Marshal	Task Force
11	Fugate, Sam	Mayor	City Commission
10	Flores-Salinas, Gina	Customer Service Rep.	Collections/Finance
10	Torres, John	Firefighter	Fire
8	Padilla, Haydee	Administrative Asst. I	Police
8	Cadena, Apolonio	Equipment Operator II	Street/PW

8	Basaldu, Jose	Welder/Fabricator	Garage/PW
7	Ramirez, Daniel	Building Official	Planning
4	Verdin, Antonio	Systems Specialist	Purchasing/Technology
3	Fernandez, Jose	Maintenance Technician	Garage/PW
3	Smith, Michelle	Technical Services Assistant	Library
3	Aleman, Javier	Police Officer	Police
3	Leubert, Dianne	City Commissioner	City Commission
3	Pena, Noel	City Commissioner	City Commission
3	Espinosa, Ernest	Animal Control Specialist	Health
2	Torres, Krystin	P/T Library Assistant	Library
2	Dodd, Justin	Police Officer	Police
1	Sosa, Charles	Street Supervisor	Street/PW
1	Castillo, Arnoldo	P/T Engineering Technician	Engineering
1	Carrales, Joshua	Utility Worker	Water/PW

Separations

Thomas Riojas – Equipment Operator I – Golf Course

John Casen – Equipment Operator II – Sanitation Division – Public Works Department

Prescription Discount Program – National League of Cities (NLC)

March 2015 – 32 prescriptions filled under this program used by a total of 12 individuals for a monthly savings of \$ 490.74. The average price savings was \$15.34 per prescription which translates to a 31.4% savings on prescriptions.

Data from January 2013 to current, the program has been utilized by 410 individuals for a grand total savings of \$13,651.49. The plan has averaged a 26.7% savings in filling 1,033 prescriptions for persons in the Kingsville community.

Special Events

The HR Director attended the Coastal Bend College Job/Career Fair on Thursday, April 23rd from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. The fair was open to the public and there were several different recruiters in attendance.

The City had several visitors stop by its table and information was distributed regarding current vacancies and City benefits.

Civil Service Corner

Civil Service Commission Members:

Nick Harrel - Chairperson

Dora Martinez - Vice-Chairperson

Alonzo Lopez

The Civil Service Commission met on April 21, 2015 and discussed changes to the Fire Department Agility and approved recommended changes. The Commission also approved the job description for the position of Police Sergeant.

The next regular Civil Service Commission meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2015 at 12 noon at the City Commission Chambers.

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

Regular City Commission Meetings (Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers)

Tuesday, May 26, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 8, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 22, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, July 13, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, July 27, 2015	6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)

Thursday, May 21, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 4, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 18, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 3, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 17, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 31, 2015	3:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)

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

Board Meetings (Respective Locations)

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

Upcoming Holidays:

Memorial Day Holiday – Monday, May 25, 2015

City Departments will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Reminders:

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

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