

# City of Kingsville, Texas

## Staff Report

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Monday, June 8, 2015

“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.”-Henry Ford

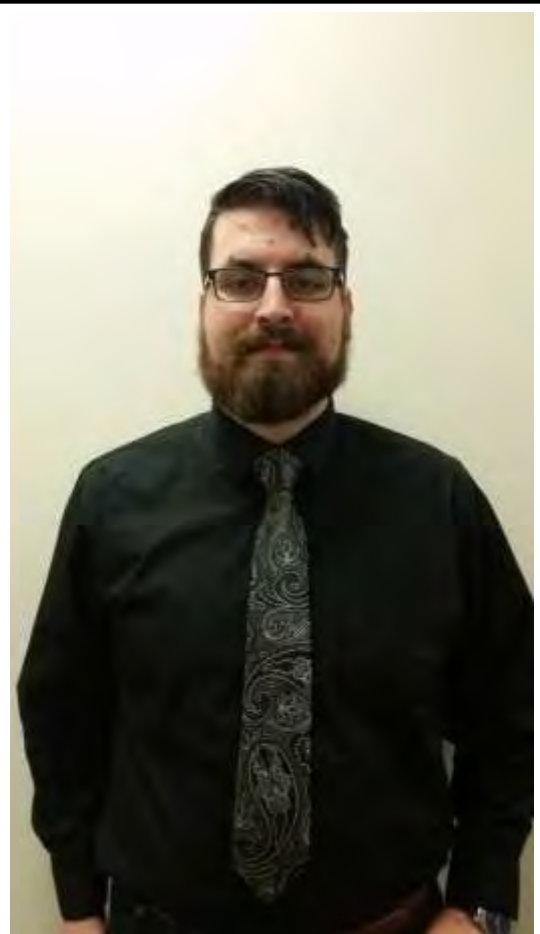
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### ***FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES***

**I would like to nominate Kyle Benson ( Help Desk Coordinator) for “Good Job Award”.**

Kyle has only been with the City of Kingsville for a short time but has already demonstrated spectacular abilities, focus and skills in assisting the City and its staff. Kyle's uniqueness and adaptability has given him the resources to assist departments in so many areas. He goes above and beyond to assist everybody anytime. When you call or email him for help, he does not hesitate to come to your assistance and assist you immediately. He is always very positive has great ideas and has a smile every time. Just recently Kyle came to my office with an idea, he wanted to work with me in coming up with a training topic for all employees on “Risks of Social Media”. I told him that was a great idea, and within an hour Kyle emailed me a unique power point presentation. Kyle and I will be presenting this training to staff on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Kyle went out of his way and utilized his social smarts and inquisitiveness; he cares and wants to do more. In my opinion, he deserves to be recognized for his efforts.



Melissa Perez, Risk Manager

## **PARKS DEPARTMENT** *(Courtesy of Susan Ivy, Manager)*

It's here!!! Our bucket has been installed on our JD Tractor. As soon as we get the protecting blade installed on it, we are in business. Thanks to all the Departments that have assisted us while we were without. We were without this tractor which pulls our batwing mower for several weeks which puts us behind on mowing our bigger areas. We are catching up as quick as the weather will allow. Park Staff has been working some overtime to try and catch up.

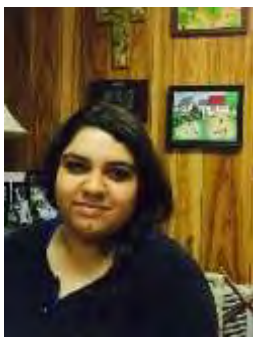


Recruiting Volunteers for pool cleanup was a snap when we called Colonel Crites with KISD ROTC. They put endless hours in every year assisting with various projects. They spent the day with Park Staff cleaning out the pool so we could fill it with fresh water. Pool is full, running great, new roof, fresh coat of paint with some new furniture and guard supplies on the way. We are almost there.



Update on Corral Park. All of our equipment is in! We are watching for some sunny weather to get it installed. The Water Dept has been very helpful getting us headed toward water access for tree watering, the water fountain and our concrete installations.

Our first National Kids to Parks Day was a great first event. Parks Dept offered playground games, environmental coloring book station provided by KKB, and booths by Rec Staff and other community groups offering registration for summer programs. We certainly appreciate the Kingsville Fire Dept. showing up and interacting with the kids.



We want to thank the Library Director Robert Rodriquez for allowing us to borrow Myrna Barrera while the Library was under construction. Now that she is back to the Library, we have filled our Admin Asst. position. Welcome Stephanie Resendez to the Parks Department!

## ***GOLF COURSE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Jimmy Saenz, Manager)***

We are getting ready to kick off June with the St. Gertrude's Tournament on June the 6<sup>th</sup>. That tournament will be followed by the Yaklin Family Reunion Tournament on June the 13<sup>th</sup>.



The Golf Course Manager will be hosting a ladies clinic every Saturday morning at 10 am starting on June the 20<sup>th</sup>.

The free Jr. Golf Clinic will be held the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Times and age groups will be posted in the next week.

Thank you everyone who has come by to donate clubs! We will be putting sets together for our Jr. Clinics. We are still looking for more putters. If you have any that you would like to donate, please feel free to drop them by the pro shop.

### Scheduled tournaments at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:

St. Gertrude's Tournament, June 6, 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

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

### **Administration Division**

#### ***City of Kingsville Emergency Preparedness Meeting***

City-County Health Department Director, Emilio H. Garcia, attended an emergency preparedness meeting hosted by City of Kingsville Risk Manager/EMC, Melissa Perez, and Tomas Sanchez, Kleberg County Emergency Management Coordinator, on Thursday, May 28, 2015. The event was held at the Dick Kleberg Park Recreation Center from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. The emergency preparedness meeting was an opportunity to meet and greet emergency personnel and other individuals that would be assisting in the event of a major emergency. The meeting was well attended by City of Kingsville Directors, Supervisors, staff, the City of Kingsville Mayor, Kingsville Police, Kingsville Fire, Kingsville Task Force, and Kleberg County Judge Madrid. Others attending were from NAS Kingsville Fire Department, local Nursing and Rehabilitation Facilities, Ambulance Services, Federal Credit Unions, Texas A & M University staff, Celanese staff, South Texas Water Authority staff, and Coastal Bend College staff. Issues discussed at the meeting were transportation, sheltering and communications. The meeting was a great opportunity to listen to what issues or problems other entities might be having with transportation, sheltering and communications. Thanks to Melissa Perez and Tomas Sanchez for putting together the Emergency Preparedness Meeting. Below are a few pictures of the meeting.



### ***Swimming Pool Training***

City-County Health Inspectors Jason Torres and Connie Allen attended a swimming pool rules and regulations refresher course. The training was hosted by the San Patricio County Public Health Department in conjunction with Texas Department State Health Service, Health Sanitation & Consumer Product Safety Group. The course was held in Portland, Texas at their Community Center Pool on Thursday, May 28, 2015 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Topics discussed were swimming pool drains and inspections, required pool kits, record keeping and safety equipment. Thanks to the San Patricio County Public Health Department for the invitation. Below are a few pictures of the training.



### **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.

Harrel's - Fountain	100	Little Caesar's Pizza	93
Brown's Conv Store	100	IHOP	92
El Tapatio - Ricardo	100	A&J Super Stop	91
Valero Corner Store	100	Kings Inn	91
Rodeway Inn	100	Dairy Queen	90
Arby's	97	Sunny Mini Mart #2	87
Wing Stop	97	Hwy 77 One Stop	87
Greg's Short Stop	97	Re-Insp-Hwy 77 One Stop	93
South TX Softball Con stand	95	Burger King	83
DQ - Riviera, TX	93	Re-Inspection-Burger King	93

**May 4-May 15, 2015**

***Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Class:***

City-County Health Unit	2 Students	Regular food handler class
H.M. King High School - Ag Dept.	9 Students	Fundraiser food handler class
H.M. King High School - Ag Dept.	32 Students	Fundraiser food handler class
City-County Health Unit	6 Students	Regular food handler class

***Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events:***

Arturo Chavez/Rivera Youth Football	Temporary Food Event	Snow Cone sales
Val's Produce	Annual Permit	Produce vendor permit

**Animal Control Center Division**

**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, June 6, 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

**Animal Control Center Division**  
City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center

**PET ADOPTION DAY**

Please join us on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 10:00 am to  
2:00 pm

@ Tractor Supply Company  
2405 S. Brahma Blvd.

Come see our doggies and kitties waiting to be adopted or  
rescued into a forever home to be loved and cared for!!



***Hurricane Season is here!***

With the North Atlantic Hurricane Season upon us would you know what items you would need for you pets? Below is a disaster preparedness pet checklist that would be very helpful in case of a disaster. Do your part to ensure the wellbeing and safety of your pets.

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PET CHECKLIST**

[ ] Current copy of vaccination records

- [ ] Photo of your animal, in case you become separated
- [ ] Collar/leash/muzzle (extra collar/leash/muzzle in case you encounter a lost/stray animal)
- [ ] Pet carrier to safely transport your animal
- [ ] Minimum of 3 days supply of food
- [ ] Minimum of 3 days supply of water
- [ ] Bowls for food and water; can opener utensils
- [ ] Treats (will help relieve stress and can also be used to lure lost/stray animals)
- [ ] Toys (relieves stress and can comfort animal)
- [ ] First aid kit (should include antiseptic, topical ointment, dressing and a type of vet wrap, and any medication your animal is taking)
- [ ] Soft muzzle (if your animal is injured or you encounter an injured animal, they might bite out of pain or fear; it is highly recommended they be muzzled before handling)
- [ ] Blanket and towel
- [ ] Dry Shampoo
- [ ] Pooper-scooper/plastic bags
- [ ] Cat litter and a temporary litter box (disposable aluminum foil pans work well)

### **Mosquito Control Division-(Vector)**

The City-County Health Department encourages you to dispose of any standing water in buckets, bird baths, old tires, and any other containers that may breed mosquitos. Use this friendly reminder to protect **YOUSELF** and 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!***



### **A Reminder to Protect Yourself from Mosquitoes**

The past week has brought some rainfall into our area along with a possibility of mosquitoes. So what can you do to help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home? Always remember that mosquitoes need water to breed, and they will use any source available.

So be sure to:

- Drain any standing water around your home.
- Empty cans, buckets, rain gutters, tires and flower pots.
- Change the water in pet bowls, wading pools and bird baths several times a week.

Mosquitoes are simply annoying, but they can also be dangerous. It is important to protect yourself from a mosquito bite. To prevent any chances of becoming infected with a mosquito borne diseases please do the following:

- Apply insect repellent containing DEET.
- Dress in long sleeves and pants when outdoors.
- Stay indoors at dusk and dawn (these are the times when mosquitoes are most active).

It is important that everyone does their part to help prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. The City-County Health Unit will start mosquito surveillance this month, and will start to spray for



mosquitoes if need be. Spraying is done at dusk, and the entire city is sprayed. Chemical pellets have also been placed in standing water to kill mosquito larva. If you have standing water you may soon have mosquitoes, so remember to drain after the rain.

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

### **May Preservation Month Celebration**



There was quite a good turn out at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Preservation Month reception at the Depot Museum. While we were celebrating all the many historic rehabilitation projects in progress (or soon to be) around the City, the presentations focused on the rehabilitation of the V Salazar store at 200 E Richard. Various members of the V Salazar family were in attendance. Salazar family members posed for the photo on the left. The historic photo on the right shows Vincente Salazar's granddaughter, Irma, standing in front of her house that sat just to the east of where the store is today. Can you guess which one of the group on the left is the grown up Irma? Answer: third from left.



### **THC Architecture Division Director visits Kleberg County Courthouse**

Sharon Fleming, Architecture Division Director, Texas Historical Commission visited the Kleberg County

Courthouse on May 26<sup>th</sup> to encourage county officials to get the wheels rolling on a plan to seek grant funding for courthouse restoration for this next and future cycles. Cynthia Martin, Downtown Manager, attended the meeting and a walk through of the courthouse led by County Judge Madrid. After the meeting, the Downtown Manager took Mrs. Fleming on a driving tour of Kingsville's historic district showcasing our community and receiving advice on moving forward with the preservation and development of its historic resources.

### **Downtown Building Exterior Improvements**



The façade of the former Showplace Graphics at 224 E Kleberg Avenue has received a fresh coat of paint, the display windows have been painted with summer scenes and the now vacant building sports a large for sale or lease sign. The Rex Theater was opened in this location in 1926 as an “independent movie house.” Purportedly it was bought out by the Rialto Theater and then closed in an attempt to minimize competition. In the ensuing years the building housed Town and Country Fashions and various retail stores.

### **Farmers Market Adds More Music & More Vendors**





The May Farmers Market saw more music now having a steel drum player as well as a guitarist. The sound of the steel drum carried nicely over the crowd. A new vendor brought vegetable plants for sale as well as produce. Besides the new vendor, there was an ever changing choice of produce – yellow beans and eggplant appearing for the first time.

### **City of Kingsville Tourism Department hosts Regional Tourism Council**



The King Ranch was the venue for the Texas Coastal Bend Regional Tourism Council members as they met in Kingsville this week. The City of Kingsville Tourism Department partnered with the King Ranch Visitor Center to host the meeting locally. King Ranch General Manager Bob Kinnan presented the history of the Main House as it celebrates its Centennial this year. The group initially met at the new educational center at the Ranch. The group was bused to the Main House grounds where the talk was given. After the tour and the meeting, council members were directed to Linda's Main Street Café for some King Ranch Casserole.



**Kingsville's Historic Designations** - The King Ranch was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1961 and the Main House was designated a Texas Historical Landmark in 1980.



Refreshments were provided by the Tourism Department and the King Ranch Main House kitchen staff, who made Mrs. Alice Gertrude King Kleberg's Iowa Butter Scotch Cookies. The recipe is as follows: 1 cup butter, 2 cups brown sugar, 2 eggs beaten together, 1 cup ground pecans and mix with beaten egg, 1 tsp vanilla, 3 cups flour, 1 tsp Royal baking powder, 1 tsp salt, ½ tsp soda.



## Tourism Director Attends “Celebrating Our Story of Corpus Christi”



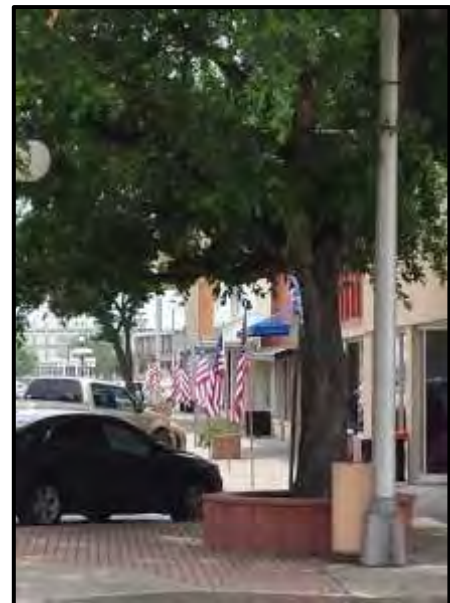
A standing ovation was given when Corpus Christi Mayor Nelda Martinez recognized the Abraham Quintanilla family as they walked up to the stage at the “Celebrating Our Story of Corpus Christi” event. The Quintanilla’s were presented with an award on behalf of Selina Quintanilla Perez and the impact that the Fiesta de la Flor festival had in the economy of Corpus Christi. Hundreds attended the luncheon sponsored by the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau at the American Bank Center. The speaker for the event was Joe Veneto.

### **Downtown Kingsville Seen as Patriotic**

Pictured at right, flags adorned downtown Kingsville on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Armed Forces Day.

### **Logo for Chamber Wall has Arrived**

Pictured at bottom is the arrival of the new logo that may be displayed at the center of the wall for the Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers.



Did you know? Topic: City's



The City's Health Plan offers several features which are seldom utilized but are available, such as:

**Cash Price Option**

If a provider agrees in advance of service to accept Medicare rates as payment in full, the plan will waive the monthly deductible. Waivers of the deductible will only occur in the event that the claim is a payable claim under the terms of the plan. To utilize this service, employees should contact the health plan's Patient Support Services.

**Prescription Drugs**

CVS/Caremark is the City's prescription provider. Caremark offers a website in which you can log in directly to receive valuable information regarding medications such as equivalent generics and a list of medications normally used to treat specific diagnosis. A quick enrollment will open the door to this valuable information.

\*Remember: You can shop around for lower cost drugs. You can also utilize programs outside the City's insurance plan such as \$4 and \$5 generics offered by different vendors such as Walmart, HEB and Target.

**Vision Benefit**

Maximum coverage per person on plan is 50% up to \$50 per calendar year. Participants can go to any optometrist. If the particular optometrist does not file claims, the participant pays for the services and files a short claim form with ENTRUST. Forms are available at the HR office.

**Chiropractic Services**

The Plan allows for services covered at 50% up to maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year. Deductibles are waived for this type of service. Payments for these services are not eligible toward the monthly deductible.

In addition, there are some items to be aware of such as:

**Deductibles**

Plan deductibles are currently \$250 per month. A month is from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month to the last day of the month and NOT 30 days from date of service.

**Beware of Balance Billing with Non-Network Providers**

*"When you receive health care services from a network provider, they may refer services related to your treatment to non-network providers which will expose you to expenses not covered by your Plan. When this occurs, the difference between what your Plan allows and what the provider charges or accepts may be different. This "gap" may result in what is called "Balance Billing." In an attempt to avoid balance billing, you should inquire whenever possible whether the charges of the provider will be satisfied by the Plan's Allowable Amount as stated in the Plan Document in the definitions section."*

**Employment Opportunities**

Fire:

Firefighter

Fire Telecommunication's Operator

Golf Course – Part-Time Maintenance Worker (2)

Library – Part-Time Maintenance Worker

Parks and Recreation:

Seasonal Staffing – Life Guards and Swim Instructor

Public Works:

Garage – Maintenance Technician (Mechanic)

Street – Equipment Operator II

Water – Temporary Utility Worker

Wastewater – Utility Worker

Tourism – Temporary Part-Time Administrative Assistant I

**New Employees**



Stephannie Resendez  
Administrative Assistant I  
Parks & Recreation



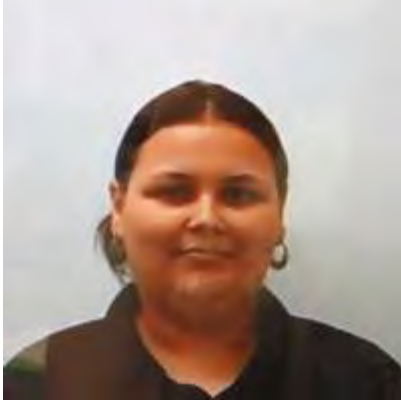
Eloy Delarosa  
Equipment Operator II  
Sanitation Division – Public Works Department



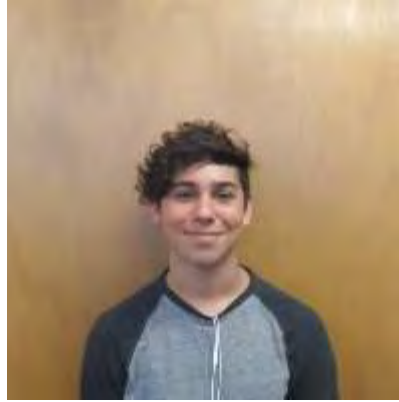
Zachary Cox  
Firefighter  
Fire Department



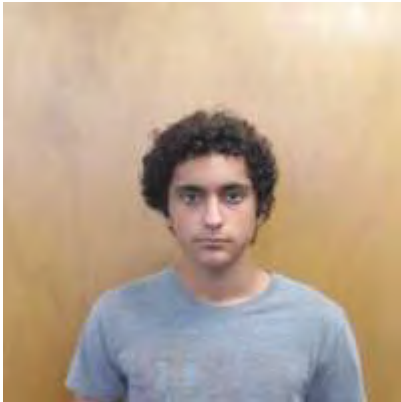
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Maintenance Worker  
Parks and Recreation



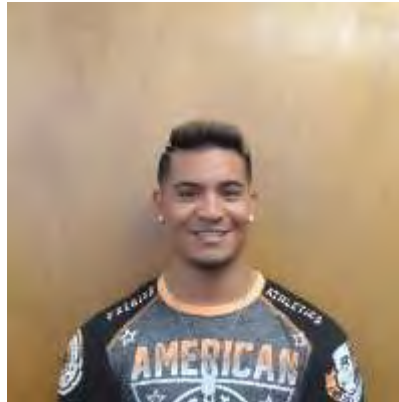
Mary Orr  
Part-Time Maintenance Worker  
Parks and Recreation



Caimen Vargas  
Lifeguard  
Parks & Recreation



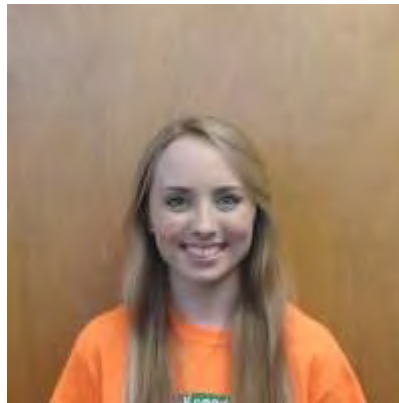
Anthony Alaniz  
Lifeguard  
Parks & Recreation



Rey Ferrer  
Recreational Assistant  
Parks & Recreation



Mikayla Flores  
Lifeguard  
Parks & Recreation



Haley Wagner  
Pool Cashier  
Parks & Recreation

**Promotions and/or Internal Position Changes:**

Parks: Balmore Mejia accepted Equipment Operator I position  
Wastewater: Juan Estrada accepted Plant Helper position



## **June 2015 Anniversaries**

<b><u>YEARS</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>DIVISION/DEPARTMENT</u></b>
21	Arturo Perez	Supervisor	Garage Division/Public Works
19	Joe Luna	Senior City Marshal	Task Force
18	Bill Donnell	Assistant PW Director	Public Works
18	Frank Garcia	Supervisor	Wastewater Division/Public Works
7	Vincent Murray	Police Corporal	Police
7	John Crawford	Police Corporal	Police
7	Jennifer Bernal	Supervisor	Community Appearance/Planning
5	Ruben Villalobos	City Marshal	Task Force
5	Alejandro Solis	Maintenance Worker	Street Division/Public Works
5	Marcos Munoz	Telecommunications	Communications/Police
4	Manuel Acuna	Equipment Operator III	Water Division/Public Works
3	Thelma Trevino	Admin. Assistant I	Purchasing & Technology
3	Theresa Delarosa	Police Officer	Police
3	Hector Fierova	Police Officer	Police
3	Tony Macias	Police Officer	Police
2	Stacie Pena	Accounting Manager	Finance
2	Veronica Fernandez	Lab Technician	Wastewater/Public Works
1	Jason McGee	City Marshal	Task Force
1	Jaime Montalvo	Equipment Operator II	Street Division/Public Works

## **Special Events**

The HR Director and Administrative Assistant II attended Risk Management's monthly training on May 20, 2015 on Hurricane Awareness topic.

## **Civil Service Corner**

Civil Service Commission Members:

Nick Harrel - Chairperson  
Dora Martinez - Vice-Chairperson  
Alonzo Lopez

The next regular Civil Service Commission meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2015 at 12 noon at the City Commission Chambers.

## ***RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Director)***

City of Kingsville Hosts "Hurricane Preparedness Meeting" with Local Officials



The City of Kingsville Risk Management Department hosted a "Hurricane Preparedness Meeting" from 8:30am to 10:00am at the Dick Kleberg Park Recreation Center. Thirty-six attendees attended to include Mayor Sam Fugate, Judge Rudy Madrid, Tomas Sanchez Kleberg County EMC and local

public safety officials, emergency managers and business owners. Topics on the agenda were: Sheltering, Transportation and Communications. Another meeting is being planned for the middle of July.

### City of Kingsville Hosts “Backhoe Training” for Employees



TML Texas Municipal League and City of Kingsville Risk Management Department hosted “Backhoe Training” at the Dick Kleberg Park & Recreation Center. Sixteen employees from the City of Kingsville and Robstown, Texas attended. Employees had to complete 30-hours for certification purposes of instructional and hands-on operational training. Backhoe loaders are heavy equipment vehicles that consist of a tractor like unit fitted with a shovel/bucket on the front and a small backhoe on the back. Due to its (relatively) small size and versatility, backhoe loaders are very common in urban engineering and small construction projects.

### The State of Operation Center of Texas Conducts Webinar/Conference to Provide Situational Awareness During Severe Rainfall and Storms



The State of Texas has been seeing “ Severe Thunderstorm Warnings” with heavy rainfall causing massive flooding in low lying areas, creeks and streams. The State of Operations Center of Texas has been hosting several webinar and conference meetings to provide situational awareness on the on-going severe weather and flooding that has impacted and will impact portions of the state. The Risk Manager, Chief of Police, Interim City Manager, and staff have been attending these webinars to stay up to date with current and upcoming weather conditions. Staff is also informing staff of all upcoming weather conditions and information.

### Risk Manager Conducts “Hurricane Preparedness Training” with City Staff

Risk Management Department has been very busy training on Hurricane Preparedness to all City of Kingsville employees. June 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> is Hurricane Season and May 25<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> is National Hurricane Preparedness Week”. Risk Management Department is informing citizens on the STEAR 211 Registry and Hurricane Preparation Tips via city website. The Risk Manager is planning on other outlets for informing citizens: 1) Information will be posted in the local Newspaper 2) Hurricane Information will be sent in Water Bills.



## Risk Manager Working on Property Rerate Schedule for 2016



It's that time again. The City of Kingsville Risk Management Department has received the 2015/2016 Liability/Property Rerate Exposure Summary. The schedule has to be updated yearly; it entails all of the city's assets to include buildings, vehicles, heavy equipment and mobile equipment. Some assets have to be deleted if they have been sold for auction or otherwise disposed of and some equipment may have to be transferred to other departments. It is very important that the property schedule be reviewed carefully to ensure proper coverage.

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

### **Training and Professional Development**

Africanized Honey Bee Rescue and Safety Training – Personnel reviewed videos and discussed procedures for



approaching bees and how to conduct quick and safe rescues of persons being attacked by “killer” bees. Personnel were issued individual bee veils and reinforced

veils will soon be placed on fire apparatus for improved protection.

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Cultural Diversity Training – Fire department personnel have been viewing and discussing diversity instructional videos. The training is intended to make employees aware of the differences between employees and customers and remind them to act appropriately when working with others.

### **Planning Activities**

City Hall Construction Meeting – The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal attended the monthly meeting regarding construction of the new City Hall.

Developmental Review Team Meetings – The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal attended a meeting to discuss construction at the Spohn Hospital complex. The Chief and Fire Marshal also attended and DRT meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The Chief and Fire Marshal also participated in a conference call regarding proposed plans for Legends of Kingsville Apartments Phase 2 on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Naval Air Station Kingsville Meeting – The Fire Chief met with Chief Perez and Assistant Chief Easley to discuss coordinated training and mutual aid agreements.

Hurricane Preparedness Meetings – The Fire Chief attended meetings regarding hurricane preparedness with the City Risk Manager and County Emergency Management Coordinator. There was a pre-plan meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> and a large meeting with City, County, and other stake holders on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Nueces County Fire Chiefs Meeting – On May 28<sup>th</sup> the Fire Chief attended the Nueces County Fire Chiefs meeting at Corpus Christi FD headquarters along with NASK Chief Perez and Assistant Chief Easley.

### **Other Department Activities**

Kingsville Kids to the Park Day – A fire company visited Kleberg Park during Kids Day at the park. Children were shown the fire engine and how it works.

Civil Service Commission Meeting – The Fire Chief attended the City Civil Service Commission meeting at City Hall. A draft outline for new Civil Service Rules was discussed.

Memorial Day Events – On May 25<sup>th</sup>, a fire company from fire station 1 attended the Memorial Day events at the County Courthouse, but had to leave on an emergency call during the event.

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

Officer Meeting – An officers meeting was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss operations and budget items.

Meeting with State Fire Marshal Deputy – Meetings were held with a representative of the State Fire Marshal's office to discuss local building projects.

### **Facilities and Equipment:**

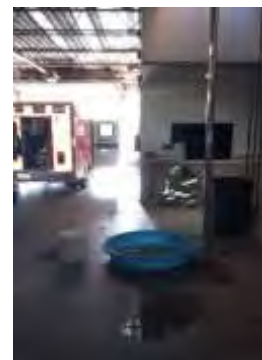
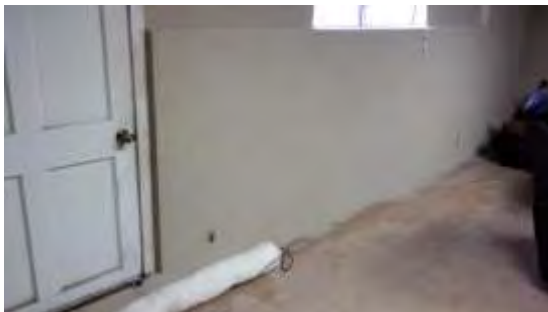
Medic Units: Medic 1 transmission still having problems. Medic 1 was sent to Chevrolet dealer for diagnosis and found to need new lower ball joints on front end. Medic 1 was returned to warehouse for those repairs.

Engine 1: Failed fire pump test for second year in a row. Problem may be with insulation around radiator. Waiting on insulation.

Engine 2: Rear rotating beacons worn out. Preparing to replace them.

Rescue 1: Class A foam system check valve inoperable and needs to be replaced.

Station 1: Roof continues to leak in apparatus room near fire pole and through upstairs door in living area.



Station 2: Generator not working, contacted generator repair vendor. Repair is scheduled in two weeks when company comes to finish repairs on generator at station 1. Flag pole was delivered, but was damaged and will need to be returned. A shift personnel planted plants along north side of station and laid landscaping paper and rocks and set up the drip irrigation system. Crews also cleaned out mulch from fountain garden area and placed landscaping paper to help control weeds.

SCBA: Air pack returned from repair shop.

### **2014-15 Projects:**

Thermal Imager: New thermal imager delivered, setup, and in service. Awaiting additional charger and batteries.

New Fire Marshal Vehicle: Truck delivered, bed liner installed, camper shell installed. In Service.

New Vehicle to Tow Emergency Response Trailer and Personnel: Truck delivered. Still preparing to be put into service.

Replacement Skid Unit for the Brush Truck: Skid unit ordered. Anticipated completion around June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Intercom System for Fire Apparatus: Primary funding for radio/intercom systems in emergency apparatus re-allocated to City general fund excess account. Engine 1 intercom system was included in regular budget and is pending.

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

Fire Station 1 Termite Remediation: Treatment of fire station 1 completed.

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

Computer Server, Terminal, and Software: I.T. Department has installed new server system for the fire department. Software and laptop computers still need to be ordered.

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

Station Lettering Project: New lettering for the exterior of both fire stations has been installed.

Fire Station 2 Street Project: The street to the south of station 2 has been widened and looks great. We are still waiting to determine how to construct steps and sidewalk from front porch down to street. The street department has done a very nice job of repairing the street to the west of station where a large hole had developed from the fire engine turning into the station. That street is now open, but will probably have new blacktop surface laid in the future.

Vehicle Exhaust Removal Systems - The vehicle exhaust removal systems at fire station 2 is completed. The system at station 1 is near completion. Some rails need to be extended and moved and the contractor is waiting for the fan to arrive for installation. This project was 90% funded through a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and 10% City matching funds.



**Fire Department Response Statistics for the period of:**

**08:00 hrs on May 15th, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on May 29th, 2015.**

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	20
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	99
Total Emergency Responses -	119

**Major Events during the period:** House Fire, W. Kenedy, May 18<sup>th</sup>: A shift units reported smoke showing while enroute. Both engines arrived at the same time and reported a one story house with fire showing from one side of house and smoke coming from roof. Engine 2 laid a supply line from the hydrant and personnel deployed 2 attack lines. The main fire was knocked down quickly, but fire had spread in the rafters beneath a metal roof. It took over an hour for firefighters to cut holes in the roof, the wood ceilings, and pull back roofing to finally extinguish the smoldering rafters. There were some minor injuries reported to firefighters due to tripping in holes in the high grass on the property. Naval Air Station Kingsville Fire Department responded mutual aid.



**ROBERT J. KLEBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY** *(Courtesy of Robert Rodriguez, Library Director)*

**Fun Fact Quote**

*“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.” ~ Andrew Carnegie, industrialist, businessman, entrepreneur, and philanthropist*

**2015 Summer Reading Program**

The library’s annual *Summer Reading Program* will begin on June 11, 2015. Parents and guardians can pick up the Summer Activity Schedule, Reading Guidelines, and Reading Logs at the library or during one of the summer program events. For more information, call the library at (361) 592-6381 or visit the library’s website at [www.kleberglibrary.com](http://www.kleberglibrary.com). *The library will be hosting all its summer activities on Thursdays at the Woman’s Club of Kingsville building located at 230 W. Yoakum.*

**2015 Summer Story Time**



Beginning Thursday, June 11, 2015, the library will kick-off the summer with *Toddler Story Time* from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Toddler Story Time, which is a year-round program and held every Thursday, is open to children birth to 4 years of age. The stories, songs, and sensory games are specially selected to help toddlers with developmental skills needed to start school.

### 2015 Summer Activities

The library is hosting a *LEGO® Builders Club* from 10:45 a.m. - 12 noon starting June 11, 2015, and ending July 30, 2015. Children 5 to 12 years of age can stop by and cultivate their creative skills. The library will have available idea books and designs to look at; however, children are encouraged to construct whatever their imaginations lead them to build. No registration is required. On Thursday, July 2, 2015, the library will host the Woodsmen of the World. Representatives will be on hand between 3 – 5 p.m. to offer a free identification card for each child. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to this very important event.



### 2015 Summer Technology Workshops

Beginning June 11, 2015, the library is also offering technology workshops for children and adults. Patrons will learn more about the library's online services and receive training on each person's electronic device. Staff will assist the participants on accessing the library's eBook collection. On June 25, 2015, the library will host a presentation and hands-on activity covering various library online services, including Mango® Languages, LearningExpress® Library, and Discovery Texas – TexShare databases. Participants will learn how to access these services from their device. On July 23, 2015, patrons can also learn about *Maker Zone*, what a Maker Zone is, and what comprises the library's Maker Zone. At this presentation, patrons will learn about geocaching, and then they will have an opportunity to create their own nano geocache for someone else to discover.



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

### Finance Administration Division



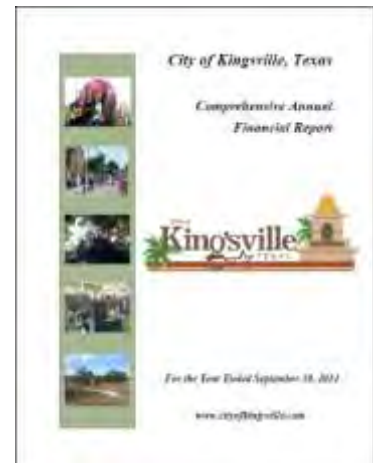
#### DID YOU KNOW?



A comprehensive annual financial report also known as a CAFR is a report issued by a governmental entity. The annual report will consist of a management discussion and analysis, basic financial statements that have been audited and supplementary information.

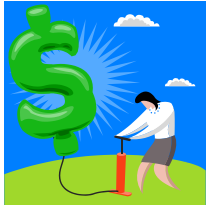
#### 2014 CAFR

The Finance Department completed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2014. The 2014 CAFR features the new City logos on the cover and on the inside of the report. The 143 page report contains a letter of transmittal from Finance Director, Deborah Balli and the Independent Auditor's Report issued by John Womack & Co., P.C. along with the management's



discussion and analysis, financial statements and required supplementary information. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Kingsville for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. This was the twenty-sixth consecutive year that the City has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we have submitted it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

**FY 15-16 Budget**



The fiscal year 15-16 budget preparation is underway and the Finance Department has been working on entering expected annual (EA) numbers for all personnel costs for FY 14-15 as well as calculating the department requested (DR) numbers for FY 15-16. The Finance Department also calculated the expected annual EA for utilities and motor oil & gas. Departments have until June 5<sup>th</sup> to turn in all EA and DR budgets along with any supplemental requests for FY 15-16.

City of Kingsville  
Budget Calendar Fiscal Year 2015-16

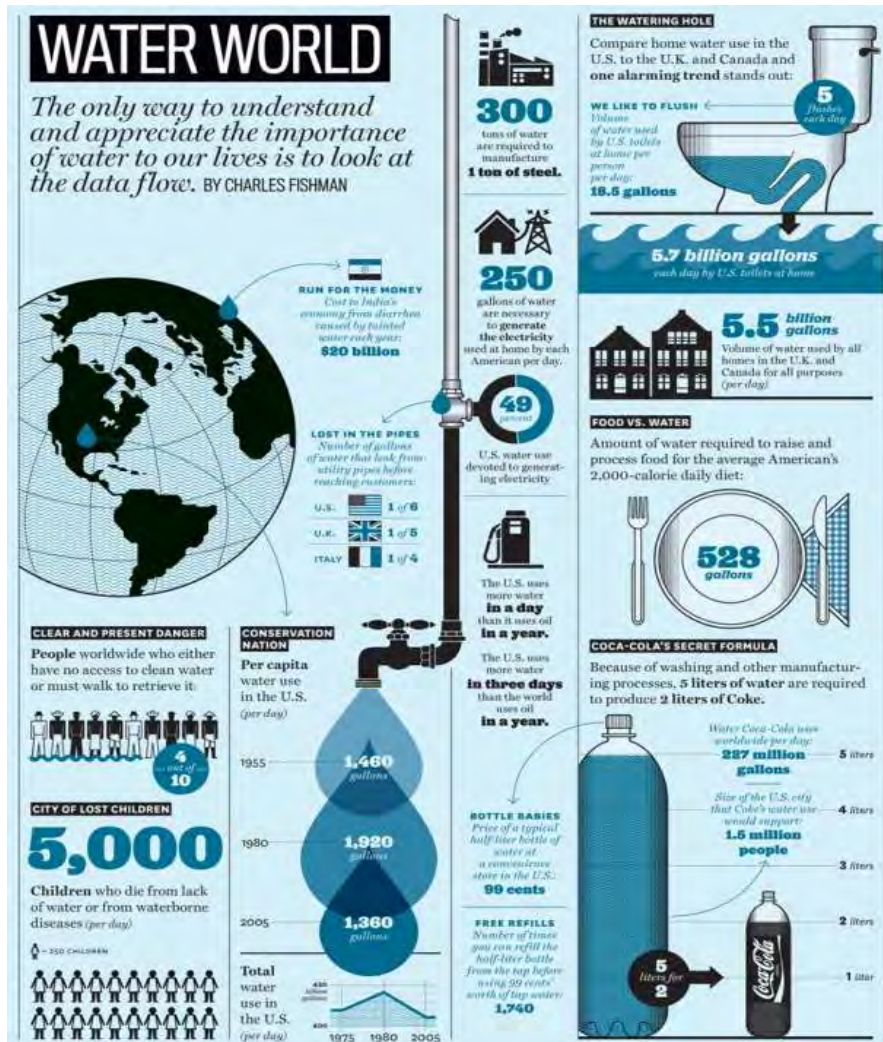
Friday	June 5, 2015	Departments to finalize and enter annual revenue and expenditures estimates for FY 15-16
		Departments to finalize and submit supplemental capital, expenditure and personnel requests for FY 2016 to Finance
		Finance to finalize and enter Certificate of Obligation expenditures, debt service, capital projects, transfers and other non-departmental and special budget accounts
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		



**Utility Billing Division**

**Important information regarding water in the U.S.:**





[http://www.greenecoservices.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/bulldcitymutteringsmarch2011\\_4e603ae1cca0d.jpg](http://www.greenecoservices.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/bulldcitymutteringsmarch2011_4e603ae1cca0d.jpg)

## 11 Facts about Drinking Water

1. The majority of Americans (almost 300 million people) get their tap water from public water systems. The other 15% receive water from private water systems not subject to government regulation.
2. Most tap water contains fluoride, a salt compound that helps prevent cavities.
3. 768 million people lack access to improved drinking water supplies and 2.5 billion people — half of the developing world — lack access to adequate sanitation.
4. Americans now use 127% more water than in 1950, and about 95% of the water entering our homes goes down the drain. Encourage your friends to preserve water by only using 13 gallons in one day (it's harder than it sounds!).
5. The EPA requires all community water systems in the U.S. to report drinking water quality systems to its customers annually. This includes details on where the water comes from, what contaminants have been found in the water and potential health effects.
6. The CDC declared drinking water fluoridation as one of the top 10 public health achievements of the 20th century.
7. Some old water pipes still contain lead, a poisonous metal. Lead may cause a range of health effects including behavioral problems and learning disabilities. Children six years old and under are most at risk because this is when the brain is developing.

8. Americans drink more than a billion glasses of tap water per day.
9. Diseases like schistosomiasis and guinea worm disease could decrease by 80% with the help of improved hygiene, sanitation, and drinking water.
10. Only one percent of the entire world's water can be used for drinking. Nearly 97 percent of the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable, and the other two percent is locked away in ice caps and glaciers
11. There is no "new" water: whether our source water is a stream, river, lake, spring, or well, we are using the same water the dinosaurs used millions of years ago.

<https://www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-about-your-drinking-water>

**Payment history report for the month of April 2015**

Description	Number	Amount				
Cash	1707	\$152,280.13				
Credit Card	1752	\$198,115.65				
Check	2795	\$852,111.04				
Online Pay	960	\$113,165.05				
Other-EFT/ACH	24	\$57,143.83				
Total	7238	\$1,372,815.70				

All three window

cashiers as well as the Billing Specialists are ready to complete the ongoing task of posting not only daily mail that comes in, window payments, night-drop payments, miscellaneous payments that come in from others departments, but also over the phone payments.

**Thank You!**



Thank you to the customer service representatives, Gina F. Salinas, Elvia Rodriguez, Worthie Gonzales, and to the Billing Specialists, Aileen Escamilla and Erica H. Bruce for the good job they continue to do day in and day out. Go TEAM!

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.

## Municipal Court Activity Report

This report covers the court activity from  
May 12, 2015 thru May 27, 2015

### New Cases: 398

39 Parking, 232 Traffic, 72 State Law,  
55 City Ordinances

### Cases Disposed: 251

39 Parking, 159 Traffic, 38 State Law, 15 City  
Ordinances



### Warrants

There were 143 warrants served during this period. To avoid being arrested please stop by the city court office to inquire information to release any active warrant(s). You may also visit the city website to inquire if you have any active warrants: [www.cityofkingsville.com](http://www.cityofkingsville.com)

### Collections

The collections during this period came to \$49,895.84 in fines and court costs.

### Court Dates – June 2015

Pre Trial Session	6/2	8:30 am (Assist DA Prosecutor Popejoy)
Contempt of Court	6/11 & 6/25	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 CA Prosecutor Craig)

### Court Dates – July 2015

Contempt of Court	7/9 & 7/23	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 of May 21, 2015! Special thanks to Officer Fonseca #86, Officer Chavana #73, Officer Martinez #91 & Officer Perez #71.

### Special Reminders to all Citizens

Citizens are encouraged to contact the City of Kingsville Municipal Court by calling 592-8566 or in person at 200 E. Kleberg regarding any outstanding warrants or city traffic and ordinance citations.

## ***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 few weeks submitted to staff a scope of work that they would like to have done to the building. Staff obtained a quote from Maltby Construction. Staff received a phone call from them recently and they are willing to go ahead and use the quote from Maltby Construction.

### **Torres Estates**

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

### **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 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 was pushed into May due to the rain.

### **FEMA Domes**

The estimated completion date is January 2016. Things are going well. Later this month they plan to inflate the skin on one of the domes. They will be asking city officials to attend if they desire. When we get the date and the time we will let you know.

### **Wildwood Trails**

A number of homes have been started in the subdivision. Other builders have submitted plans for homes in this subdivision.

### **Lake View Villas**

Developer Mark Dizdar recently got the plat approved and can now start on the project.

### **New City Hall**

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

### **Joint Airport Zoning Board**

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 ordinance so we can start educating the community especially when property is sold or leased in the affected area near NAS Kingsville. Brad Womack has submitted his resignation to the Board. The Board accepted the resignation from Brad Womack. In addition to contacting members in the community, they have instructed staff to put a notice in the newspaper to see if that would generate interest from the community in this position.

### **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**

Met with Craig Forsythe an architect with LNV Engineering has been retained by the Zaragosa family, to assist them with the design, 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 suggested they consider the Mixed Use zoning ordinance which would allow commercial and residential on the same property. Staff was in touch with Mr. Forsythe this week and he informed staff that his clients are putting the project on hold as the closing of the property has been delayed for 180 days.

### **Legends of Kingsville**

As you have read in the paper, they are 100% leased for the upcoming school year. They recently submitted plans for Phase II. 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. The Development Review Team had a conference call with their engineering firm at the end of May and it went well. Staff should be authorizing them to obtain a building permit in the next week.

### **Domino's**

Domino's submitted a development plan last September of 2014. As you now know they have broken ground for the new building. This Domino's will have some limited inside dining. They plan to be done in October of 2015. Because of the rains that we have had, it has delayed the work.

### **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. This 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. 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. A change in contractor and the rains have also delayed the work on the project.

### **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 now looking at the July 15<sup>th</sup>, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for review of the project pertaining to a special use permit.

### **Christus Spohn Hospital**

They have submitted a development plan to turn the second floor of the Colston Occupational Building into a wellness center. The Development Review Team has reviewed the plans and has authorized them to obtain a building permit.

### **Neessen Chevrolet**

They have submitted a development plan to remodel a part of the building and to add a freestanding Chevrolet tower. The Development Review Team has reviewed the plans and has authorized them to obtain a building permit.

## **Building Services Division**

### **Permits Pulled:**

Residential Remodel:	14	Commercial Remodel:	4	Electrical:	13
New Commercial:	2	Mechanical:	12	Moving:	0
New Residential:	1	Fire Inspection:	10	Gas Inspection:	0
Cert. of Occupancy:	2	Commercial Meter:	2	House Leveling:	0
Plumbing:	3	Residential Meter:	5	Re-roof:	12
Sprinkler:	3	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	0
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	1	Demolition:	0
Fence:	12	Driveway:	0		

**Total Permits Pulled: 96**

### **New Business:**

**Flower By Maria at 328 E Kleberg is waiting for final inspection.**

**New Residential Home at Virginia Ave**



**New Residential Home at The Park Drive**



**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 is in disrepair. The second category of ten will focus on unfinished exterior of buildings. The third category of ten will be comprised of various types of property code, building and other violations that are especially intractable and will need the coordinated efforts of various departments. Some, perhaps most of the Worst 30 will take months or 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**

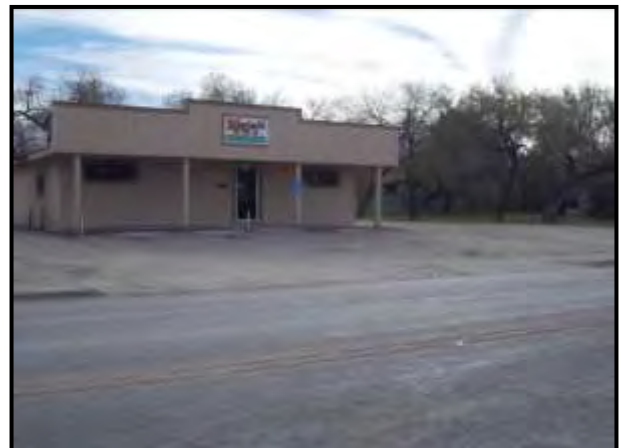
<u>Property location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1206 N. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
712 W. Ave. F	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
621 W. Corral	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
629 W. Nettie	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
729 W. Ave. C	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
325 W. Corral	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
615 W. Santa Gertrudis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

**Violations**

**325 W. Corral**



**621 W. Corral**



**Almost Complete**

**1206 N. 6<sup>th</sup>**



**1206 N. 6<sup>th</sup>**



Property location

610 S. Lantana  
 315 S. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 822 S. 16<sup>th</sup>  
 428 W. Lee  
 528 S. 18<sup>th</sup>  
 516 E. Alice

Status

Letter mailed 2/16/15  
 Letter mailed 2/16/15  
 Letter mailed 2/16/15  
 Letter mailed 2/16/15  
 Letter mailed 2/16/15  
 Letter mailed 2/16/15

Comments

Municipal Court on 6/18/15

**Violations**

**610 S. Lantana**



**516 E. Alice**



**315 S. 23<sup>rd</sup>**



**822 S. 16<sup>th</sup>**





**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	Notice sent 2/26/14	Property owner working on violation
1950 E Corral	Pending notice of violation	
2151 N. Hwy 77 Byp	Pending notice of violation	
223 S 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pending notice of violation	
109 S Hwy 77	Notice sent 6/14/14	Property owner complied
E Henrietta & 19 <sup>th</sup> St.	Notice sent 3/23/15	

**Community Appearance Division**

**Recent activity (April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup>) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:**

- Notices Sent: 44
- Abatements: 49
- Obsolete Sign Violations: 0
- Inspections: 178
- Court Cases: 0
- Placards Posted: 18
- Re-Inspections: 74
- Illegal Dumping Cases: 1
- Compliances: 64
- Front/Side yard parking violations: 0

**Community Appearance: Billing**

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

OCT	\$5304.61	APR	\$8185.47
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:

**919 E Ave A - City Abated**

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**1518 Parker - City Abated**

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**817 S 14<sup>th</sup> - Property Owner Abated**

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**800 N 5<sup>th</sup> - City Abated**

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





### **Community Appearance**

Community Appearance staff attended all required training sessions pertaining to Hurricane

Preparedness. A departmental luncheon was held to review policy and ask questions. The information given was very helpful, not only on the professional aspect but on a personal one as well. Tips were given to employees on what to do in case of an emergency and how to prepare for a hurricane. A big thanks to department heads for helping us prepare for the upcoming hurricane season. Community Appearance Supervisor, Jennifer Bernal, has been meeting with Director Tom Ginter to review and prepare for budget. We are working towards a more efficient and effect community appearance division. Taking into consideration new development and the rise in rental properties, this division has its work cut out for them.

With recent rains, the grass has grown at an incredible rate. Operators are maintaining a schedule of cleanups and mowing, in the past two weeks a total of 49 abatements have been done throughout the city.

### **Keep Kingsville Beautiful**

KKB is on the search for volunteers and members. KKB is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the beautification of our great city. For more information or to become a member of KKB, please contact Jennifer Bernal @ 361.595.8093 or [jbernal@cityofkingsville.com](mailto:jbernal@cityofkingsville.com).



## ***ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, City Engineer and Public Works Director)***

### **Engineering Division (5/16– 5/25)**

#### **Engineering and GIS**

**GOOD LUCK DANIELLA!**

While several weeks ago Engineering and GIS were celebrating the graduation of Daniella A. Herrera, the inevitable happened. Daniella took a position with Montgomery County (North of Houston) as a GIS technician. Daniella will be responsible for maintaining the county's GIS server as well as addressing and mapping. We wish Daniella the best of luck in her future career. Thank You Daniella for all of your hard work and service to the City of Kingsville. (She is shown seated in the photo.)



## Street Division (5/11 – 5/24)

Road Constructions – Project E99 –  
**Corral Ave. ; Concrete Street –**  
**Lee Street (shown at right)**

### Tree Trimming

### Mowing –

- Corral Ave. from Hwy 77 Bypass to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Alexander Ave. to Dick Kleberg Park
- Ailsie Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Franklin Adams
- Escondido Rd
- Brahma Blvd from General Cavazos Blvd. to Dick Kleberg Park

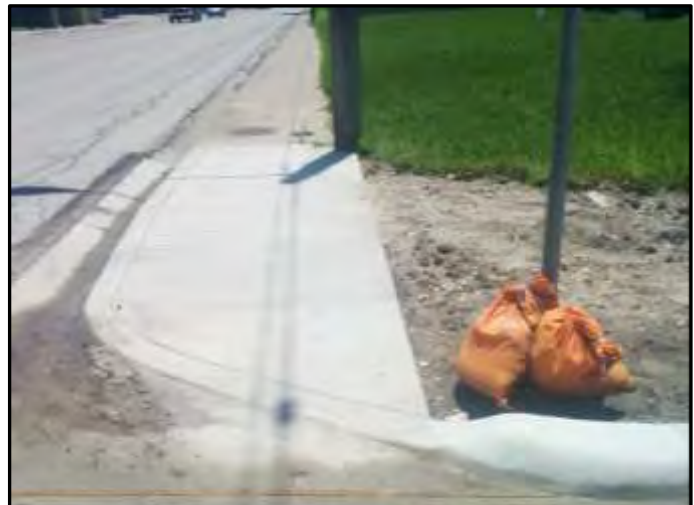


### Gutter

- Huisache Ave. from 9<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- 8<sup>th</sup> St. from Huisache Ave. to Fordyce Ave.
- 7<sup>th</sup> St. from Huisache Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- Fordyce Ave. from 7<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Fordyce Ave. from 7<sup>th</sup> St. to 12<sup>th</sup> St.
- 8<sup>th</sup> St. 9<sup>th</sup> St. 10<sup>th</sup> St. and 12<sup>th</sup> St. from Fordyce Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- Fordyce Ave. from 12<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- 13<sup>th</sup> St. from Fordyce Ave. to Doddridge Ave.
- Johnston Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 12<sup>th</sup> St.

### Sweeping

- Armstrong Ave. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St. from Huisache Ave. to Doddridge Ave.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St. from King Ave. to Lott Ave.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Loop 428
- East side of Armstrong Ave. from Caesar Ave. to King Ave.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from General Cavazos Blvd. to Corral Ave.
- Caesar Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Alice Ave. from 12<sup>th</sup> St. to 10<sup>th</sup> St.



- 11<sup>th</sup> St. from Richard Ave. to Alice Ave.
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from Hwy 141 to University Blvd.
- University Blvd. from Santa Gertrudis to King Ave.



- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to Santa Gertrudis Ave.

#### **Drained water**

- 16<sup>th</sup> St. & Ave C
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. & Ave C
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. & Huisache Ave.
- 19<sup>th</sup> St. & Fordyce Ave.
- 19<sup>th</sup> St. & Lott Ave.
- King Ave. & Hwy 77 (feeder road)
- Ailsie Ave & Annette
- Kenedy Ave. & 77 (underpass)

#### Round Up

- 11<sup>th</sup> St. from Warren Ave. to

King Ave.

- 10<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Doddridge Ave.
- 10<sup>th</sup> St. from Doddridge Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- 9<sup>th</sup> St. from Caesar Ave. to King Ave.
- 8<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- 7<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- 7<sup>th</sup> St. from Johnston Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- Kenedy Ave. from 15<sup>th</sup> St. to 19<sup>th</sup> St.
- Lott Ave. from 20<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. from Lott Ave. to King Ave.
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Lott Ave.
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Kenedy Ave.
- 18<sup>th</sup> St. from Kenedy Ave. to King Ave.
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. from Lott Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. from Johnston Ave. to Lott Ave.
- Huisache Ave. and Johnston Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Dead End
- 19<sup>th</sup> St. from Kenedy Ave. to King Ave.
- 20<sup>th</sup> from Kenedy Ave. to Lott Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. from 19<sup>th</sup> St. to 20<sup>th</sup> St.
- Johnston Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 17<sup>th</sup> St.
- Kenedy Ave. from 20<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77 bypass
- 21<sup>st</sup> St. from Kenedy Ave. to Lott Ave.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from Lott to Kenedy
- 24<sup>th</sup> St., 25<sup>th</sup> St. and 26<sup>th</sup> St. from Kenedy Ave. to Oklahoma Ave.
- Oklahoma Ave. from Lott Ave. to Hwy 77 bypass
- Lott Ave. from 20<sup>th</sup> St. to 21<sup>st</sup> St.

- Lott Ave. from 21<sup>st</sup> St. to 22<sup>nd</sup> St.

### Ditch Cleaning

- Connell Villa
- Ave D to Wood Bridge

### Hot Mix/Cold Patch

#### **Hot Mix-**

- Corral Ave & Armstrong
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Ella Ave.
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. from Ella Ave. to Corral Ave.
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Ella Ave. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Nettie Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 17<sup>th</sup> St.
- Ave A from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Driveway
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Mesquite Ave. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- Nettie Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- Ave B & 11<sup>th</sup> St.
- Ave B & 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Ave B, Ave C, Ave D and Mesquite from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Intersection of King Ave. & 17<sup>th</sup> St.
- Ave A and Ave B from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Ave A from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- Vela from 12<sup>th</sup> St. to Wilson



### Alley Maintenance

- 611 E Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 612 E Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 910 E Lee Ave.
- 1000 E Henrietta Ave.
- 324 E Lott Ave.
- 900 E Caesar Ave.
- Fordyce Ave. & 13<sup>th</sup> St.
- Behind Stop & Shop on W Corral Ave.
- Behind Santa Gertrudis Estates
- Behind TAMUK
- 700 W Richard Ave.

### Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Put stop sign back on Armstrong & Alice, 16<sup>th</sup> & Nettie
- Helped with cold mix patches on Nettie, Ella, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

- Set Mourning signs on Warren Ave.
- Put up 30 MPH sign on Armstrong & Kenedy Ave.
- Picked up branches on Ailsie Ave. & Annette
- Helped Antero put mud flap and dirt shoes on sweeping truck
- Repaired Stop sign on 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> Sts. & Huisache Ave. and on 14<sup>th</sup> St. & Ragland Ave.
- Helped with cold mix on Colorado & Louisiana and on Santa Gertrudis Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 12<sup>th</sup> St.
- Took 15 barricades to Wild Horse Mall
- Picked up branches on 3<sup>rd</sup> St
- Put barricades on 17<sup>th</sup> St., 1<sup>st</sup> St. and Escondido Creeks
- Put orange mesh on 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Rail Road
- Fixed Stop sign on Daniel Alarcon St
- Checked lights on Kleberg School and put batteries in
- Put name sign on Billy Evans
- Fixed Stop sign on 17<sup>th</sup> St. and King Ave.
- Helped Eugenio with potholes on Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Helped Kelly with potholes on Ella Ave. & Nettie Ave.
- Cut road on Armstrong between Alice Ave. & Richard Ave.
- Fixed Stop sign on 17<sup>th</sup> St. & Richard Ave.
- Helped Juan with cold mix on Lee Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 10<sup>th</sup> St.
- Picked up 15 barricades at Wild Horse Mall
- Took 4 barricades to Armstrong between Alice Ave. & Richard Ave.
- Picked up tires on Sage Rd. and took to Landfill
- Picked up sofa on feeder road on Hwy 77 bypass

### **Water Production (5/11 – 5/24)**

Collected 12 routine Bacteriological Samples:

- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 4011 Allen Drive
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd.
- 1121 E. Ave A
- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 511 College Place
- 329 E. Doddridge Ave.

Collected 7 daily chlorine residuals:

- 2020 Sherwood
- 213 Pasadena
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave
- 711 E. Ragland Ave
- 315 S. 24<sup>th</sup> St.

- 209 Reidda Dr.
- 1113 Kathleen Ave.

Delivered Ammonia to 3 sites; delivered Chlorine to 3 sites.

Water pumped to distribution (5/11 – 5/24) - Wells – 16,898,000 gallons; Surface – 1,555,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 18,453,000 gallons; Average –2,636,000 gals/day

### **Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (5/11 – 5/24)**

Wastewater Treatment North Plant – Operators and Helpers cleaned primary and secondary clarifier troughs and weirs. Operators shoveled sludge from sand drying bed. Helpers and Operators are replacing and cleaning UV modules. We continue wasting in wedge and sand drying beds and wire drying beds. Operators and Helpers are mowing grass around plant and lift stations. Contractor Rabalais trouble shoot Carlos Truan Lift Station and I-Hop Lift Station.

Wastewater Treatment South Plant – Operator cleaned clarifier troughs and shoveled sludge from sand drying beds. Crew is wasting in wedge wires and sand drying bed. Operators and helpers mowed grass around Plant and Lift Stations. Contractor Rabalais trouble shot bar screens.

Wastewater Collection – Had 7 call outs for sewer backups:

1106 E. Ella Ave.

1703 Master Dr.

2714 E. Corral Ave.

2650 E. Corral Ave.

1055 W. Santa Gertrudis Ave.

613 Trant Rd.

1309 E. Johnston Ave.

509 W. Ella Ave.

8 – Line Locates and 1 – bad odor call

1 – Sewer service repairs

Installed clean out boot at 903 E. Alice Ave.

Vacuumed City of Driscoll Lift Station, 909 E. Ragland Ave., the 900 block of E. Alice Ave and in the alley on 4<sup>th</sup> St. and Richard and 21<sup>st</sup> St. and Warren Ave.

Covered manhole on the 500 block of E. Shelton and on 17<sup>th</sup> St and Lee Ave.

Put chlorine tablets to manhole on CR 1717.

Repaired a manhole at FM 3320 and Paulson Falls

Put caliche in the alley at 419 W. Ave A and put barricades in the alley on the 1000 block of E. Henrietta Ave.

Added more gravel to the alley of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Richard Ave.

### Scheduled work for the week

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

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

Cleaning sewer mains, curbs & gutters.

Clean troughs (Mon, Thurs, and Fri)

Clean drying beds (Tues, Wed.)

3 & 1 MGD wasting on drying beds



## **Water Distribution (5/11 – 5/24)**

Repaired 1 Main Break and answered approximately 16- Service Calls

6" Main Break

600 E. Mesquite Ave.

3- Locates, 0-Service line leaks, 6- water leaks; 2- Meter Leaks, 2- Backfills, 1- valve repairs, 0- Customer Side Leaks; 1 – No Water/Low Pressures; 0- Fire Hydrant – Turn off Water, 0 -Turn on, 0 – Water Tap,  
1 – Locate Meter; 0 – Install Riser; and 0 – Expose line.

## **City Garage (5/11 – 5/24)**

### Maintenance

11- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 30 Scheduled work orders; 34-Nonscheduled work; 16 Service calls; 1 Call out; 19-New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 16 flat tire repairs and balances; 27 pending work orders.

Repaired rear pin and roller on ramp on Unit 3003.

### Welder

6 received work order and 2 pending work orders

Welder fabricated sidewall on Unit 329 and 1' pup with slip on flange

Replace floor on garbage truck, Unit 335 and replaced iron frame for new solar panels for the Task Force.

## **Solid Waste (5/11 – 5/24)**

### Landfill - (5/11 – 5/24)

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. Mowed and swept everywhere along the landfill and weed eaten around wells. The 2000 mile preventative maintenance check was performed on the D6-T Dozer by Holt. Art and Hugo from the City Garage came out to fix the door on the truck and check the scraper for a leak. UTW brought out the tire trailer and the tire man came out to plug a tire leak on the scraper. Charley Sosa from the Street Department came out to Landfill to check the shed doors. In this reporting period the landfill has received 7" of rain.

Brush – 246 tons; Garbage –728 tons; Litter –2.71 tons; Construction/Demolition – 212 tons; Concrete -.54.19 tons, metals -.4 tons; Recycled metals-4.24 tons; Tires - .15 tons; and Recycled tires – 16.54 tons.

## Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 5/11 – 5/24 –**743,960** pounds; Commercial waste collected **788,280** pounds; Brush collected **214,940** pounds and construction debris collected **1,164,840** pounds. The brush crew is collecting in Zone 2 this week. White Goods pick up for Zone 3 is on Friday May 29, 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 is getting upgraded with new lights and new bookshelves. 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. Five demolitions of burned structures were completed this past week. Two structures on 903 E. Ragland, one on 604 E. Lott and one at 217 E. Doddridge and one at 1212 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Recycling for the month of April totaled 13.30 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.



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

### **Just Short of Half a Million Dollars Seized on U.S. Highway 77**

On Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at approximately 3:15 PM Kingsville Task Force Agent McGee conducted a traffic stop on a white 2007 Chevrolet Avalanche on U.S. Highway 77 at FM 772 southbound in Kleberg County for a traffic violation. During the roadside interviews with the driver and passenger, both Hispanic males from Mission, Texas, Agent McGee detected nervous and deceptive behavior, and conflicting stories. The driver denied consent to search the Chevrolet Avalanche. A K-9 open air sniff was conducted on the Avalanche by Police Officer Ruiz and his K-9 Partner from the Kingsville Police Department. After a positive K-9 alert, Kingsville Task Force Agents McGee and Loftin, and Kingsville Police Department Officers Gonzalez and Ruiz conducted a vehicle search which resulted in the discovery of 21 bundles of U.S. Currency in a black suitcase, a gray duffle bag and between the rear seat and the back wall of the Avalanche. Later found within the Avalanche were also two aftermarket compartments constructed to smuggle contraband. The compartments were built into the side walls of the bed of the vehicle. Both subjects were arrested and charged with Money Laundering. The Avalanche and U.S. Currency, which totaled \$499,980.00, were seized pending seizure proceedings. ANOTHER GREAT JOB!!



### **Task Force Agent Provides Training for the Corpus Christi Police Department**

On Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Tamez conducted specialized training to police officers from the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) at their Police Training Academy. Captain Ed Shannon made an official request for Agent Tamez to conduct a "Highway Drug Interdiction" course for the CCPD officers participating in the Stone Garden Grant. The eight hour course provided unique expertise in interdiction techniques utilized by Agents of the Kingsville Task Force. GREAT COLLABORATION!

### **KTF Assistant Commander Attends Training in San Antonio**

On Thursday and Friday May 21 – 22, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Assistant Commander Starrs attended the “2015 Anti-Terrorism Training” at The University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas. The 12 hours of training were conducted by Mark T. Roomberg, National Security Coordinator for the United States Attorney’s Office. Several local, state and federal agencies were in attendance for this specialized training. ANOTHER INITIATIVE OF THE KINGSVILLE TASK FORCE!!!

### **Kingsville Task Force is Part of City of Kingsville’s Emergency Response Team**

On Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Commander Vera attended the City of Kingsville Emergency Preparedness Meeting at the Dick Kleberg Park Recreation Center. Topics of discussion included transportation, sheltering and communications issues encountered during emergency incidents. City employees, community leaders and emergency responders attended the meeting. ANOTHER KINGSVILLE TASK FORCE FUNCTION!!!

### **KTF Participates in Gillett Intermediate School’s “Field Day”**

On Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Kingsville Task Force administrative staff and interdiction agents participated in a volley ball game against 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from John S. Gillett Intermediate School. The game took place at the conclusion of the school’s annual “Field Day” events. Mrs. Ode Moreno, Assistant Principal, coordinated the game which was enjoyed by students, school staff and KTF members. IMPORTANT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT!!!



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



### **2015 CLICK IT OR TICKET**

***Click It or Ticket: Enforcing the Law to Save Lives***

**By Chief Ricardo Torres**

The *Click It or Ticket* campaign continues until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Kingsville Police Officers so far have issued 60 citations for residents driving without their seatbelts as well as an additional 47 citations for the use of Cell Phones and other similar devices while operating their motor vehicles. Officers have also investigated at least 1 motor vehicle accident during the last 2 weeks where a driver was texting and was involved in a motor vehicle accident. Additional officers will be enforcing these as well as other traffic violations as the event continues.

So please remember, day and night, *Click It or Ticket*. You can find out more about the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization at [www.nhtsa.gov/ciot](http://www.nhtsa.gov/ciot).



CHP is a competitive grant program that provides funding to address the full-time sworn officer needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. 2015 CHP grants provide 75 percent funding for approved entry level salaries and fringe benefits of newly hired and/or rehired full-time sworn career law enforcement officers over three years (36 months) up to a maximum of \$125,000 per officer position.

Chief Ricardo Torres presented information on this grant at the request of KISD Superintendent, Dr. Carol Perez. The KISD School Board voted to support the submission of a grant for a partnership between the City of Kingsville and KISD to provide police officers in schools. The two entities are confident that their grant submission will be awarded funding for up to 3 officers who will work hand in hand with KISD Administrators to provide a positive and safe environment where students can learn.

### **Patrol Division Activity**

May 14 – 28, 2015

During the two week period, patrol officers answered hundreds of calls and wrote at least 180 reports. There were nine accidents reported and two “hit and run” collisions. There were 149 citations issued and 28 written warnings given. There were four people arrested for DWI/DUI.

One report was made for Terroristic Threat with three reports made for Harassment. There were 17 reports of Assault made and one report for Aggravated Assault. Three reports were made for Criminal Mischief and one report made for Criminal Trespass. Three people were issued Criminal Trespass warnings. Two reports of Runaway were made, three reports of Credit Card Abuse and twenty-four thefts were reported.

## INTERESTING CALLS:

On May 15, an officer observed a male sleeping in the driver-seat of a car that was blocking the drive-thru lane of a fast-food restaurant on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. When the officer woke the male, he told the officer that his age was "18.7". He was 19 years old and was arrested for Consumption of Alcohol by Minor.

On May 16, an officer was dispatched to 5<sup>th</sup> and King in reference to a sleeping male. The officer contacted the college student, who advised that he was celebrating a friend's graduation. The officer allowed the male to call friends to pick him up. None did. He was arrested for Public Intoxication and taken to jail.



On May 20, an officer observed a known fugitive seated in the passenger seat of a car. He followed the vehicle until warrants were confirmed. The male was arrested for three municipal court warrants and two county court warrants.

On May 22, an officer made a traffic stop in the 900 block of East Alice. The officer immediately smelled an odor of burning marijuana. The driver admitted to smoking marijuana. A small amount was located. He was placed under arrest for the marijuana and two city warrants. He received a citation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On May 23, an officer was sent to a local truck stop. As he arrived, the officer observed a male holding a knife to his own chest. The officer spoke with him, from a distance, and the man eventually put the knife down. He was taken to the hospital for a medical check and MHMR was requested to evaluate the male.

On May 25, officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of East Henrietta. An adult female reported that her father had threatened her and had spit in her face. Officers arrested the male for a Class C Assault Family Violence. At the jail, the male refused commands by the jail staff and began fighting with the jailers. He was also charged with Resisting Arrest, Search or Transport.

On May 25, a car was stopped for erratic driving in the 500 block of East Nettie. The driver was arrested for DWI. His two passengers were both arrested for outstanding municipal court warrants.

On May 27, a female pulled onto Highway 77 from FM 1717, pulling directly into the path of an 18-wheeler. She was extracted and flown to Corpus Christi, where she passed away from her injuries.

## TRAINING/OTHER:

Mario Ybarra graduated from the Del Mar Regional Police Academy on May 22. He will begin his in-house training and then start the Field Training Officer program.



Sergeant Johnny Campos attended a two-day course in Baytown called “Surviving Verbal Conflict”.

Officers Reyna and Cervantes attended “Intermediate Crime Scene”, a four-day class at the Del Mar Regional Police Academy.

Esther Trevino completed several online training courses, on the TML, TCOLE and OSS Academy web sites.

Patrol officers assigned to SWAT received eight hours of training during the time period.

### **Criminal Investigation Bureau Period Activity**

Detectives Supervisor assigned 121 cases and inactivated 28 cases as of May 28, 2015. Along with these cases there were also 5 DWI's and 12 Crash reports.

Detective G. Gonzalez is currently investigating a major crash on US Hwy 77 that resulted in the death of one subject.

There has been a rise in assaults in both family and people in the public. Always be aware of what is going on around you and attempt to avoid conflicts.

School is ending for summer break so as you're driving around be aware of kids on the street or running into traffic. As kids are out for summer, they have a tendency to be around more strangers. Pay attention to your kids if you notice any changes in behaviors don't put off talking to them. (Keep them Safe!)

For the last couple of weeks there have been no major events to report. Though there are still an overwhelming number of burglaries.

If you see anything or anyone out of place in your neighborhood please call in. With everyone's assistance we can get more of these types of people off the street. This will make everyone feel safer in their own homes.

Detectives have been working hard to clean out the evidence room and dispose of old cases.

Detectives have filed 116 cases during this period. There were 32 cases filed in District Court, 68 cases filed in County Court, 6 cases filed in City Court, and 10 filed in Juvenile Court.

The last couple of weeks have actually been mild. Each Detective is currently working a case load of about 50 to 60 active cases.

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

**Street Level Operations Team  
Period Activity**

05/15/2015 – 05/28/2015 Work Log # 9- 2015

**SELF INITIATED CASES / ARREST:**

**MURRAY:**

Case # 1500014424 – A disturbance no longer in progress was called in at the Economy Inn. During the course of the investigation a 32 year old male subject was arrested for Violation of a Protective Order after it was discovered there was an active Emergency Protective Order.

**CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT: 2**

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 21**

**CITATIONS: 2**

**GONZALEZ:**

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 62**

**CITATIONS: 6**

**RUIZ:**

Inv. Ruiz assisted completed two agency assist cases. Both of which resulted in his K9 “Britt” showing a positive alert to the presence of narcotics.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 31**

**CITATIONS: 4**

**NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS / PURCHASES CONDUCTED:**

Case # 1500014000

Case # 1500014804

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

***WEEK 20***

The following stats are from Week 20:

- Junk Vehicles-3
- Abandoned Vehicle-2
- Parking Citations –8
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -16

***WEEK 21***

The following stats are from Week 21:

- Junk Vehicles-4
- Abandoned Vehicles-1
- Parking Citations –3
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -21
- Traffic Citations-16



So far for the year of 2015, 67 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 44 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 250 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year and 120 Traffic Citations.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.



600 W. ALICE AVE.



700 E. ALICE AVE



717 E. RAGLAND AVE.

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

### Purchasing Division



#### **Purchase Orders**

Purchasing issued 87 Purchase Orders valued at \$156,514.68. We are at that time of the fiscal year, when we need to start reviewing our open Purchase Orders. If you have some that need to be voided please send an e-mail to Thelma in Purchasing so that we can clear those. A list of your department's open Purchase Orders will be sent to the supervisor to be reviewed and updated as necessary. If you have any questions or are unsure please don't hesitate to contact Purchasing Dept so that we may clear them up.

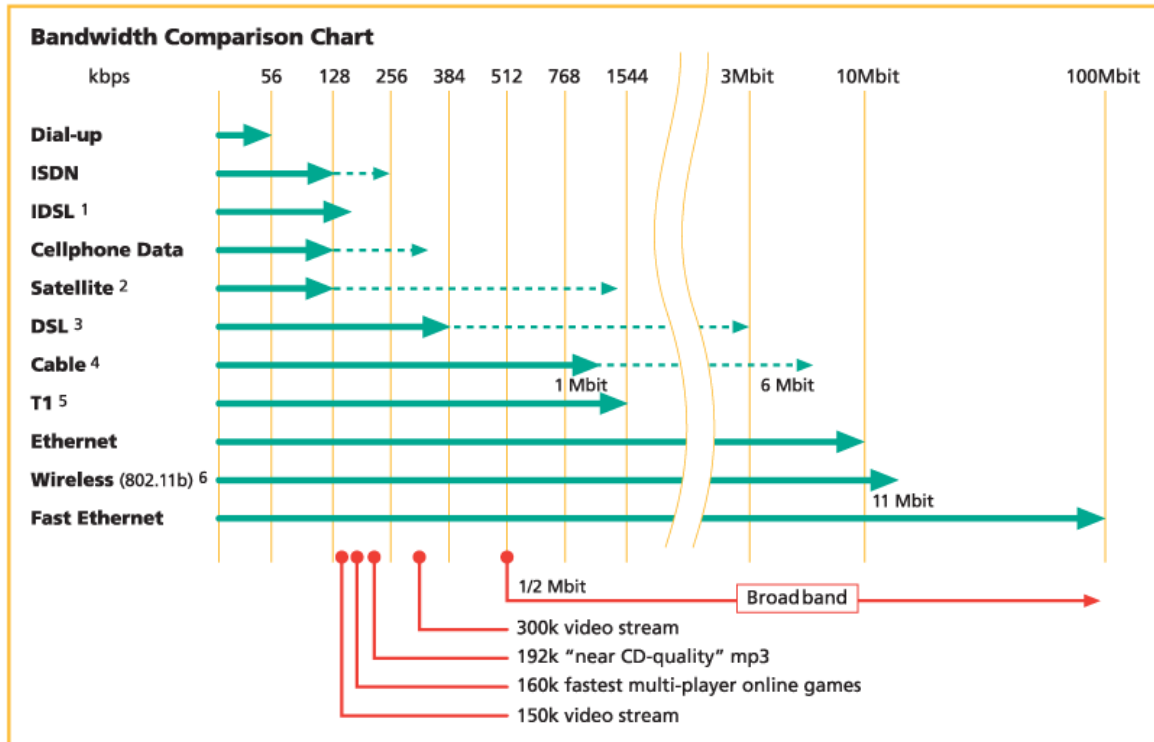
#### **Purchasing Card Statements**

Purchasing Card statements will be going out soon. Please check for any discrepancies and address them appropriately. As always we ask you to check your reconciliation before turning it in to ensure all your receipts are accounted for and verify everything is correct.

## Technology Division

### *New T1 Line at Public Works*

Technology staff facilitated the installation of a new T1 line at Public Works. The T1 (or T-1) carrier is the most commonly used digital transmission service in the United States, Canada, and Japan. In these countries, it consists of 24 separate channels using pulse code modulation (PCM) signals with time-division multiplexing (TDM) at an overall rate of 1.544 million bits per second (Mbps). T1 lines originally used copper wire but now also include optical and wireless media. This is the first step in the planned upgrade of the phone and network infrastructure at Public Works. The installation of this fiber optic line will allow for more reliable data connections as well as improved phone quality.



### *Phone Audit*

Staff is presenting a request for authorization of a third party vendor TeleResource, Inc. to act on behalf of the City and perform a complete audit of the City's wired communications and internet services. Currently, the City has several vendors for phone and internet services. This audit would look objectively at those agreements and attempt to reduce overall cost to the City. Additionally, they would have the resources to aggressively pursue cost savings, missing credits, and contractual obligations on behalf of the City. They would work in tandem with the currently running project to replace the phones and internet at new city hall and public works.

### *New Deployments at Parks and Recreation*

Technology staff deployed one laptop at Parks and Rec for the new Administrative Assistant. In the course of installing this new resource, issues were discovered with the existing Ethernet drop at the employee's workstation. After evaluation of the situation, it was determined that the best course of action was the installation of a new wireless router. The installation of the router provides wireless internet to the employees within the office as well as resolving some issues that existed as a result of an aging switch which was replaced by the wireless router's internal switch.

### ***Interconnectivity Project***

The Technology staff members have been planning and preparing to implement a new point-to-point wireless solution provided by Aruba Networks in order to join city sites under a single domain. Staff is in the final steps of planning and implementation is hoped to coincide with running of network cabling at the New City Hall location. Aruba Networks has provided wireless solutions for several government and higher education organizations such as the FDIC, US Army Material Command, San Diego, CA Police Department, Texas A&M University, as well as multiple DOD projects.

### ***Social Media/Digital Security Training***

The Help Desk will assist the Risk Manager in training staff on the perils of Social Media use as well as how Social Media fits into the larger environment of cyber threats ranging from phishing and doxxing to identity theft. Social Media has become nearly ubiquitous in today's world, but it is not without its own unique risks. These risks, when combined with Social Media's constant presence, have created an entirely new vector for attack by cyber criminals.

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

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

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, 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, June 17, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, June 17, 2015	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Thursday, June 11, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Joint Airport Zoning Board	Thursday, June 18, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month	12:00 p.m.

### **Board Meetings (Respective Locations)**

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

### **Reminders:**

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

<b><u>Board Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Vacancies</u></b>	<b><u>Recommendations</u></b>
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