

# Staff Report

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### Monday, August 10, 2015

“The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.” by: Vince Lombardi

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



#### **Good Job Award!!!**

Noe Zamora is and has been one of the best employees for the City of Kingsville. He has been with the City for 30 years and has spent all of that time in Sanitation. He started out in brush working with the brush crew and then worked in residential waste collection for several years and finally moved to commercial waste collection where he spent the last twenty years servicing businesses around Kingsville. I promoted Noe to Equipment Operator III a year and a half ago and he has proved invaluable to the department.

It is one of those things in life where you really do wonder how you survived before he was in that position.

People that know Noe know that he is a very quiet and humble individual. When Noe speaks it is often softly and yet it carries with it the voice of reason, assurance, and leadership. The employees in this department realize that Noe is there to help them in any way possible and his experience and knowledge are second to none. If a dispute arises with a business over waste service, Noe is the calming influence that makes sure things are done correctly. If a customer calls about a residential roll out problem, Noe is checking the issue out and fixing it. Enclosures for dumpsters are often repaired by Noe himself. If Brush Crew is demolishing a house and Noe is present, he will operate the tractor and finish the job to ensure the scheduled operator has a break. If a commercial driver gets a dumpster stuck in the hopper, Noe is on scene to ensure it is removed safely. If the recycling center needs bookshelves and cannot afford \$500.00 per shelf, Noe will build them himself at a cost of about \$65.00 for each shelf.

Noe is an amazing employee and a great leader of people. Everyone listens to him, everyone respects him, and the younger employees as well as his peers admire the way he conducts himself on a daily basis. Noe Zamora has been the glue that has held the Sanitation Department together for a very long time. This month he has achieved thirty years of service and I am proud to nominate such a stellar employee and person for the “Good Job Award” at a time when his longevity is being honored and his professionalism can be recognized. Noe’s energy and professionalism make it seem common that an employee can be that good after thirty years and yet he is special. He is the employee that comes along but rarely and just gets better and better with age and experience.

I wish to congratulate Noe on this award and remind others in the City to let Noe know that his efforts are recognized more than he knows!

Sincerely, Luke Stevens, Sanitation Manager



**Human Resources Department (Courtesy of Diana Gonzalez, Director)**

**Do You Know?** City of Kingsville employees utilize the Christus Spohn Health Network and have access to ENTRUST's (City employee's insurance administrators) Enformed secure website to gain valuable health and wellness information.

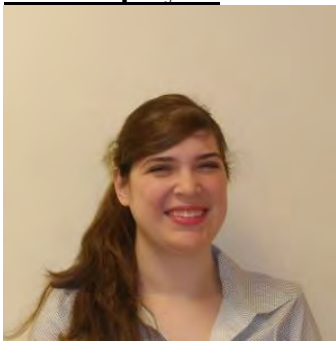
But did you know that anyone can also view the Christus Spohn website by going to [www.christusspohn.org](http://www.christusspohn.org) to get information on a variety of topics such as:

- Research a disease or condition
- Lookup a symptom
- Learn about a test
- Prepare for a surgery or a procedure
- Learn what to do after being medically discharged
- Self-Care Instructions
- Questions to Ask Your Doctor
- Nutrition, Vitamins & Special Diets
- Understanding an Emergency such as injuries and poisons

**CITY OF KINGSVILLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Fire	Firefighter, Fire Telecommunications Operator
Police	Police Officer – Entry Level Testing – Application Due: 8/7/2015
Public Works	
Sanitation Division	Equipment Operator II
Street Division	Equipment Operator II, Maintenance Worker
Task Force	Senior City Marshal – Internal
Water Division	Equipment Operator III, Temporary Utility Worker
Wastewater Division	Equipment Operator II-Internal

**New Employees**



Krystin Torres  
Temp. Customer Service Rep.  
Municipal Court – Finance



Benjamin Lopez  
Equipment Operator II  
Sanitation – Public Works



Belinda Amaro  
Lab Technician  
Wastewater Division - PW



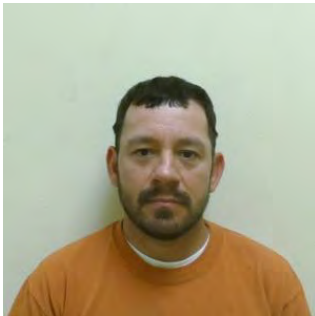
Javier Solis  
Maintenance Technician  
Garage – Public Works



Alexis Lakers  
Part-Time Admin. Assistant I  
Tourism Services



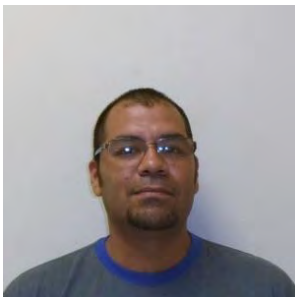
Raymundo Guerra  
Part-Time Maintenance Worker  
Library



Juan Ramirez  
Temporary Maintenance Worker  
Community Appearance



Joe Bazan  
Utility Worker  
Wastewater – Public Works



Rene Baez  
Telecommunications Operator  
Fire

**Promotions/Internal Movements**

Shawn Winchester moved from Equipment Operator III to Wastewater Construction Foreman effective 07/27/2015.

**Anniversaries – August 2015**

Current Years of Service	Name	Primary Title	Department/Division
34	Andrea Vidaurri	Circulation Librarian	Library
32	Daniel Rios	Equipment Operator II	Sanitation
29	Sally Saenz	A/P Specialist	Finance
26	Hector Vela	Technical Services Assistant	Library
19	Bradley Lile	Police Lieutenant	Police-Patrol
14	John Sandoval	Police Officer	Police-Patrol
11	Sandra Ochoa	Police Corporal	Police-Patrol
10	Gilberto Rodriguez	Police Corporal	Police Investigations
10	Gilbert Gonzalez	Police Officer	Police-Patrol
8	Shawn Winchester	Equipment Operator III	Wastewater
8	Connie Allen	Health Inspector I	Health
7	Carol Rogers	Administrative Assistant I	Public Works Admin.
7	Gertrudis Munoz	Foreman	Landfill
5	Jesse Perez	Equipment Operator II	Wastewater
5	Eugenio Mendieta	Equipment Operator III	Street
3	Melissa Perez	Risk Manager	Risk Management
3	Stephanie Ley	Administrative Assistant I	Wastewater
3	Desiderio Garza	Equipment Operator II	Landfill
3	Tanya Colin	Administrative Assistant I	Sanitation
3	Victoria Cavazos	Municipal Court Specialist	Municipal Court
1	Kymberly Ramirez	Telecomm. Operator	Police - Communications
1	Allen Martinez	Equipment Operator I	Community Appearance
1	Mary Jane Lopez	Administrative Assistant I	Community Appearance
1	Rafale Deleon	WW Operator	Wastewater
1	David Bodiford	Accounting Supervisor	Finance
1	Leo Alarcon	Tourism Services Director	Tourism

**Separations:**

Eloy Delarosa – Equipment Operator II – Sanitation

Felipe Navarro – Equipment Operator II – Street

Veronica Fernandez – Lab Technician - Wastewater

**Retirements:**

July 2015

Mr. Rudy Mendez – Wastewater Construction Foreman retired after 40 years with the City of Kingsville.

August 2015

Mr. Jose Luna – Kingsville Task Force retiring after 19 years with the City of Kingsville.

Retirement presentations are scheduled for August 24, 2015 at the 6 p.m. City Commission Meeting

### **Employee Insurance Open Enrollments**

It is that time of year again. The HR office is coordinating with insurance vendors for the 2015 Open Enrollments. The tentative dates being reviewed are much earlier this year – August 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for final schedule and locations.

### **Prescription Discount Program – National League of Cities (NLC)**

June 2015 – 24 prescriptions filled under this program used by a total of 12 individuals for a monthly savings of \$ 280.12. The average price savings was \$11.67 per prescription which translates to a 25.2% savings on prescriptions.

Data from January 2013 to current, the program has been utilized by 445 individuals for a grand total savings of \$14,436.85. The plan has averaged a 26.3% savings in filling 1,112 prescriptions for persons in the Kingsville community.

### **Civil Service Corner**

Civil Service Commission Members:

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

A special workshop is scheduled of August 4, 2015 at 12 noon to continue reviewing draft rules and regulations.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2015 at 12 noon.

## **Fire Department (Courtesy of Joey Reed, Fire Chief)**

### **Planning Activities**

Developmental Review Team Meetings – The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal attended meetings regarding the construction of the new LaQuinta Hotel, Santa Gertrudis Apartments, Legends of Kingsville Apartments, and other projects.

Tour of New City Hall – On July 29<sup>th</sup>, the A-shift took a tour of the new City Hall to get a look at the layout prior to completed structure changes so they would have an idea of the what is behind walls and ceilings and start discussing fire attack tactics for the building.

Apparatus Committee Meeting – The apparatus committee met to discuss specifications for a new fire engine. The Fire Department is currently waiting to see if a federal FEMA grant for a new fire engine has been approved. The Department will need to have specification ready to go in case we are awarded the grant. A standard model engine that has been approved through cooperative purchasing groups will probably be requested with some modifications made to accommodate our equipment and operations.

### **Other Department Activities**

New Dispatcher Hired – Rene Baez has been hired as a Fire Department Emergency Telecommunicator. He will be going through training over the next few weeks to learn the communications systems at the Fire Department. We are glad to have Rene on board.



Fire Engine Display – Firefighters attended the beginning of the City’s outdoor night movie showing at Kleberg Park on July 24<sup>th</sup>. The movie was “Planes, Fire and Rescue”.

Testing Portable Radio Lapel Microphones – A new style of radio lapel microphone was tested to see if it would reduce ambient noise interference to provide a clearer sound.

TMRS Retirement Seminars - Some Fire Department personnel attended seminars at City Hall regarding retirement planning.

Officers Meeting – An officers meeting was held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussion included recent emergencies, bee calls, new equipment, probationary employees, lockers, generators, recycling, EMS reports, 911 documentation, dispatching, station cleaning, station signage, tours of new facilities being built around City, wildland firefighter skills testing, City emails, wildland PPE, courtesy to the public, checking vehicle tires and purchasing tires, facilities projects, PPE orders for new employees, use of overtime personnel, radio lapel microphones policy, proposed changes to first responder system.

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

### **Facilities and Equipment:**

Medic Units: Medic 1 has auxiliary A/C problems and electrical problems.

Engine 1: Driver seat air system repaired. Electrical connections, charger, and inverter installed on Engine 1. Thermal Imaging camera charger has broken prong needs repair or replacement.

Engine 2: Front seat belt system repaired. Electrical connections, charger, and inverter installed on Engine 2. Generator voltage regulator not working, looking for private vendor to repair.

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

Brush 1: Electrical connections, charger, and inverter installed on Brush 1.

Station 1: Receiving new quotes for roof leak repairs.

Station 2: Generator still needs repair.

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

Thermal Imager: New thermal imager delivered, setup, and in service. Truck charging station has broken connector.

New Fire Marshal Vehicle, New Ford F350 ERT Tow Vehicle, New Skid Unit for Brush Truck: All vehicles and skid units now in service.

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. Excess funds from other projects have been moved to this account to help start project. The City Commission has approved the Fire Department requesting excess funds from another FEMA grant to also assist on this project. Due to delays with the current FEMA grant process, the request for the excess funds is being submitted today.



Fire Station 1 Improvements and 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.

Fire Station 2 Street Project: The street to the south of station 2 has been widened and looks great. Steps from front porch to street sidewalk desirable in the future. Requesting quotes for railing along Alice Street sidewalk and signage regarding skateboarding. Street to west of station has had concrete poured where fire engine turns into station to reduce wear on street.

Vehicle Exhaust Removal Systems - The vehicle exhaust removal systems at both fire stations has been completed. Waiting for FEMA funding to occur and then request amendment for use of excess funds saved on the project.

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

**08:00 hrs on July 17th, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on July 31st, 2015.**

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	13
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	106
Total Emergency Responses -	119

**Major Events during the period:** There has been an increase in grass/brush fires in the area.

Employees and residents should be aware of the threat and keep combustible items away from their homes or buildings. Grass and trees should be trimmed back away from buildings to keep it from spreading the fire from the ground into the building.

**Parks Department (Courtesy of Susan Ivy, Manager)**

Our summer activities are winding down and athletes are advancing to State and National competitions representing our community. Thunder Girls Fast pitch 6u girls won the Pony World Series in their age division. (Shown right)



Summer Swim Team has 3 team members that will represent Kingsville in the State TAAF Games of Texas. Left to right is Matt Lopez, 2nd place in 50 freestyle. Colton Winters, 3rd place in 200 freestyle and Christian Contreras, 3rd place in 50 breaststrokes. These were their finishes at the Corpus Christi regional meet that qualified them for the state competition.

We also had summer soccer camps in DKP providing some extra instruction for the upcoming fall season. Registration for the fall season is being held each Saturday at Walmart.





Last day of Adventure Camp was saved for Funtrackers in Corpus Christi. The kids had a great time.



Movie nights in the park continued to provide our community with a family friendly, free night of great outdoor fun! The Kingsville Fire Dept was on hand to showcase our local equipment matching the theme of the movie “Fire and Rescue”. One more movie in August – Guardians of the Galaxy will wrap up our summer activities.

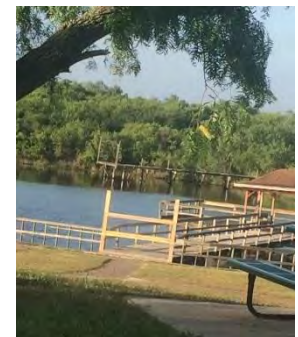
Christus Spohn Kleberg hosted a 5k Run/Walk Water Run in DKP with a refreshing activity. Local Girls Scouts and businesses manned water stations which provided either a blast from water guns or drinks.



Progress on the Corral Park Project is starting to show. Two new benches, 3 picnic tables with game boards and 3 new grills have been placed in the park with the exercise equipment to come in this coming week. Pet cleanup station, water fountain and signage to follow as well. All installation was done by Park Staff.



The pier in Dick Kleberg Park has been temporarily closed. It has some really unsafe decking that will all have to be replaced. We have fenced the entrance off and have received an inspection from City Engineering with advice to replace all decking and the runners underneath. We are pricing the cost of contracting it and of doing it “in-house”. It is a high priority for us.





Upcoming events in JK Northway include the Javelina Club banquet fundraiser on August 15<sup>th</sup> and the Quail Coalition Banquet on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Maintenance staff will be trying to catch up on some routine park maintenance checks and the ever present mowing, weedeating, tree trimming, and trash pickup.

### **Golf Division (Courtesy of Jimmy Saenz, Manager)**

Thank you to the Public Works for coming out and helping remove tree limbs from the golf course.

We are going to continue running our \$18.00 twilight special. We have had a very good response from it. Remember it runs after 2:00pm Monday- Friday. Price does include cart fee.

We are looking forward to a very busy time as we have now booked a golf event for nine straight weekends beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup> – November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Also, as a reminder, August will be the last month of our membership special before a new rate adjustment begins in September. So, if you would like to sign up, give us a call or come by the pro shop and we would be more than happy to assist you.

Wednesday night scrambles and the Saturday morning ladies clinic will continue as participation has been great. Thank you to all of you who have been coming out to support both.

It is almost that time for a new school year to begin and we are looking forward to working with all the area teams that will be using our facilities.

Please free to contact us with any questions or to book your next event. 592-1101

Scheduled tournaments at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:

Wednesday Night Scramble – 5:30 pm

Ladies Clinic – Saturday's @ 10 am

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





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

### Fun Fact Quote

“I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.”~*Christopher Reeve, American actor and activist*

### Flag Presentation in Memory of Grandson

On Tuesday, July 28, 2015, Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro and Carmen Utley presented the library with an



indoor Texas flag and a flagpole in memory of their grandson, Mathias Utley. Mathias was 12 years old when he passed away August 31, 2014. He was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia at the age of nine. On the website, [www.supermanhallofheroes.com](http://www.supermanhallofheroes.com), Mathias’s Uncle John Canales inducted his nephew into the Hall of Heroes and included the

Christopher Reeve quote to honor Mathias. On May 28, 2015, Mr. and Mrs. Utley also donated an outdoor Texas flag in memory of their grandson. The library will display

the indoor Texas flag and pole by the east entrance. Once again, the Library Board extends their sincerest gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Utley for their gracious gift.



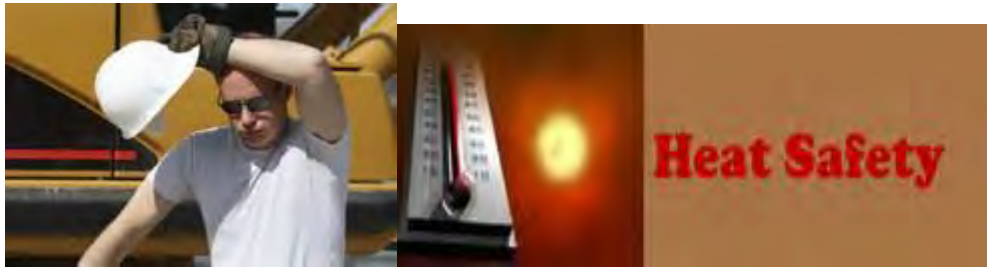
### Library’s Memorial Donation Program

The library gratefully accepts memorial donations “in memory or in honor of” someone. Memorial donations made to the library in the form of books or media items must be in good condition and are subject to the library’s selection policy. Patrons can also send a financial gift, and the library will select and purchase a suitable book. The donor may specify a title or subject area, or the library staff will select a book in an area that is in need of new materials. If it is a book donation, the patron fills out the “Memorial in Memory Of Acknowledgment Form.” The library retains the acknowledgement form in its Memorial binder. A bookplate bearing the name of the person being memorialized as well as the name of the donor is placed inside the memorial book. The library

features all memorial books on the two-sided *Memorial Display Rack*, which was donated in memory of Patricia Welsh Goode. After a period of one year, the library integrates the books into the regular collection to accommodate new memorial donations. In addition to books, the library welcomes financial, equipment, and furniture contributions. Patrons who wish to donate equipment, furniture, or other items can meet with the Library Director to assess the feasibility of the donation, based on the library's needs, space, and objectives. The library sends a thank-you card to the donor and an acknowledgment card to the family of the person being honored. Memorial donations are a beautiful and enduring way to honor loved ones.

### **Risk Management (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Risk Manager)**

#### **Heat Awareness Training Conducted to Public Works and City Employees**



The Risk Manager conducted Heat Awareness Training to Public Works and other city employees on July 22, 2015. Training was conducted at Public Works at 7:00am. Public Works employees were treated to coffee, orange juice and donuts. Summer time in Kingsville, Texas brings very extreme hot temperatures with high heat indexes. The City of Kingsville has had recent high heat indexes of 113 to 115. Employees who work outside are more susceptible to have heat exhaustion symptoms and can have heat illness like heat cramps, exhaustion or even heat stroke, that is why it is so important to train employees on what to do to prevent these symptoms and illnesses from occurring. If your body starts feeling nauseated, dizzy or feelings of giddiness find some shade or a cool area to rest and drink plenty of water, if symptoms do not subside report it to your supervisor and get medical attention immediately.

#### **Sizzling Temperatures Grip Both Coasts as July Transitions to August**



Sizzling temperatures are set to grip opposite sides of the country at the same time as we close out July and enter August. While searing heat has been ongoing in parts of the southern Plains and the southern half of the Mississippi Valley the last few days, much of the West Coast and the Northeast will be sweating it out in the days ahead. The heat could help clinch one of the hottest Julys on record for some Northwest cities, and it will be even hotter than usual for most of northern California and Nevada as well. In the Northeast, highs in the 90s will be common into next week, bringing a bona fide heat wave to many cities. Let's break down the forecast details on this summery weather pattern for both regions.



## **Risk Manager and Texas Municipal League Representative Hermelinda Cruz Review Workers Compensation Injuries During Visit**



Hermelinda Cruz with Texas Municipal League visited the Risk Management office on July 23, 2015 to review city workers compensation injuries. TML Staff pay regular visits to the City's Risk Manager to discuss any pertinent questions the city may have on employees who are on modified duty or out on workers compensation leave. Workers' compensation is state-mandated insurance that compensates employees when job-related injuries or illnesses prevent them from working. The federal government has a workers' compensation insurance program for federal employees, while each state is required to have its own laws and workers compensation programs. Employees are entitled to workers' compensation benefits regardless of who is at fault for the illness or injury. Worker's compensation insurance covers medical bills, disability payments, rehabilitation and retraining expenses that were the result of the illness or injury.

## **Risk Manager Conducts Safety Inspections on Several City Departments**



Workplace inspections help prevent injuries and illnesses. Through critical examination of the workplace, inspections identify and record hazards for corrective action. Employee Safety committees can help plan, conduct, report and monitor inspections as well. Regular workplace inspections are an important part of the overall occupational health and safety program of any municipality or government entity. Some areas to inspect and evaluate in the workplace are the environment, equipment and its process. The environment could include hazards like noise, vibration, lighting, temperature, and ventilation. Equipment includes materials or tools. The City of Kingsville Risk Manager utilizes these same practices when conducting city worksite inspections. If a hazard is located the Risk Manager contacts the department supervisor to try to correct the hazard immediately, there are times when areas have to be closed temporarily to repair and correct deficiencies. The process is focused on preventing workplace injuries and accidents and to ensure no injury to staff or citizens. City of Kingsville employees do a great job to keep all departments and areas clean safe and injury free

## **Four Ways to Prevent Heatstroke & Stay Cool While Working Outside**



No one has to tell Texans how hot it gets during the summer. But dehydration and heatstroke are still so common during Texas summers that it's extremely important to remember to stay cool and hydrated when working on an outdoor project. Here are four easy ways to keep cool and reduce the risk of heatstroke.

#### 1. Drink to Stay Hydrated

This may seem like common sense, but when you're outside in the summer heat, you should be continually drinking water to stay hydrated. Obviously water will always be your best bet, but you can also drink sports beverages, gatorade or coconut water to supplement your water intake and replenish electrolytes. Dehydrating beverages to avoid include any alcoholic or caffeinated drinks.

#### 2. Use the Buddy System

When you are working or even just playing outside, you should use a buddy system. By partnering up with a friend or family member, you can keep an eye on each other's hydration levels and spot if one of you is becoming overheated or close to losing consciousness. Plus, it'll get the job done twice as fast!

#### 3. Stay Shaded and Choose Your Time Wisely

If you must be outside for long periods this summer, try to limit that time to the early mornings or evenings, when the heat won't be as intense. Also, try to stay in as much shade as possible while working outside if you must work during the day.

#### 4. Wear Loose Clothing

Be sure to wear loose clothing that will breathe when you're out in the summer heat. Children especially should be wearing breathable clothing, since they can become overheated faster than adults do. It's also a good idea to wear a hat and use umbrellas to keep the sun off your face, neck and shoulders.

**Purchasing/Technology Department (Courtesy of David Mason, Purchasing/Technology Director)**

### **Purchasing Division**



#### **Purchase Orders**

Purchasing issued 117 Purchase Orders valued at \$314,536.82. 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 sent an e-mail to Thelma in Purchasing with: the PO number and the reason for Voiding the Purchase Order. 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 Department for assistance.

**Purchasing Card Statements**

Purchasing Card statements are in progress. If you had a pending credit please ensure a copy of this month's statement is included so we know what account to credit.

A new Purchasing Card Policy and a new Travel Policy has been distributed, please ensure all employees' read and understand the policies. If something needs clarifications please contact the Purchasing Department.

**Technology Division**



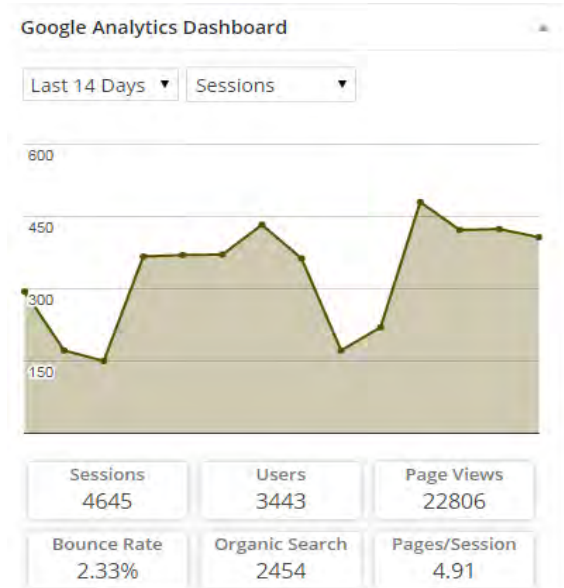
### **Electronic Waste Recycling**

Help Desk arranged the recycling of over 15 pallets of obsolete and broken electronic equipment. STS Recycling came on site and spent 4 hours sorting, re-palletizing, and loading the equipment onto a truck destined for Jacksonville, TX where the items will be disposed of in a safe, secure, and environmentally-friendly fashion. This recycling service was provided to the city at no cost. Technology Staff are currently working on plans for future pick-ups and the idea of doing a community e-waste collection event ahead of the next service date.



### **Technology Staff Implements New Security Software**

In order to provide the best possible security for City of Kingsville networks and computers, Technology Staff has deployed a new endpoint security solution from Sophos, Ltd. This security solution will provide protection for servers, virtual machines, physical workstations, and mobile devices while also allowing for detailed analysis of network traffic and blocking of non-work appropriate sites.



### ***Technology Staff Meet With Nimble Storage***

City Technology Staff met with representatives of Nimble Storage to discuss potential new storage solutions for the City. Nimble Storage's Adaptive Flash platform spans the CASL flash-optimized file system, the InfoSight cloud-based management and support engine, CS-series storage arrays, SmartStack reference integrated infrastructure solutions and a pay-per-use Storage on Demand subscription service. The platform enables IT organizations to accurately predict, manage and deliver the storage required to optimize business applications and workloads across their IT environments.

The Adaptive Flash platform provides IT organizations with the ability to:

- Speed the deployment and optimize the performance of business applications with pre-validated SmartStack reference architectures. Nimble SmartStack solutions consist of Nimble storage arrays and software integrated with technology partner computer, networking, and software technologies – optimized for specific workload environments.
- Scale storage performance and capacity in line with changing application and user requirements.
- Safeguard data and applications with integrated data protection and enterprise-grade reliability to prevent data loss and IT system corruption.
- Simplify storage environments with InfoSight. A deep data analytics engine, accessible via the cloud, InfoSight enables IT administrators to leverage intelligence to preempt issues, maintain storage health and forecast and manage for growth.

### **Finance Department (Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Director)**

#### **Finance Administration Division**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**



After 25 years, the Secretary of the Treasury may change circulating coinage designs. A change prior to 25 years has to be authorized by Congress.

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/coinNews/funFacts.cfm?group=2>



#### **Debt Service**

Debt Service payments on the City's outstanding Municipal Bonds in the amount of \$2,596,120.75 were made in the month of July. This included principal payments of \$2,215,000 and interest payments of \$381,120.75.

#### **Monthly Financials**

Budget Worksheets were sent out in place of the Monthly Financials to ensure all departments were aware of the expected annual budgets for FY 14-15. All departments were asked to check the current year-to-date balances against the current budget **and** the expected annual budgets. If the department will not be able to stay within the expected annual budgets, they were asked to notify the Finance department immediately. Since the expected annual budgets predict how the City will finish FY14-15, they have a great impact on the budget process for FY15-16.

## Budget Calendar

Day	Date	Description
Mon-Fri	Aug 3-7, 2015	City Manager works on budget message and makes any final changes to the budget that will be presented to Commissioners. Message is due Friday 8/7/15
Friday	August 7, 2015	City Manager finalizes budget message for inclusion in FY 2016 Proposed Annual Budget City Manager forwards final budget message to Finance
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 10, 2015</b>	<b>Accept certified tax rolls from Chief Appraiser</b>
	<b>Reg Commission Meeting</b>	<b>Accept certification of anticipated collection rate by tax collector</b>
		<b>Discuss tax rate, if proposed tax rate will exceed the roll back rate or the effective tax rate whichever is lower, take record vote and schedule public hearings ( 8/23/15 &amp; 9/2/15)</b>
Mon-Thur	Aug 10-12, 2015	Finance finalizes the budget for distribution to Commissioners on Aug 13.
Thursday	August 13, 2015	Finance staff to give Tax Assessor PO # for the newspaper to publish the Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase – tax and budget hearings
		Distribute City Manager’s FY 2016 Proposed Annual Budget to Mayor and City Commissioners



## Utility Billing Division

### 8 Easy ways to save water

**Use the Dishwasher:** Odd as it may seem, studies have shown that in households with two or more people, a dishwasher uses less water than washing dishes by hand. To get the most significant savings, scrape your dishes clean, don't pre-rinse them, and run the dishwasher only when it's completely full.

**Showers, Not Baths:** The average bath uses between 30 and 50 gallons of water. And that's if you only fill the tub once—most bathers add more hot water as the bath water cools. An old shower uses about 20 gallons of water, but installing a modern low-flow showerhead can reduce water consumption to just 10 gallons per shower—assuming you don't stay in there all day.

**Tame the Toilet:** Toilet flushing accounts for more water usage than any other activity in the home. That's why it's so important to replace old toilets, which use between 5 and 7 gallons of water per flush, with an efficient modern toilet that uses only 1.6 gallons.

Leaky toilet tanks are also huge water wasters; a faulty flush mechanism in the tank allows water to slowly and silently leak into the bowl. To detect a toilet-tank leak, remove the tank cover and add a few drops of food coloring to the water. Wait 30 minutes, and then check the water in the toilet bowl.



If it has turned the hue of your food coloring, then the tank is leaking. Repair or replace the flush mechanism.

And don't use the toilet as a trash can. Dispose of facial tissues, diaper wipes, cotton swabs, and bandages in a trash can; never flush them down the toilet. Besides clogging your pipes, you're just wasting water.

**Fix Faulty Faucets:** Sooner or later you'll probably find at least one dripping faucet in your home. A little drip may not seem like a big deal, but a faucet leaking one drop per second wastes about 2700 gallons of water per year! If you don't repair the leak promptly, it'll worsen over time and waste even more water (leaks never heal themselves).

You can easily stop leaky faucets without calling a plumber. Do-it-yourself faucet-repair kits are sold at most hardware stores and home centers. Check the faucet's installation manual to make sure you buy the right replacement parts.

**Insulate Hot-Water Pipes:** Pipe insulation might not jump to mind as a way to save water, but it should. Just think about all the water that's wasted while you stand there waiting for the water in from your sink or shower to get hot. If you wrap every hot-water supply pipe in your home with thick foam-rubber insulation, the water inside the pipe will stay hot longer, reducing the amount of time it takes for hot water to reach the faucet. As a bonus, you'll also save on energy because it won't take as much to heat your water.

**Smart Laundry:** Today's super-efficient washing machines use much less energy and water than models built just 10 years ago, but you can reduce water consumption even further.

First, wash only full loads of laundry. If you must wash a partial load, adjust the water level to match the load. Avoid the permanent-press setting, which uses additional water during the final rinse cycle.

Replace rubber water-supply hoses with braided stainless-steel hoses, which are much more durable and less likely to crack and burst open. And when leaving home for vacation or extended periods of time, shut the hot- and cold-water valves, just in case a hose ruptures.

**Kitchen Conservation:** Don't thaw frozen food under warm running water. Instead, thaw them on the counter or, especially in the case of meats, in the refrigerator. Rather than boiling vegetables in a pot, steam them in a microwave oven, which requires very little water. Wash fruits and vegetables in a bowl of water rather than under a running faucet. You'll save more than 3 quarts of water each time.

Even if you don't use a Brita or some other kind of water-purification pitcher, keep a pitcher of drinking water in the fridge. You'll save more than half the amount of water versus running the faucet until the water turns cold.

**Lawn and Garden:** Spread a thick layer of bark mulch around flower beds, trees, shrubs, and gardens. Mulch not only blocks out weeds, but it helps retain moisture so you won't need to water as often.

When using lawn sprinklers, ensure they're not spraying the house, street, driveway, sidewalk, or patio. And if you've got an automatic sprinkler system, install a rain sensor that will shut down the system during a rainstorm. Water early in the morning or late in the day when temperatures are cooler, less of the water will evaporate before it can soak in.



Never use a garden hose to rinse leaves and grass clippings off driveways, sidewalks, and patios. Use a wide push broom, rake, or leaf blower.

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/home/how-to/a7909/8-easy-ways-to-save-water-this-summer-11182067/>

### Utility Billing Month –End Transaction Report for July 2015

Billed amount: \$972,169.43

Payments received: \$815,883.99

Drafted amounts: \$65,610.26

Web payments: \$111,095.61

### Billing

For the month of July 2015 the Utility Billing Department issued out 7,942 billing statements in the amount of \$339,119.87 and issued out 3,740 late notices in the amount of \$8,882.95. The department did see an increase in the number of disconnected accounts due to non-payment. This is not alarming in that during this same time last year it occurred as well.

It is something that is cyclical in that during the hot days of summer customers use/consume more water; which leads to a higher water bill.

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**

Municipal Court Activity Report  
July 16, 2015 through July 31, 2015

### **New Cases: 297**

**14** Parking, **199** Traffic, **62** State Law,  
**22** City Ordinances

### **Cases Disposed: 258**

**19** Parking, **161** Traffic, **62** State Law, **16** City Ordinances



## **Warrants**

There were 140 warrants served during this period. To avoid being arrested for outstanding warrants, please stop by the city court office to inquire information on how 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 \$45,343.52 dollars.

### **Court Sessions – August 2015**

Contempt of Court	8/6 & 8/20	9:00 a.m.
Inmate Session	8/13 & 8/27	1:30 p.m.
Juvenile Hearing	8/13 & 8/27	2:00 p.m.
Civil Hearing	8/13 & 8/27	2:30 p.m.
Criminal Court Hearing	8/13 & 8/27	3:00 p.m.
Trial-Bench	8/13 & 8/27	4:00 p.m.

### **Court Sessions – September 2015**

Contempt of Court	9/3 & 9/17	9:00 a.m.
Inmate Session	9/10 & 9/24	1:30 p.m.
Juvenile Hearing	9/10 & 9/24	2:00 p.m.
Civil Hearing	9/10 & 9/24	2:30 p.m.
Criminal Court Hearing	9/10 & 9/24	3:00 p.m.
Trial-Bench	9/10 & 9/24	4:00 p.m.

## **Acknowledgments**

Many thanks to the Kingsville Police Department for the security provided during the court sessions in the month of July 2015! Special thanks to Officer Martinez #91 , Officer Vega #83, Officer Perez # 71 & Officer Fonseca #86.

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

### **Administration Division**

#### ***City of Kingsville Employees-Safety Training***

City of Kingsville Risk Manager, Mrs. Melissa Perez, recently offered a Safety Training for all City of Kingsville Employees. The training occurred on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at City Hall in the Commissioner Chambers. The training was divided into two sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. City-County Health Employees attended at their assigned times. The training topic was the “Heat Awareness & Prevention” with a 30 minute video and a brief discussion afterwards. Thanks to Mrs. Perez for the training opportunity. We look forward to next month’s training. Pictured are city employees and Risk Manager, Melissa Perez



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

The City-County Health Board met for their bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the City-County Health Department. Health Board Members in attendance were Otis Meyers, Ben Salinas, Judy Anthony, and Dr. Justin Harkey. Karen Tallant, Joni Harrell and Norma Sue Adrian were excused from the meeting. Also in attendance was Emilio H. Garcia, City-County Health Director, and Monica Longoria, Administrative Assistant II. The Health Board reviewed the monthly reports for the month of May and June 2015. Items reviewed and discussed were animal control services, food establishment inspections, onsite sewage facilities, and vector control (bees and mosquitos). Our next City-County Health Board meeting will be Thursday, September 17, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.



## **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.

### ***July 17 – 30, 2015***

Taqueria Martinez	100	Kingsville Nursing & Rehab	94
Dixie Cream Donuts	100	KC Hall (14th)	94
Subway (Riviera)	100	Snappy Foods #2 (Riviera)	89
Kingsville Bakery	100	Whataburger (14th)	89
TAMUK - Catering	100	Whataburger (14th – re-inspection)	97
Marlott's Mobile Unit	100	TAMUK - Dining Hall	91
TAMUK - Chic-Fil-A	100	TAMUK - Subway	85
Nutricion	100	Javelina Mart Kitchen	76
TAMUK - Starbucks	97	Javelina Mart (re-inspection)	85
Baffin Fisherman	97	La Hacienda Restaurant & Bar	48
TAMUK - Bookstore	96	La Hacienda (re-inspection)	80
Kleberg County Senior Center	96		
Boat & Net	100	Boys & Girls Club	93
Taqueria El Chato	100	Donut Palace	93



Department/Animal Control Center. Your continuous support and donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

***Dog and Cat Collar Donations***

An anonymous donor donated 4 dog collars and 4 cat collars to the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center. The collars will be used for dogs and cats that are adopted and rabies vaccinated by the City-County Health Department. Thanks to the kind and caring gentlemen for donating the collars to our Animal Control Center.



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

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

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

**Vector Control Division**

**Mosquito Control Division-(Vector)**

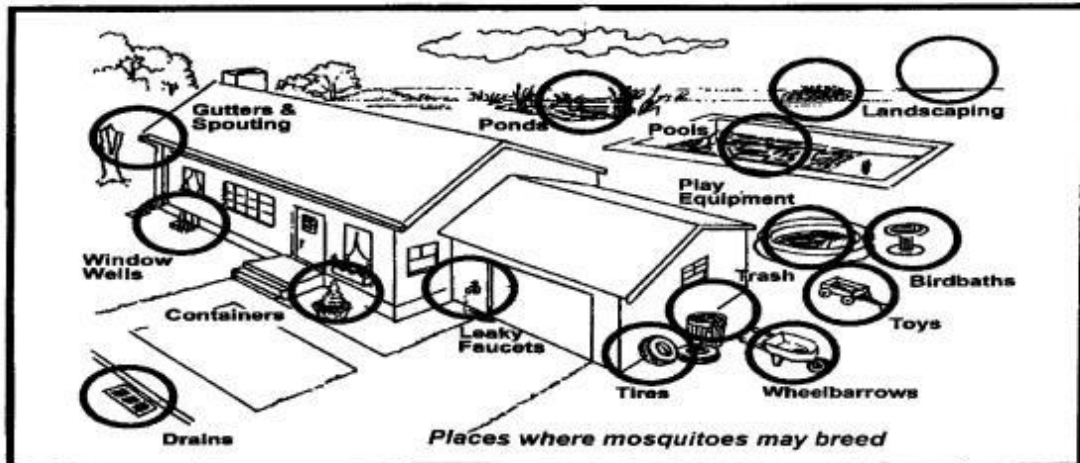
The City-County Health Department encourages you to dispose of any standing water in buckets, bird baths, old tires, and any other containers that may breed mosquitos. Use this flyer to help **YOU** reduce the risk of disease and the breeding of mosquitos. *Do your part in Keeping Kingsville Clean and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



# REDUCE THE RISK OF DISEASE

**STOP**

**BREEDING MOSQUITOES  
AT YOUR HOUSE!!**



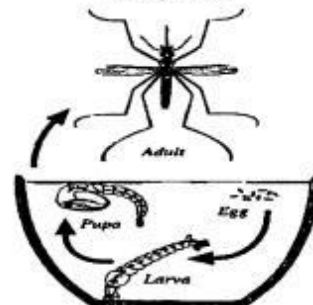
## To eliminate standing water:

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



## IF YOU CAN'T GET RID OF OLD TIRES

Add 3 tablespoons of salt to the water in each tire and it will kill the mosquitoes



## Life Cycle

The stages of a mosquito's life cycle.

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

## Personal protection:

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

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

### **City of Kingsville Task Force Agent's Previous Criminal Case Sets Precedence**

#### **Federal Appeals Court Declares Air Fresheners Suspicious**

*US Court of Appeals rules that driving with air fresheners creates reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.*

Driving a vehicle that has a couple air fresheners, rosaries and pro-police bumper stickers at 2 MPH over the speed limit is suspicious. That was the finding handed down last Thursday by the Fifth Circuit US Court of Appeals. A unanimous three-judge panel upheld the March 9, 2011 traffic stop that led to the conviction of Ruben Pena-Gonzalez in South Texas.

On that day, Kingsville Police Officer Mike Tamez was patrolling on Highway 77 when he saw a Chevy Tahoe with a woman behind the wheel, Pena-Gonzalez in the passenger seat, and a young girl in the back seat. The family vehicle had rosaries hanging from the rear view mirror, a DARE bumper sticker on the back and a few air fresheners. Officer Tamez concluded from this that they were probably drug runners. He decided to stop them for driving barely above the speed limit.



Officer Tamez ordered Nehmi Pena-Gonzalez, the driver, to step out of the vehicle after noticing her key chain had a St. Jude medal. She told the officer in Spanish that she was driving home to the city of Mission with her husband and daughter. Officer Tamez noted that this was an "inconsistent" answer, since her insurance card said she lived in Palmview, which is a suburb of Mission. She was also unclear about whether she spent one day or two in Houston. Officer Tamez said he would let her go with a warning, but then he decided to question her husband, Ruben Pena-Gonzalez, who agreed to a search of their vehicle.

At this point, the Court of Appeals stepped in to decide whether Officer Tamez exceeded his authority in detaining the family after he had finished writing the warning notice for the 2 MPH infraction. The court decided that the air fresheners provided "reasonable suspicion" that the family was involved in crime.

"We do have concerns that classifying pro-law enforcement and anti-drug stickers or certain religious imagery as indicators of criminal activity risks putting drivers in a classic 'heads I win, tails you lose' position," the appellate panel wrote in its per curiam decision. "But we need not decide whether these items alone, or in combination with one another, amount to reasonable suspicion because we find the more suspicious evidence to be the array of air fresheners and inconsistencies in the driver's responses to the officer's basic questions. We have long recognized that the presence of air fresheners, let alone four of them placed throughout an SUV, suggests a desire to mask the odor of contraband."

Since the panel upheld the basis for extending the traffic stop, the evidence subsequently found in the Tahoe -- \$670,000 in cash -- sustained Ruben Pena-Gonzalez's 41-month prison sentence for money

laundering. This was far from the first major seizure by the Kingsville Police Department. Last year, the town confiscated 21 vehicles and \$1,099,558 in cash.

[US v. Pena-Gonzalez](#) (US Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 7/20/2015)

### **Karen Starrs' Gift to the City of Kingsville**

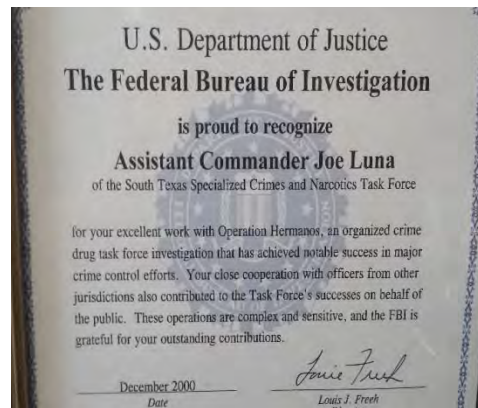
On Monday July 27, 2015, Karen Starrs, wife of Kingsville Task Force Assistant Commander Ken Starrs, presented a plaque of appreciation to the City of Kingsville for the support received from the community, friends and family during their time in need. Mrs. Starrs was severely injured in a house fire at their home on January 21, 2013. She was given a 2% chance of survival after the incident, but has made a "miraculous" recovery and is a testament of strength to all of us.

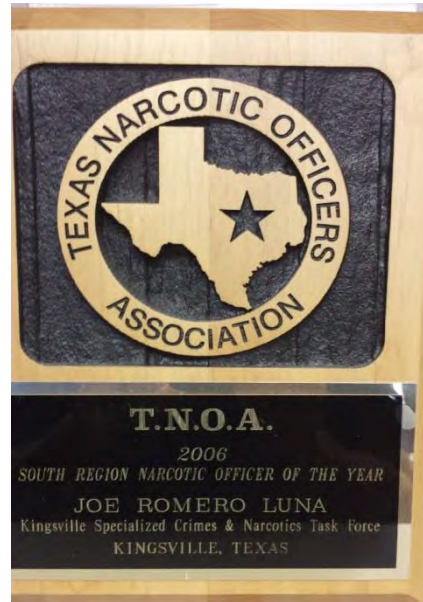
City of Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate accepted the plaque on behalf of the community and City Employees.



### **Kingsville Task Force Senior Agent Joe Luna to Retire from Law Enforcement**

On Friday August 21, 2015, Sr. Agent Joe Luna will retire from the City of Kingsville's Task Force. Agent Luna has devoted over 20 years of service with the Task Force since its inception in South Texas. Agent Luna has served with dedication and endless sacrifices for this community and our region for over 37 years with various local law enforcement agencies. He will be sorely missed!!

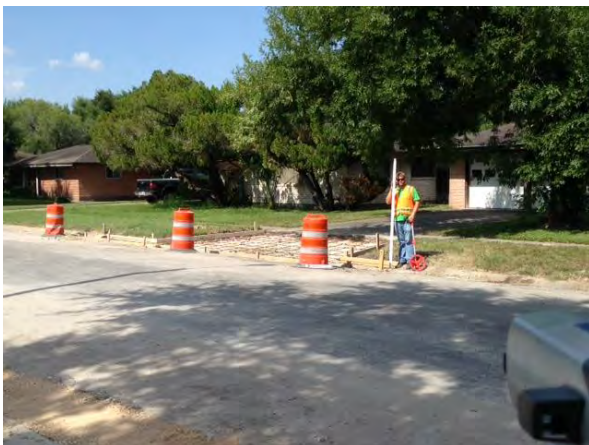




**Engineering/Public Works (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, Director of Engineering/Public Works)**

**Engineering Division (7/13 – 7/26)**

Engineering has been assisting the street department on 19<sup>th</sup> Street re-construction between King Ave. and Henrietta Ave. by placing blue-tops for the subgrade elevations as well as re-grading the ditch on the east side of the road. Engineering has also been assisting the street department by regrading sections of Brookshire St. for re-construction. Engineering has been surveying for our next drainage improvement project on 16<sup>th</sup> Street between Lott Ave. and Fordyce Ave. which will consist of replacing 652 linear feet of curb and gutter, 227 square feet of Driveway and 380 square feet of valley gutter. Currently E-tech Construction has been working on drainage improvements on Annette St. which consists of replacing 400 linear feet of curb and gutter, 825 square feet of driveway and 207 square feet of valley gutter. Santa Monica Blvd is another project that E-tech Construction has completed in efforts to improve road infrastructure at intersections as well as drainage.



Surveying Annette St. drainage

**Street Division (7/13 – 7/26)**

### Road Constructions – Gillette & Brookshire

- Hauled in 611.41 tons of limestone, water and rolled
- Watered and mixed limestone on Gillette, rolled with Sheep foot and pneumatic roller
- Watered, rolled, swept curbs, cut down blue tops to level and checked on signs and barricades
- Seal coat on Gillette and cleaned curbs on Brookshire
- Hot mixed on Gillette and used 216.02 tons of hot mix
- Clean up on Gillette Street
- Full depth Construction on Brookshire
- Removed 19 loads old asphalt and base
- Rolled and compacted subgrade
- Set 400 tons limestone rolled and compacted
- Cut blue tops on base
- Used 500 gallons MC-30
- Used 500 gallons AC-5 tack coat
- Seal coat using #5 pre-coated rock 28 tons
- Placed 388.79 tons of HMAC Hot Mix

### Mowing

- Tranquitas Creek
- North Y at 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- General Cavazos Ditch
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Corral Ave. to Escondido

### Round Up

- Ditch slope- east side at Caesar Ave.
- Ditch slope- west side at Caesar Ave.
- City Hall at King Ave. & 3<sup>rd</sup> St
- Caesar Ditch South Side
- Zone 14

### Hot Mix/Cold Patch

### **Patching**

- Ailsie by trailer park
- Trant Rd on West side
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. from Lott Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. from Ave B to intersection
- 19<sup>th</sup> St. & Johnston Ave.
- 19<sup>th</sup> St. & Fordyce Ave.
- 19<sup>th</sup> St & Huisache Ave.
- 2102 E Caesar Ave.
- Santa Rosa Blvd.
- 11<sup>th</sup> St. from Lee Ave. to Fordyce Ave
- Elizabeth from FM 428 to 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- Alexander from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- 11<sup>th</sup> St. from Miller Ave. to Alexander Ave.
- 13<sup>th</sup> St. & Lott Ave
- 247 Otis



- 15<sup>th</sup> St. & Warren Ave.
- Ave B from 14<sup>th</sup> St to intersection
- Ave B from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to west intersection
- 209 Candlewood
- 200 block E Johnston Ave.
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. & Fordyce Ave.
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. from Fordyce Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to intersection

#### Alley Maintenance

- Alley – West side
- Johnston Alley between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street
- Doddridge Alley between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street
- Alley behind Zarsky Lumber
- Ella Alley between Armstrong and 1<sup>st</sup> Street

#### Miscellaneous

- Picked up couches from Ave I creek
- Picked up 12 tires from 1<sup>st</sup> St & Creek
- Picked up big hose from 6<sup>th</sup> St
- Cut branches that was blocking stop sign at 603 E Henrietta
- Put element on potholes at Ailsie and Carlos Truan Blvd
- Picked up barricades on Ave I
- Corral from Seale to Santa Gertrudis School
- Lott Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- Replaced Stop sign on 10<sup>th</sup> St
- Helped with Hot Mix on Brookshire
- Cold mix on Hoffman
- Trimmed trees in 11<sup>th</sup> St. & Caesar Ave.
- Trimmed trees in 12<sup>th</sup> St. & Fordyce Ave.
- Trimmed trees in 7<sup>th</sup> St. & Caesar Ave.
- Trimmed trees in 10<sup>th</sup> St. & Huisache Ave.
- Cold mix Zone 14



## Brookshire Street overlay



19<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction



Annette Street drainage improvements

## Water Production (7/13 – 7/26)

Collected 18 routine Bacteriological Samples:

- 315 S. 24<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1113 Kathleen
- 209 Reidda
- 329 E. Doddridge Ave
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave.
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave.
- STWA-A
- STWA-B
- Well 14
- Well 19
- Well 20
- Well 21
- Well 22
- Well 23
- Well 24
- 332 E. Ave B
- 2020 Sherwood
- 221 Pasadena

Collected 14 daily chlorine residuals:

- 329 E. Doddridge Ave.
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave
- 620 E. Mesquite Ave.
- 1630 Santa Fe
- 428 W. Nettie Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 3303 S Brahma Blvd.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.

- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave
- 1121 E. Ave A
- 511 College Place
- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave.

Delivered Ammonia to 5 sites; delivered Chlorine to 5 sites.

Water pumped to distribution: Wells – 35,287,000 gallons; Surface – 7,611,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 42,898,000 gallons; Average 3,064,143 gals/day



Well #25 drilling

### **Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (7/13 – 7/26)**

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. CD Electric aligned back up blower and modified electrical wiring to motor. CD Electric troubleshot polymer machine. Ran metals testing to Onolys Lab.

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. Wasting sludge into drying bed. JMF Repair installed back up blower. Rabalais hooked up back up motor. Metal testing was ran and sent to Onolys Lab.

Wastewater Collection – Had 2 call outs for sewer backups:

2117 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St

510 E. Caesar Ave.

8 – Line Locates

2 – Manhole repairs and 1 – manhole overflow at Carlos Truan Lift station.

Unplugged thickeners at the North Plant.

Hauled 8 loads of dirt from Oasis Trailer Park to the North Plant, hauled 6 loads of dirt from 17<sup>th</sup> St and Lee Ave. to the North Plant and hauled 2 loads of dirt to Hwy 77 for a Contractor.

Moved water pump and helped operators at the South Plant. Disconnected sewer at Methodist Church and installed new tap at 521 Helen Marie.

### 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

Finishing metal testing for the South Plant

Seimans technician will be doing preventative maintenance on turblex blower for South Plant.

Construction crews continue to replace sewer main line on the 600-700 block of E. Miller.

Construction crews will be repairing a manhole on Brahma Blvd. and Trant Rd.

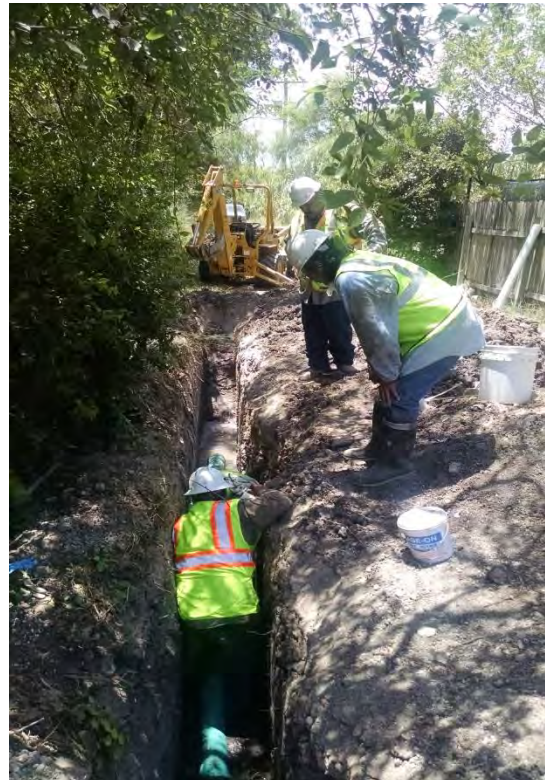
Replaced the main line at 623 E. Miller Ave and the line crossing Brookshire and Gillette.



Blower repairs at South treatment plant



Repairing hoist for UV lights



Miller Street sewer line replacement in alley



### **Water Distribution (7/13 – 7/26)**

Repaired 6 Main Breaks and answered approximately 45- Service Calls

6" Main Break	1914 John St.
2" Main Break	11 <sup>th</sup> St. and Richard Ave.
6" Main Break	520 Cecil St.
18" Main Break	522 S. 12 <sup>th</sup> St.
6" Main Break	619 E. Mesquite Ave.
4" Main Break	4 <sup>th</sup> St and Lee Ave.

8- Locates, 4- water leaks; 19- Meter Leaks, 8- Backfills, 1- valve repairs, 0- Customer Side Leaks; 2 - No Water/Low Pressures; 2- Fire Hydrant; 1 - Turn off or on and; 0 - Water Tap and 0 - Meter Lid Repair.  
0 - Locate Meter; 0 - Install Riser; 0 - Expose line; and 0 - Sink hole

Water crews made 2 water taps, one at 1835 E. King Ave. and one at 704 W. Escondido.

Crews continue to work on irrigation at the Golf Course.

Crews completed concrete demo's and transported excavator to warehouse.

Water crews repaired 18" water main break.

Crews made 8" tap for line crossing on FM 1355.



12" water main repair



18" water main repair

### **City Garage (7/13 – 7/26)**

#### Maintenance

16- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 27 Scheduled work orders; 56-Nonscheduled work; 9 Service calls; 1 - Call out; 11-New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 14 flat tire repairs and balances; 33 pending work orders.



Repaired hydraulic leak on Unit 545 and air leak on Unit 535. There is an electrical short on Unit 7411.

### Welder

3- Received work order and 0 pending work orders

City welder welded muffler on the street mower and rear door on Unit 336. He also welded the floor on the garbage truck and welded tommy lift on the Water Production truck.

### **Solid Waste (7/13 – 7/26)**

#### Landfill - (7/13 – 7/16)

Daily litter clean-up continues in and around the facility. The magnet trailer is also being used to pick up nails around the facility and surrounding roads leading to the landfill. The scraper is down and the hydraulic system is not working on the Loader. NPE will be picking up the Loader next week to repair. The AC is out on the D6-T Dozer. James continues to work on the Dozer. Mia Electric fixed the office plug at the Landfill. The Street Department is hauling asphalt. Naismith performed Methane/Groundwater Monitoring for the 3 quarter and the results were emailed to Michelle Phillip, TCEQ and mailed to Gulay Aki in Austin. Naismith also performed Semi Annual Groundwater Monitoring. P&S Scale installed outer weight indicator and calibrated scale.

Brush – 167 tons; Garbage –865 tons; Litter –7.11 tons; Construction/Demolition – 516 tons; Concrete -12 tons, Asphalt – 257 tons; Metals -.11 tons; Dirt – 48 tons; Recycled metals-tons; Sludge – tons; Tires - 1.15 tons; and Recycled tires – 5.64 tons.

#### Sanitation - (7/13 – 7/16)

Residential waste collected from 7/13 – 7/26 –**633,420** pounds; Commercial waste collected **655,400** pounds; Brush collected **142,020** pounds and construction debris collected **66,320** pounds. The brush crew is collecting in Zone 4 and White Good pick up is on Friday August 7, 2015. We are also working on abatements and demos when possible. Sanitation has been helping Community Appearance finish small abatements as needed. All zones have been cleared of storm debris. The next pass over the zones will be heavy, just not as heavy as this round of collection was. Completed demolitions at 525 W. Lott Ave., 614 W. Ragland Ave., 620 W. Santa Gertrudis Ave., 1029 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St., 128 W. Ave A, 128 W. Ave A, 409 E. Nettie Ave and the house at 324 E. Ailsie Ave. The only structure remaining is the small house at 907 E. Ave A. Recycling for the month of June totaled 28.40 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.



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

**Kingsville Represented at Texas Festivals & Events Association Conference**

City staff from the Tourism department attended the 34<sup>th</sup> annual TFEA conference in Houston.

The association is a professional trade association for Texas-based festivals and event planners and volunteers.





The association is affiliation of the International Festivals & Events Association. The associations support all activities with a global connection to the events industry. TFEA represents hundreds of festivals celebrating the history, legends, culture, art, folklore and natural beauty of the Lone Star State. Tourism Director Leo Alarcon and Alicia Tijerina attended.



The top right is a basket assembled by Tourism office staff in conjunction with the King Ranch.

Below are centerpieces from around the state displayed at the banquets. The visitor center staff developed a centerpiece for a table representing the Ranch Hand Festival which is scheduled for the weekend before Thanksgiving. The center piece can be seen at the Kingsville Visitor Center.





### The 117th Texas Tropical Trail Partner Event Held Last Week

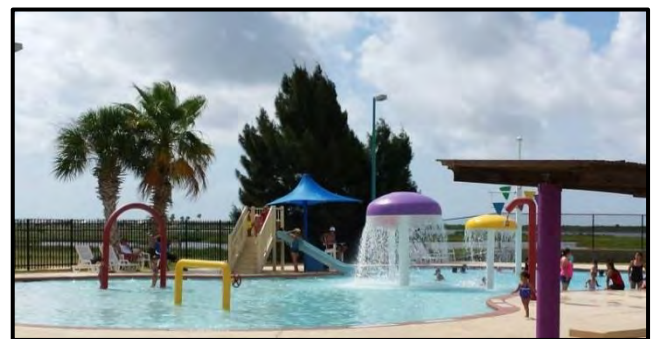
Ingleside on the Bay and Aransas Pass were the hosting towns for the Texas Tropical Trail partner and board of directors meeting. Those attending were given tours of the Museum of Military History, the Aransas Pass Aquatic Center and the Rialto Theatre. The final meeting took place at the Butter Churn.

These pictures were taken at the military museum.





The Aransas Pass Aquatics Center offers a wide variety of programs. Some of those programs are the aqua aerobics, lap swimming, fitness swimming, group lessons, private lessons and lifeguard training.



### **IHeart Studios Prepares Commercials**

Radio commercials marketing Kingsville continue to air in the South Texas K99 country and KSAB Spanish out of Corpus Christi. The voice is that of City of Kingsville Tourism Director Leo Alarcon. Commercials change periodically and mostly promote downtown, TAMUK and NAS Kingsville and upcoming activities.



## Farmers Market - Fredericksburg Peaches & Buttercup



The July 24<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market featured cases of fresh peaches driven in that morning from Fredericksburg and jars of fresh peach jam. Buttercup, the goat, was a hit with the kids. Buttercup's owner sells goat soap. Buttercup and the Kingsville Farmers Market made the front banner of the Corpus Christi Caller Times that referred readers to a nice article inside the paper penned by local writer Mary Lee Grant. Despite the high temperatures and folks gone on summer vacations, business was steady with one vendor stating sales of over \$1,300 that day.

## First Arts & Crafts Extravaganza at Pavilion a Success



The July 18<sup>th</sup> arts & crafts fair, termed a "huge success" by organizer, Domingo Garcia, organizer, made the front page of the Kingsville Record newspaper. Domingo and sister, Lorenza, L & D Creations and vendors at the Kingsville Farmers Market, took their cue from this event to create a market whose emphasis was arts & crafts with a few food vendors mixed in for variety. Their next fair will be held August 8<sup>th</sup> from noon - 6 pm at the downtown Pavilion.

## Work Continues on Depot Museum Display







A student engineering team from TAMUK works on laying rebar for a slab on which to display the Fairway Crew Cab shown at left. The crew cab rode the rails bringing rails, ties and other materials that were laid on its two front facing arms to maintenance crews. This restored crew cab (also known as a pushcart) is as heavy as it looks however it is said that. Back in the day two men could pick it up and turn it around to go back the other direction to get more materials. Once the slab is poured, rails and ties will be mounted into the slab to the crew cab can once again ride the rails.

### Family Thrift Store Opens its Doors at 328 E Kleberg



The Family Thrift store opened this week across the street from the Texas Theater. Two doors down the Former Downtown Diva's is being repurposed as a salon and Al's Hair Design across the way is now staying open late to accommodate students who do their evening grocery shopping at the nearby HEB.

### **Historic Designation Adds to Property Value**



The Kingsville Historical Development Board is working on a local designation program for historic properties that includes research guidelines along with a new application for designation that would encompass national, state and local designations. Last year, the City Commission approved the local designation plaque the Board proposed (shown at left). An extensive analysis on property value impact of historic designation was conducted in 2001 by Ed Coulson and Robin Leichenko in nine Texas cities: Abilene, Dallas,

Fort Worth, Grapevine, Laredo, Lubbock, Nacogdoches, San Antonio and San Marcos. The results showed that historic designation was associated with higher residential property values in all of the Texas cities. In seven of these cities, the values were statistically significantly higher. Among the cities where historic designation had a statistically significant effect on property values, historic designation was associated with average property value increases ranging between 5 and 20 percent.

### **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 has been working with that agency on their desire to use it in the future. They have been in town to visit the site and submitted a scope of work that they would like to have done to the building. A quote was obtained from Maltby Construction and the Border Patrol is willing to go ahead with the quote.

#### **Torres Estates**

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

#### **La Quinta Hotel**

The Development Review Team reviewed the revised plans which reduced the number of hotel rooms from 80 to 72. It is designed for a four story hotel. Staff learned that the owner of the hotel was able to obtain financing for the project. The engineer stated that they hope to break ground by the end of the year. A conditional permit was given to them and once the revisions are submitted and approved by the Development Review Team they will be given a full permit.

#### **Wells Apartments**

They have been granted a Certificate of Occupancy and are ready to go into business. This is an 11 unit 2-bedroom development at 625 W. Avenue F.



## **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 staff gets the date and the time we will let you know.

## **Wildwood Trails**

A number of homes have been started in the subdivision. In the last month, staff has issued 5 permits. Three builders have submitted plans for homes in this subdivision.

## **Lake View Villas**

Developer Mark Dizdar can now start on the project.

## **New City Hall**

Things are going well. It is on budget and on schedule.

## **Joint Airport Zoning Board**

At a recent meeting, Ramon Perez was named Vice Chair. Brad Womack has submitted his resignation to me from the Board. At the next meeting they will accept the resignation and discuss as to how they want to fill the 5<sup>th</sup> spot. Per resolution the 5<sup>th</sup> is also the chair of the Board.

## **Cayetano Villages of Kingsville**

They were notified this week that they were not awarded the tax credits they were hoping for to develop their project. They said the project that received the credits is in Gregory and there may be some challenges which could cause the credits to come back to Cayetano before December. They will let us know if anything changes.

## **Flato School Project**

Staff has been in contact with the architect and the project has been delayed for 180 days until approximately October 1, 2015. It seems that a family member who donated the ground to KISD wants to review the development plans put together by engineers from LNV for the Zaragosa family. The review is estimated to take the time period mentioned.

## **Legends of Kingsville**

They are 100% leased for the up-coming school year and planning on August 22, 2015 as the move in date. Staff has had discussions with them as to where they are at right now in construction and where they need to be by August 22, 2015. There is a lot of work to be done so they told staff that they are willing to bring more workers to job site to get done in time. At this time, staff can verify that they have brought more workers to complete the project. Staff will work with them to accomplish this goal.

### **Legends II of Kingsville**

They have been issued a building permit for phase II. It will be 486 beds with 207 units. The permit was approximately \$55,000.

### **Domino's**

Domino's submitted a development plan in September of 2014. 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 this past week. Construction has started back up again.

### **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, staff has not received a special use permit application from them to build a store.

### **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.

### **Neesen 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.

### **Christus Spohn Hospital**

They have submitted a development plan to remodel suite c into a Community Action Dental Clinic. The Development Review Team has distributed the plans to all the members for review. They have been approved for a building permit.

## **Café 5**

Ramy Nassar, owner of Café 5, has submitted plans to move his restaurant Café 5 from the current location of 634 E. King to 1106 N. Armstrong. They have been authorized to obtain a building permit.

## **Nuevo Santa Gertrudis Apartments**

These apartments will be located at 1414 W. Santa Gertrudis. There will be 56 efficiency units in the development. Plans have been reviewed and it is likely that they will be authorized to obtain a building permit in the next two weeks.

## **Enterprise Rent a Car**

Staff has heard back from them and was informed that the sale of the ground went through. They plan to pursue a special use permit in the near future. The ground they purchased is on the west side of 77 and north of Caesar.

## **Planning and Zoning Commission**

At the past meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission on the agenda were discussions regarding fence regulations and carports. Due to feedback that staff has gotten from builders, citizens and its own observations, staff wanted to start a dialogue on their opinion of the City's current fence regulations. While there are many points to the current fence regulations, the one that has come to staff's attention is the limit on the height of a fence. While staff is open on this issue, any changes do have to start with this board. The board wasn't ready to make any changes at the meeting and some of the members stated that maybe the regulations had gotten too restrictive. The discussion was the same concerning carports. So at the next meeting, the board will be discussing fence regulations, carports, and accessory buildings.

### **Building Services Division**

#### **Permits Pulled:**

Residential Remodel:	20	Commercial Remodel:	2	Electrical:	23
New Commercial:	1	Mechanical:	24	Moving:	0
New Residential:	8	Fire Inspection:	27	Gas Inspection:	6
Cert. of Occupancy:	2	Commercial Meter:	4	House Leveling:	0
Plumbing:	12	Residential Meter:	9	Re-roof:	15
Sprinkler:	0	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	3
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	1	Demolition:	2
Fence:	4	Driveway:	2		

**Total Permits Pulled: 165**

#### **New Business:**

**CAE Enterprise, Inc. at 700 S 14<sup>th</sup> STE. E waiting on final inspection**

**Just A Cut at 1310 E General Cavazos STE. B now open for business**

**Altus Hospice at 921 E Johnston waiting on final inspection.**

**We would like to recongize Manuel Buentello for passing the Plumber Inspector License.  
Congratulations Manny!**



### **Top 30 Initiative**

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

### **Dilapidated or Non-existent Parking Lots**

<u>Property location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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		
109 N. Armstrong		



**Violations**

**615 W. Santa Gertrudis**



**729 W. Ave C**



**712 W. Ave F**



**629 W. Nettie**



**Unfinished Siding/Roof**

Property location

Status

Comments

610 S. Lantana

Letter mailed 2/16/15

Complete

315 S. 21<sup>st</sup>

Letter mailed 2/16/15

Complete

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

Letter mailed 2/16/15

Complete

428 W. Lee

Letter mailed 2/16/15

528 S. 18<sup>th</sup>

Letter mailed 2/16/15

516 E. Alice

Letter mailed 2/16/15

Municipal Court on 6/18/15  
Homeowner did not show up

## Violations

**610 S. Lantana**

*Completed*

**610 S. Lantana**



**315 S. 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Completed*

**315 S. 21<sup>st</sup>**



### Multiple Violations:

Property Address

430/426 E Alice  
 400 E Corral  
 1808 Kelly  
 1420 Sen. Carlos Truan  
 1202 W King  
 1950 E Corral  
 2151 N. Hwy 77  
 223 S 6<sup>th</sup>  
 109 S Hwy 77  
 E. Henrietta & 19<sup>th</sup> St.

Status

Pending Cleanup  
 Court scheduled 3/26/15  
 Pending variance  
 Notice sent 6/24/14  
 Notice sent 2/26/14  
 Pending notice of violation  
 Pending notice of violation  
 Pending notice of violation  
 Notice sent 6/14/14  
 Notice sent 3/23/15

Comment

Court ordered extension-July 2  
 Pending Cleanup  
  
 Cleared by city  
 Property owner working on violation  
  
 Property owner complied

## Community Appearance Division

**Recent activity (July 16<sup>th</sup> - July 29<sup>th</sup>) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:**

Notices Sent:	38	Re-Inspections:	198
Placards Posted:	7	Complaints call-ins/walk-ins:	89
Compliances:	153	Abatements:	45
Inspections:	98	Front/Side Yard Parking:	0
Illegal Dumping Case:	0	Obsolete Sign 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	\$5,304.61	APR	\$8,185.47
NOV	\$2,943.01	MAY	\$7,301.97
DEC	\$4,344.63	JUN	\$18,119.48
JAN	\$11,263.96	JUL	
FEB	\$8,389.71	AUG	
MAR	\$18,116.99	SEPT	



### **Priority Property Clean Ups:**

Community Appearance Inspectors are following up on previous City abatements to ensure compliance since abatement. Additionally, inspectors have determined the properties, sent notices and obtained photos of those to be listed in the top ten clean ups for Phase 36 to be completed in August. As in the past, owners or occupants of the properties have failed to abate these nuisances after being noticed. The current top ten properties are as follows:

#### **PHASE 36**

<b>Property Address:</b>	<b>Date of Compliance Deadline:</b>
310 W Yoakum	8/28/15
525 W Nettie	8/28/15
525 W Huisache	8/28/15
1115 S 11 <sup>th</sup>	8/28/15
1006 Gillett	8/28/15
807 E Ave A	8/28/15
426 & 430 E Alice	8/28/15
225 W Fairview	8/28/15
1014 Gillett	8/28/15
641 E Ave D	8/28/15

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

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



<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u>#of Cleanups Conducted</u>	<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u>#of Cleanups Conducted</u>
	<u>By property owner</u>		<u>By property owner</u>
PHASE 1	0 out of 10	PHASE 21	7 out of 10
PHASE 2	2 out of 10	PHASE 22	4 out of 10
PHASE 3	2 out of 10	PHASE 23	7 out of 10
PHASE 4	3 out of 10	PHASE 24	8 out of 10
PHASE 5	3 out of 10	PHASE 25	8 out of 10
PHASE 6	3 out of 10	PHASE 26	6 out of 10
PHASE 7	4 out of 10	PHASE 27	10 out of 10
PHASE 8	7 out of 10	PHASE 28	8 out of 10
PHASE 9	5 out of 10	PHASE 29	8 out of 10
PHASE 10	8 out of 10	PHASE 30	7 out of 10
PHASE 11	7 out of 10	PHASE 31	7 out of 10
PHASE 12	8 out of 10	PHASE 32	7 out of 10
PHASE 13	9 out of 10	PHASE 33	8 out of 10
PHASE 14	6 out of 10	PHASE 34	7 out of 10
PHASE 15	9 out of 10	PHASE 35	7 out of 10
PHASE 16	9 out of 10	PHASE 36	(IN PROGRESS)
PHASE 17	8 out of 10		
PHASE 18	8 out of 10		
PHASE 19	8 out of 10		
PHASE 20	9 out of 10		

**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:

**BEFORE**

**404 E Lee – City Abated**

**AFTER**





**BEFORE**

**803 E Mesquite – City Abated**

**AFTER**



**BEFORE**

**919 W Lee – City Abated**

**AFTER**



**BEFORE**

**305 W Nettie – City Abated**

**AFTER**



## Welcome

We would like to welcome **Juan Ramirez** onboard! Juan is our new seasonal employee. He has been working hard and is learning the ropes quickly. Juan is a great addition to our team!



### Keep Kingsville Beautiful

KKB is looking for volunteers to help with an upcoming gardening project that will be located at the Kleberg County Court House. Please contact Jennifer Bernal at 361-595-8093 or email [jbernal@cityofkingsville.com](mailto:jbernal@cityofkingsville.com) for more information.

## Kingsville Police Department (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief)

### CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS



Classes are about an hour in length then its open for question and answers

To learn how to respond to an active shooter or terrorist event call Javier Aleman @ 592.4311 ext 8871 or email [javieraleman@kingsvillepd.us](mailto:javieraleman@kingsvillepd.us)

### Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events Training Offered by Kingsville PD

Law enforcement officers and agencies are frequently requested by schools, businesses, and community members for direction and presentations on what they should do if confronted with an active shooter event. The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course, designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004, provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, the role of professional guardians, civilian response options, medical issues, and drills.

The Kingsville Police Department is proud to announce that they have several officers on staff who have received the train the trainer training in this area. Chief Ricardo Torres states, "The goal is for our officers to provide training and information so that



citizens will survive these encounters.” In addition this training will be provided at no cost to schools, businesses and community members by contacting Training Officer Javier Aleman at 592-4311 ext. 8871 or by contacting him by e-mail at [javieraleman@kingsvillepd.us](mailto:javieraleman@kingsvillepd.us).

In order to maximize the number of citizens receiving the training several smaller groups may be asked to attend the training together.

### **Communications Trailer Clean Up and Refurbishing**



The Communications Trailer utilized by the Kingsville Police Department as well as other area law enforcement agencies was beginning to look its age. The trailer and equipment inside is not over 12 years old. Communications Supervisor Monica Lopez and IT Support Specialist Noe Sosa have taken up the challenge to get the trailer in tip top shape. They have been testing interoperable radio equipment contained in the trailer as well as upgrading camera systems and other tools. On Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Criminal Investigator Tony Contreras and Sgt. Brad Allen assisted with the making the trailer look spic and span.

Communications staff will continue to work on the trailer so that new tires are installed on it, the graphics package will be updated on the trailer as well as making sure that bearings on the trailer are greased, the expandable mast tested and repaired as well as some painting of the trailer body, replacement of batteries.

Software will be updated to run equipment as well as camera systems upgraded and cooling systems will be repaired or replaced to have the trailer ready for use should it be needed.

### **Patrol Division Activity**

#### **Period Activity**

Patrol officers responded to hundreds of calls, including many that did not require written reports (disturbances, civil matters, questions and public assists). Patrol officers wrote 106 citations. They responded to nine accidents, four “hit and run” accidents and several private property accidents. One person was arrested for Racing on Highway, three were arrested for DWI and one for Driving While License Invalid/Suspended.

Four residential burglaries were reported, along with two vehicle burglaries and nineteen thefts. There were two reports of forgery made, along with nine criminal mischief offenses, three harassments and one report of criminal trespass. There were twelve assaults reported, one disorderly conduct, one person was arrested for Interference with Public Duties and one for Evading Arrest. Officers

investigated one suicide and entered one teen as a runaway. There were four vehicles reported stolen during this time. Two have already been recovered and arrests were made.

On July 15, officers responded to an address on West King Avenue, where three teens were sick due to taking prescription medication not prescribed to them and smoking synthetic marijuana. All three ended up in the local hospital.

On July 17, an officer stopped a teenage male for a traffic violation on North 17<sup>th</sup> Street. While contacting the driver, the grandfather of the male arrived and began cursing at officers. When he was told to leave, he tried to approach the vehicle. Officers asked for his identification and he refused to provide it and refused to give his name. After being warned to move away from the vehicle, he was arrested for Interference with Public Duties. Upon arrival at the jail, he claimed injury due to handcuffs. He was taken to the local hospital for evaluation. While there, he apologized to the arresting officer. After being medically cleared, he was transported to the jail. His grandson received a warning and was released.

On July 18, officers responded to Allen Drive where a female had intentionally overdosed on anti-depressants. She was transported to the local hospital.

On July 19, a university student called to report that he wanted to hurt himself. An officer picked him up and brought him to the PD, where he was evaluated by a mental health professional and released.

On July 19, an officer made a traffic stop at 6<sup>th</sup> and Doddridge. The 42 year-old male driver was arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

On July 20, a male reported that his pickup was missing from his driveway. An officer checked border crossings and learned the vehicle had crossed into Mexico three days prior.

On July 20, a local retail store reported that a male had stolen a carton of cigarettes. When officers viewed surveillance video, they were able to identify the male from previous contacts. He was not located but will be arrested at a later time.

A check by name and date of birth which came back to a valid Texas license but did not fit the driver's description was run by the officer. The officer found a baggie of marijuana in the vehicle and cuffed the driver. The driver also had "crack" pipe in his pocket. The male then admitted that he had given a false name. When the real name was given, it was determined that the man was a fugitive and he was wanted for Parole Violation. He was taken to jail and his car was impounded.

On July 21, an elderly lady reported that she had left her walker in the front yard and it was missing.

On July 22, a local bank reported that a female had opened an account at the bank then deposited several checks. She quickly withdrew all of the money from the deposits. Days later, it was determined that the checks were no good. The case remains under investigation.

On July 26, two females visited another female's house who was selling a bedroom set. After the two females left, the resident realized that \$400 and a cell phone were missing.



On July 26, an officer attempted to catch a speeding motorcycle but the motorcycle drove across vacant lots, through woods and lost the officer. A short time later, a 9-1-1 call was received regarding a motorcycle accident. The officer located the male and the damaged motorcycle and placed him under arrest.



On July 27, officers responded to a man down in the 1600 block of E. Corral. Officers woke the intoxicated male who advised that he lived “down the street”. When they asked the male his address, he repeatedly gave his date of birth. Since they could not determine where he lived, he was transported to jail for Public Intoxication.

On July 28, officers responded to a local drive-in restaurant where a female was passed out in the driver’s seat of her vehicle. An ambulance was called but it was determined that she was just intoxicated. Upon questioning by the officers, the female believed that she was in Corpus Christi, near the beach. After sobriety testing, she was arrested for DWI.

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

Detectives Supervisor assigned 120 cases and inactivated 53 cases as of July 30, 2015. Along with these cases there were also 5 DWI’s and 15 Crash reports.

Detectives are working a sexual assault of a child. 15 year old female claimed a 17 year old male, "raped" her approx 3 years ago. The mother reported the outcry last weekend. CAC interview will be conducted with the victim.

Detectives have been working on a Theft \$50-500 that occurred at Lowe's. After posting video of the subjects onto social media we received a large amount of tips. The tips identified the two females that had committed the theft. Warrants have been issued and the suspects have since been arrested on those charges.

Detectives are handling another case to where a juvenile female has been having a sexual relation with an adult male.

Detectives are still actively investigating an injury to a child with CPS. The child has been removed from the home and is in a safe location now.

This being the time of year that people are traveling out of town, be aware of your belongings. Have someone check on your property and leave a point of contact for emergencies.

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 82 cases during this period. There were 21 cases filed in District Court, 50 cases filed in County Court, 8 cases filed in City Court, and 3 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.

### **Communications Staff Report Period Activity**

#### **Business Outreach –**

In order to better serve our community, Patrol Officers check local businesses after hours to make sure they are secured. Telecommunication Operators are going out during working hours and contacting our businesses to update their information. This information is used for after hour emergency contact for the businesses.

We have worked our way from S Brahma (Navy Army), all of the businesses on S 14<sup>th</sup> street to south of E Caesar. So far we have made contact with over 30 businesses. The personal contact we have been making with business owners and employees has been very positive. We will continue this process for the next few weeks until we contact all of the businesses in the area.

#### **Projects-**

Communication Trailer can be used during emergencies, major calls, and community events. The trailer is in need of some upgrading to the system that it currently has. The issues are currently being worked on and hope the trailer will be put to use very soon.

#### **Training-**

Operators continue to take free online classes that are being offered by TCOLE. Two of our operators are also getting prepared to take the State exam. By taking the State exam they will become Licensed Telecommunication Operator.

ABANDONED VEHICLE	14	LIGHTS-MALFUNCTIONING	4
ACCIDENT-BLUE FORM/PRIVATE PROPERTY	17	LOST/STOLEN PROPERTY	13
ACCIDENT-FAIL TO STOP AND LEAVE INFO	13	LOUD PARTY/DOG/OTHER	21
ACCIDENT-MINOR	29	OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	12
AGENCY ASSIST-FIELD EVENT	96	PARKING VIOLATION	14
ALARM-BUSINESS	84	POCS-POSSESSION OF	6

ALARM-RESIDENCE	70	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	
ANIMAL CONTROL CALL		POM-POSSESSION OF	
OUT	27	MARIJUANA	11
ANIMAL CRUELTY	1	PUBLIC ASSIST	14
ASSAULT	45	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	8
ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	5	PUBLIC UTILITIES	46
BAR CHECK	9	RECKLESS DRIVER	37
BOLO INFORMATION	4	REPORT-ANY TYPE	1
BUILDING CHECK	12	ROBBERY	2
BURGLARY BUILDING	1	ROUTINE PATROL	46
BURGLARY HABITATION	9	RUNAWAY	4
BURGLARY VEHICLE	8	SECURITY CHECK	7
		SHOTS FIRED	8
		SIGNAL 500-UNATTENDED	
		DEATH	2
CID FOLLOW-UP	7	STALLED VEHICLE	17
CITY ORDINANCE			
VIOLATION	14	SUICIDE-ATTEMPT	7
CIVIL MATTER	25	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	195
CIVIL STANDBY	16	TERMINATED 911 CALL	13
CONSUMPTION OF			
ALCOHOL BY MINOR	2	TERRORISTIC THREAT	5
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	16	THEFT	45
CRIMINAL TRESPASS-			
RESIDENCE/BUSINESS/CTW			
ISSUED	8	Traffic	1414
DAMAGED PROPERTY	25	TRAFFIC HAZARD	23
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	3	TRAFFIC STOP	1
		UUMV-UNAUTHORIZED USE OF	
DISTURBANCE	133	MOTOR VEHICLE	6
DUI-DRIVING UNDER THE		WARRANT	
INFLUENCE	1	MUNICIPAL/COUNTY/TCIC/NCIC	109
DWI-DRIVING WHILE			
INTOXICATED	9	WELFARE CONCERN	64
DWLI/DWLS	1	JUNK VEHICLE	1
ESCORT	7	FOUND PROPERTY	7
EVADING	2	FRAUD	2
		HARASSMENT	
FAIL TO IDENTIFY	1	LETTER/PHONE/TEXT	36
FIRE	7	INFOLOG	23
FIREWORKS	20	INJURED PERSON	1
FLAG DOWN	5	FORGERY	2

**STREET LEVEL OPERATIONS TEAM  
PERIOD ACTIVITY**

**MURRAY:**

CASES FILED WITH COUNTY COURT: 15  
CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT: 3  
PROSECUTION CHARGE REPORT SUPPLMENTS: 17  
TRAFFIC STOPS: 74  
CITATIONS: 2

**GONZALEZ:**

Case #1500019242 – Inv. Gonzalez conducted a lawful traffic stop at Highway 77 and E Senator Carlos Truan Blvd. During the course of the investigation the driver of the vehicle was arrested for Possession of Marijuana under two ounces.

Case #1500020016 – Inv. Gonzalez conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was driving in excess of 100 mph on Highway 77. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for Reckless Driving.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 139**  
**CITATIONS: 5**

**RUIZ:**

Case #1500017834– Inv. Ruiz conducted a lawful traffic stop at Highway 77 and South Creek. During the course of the investigation Inv. Ruiz arrested the driver and passenger of the vehicle for Possession of Marijuana under two ounces.

Case #1500020383 – Inv. Ruiz assisted Texas Department of Public Safety with a traffic stop in which his K9 partner Brit showed a positive alert to the odor of narcotics. Over one pound of marijuana was located in the vehicle.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 98**  
**CITATIONS: 7**

On July 2, 2015 Inv. Gonzalez and several other SWAT members participated in the fireworks celebration that was hosted by Naval Air Station Kingsville. The SWAT Officers were responsible for tactical response for the NASK Firework Celebration. Inv. Gonzalez and several other SWAT members were later recognized by NASK Commanding Officer Misner for their participation in the event.





#### **NARCOTICIS INVESTIGATION:**

#### **TRAINING:**

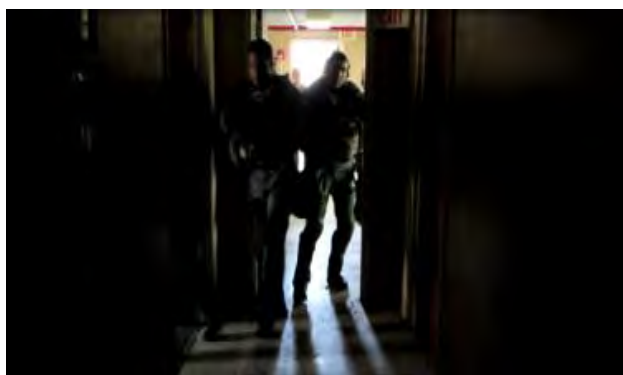
On 07-18-15 and 07-29-15 Inv. Ruiz conducted K9 training with the K9 handlers from the King Ranch as well as the Kingsville Task Force.

#### **TRAINING BUREAU**

On July 14, 2015 The Kingsville SWAT Team completed four hour of training. The Team practiced Tactical Pistol Training at the Kings Ranch Shooting Rang. They covered Long Distance Pistol shooting, Target Discrimination, Moving and shooting and transition drills.

On July 21, 2015 The Kingsville SWAT Team completed four hour of training. The Team practiced Tactical Rifle Training, Transitions, Rifle Scenarios, Moving and shooting, Hostage Rescue Shooting and Target Discrimination.

On July 28, 2015, The Kingsville SWAT Team completed four hours of Training. The Team practiced Moving, Slow Clearing and Deliberate entries.



## 2015 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS

### ***WEEK 29***

The following stats are from Week 29:

- Junk Vehicles-3
- Abandoned Vehicles-3
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -27
- Reports Completed-7

### ***WEEK 30***

The following stats are from Week 30:

- Junk Vehicles-1
- Abandoned Vehicles-4
- Parking Citations -3
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -25
- Traffic Citations-5
- Reports Completed-4

So far for the year of 2015, 117 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 65 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 276 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year and 165 Traffic Citations.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.



500 W. Richard Ave.



700 E. Miller Ave.



400 W. Henrietta Ave.

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

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

Monday, August 24, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 14, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 12, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26, 2015	6:00 p.m.

**Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)**

Thursday, August 13, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 27, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 10, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 24, 2015	3:00 p.m.

**Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)**

Planning and Zoning Commission	Wednesday, August 19, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, August 19, 2015	4:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustments	Thursday, August 13, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Joint Airport Zoning Board	Thursday, August 13, 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	0	0