

# Staff Report

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Don't find fault, find a remedy.-Henry Ford

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## FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES

### Good Job Award!!!



*Courtney Alvarez has graciously taken on the additional duties of Interim City Manager and has led our City Staff with gentle words but stern instruction. I always felt she was still part of the team and not just the team leader. She listens closely to our concerns and sticks straight to the rules and guidelines we have set to insure that fairness is maintained from all sides. She spent an enormous amount of time I am sure working with Finance on the City's entire Budget. I watched as she held firm to the decisions that she and the Finance Manager had made in preparing the budget during budget workshops. She is fierce and I am glad she is on our team. Thanks Courtney!* Susan Ivy, Parks Manager

*"It has been a privilege as well as a pleasure working directly with Courtney Alvarez. Courtney is very smart and talented. I will consider her an Engineer with the wealth of knowledge she has in the field and how easy she made my job. Her leadership style was outstanding, she made sure city operations ran efficiently and effectively. Two words describe Ms. Alvarez "Wonder Woman!" She spent countless hours (and nights) making sure the city of Kingsville was safe while improving the quality of life. She juggled multiple jobs as well as the public's eye. Thank you Courtney for a job well done! Keep up the great work! I'm sure we will continue to work together making Kingsville an Awesome place"* Charlie Cardenas, City Engineer/Public Works Director



*Mrs. Alvarez has done a Fantastic Job taking on all the additional duties of a City Manager and still succeeded to stay on top of her City Attorney duties as well. She has been gracious, patient and understanding with all of us. She always had her door open to us, despite her heavy work load, and always kept a smile and friendly face to anyone who would walk in her door.* Melissa Perez, Risk Manager

*Mrs. Courtney provided direction and calm waters. Thank you.*  
Tom Ginter, Director of Planning & Development Services

*Ms. Courtney Alvarez has served the City and its employees in a remarkable manner during her tenure as Interim City Manager. She has work many hours to accomplish both City Attorney and City Manager tasks during the last few months. She displays a strong work ethic for all to admire and leads by example. A sincere thank you for your patience, professionalism and leadership role displayed during the tenure of Interim City Manager. The GOOD JOB AWARD nomination is well deserved.* Diana Gonzalez, Human Resource Director

*Mrs. Alvarez has done a great job in keeping the City of Kingsville moving forward during her term as Interim City Manager. Thank you Ms. Courtney for being a great leader.* Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

**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 Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at City Hall, Commissioner Chamber. 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 “Preventing Slips, Trips & Falls” with a 30 minute video and a brief discussion afterwards. Attending the safety training from the Health Department was Connie Allen. Thanks to Mrs. Perez for the training opportunity. We look forward to next month’s training.



***City-County Health Department Monthly Revenues***

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

**Statistics-Revenues**

<b>Fees collected</b>	<b>Consumer Health</b>	<b>Animal Control</b>
Oct 2014	\$1,090.00	\$1,884.00
Nov 2014	\$623.00	\$1,470.00
Dec 2014	\$1,390.00	\$1,940.00
Jan 2015	\$1,538.00	\$2,405.00
Feb 2015	\$1,013.64	\$2,650.00
Mar 2015	\$1,621.00	\$1,980.00
April 2015	\$1,395.00	\$1,780.00
May 2015	\$1,344.07	\$1,490.00
June 2015	\$1,429.00	\$1,166.00
July 2015	\$1,453.45	\$2,563.00
Aug 2015	\$1,735.00	\$2,966.00
Sept. 2015	\$2,015.00	\$1,917.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,647.16</b>	<b>\$26,911.00</b>

**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.

**October 19-30, 2015**

Sonic Drive Inn	89	Stacey's Fro Yo	100
Boat & Net	94	Mariachi House of Burges	86
Little Caesar's Pizza (Complaint)	81	Big Events Cakes & More	98

Little Caesar's Pizza (Follow-up)	91	Donut Palace	92
Agave Jalisco #4 (complaint)	76	Baffin Fisherman	95
Dollar Tree	89	Taiwan Restaurant	86
Family Dollar Store	94	Dixie Cream Donuts	99
McDonald's (Hwy 77 - complaint)	94	China West	96
Texas Craving Mobile unit	93	Dollar General (N. 14th)	92
Walgreens	94	TAMUK - Starbucks	97
TAMUK - Javelina Bookstore	99	TAMUK - Catering	90
Super 8 Motel	86	Comfort Inn	85
TAMUK - P.O.D.	94	TAMUK - Chic-Fil-A	98
TAMUK - Subway	94	Nutricion	96
Kwik Pantry #107	99	Wal-Mart Grocery	89
Wal-Mart Bakery	92	Wal-Mart Deli	91
Wal-Mart Meat Market	90	Taqueria Martinez	98
Taqueria El Chato	94	Chili's	90
Kentucky Fried Chicken	97	Christus Spohn Health	97

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

City-County Health Unit	24 Students	Regular Food Handler Class/Health Dept.
St. Martins Church	16 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class/Health Dept.
Christ United Methodist Church	15 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class/Health Dept.
St. Joseph Church	17 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class/Health Dept.

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

Gabriel Cavazos	Temporary Food Event	Brisket & Pull Pork Sandwich Sales
Benefit for Mr. Delone	Temporary Food Event	Hamburger, Chips, Drink Sales
Benefit for Joe Garza	Temporary Food Event	Chicken Salad Plate Sale

***New Business-Now Open***

Angel's Italian Ice & Smore                                      634 E. King                                      Selling Italian Ice & Smores

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

<b>Consumer Health</b>	<b>Food Establishment Insp.</b>	<b>Restroom Insp.</b>	<b>Food Handler Attendees</b>	<b>Day Care &amp; Foster Homes Insp.</b>	<b>Temp. Food Event Permits</b>
Oct 2014	72	116	50	0	10
Nov 2014	59	85	69	6	7
Dec 2014	44	67	14	2	0
Jan 2015	65	102	57	2	14
Feb 2015	57	69	54	4	7
Mar 2015	48	87	43	2	6
Apr 2015	65	101	41	0	4
May 2015	64	66	64	0	10
June 2015	42	81	24	2	0
July 2015	61	98	61	4	12
Aug 2015	65	82	93	2	6
Sept. 2015	45	87	68	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>1041</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>87</b>

**Animal Control Center Division**

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

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



**Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm**

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

**Adoption fee is \$25.00 for dogs & \$20.00 for cats and a \$20.00 refundable vaccination fee**

*Adopters and rescue groups are invited to save a life!*

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

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

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

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

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***Dog Food Donation***

Our local Tractor Supply Company donated 250 pounds of dry dog food to the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center. Your continuous support and donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

***TAMUK-Volunteer***

Rachel Diaz, a TAMUK Student from Dr. Marion Blake's Psychology 3301 class is helping bath our smallest shelter dogs. These puppies are being gently bathed with puppy shampoo that will help kill the fleas and ticks on these adorable and cute puppies. Thanks Rachel Diaz for your volunteerism at the City-County Health Department Animal Control Center.



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

<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>Oct 2014</b>	<b>Nov 2014</b>	<b>Dec 2014</b>	<b>Jan 2015</b>	<b>Feb 2015</b>	<b>Mar 2015</b>	<b>Apr 2015</b>	<b>May 2015</b>	<b>June 2015</b>	<b>July 2015</b>	<b>Aug 2015</b>	<b>Sept 2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
Dogs impounded	191	126	121	127	107	128	139	125	139	133	112	121	<b>1569</b>
Dogs adopted	28	22	26	27	18	23	25	14	12	30	17	20	<b>262</b>
Dogs released	24	26	21	26	42	34	26	21	17	19	23	18	<b>297</b>
<i>Dogs Rescue (Groups)</i>	41	12	28	30	19	14	13	32	29	35	29	34	<b>316</b>
Cats impounded	159	97	70	98	96	108	173	165	126	123	89	91	<b>1398</b>
Cats adopted	6	6	12	11	6	3	11	12	3	9	5	4	<b>88</b>
Cats released	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	<b>8</b>
Cats rescued (Groups)	3	0	1	0	20	12	30	5	1	0	21	26	<b>119</b>
Opossum in traps	72	51	71	56	57	62	74	66	36	61	59	74	<b>739</b>
Other animals impounded	6	0	2	1	12	9	2	5	7	10	15	6	<b>75</b>
Other animals adopted	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	<b>9</b>
# of humans bitten	5	5	6	5	7	4	4	4	6	7	5	5	<b>63</b>
Animals obs. 10 days	5	4	5	3	5	4	2	3	4	5	3	5	<b>48</b>
Warnings issued	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	<b>7</b>
Citation issued	75	41	67	28	26	25	25	25	17	35	15	20	<b>399</b>

**Vector Control Division**

**Mosquito Control Division-(Vector)**

With the mosquito season and raining season not over yet in South Texas, 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 these helpful hints, 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!***

**A Reminder to Protect Yourself from Mosquitoes**

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

So be sure to:



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

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

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

It is important that everyone does their part to help prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. The City-County Health Unit will start mosquito surveillance this month, and will start to spray for mosquitoes if need be. Spraying is done at dusk, and the entire city is sprayed. Chemical pellets have also been placed in standing water to kill mosquito larva. If you have standing water you may soon have mosquitoes, so remember to drain after the rain.



### Honey Bees Calls

The City-County Health Department is still responding to bee calls within the city limits. Honey bees are still very active in this fall season and can be very dangerous as ever. Calls we have responded range from bees on trees, fence lines, water meters, and in the eaves of houses. The other calls had to be abated by a professional Licensed Pest Control Company at the request of the property owner. So if you plan to mow, weed-eating, clean or do any other chores around your property make sure to check for honey bees. Please remember that loud noises can provoke bees to attack. **SO BEE CAUTIOUS!** Also please keep in mind that the City-County Health Department will not spray bees inside of a structure due to any damages that might occur. Pictured below is Chuck Jennings, Animal Control Specialist who is abating a bee hive that fell off a tree at Chamberlain Cemetery.



**City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Vector Control**

<b>Vector Control</b>	<b>Oct 201 4</b>	<b>Nov 201 4</b>	<b>Dec 201 4</b>	<b>Jan 201 5</b>	<b>Feb 201 5</b>	<b>Mar 201 5</b>	<b>Apr 201 5</b>	<b>May 201 5</b>	<b>June 201 5</b>	<b>July 201 5</b>	<b>Aug 201 5</b>	<b>Sept 201 5</b>	<b>Tota l</b>
Calls pertaining to bees	18	1	4	4	6	7	23	23	28	64	19	11	<b>208</b>
Removal of swarms	7	1	1	1	6	5	15	16	20	38	8	1	<b>119</b>
Site unable to abate	11	0	3	3	0	2	8	7	8	26	11	10	<b>89</b>
Mosquito surveillance	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Larvacide applications (Blocks)	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
Adulticide Application (Days of Mosquito Spraying at night)	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	4	0	0	0	<b>16</b>

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

HR NEWS



**Health Fair 2015**

**The joint City/County Employee Health Fair went as scheduled on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. The HR Department worked with Kleberg County Insurance Coordinator Veronica Hare, Christus Spohn Wellness, and Texas A&M Health Science Center – Irma Rangel School of Pharmacy in the coordination of this employee event. Approximately 205 people attended the joint event.**

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## **CITY OF KINGSVILLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **FIRE**

**Fire Telecommunications Operator – \$ 10.80 hr**

**Firefighter - \$ 46,209 Annual**

- **Requires:**
- **Firefighter Cert.(TCFP) and**
- **EMS Paramedic Cert.**



- OR
  - Minimum of 1 certification and
  - completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> within 6 months
- POLICE

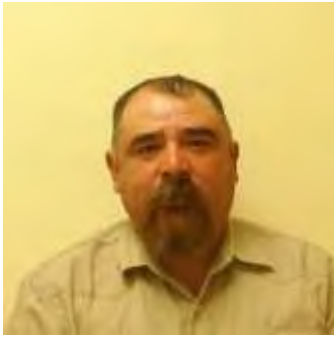
Police Telecommunications Operator - \$ 12.02 hr

PURCHASING & IT

Administrative Assistant II – Purchasing & IT Department - \$ 13.73 hr

The City has several other vacancies which are in the process of interviews and candidate selection.

**NEW EMPLOYEES**



Celso Garcia

Maintenance Worker

Street Division/Public Works Department

**Promotions/Transfers**



Promoted from Equipment Operator III to Water Supervisor

**ANNIVERSARIES – NOVEMBER**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Roel Cavazos	Fire Marshal	32

Richard Kirkpatrick	City Marshal	14
Ricardo Torres	Police Chief	12
John Greif	Police Officer	10
Jose Gonzalez	Police Officer	7
Diana Medina	Collection's Manager	6
Ruben Basaldu	Firefighter	5
David Mason	Purchasing & IT Director	5
Luke Stevens	Sanitation Supervisor	4
Lonnie Brown	Police Officer	3
Cynthia Garcia	Police Officer	3
Augustine Ruiz Jr	Police Officer	3
Brandan Rogers	Firefighter	3
Robert Rodriguez	Library Director	2
Jesse Rivera	Water Equipment Operator II	2
Kyle Benson	Help Desk Coordinator	1
Kevin Martinez	Police Officer	1
Jacob Salinas	Parks Maintenance Worker	1
Nora Martinez	Parks P/T Customer Service Representative	1

**Separations:**

10/23/2015 Jaime Montalvo – Equipment Operator III - Street

10/26/2015 Rene Baez – Fire Telecommunications Operator

10/30/2015 Ashly Garcia – Police Telecommunications Operator

11/12/2015 Thelma Trevino – Administrative Assistant II – Purchasing & IT

**Civil Service Corner**

Civil Service Commission Members:

Nick Harrel - Chairperson

Dora Martinez - Vice-Chairperson

Alonzo Lopez

The Civil Service Commission continues to review the draft rules and regulations at their monthly scheduled meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2015 at 12 noon.

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

August 2015 – 27 prescriptions filled under this program used by a total of 15 individuals for a monthly savings of \$ 556.50. The average price savings was \$20.63 per prescription which translates to a 33.8% savings on prescriptions.

September 2015 – 12 prescriptions filled under this program used by a total of 8 individuals for a monthly savings of \$ 134.72. The average price savings was \$11.23 per prescription which translates to a 15.1% savings on prescriptions.

Data from January 2013 to current, the program has been utilized by 481 individuals for a grand total savings of \$15,394.37. The plan has averaged a 26.2% savings in filling 1,173 prescriptions for persons in the Kingsville community.

### **Other News**

On October 30, 2015, the HR Director met with Risk Manager Melissa Perez and Texas A&M Academic Advisor – Center for Student Success Cindy Longoria to discuss internship opportunities for A&M students. Program would allow students to gain real world experience in risk management, human resources, management and marketing.

The HR Department has commenced working on this year’s Employee Recognition events. Awards are scheduled for distribution during the annual Employee Recognition and Safety Week December 7th – 11<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Parks & Recreation (Courtesy of Susan Ivy, Manager)***

#### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

The Parks & Recreation Department has adopted “Make A Difference Day” as our Annual Day of Volunteering which also celebrates a National Volunteer Day which was established by the family magazine USA Today. The national event was held October 24<sup>th</sup> but every year this event falls on TAMUK Homecoming day, so we scheduled it for the weekend before. Ours was held Oct 17<sup>th</sup> with projects at Dick Kleberg Park, Xeriscape Garden and Corral Park. We had close to 100 volunteers working at all locations. Team leaders from Parks & Keep Kingsville Beautiful assisted 65 volunteers from University, 20 from 4H, Kingsville Boxing Club, Girl Scout Troop 9221, and a few independent volunteers as well. Tree trimming, fence line cleanup and playground cleanup was done at DKP. Trimming and mulching were done at Xeriscape Garden by TAMUK Basketball Team, new plants installed at the County Courthouse Annex, and Pharmacy School Students worked at Corral Park cleaning up playground and exercise stations. These photos do not show all of the volunteers. A big “thank you” goes out to everyone who showed up!





### **BIG HOUSE BURGERS/BBQ BASH**

The same day as volunteer day, Big House Burgers/BBQ hosted their 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party in J.K.Northway. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> year for the Big House Bash & Siggo Team Roping. It gets bigger every year. Big House



owner/operator Tito Villareal quoted 2,300 as an estimated attendance at this year's event with many guests coming from out of town. Over 230 teams participated in the roping event which also increases in popularity every year.

### **RAINED OUT RUN**

Due to the big rain event in Kingsville the third weekend of October, our "Run For Your Life" 5k event was cancelled. We considered rescheduling it but as there were so many other runs and Halloween events scheduled, we decided to turn those funds toward other activities we are planning for the holidays and the new year. We were able to minimize funds expended and sponsors have agreed to allow us to use their funds on our next event. We thank them for their continued support!

### **DOWNTOWN EVENT**

Parks office staff Stephannie Benson and Nora Martinez are pictured below assisting with the City of Kingsville/KKB "Go Green Halloween Safe Trick or Treating" event held downtown on October 28th. We all had a great time and City Staff, especially Jennifer Bernal and her staff, did an excellent job coordinating the event.





**HEALTH FAIR**

The City-County Health Fair coordinated by City HR Director Diana Gonzalez and County Insurance Coordinator Veronica Hare was a great program for City and County staff. The event was held at the J.K. Northway building on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. All of the health testing and demonstrations were very useful, as were the flu shots. It is great to be able to get that kind of info and assistance from your employer and insurance companies.

**MISC.**

Parks Maintenance crews have been trying to keep up with mowing and trimming the last month but have been struggling a bit with that due to staffing and special events. We are thankful for the rain but irritated by the ants that it made active which we are struggling to control.

**ON-GOING EVENTS**

Soccer season continues, girls softball will start soon, Ranch Hand Festival events are coming as are La Posada de Kingsville holiday events. For event information visit our Kingsville Parks & Recreation Facebook page.

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

Rain, rain, and more to come! We recently received over 5 inches of well needed precipitation. The course will be better for it, but two tournaments had to be rescheduled.

The Boys and Girls Club Tournament has been rescheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>.

The American Legion Tournament has been rescheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Along with the rainfall, we have had a very good October and would like to thank everyone for the continued support.

November 7<sup>th</sup> is the Texas A&M Kingsville baseball golf tournament. On the 14<sup>th</sup> the Men's Golf Association will be hosting its tournament. We will also have the Border Patrol tournament on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, the City Commission approved a lease agreement for new golf carts. The 45 new golf carts are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

With the time change on November 1<sup>st</sup>, our twilight rate now begins at 1:00pm. Twilight rate does include the cart fee \$18.

For any questions about upcoming tournaments or rescheduled event please feel free to contact us. Also ask about our membership special!



### **Scheduled events at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:**

November 7<sup>th</sup> - Texas A&M Kingsville Baseball Tournament

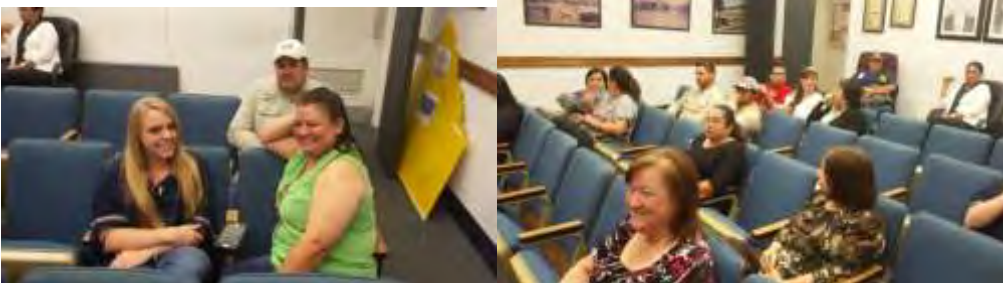
November 14<sup>th</sup> – Kingsville Golf Association Tournament

November 21<sup>st</sup> – Border Patrol Golf Tournament

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

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

#### **Risk Manager Trains City Employees on “Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls”**



The Risk Manager conducted monthly safety training for all city employees on October 27th. This month’s topic was on: Preventing slips, trips and falls. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), slips, trips and falls accounted for 15.8% of all fatal occupational injuries in 2013. The BLS reported a preliminary total of 4,405 fatal work injuries for calendar year 2013. Of this total, 699 were associated with slips, trips and falls. Falls to a lower level accounted for 574 (82%) and falls on the same level accounted for 106 (15.2%) fatalities. In addition, of the 1,162,210 nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work in 2013, 296,130 of these cases were associated with slips and falls. Falls on the same level resulted in 10 median days away from work and falls to a lower level resulted in 20 median days away from work. In this month’s safety training we will discuss causes and ways to prevent slips, trips and falls.

## Risk Manager Conducts Monthly Safety Training for Public Works Employees Topic: Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls & Ladder Safety



### Employee Appreciation

The City of Kingsville held an Employee Appreciation Event on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Texas A&M Kingsville. Members of the Employee Recognition Committee and The Human Resource Department planned a tailgate event for all employees. Members of the committee who helped out were: Carol Rogers, Mary Valenzuela, Emilio Garcia, Leo Alarcon, Jennifer Bernal, and Theresa Cavazos. A big thank you to Thelma Trevino for helping out at the tailgate and Diana Gonzalez for helping us prepare for the tailgate as well. The event is for all City employees. Committee members were there to serve Chili Beef hotdogs, with all the fixings, chips and drinks. This is just one way we show our employees how awesome we think they are!!

### Risk Manager Conducts Safety and Health Orientation to New City Employees



Risk Manager conducts Safety and Health orientation to new city employees on a regular basis. Why is Safety and Health Orientation so important to a newly hired employee? An orientation program creates a positive first impression of the city's or organizations expectations for the employees. Orientation demonstrates that the company or city is sensitive to the needs of new hires, which can lead to a greater level of comfort. Employees can also gain the sense that the company/city is a professional, well-managed organization that pays close attention to detail and is willing to assist employees during the sometimes-difficult transition period when starting a

new job. It can also increase the employee's comfort level regarding their decision to join the company or department.

### AAA Says Trick-or-Treaters Are At Higher Risk This Halloween

Halloween is an exciting time of year for many young people, but it also holds its share of hidden dangers. AAA reminds parents and caregivers to take extra precautions if their children will be trick-or-treating on neighborhood streets. In a recent AAA Consumer Pulse survey, 58 percent of parents report they are no



more concerned about their children's safety simply because Halloween falls on a Saturday. However, the scary truth is that statistics show that fatal injuries from motor vehicle crashes rise nearly 50 percent when Halloween falls on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday. "A safe Halloween means seeing and being seen," said Amy Stracke, Managing Director, Traffic Safety Advocacy for AAA – "Excited children who may break the safety rules they usually follow, need to be reminded that safety is a responsibility we all share."

### **Employee Recognition & Safety Committee Planning for Upcoming "Safety Week" & "Employee Appreciation Banquet" December 7-11 2015**



The Employee Recognition and Safety Committee have been meeting on a regular basis to discuss upcoming Employee Recognition Safety Week and Annual Employee Appreciation Banquet. December is only two months away which does not give the committee too much time to start preparing. Every year The City of Kingsville shows its appreciation to all its employees by having a Safety and Employee Recognition Week. The week is filled with Years of Service recognition awards, safety and health speakers, door giveaways, prizes, lots of food and fun. The Friday of that week, employees attend the Annual Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet. Employees and their dependent family can enjoy an evening filled with dancing, dinner, prizes and lots of fun for the whole family.

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

#### **Tourism Services Department**

#### **Retirement Celebration Given to Dick Messbarger**

Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate served as the MC for the retirement celebration of Dick Messbarger who retired after 25 years as executive director of the Greater Kingsville Economic Development Council. Messbarger was praised and toasted as a great asset to Kingsville by many current and former colleagues present at the event.





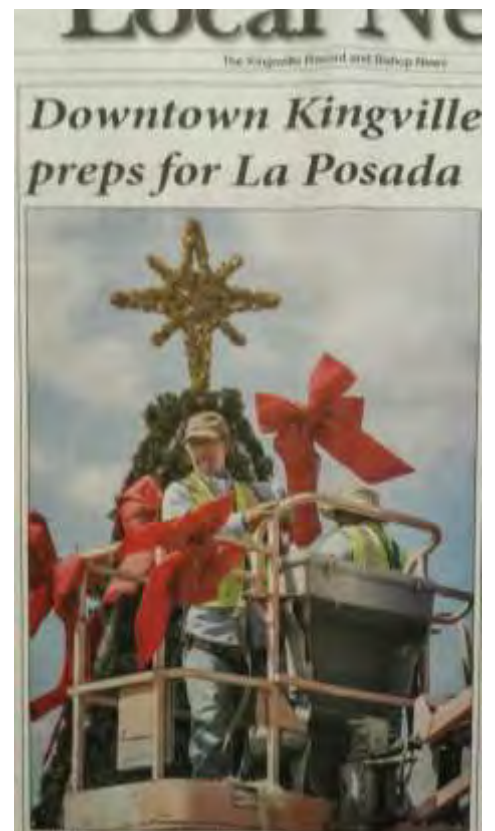
## Media Attention Given to Kingsville Hispanic Business District

Corpus Christi media recently featured local Historical Development Board chairwoman Maggie Salinas on the revitalization of Kingsville's old Hispanic business district on Richard Avenue. Caller-Times reporter Mary Lee Grant wrote a feature story entitled "Residents, city working to revive historic Hispanic district" and shortly after that KORO Univision channel 28 reported in the place where Hispanics connect with their culture. The primary goal of the Historical Development board is to act in an advisory capacity to the City Commission to advise the city on the protection, enhancement and perpetuation of historic structures. City officials toured several buildings along Richard Avenue with Caller-Times photographer Courtney Sacco. At right are pictures of the revitalized chapel and museum with Sister Maxie Cruz.



## City Workers Spotted by Kingsville Record-Bishop News

Public Works department personnel Apolonio Cadena and Danny Pena were hard at work in downtown Kingsville putting up the City Christmas tree when a photographer from the Kingsville Record spotted them on top of a manlift. The two were all over the downtown district stringing up garland and lights. Also assisting with the Christmas tree was George Delgado with the Tourism department.



## Tourism Department Participates in Symposium



“Commit to Lifelong Learning” was the theme for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Holt Cat Symposium on Excellence in Ranch Management which was held in late October at the TAMUK ballrooms A & B. The symposium was sponsored by the King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. The Tourism department participated in the trade show portion of the event.

## Kingsville Mayor Gives Texas Governor Key to the City, “A First”

In presenting the key to the city, Mayor Sam Fugate said after 11 years in office he had finally presented his first key to a governor. Texas Governor Greg Abbott was in Kingsville to serve as keynote speaker for the Naval Air Station-Kingsville’s Navy Ball. It was the 240th birthday of the Navy and there were hundreds of military personnel and civilians in attendance. Also on hand with the mayor’s presentation was Commissioner Dianne Leubert.





## Tourism Department Participates in Javelina Homecoming Parade

The Tourism department van was spruced up and decorated for the annual Javelina Homecoming parade held in downtown Kingsville. The planned float that was going to be pulled by the van was postponed due to the weather conditions at the time.



**Downtown** *(Courtesy of Cynthia Martin, Downtown Manager)*

## Social Media Seminar for Small Businesses Held in Kingsville



Local small business owners attended a free social media seminar and luncheon hosted by the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and SCORE Corpus Christi partnered to present the latest time savers and best practices to help small businesses manage social media. The SBA has an office in the Chamber building and is good about passing along word of such opportunities to Kingsville Main Street staff.

## Downtown Online Inventory (DOI) Pilot Program

The City of Kingsville has applied to be part of a pilot program to develop an online building inventory tool that will help community revitalization efforts by centralizing current, detailed property data and displaying it in an easy-to-use and broadly accessible online platform. The software will integrate architectural, historical, real estate, and market data to strengthen local historic preservation efforts and facilitate downtown revitalization. The DOI will be designed by the Texas

Multi-Sector Business Inventory Form

BUSINESS CONTACT INFORMATION		SPACE INFORMATION	
Business Name:		What is the Space?	Total Building Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Y
Owner Name:		What is Location?	Year Spaced: <input type="checkbox"/> Y
Contact Name:		What is Business Type?	Other Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Y
Address:		Why? Condition (select one):	Production Space: <input type="checkbox"/> Y
City, State, Zip:		Historic Preservation:	Other Space: <input type="checkbox"/> Y
Phone:		Antiquarian:	Historical Space: <input type="checkbox"/> Y
Web:		Executive:	Unusual Space: <input type="checkbox"/> Y
Other Address:		Executive:	Unusual Space: <input type="checkbox"/> Y
Special Note Use:		Are you interested in learning about local businesses for building improvements (please attach)? (check)	If so, would you prefer to be contacted via phone or email?
BUSINESS CATEGORY		MARKET AND MARKETING DATA	
Business Category:	NAICS	Business Hours:	
Primary Products and Services:		Monday:	

Historical Commission with the 73 Certified Local Government and 87 local Main Street programs in Texas as the initial target users. Pilot communities will serve as local partners to create the online database by providing historic resource survey data, building information, photographs and other data and be an integral part of the software development process.

### **New Fence at Xeriscape Park**



A new split rail fence has been installed along the 6<sup>th</sup> Street edge of the Xeriscape Park downtown. The idea behind the fence is to create a boundary line for safety of children whose families participate in events at the Pavilion such as the monthly Farmers Market or just come with their families to enjoy the park.

### **Historic Pump House**

At the northern end of the Xeriscape Park, just beyond the City's 'new' pump house sits the City's historic pump house. The City Commission has dedicated funds this fiscal year for the rehabilitation of this architectural gem for public purposes. Killis Almond, a preservation architect from San Antonio, met with Tom Ginter, Charlie Cardenas, David Mason, Ron Gerd and Cynthia Martin on site to assess restoration issues and discuss possible uses for the structure.



### **Depot Project**

Adrian Medrano, an engineering student at Texas A & M- Kingsville is shown directing members of the University's architectural engineering club on how to use concrete tools to smooth out the concrete that will become the base for the display of a restored hand car that was used for railroad track maintenance. This structure is being built behind the Depot Museum to the north and will include a roof to shade the hand car once the vehicle has been installed on the base. This project started out as a summer class project for a group of



engineering students. Some of the students have stayed on as volunteers to see the project through to completion. Their professor, James Glusing, has special ties to the museum as his father, Ben, was instrumental in the Depot's restoration.

### **Depot Museum to be Featured in the Kingsville Record's Visitors Guide**



Kingsville Record reporter, Amber Aldaco, is shown with museum volunteer, Tommy Pollard taking notes on the museum and the history displayed therein. Mr. Pollard had family members who worked for the railroad here in Kingsville and shared many memories as well as historical details with the reporter. The Kingsville Record & Bishop News is planning to include the 1904 Train Depot Museum in a Visitor's Guide the newspaper is preparing. Stride for Health 5K/10K Run Being Planned for Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>



The Depot Museum was the spot for a meeting to coordinate City services with the event needs for the Stride for Health 5K/10K Run planned for the morning of the Ranch Hand Breakfast on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Organizers hoped the event would bring in more and a different crowd of people to attend the breakfast and the downtown Ranch Hand Festival, emphasize the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, and with the additional offering of a 3K historical walking tour, educate participants on the history of the city. The route starts at the Methodist Community Life Center at 5<sup>th</sup> & Yoakum winds through the university and ends up back where the walk started.

Organizer Liisa Hewitt is shown conferring with City Engineer, Charlie Cardenas, Police Chief Torres and Officer Jorge Flores.

### **Downtown Windows Painted for Javelina Homecoming**





Seventeen downtown business owners, including the Texas Theater under restoration, volunteered to have their windows painted in support of Javelina Homecoming.

### **TAMUK Homecoming Parade**



The City's Tourism Department showed their support for the Texas A & M University-Kingsville's Javelinas by participating in the October 21<sup>st</sup> homecoming parade downtown. What's a parade without music and plenty of school colors – the blue and gold- in evidence?

### **Javelina Innovation Lab Canopy Slated for Replacement**



Texas A&M University - Kingsville was awarded a façade grant by the City to replace the old canopy and clean up the façade of their building at 7<sup>th</sup> & Kleberg downtown. The School of Engineering is developing the building as a laboratory for students to create and showcase their projects. The art students will share in the use of this building during the Ranch Hand Festival on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, when they showcase their art prints created during the ever popular steamroller art segment of the festival traditionally held in the street in front of the building.

### **Long-time Downtown Merchants Speaks at Historic Commission Banquet**

Nick Harrell, third generation pharmacist and owner of Harrell's Pharmacy downtown, was the featured speaker at the Kleberg County Historical Commission's annual banquet on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Harrell commented on how little he has moved around in the city during his lifetime currently living a few blocks from his grandparent's home. The pharmacy itself has only moved 25' (to the east) since Nick Harrell Sr. established it in 1916. The pharmacy was recognized by the Texas Historical Commission in 2013 as a Texas Treasure Business – that is one that has been in continuous for-profit operation in Texas for 50 years and continues to operate in the same or similar fashion. Next time you visit a Whataburger, look for the Texas Treasure Business Award sticker on its front door.



### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Safe Trick or Treating Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**

The City's Community Appearance Division and Keep Kingsville Beautiful teamed up once again this year to bring a Fall Festival and safe trick or treating opportunity for all community kids to downtown. Two blocks of Kleberg Avenue were closed off and local merchants passed out candy. Children's games were sponsored by such diverse groups as the SWAT team and the library. Members of City staff dressed the part and volunteered to help at the event. There was a good crowd in attendance.

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

#### **KTF Agent Conducts Training at Operation PIPELINE Interdiction School**

On October 21 – 23, 2015, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) conducted an Operation PIPELINE interdiction school in El Paso, Texas. DEA and EPIC requested Kingsville Task Force Agent Tamez to teach blocks of instruction regarding passenger and commercial motor vehicle interdiction techniques.

Operation PIPELINE training is an ongoing effort by DEA and EPIC to provide instruction on criminal interdiction techniques as well as officer safety issues for law enforcement officers. Agent Tamez and other experienced instructors assisted with their training requests to continue the success of the program.

#### **KISD's 2015 Red Ribbon Week Kick-Off Celebration**

On Monday October 26, 2015, KISD held its annual Red Ribbon Week Kick-Off Celebration at the JS Gillett Intermediate School. The "Drug Free" event was attended by the KISD's Superintendents, School



Board Members, and several Community Leaders. The event had several guest speakers which included Kingsville Task Force Commander Vera.

Red Ribbon Week emphasizes the U.S. war on drugs and reminds us all of the ultimate sacrifice made by DEA Agent Enrique Camerena. The slogan “Just Say No” created by First Lady Nancy Reagan during her husband’s presidency was emphasized by Commander Vera.



### **Mississippi Agents Collaborate with Kingsville Task Force Interdiction Agents**

The Kingsville Task Force once again hosted a 5 member interdiction team from Pearl, Mississippi Police Department during this week. The Pearl PD group spent 3 days training with Agents of the Kingsville Task Force. Both agencies shared interdiction techniques and exchanged current interdiction methods utilized from different parts of the United States.

### **Kingsville Task Force Interdiction Agents Locate Crystal Meth in Gas Tank**

On Wednesday October 28, 2015, at approximately 9:36 AM, Kingsville Task Force Agents observed a blue in color Ford Ranger pick-up speeding, and was stopped at U.S. Highway 77 near CR 2150 in Kleberg County. During the traffic stop Agents noticed both the driver and passenger appeared to be overly nervous, displayed deceptive behavior, and had conflicting stories. During a consensual search of the Ford pick-up, Agents noticed anomalies within the vehicle. Agents utilized a fiber optic scope and a K-9 to locate contraband inside the gas tank.

One clear plastic bag was removed from the gas tank and it contained a crystal like substance. The substance tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine and weighed approximately .54 kilograms. The driver was arrested and transported to the Kleberg County Jail. The passenger was released pending indictment because of a medical condition. The Ford Ranger and the crystal meth were seized pending prosecution.





### **Kingsville Task Force Agents Visit Students at Gillett Intermediate School**

On Thursday October 29, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agents, along with K-9 Nitro, conducted two 15 minute long presentations on the dangers of using illegal drugs, for the JS Gillett Intermediate School 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> period lunches. Their main focal points were on the uses of synthetic marijuana and bath salts. K-9 Nitro was also on hand with his handler, Agent Villalobos, to show how a K-9 alerts to the presence of illegal narcotics.



### **Kingsville Task Force Agents Locate 5 Kilos of Cocaine in Vehicle Battery**

On Thursday October 29, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agents conducted a traffic stop on a white Volkswagen passenger vehicle on U.S. Hwy 77 and Sage Road for a Texas Transportation Code violation.

Based on the totality of circumstances, Task Force Agents asked for and were given verbal consent to search the vehicle. Searching the vehicle, Agents discovered a huge weight discrepancy with the vehicle's

battery; it was too light. Agents used a pry tool and slightly lifted the battery's lid, which should be sealed with an adhesive that will not allow it the lid to be removed. Although this vehicle battery appeared legitimate, the lid was easily removed and modifications were visible to the Agents.

Agents were able to cut open the battery and removed 3 individual packages; each covered in brown box tape. Agents cut into the packages and observed a white powdery substance; that tested positive for Cocaine. Total weight of the 3 packages is 5.2 kilograms.

The driver, a 24 year old female Houston resident, was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance and booked into the Kleberg County Jail.



Police Department *(Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Police Chief)*

#### Administrative Notes



It was a truly busy week at the police department as officers and staff from all divisions participated in Red Ribbon Week. Kingsville PD officers along with Robocop helped to greet children as they arrived at Jesus R. Perez School early on Monday morning. At 9:00 a.m. Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, the 2015 Red Ribbon Week Kick Off Celebration was held for

KISD at JS Gillett Intermediate School Gym. Present were many KISD, City of Kingsville and Kleberg County Dignitaries as well as representatives from all the law enforcement entities in the



area. The message for our children was clear that they should remain drug free, do not engage in bullying and make good choices.

Kingsville PD officers and staff also participated in events at Jubilee Academy, H.M. King High School, Aspire to Learn, N.M. Harrel Elementary, and the week prior at A.D. Harvey Schools.

### **SLOT PRESENTATION TO KIWANIS CLUB OF KINGSVILLE**

The Kiwanis Club of Kingsville hosted members of SLOT at Marlott's here in Kingsville. The program consisted of providing information on "Synthetic Marijuana."

SLOT has been directed by the Chief of Police to enforce all applicable statutes relating to the possession and use of this substance.

### **Patrol Division Period Activity**

The Patrol Division issued 152 citations and 43 written warnings during the two-week period. There were hundreds of calls for service, many of which did not require case numbers (civil matters, civil standbys, etc.) There were fourteen collisions investigated, two "hit and run" investigations and numerous private property accidents. One person was arrested for DWI and two were arrested for Driving While License Suspended/Invalid.



There were two residential burglaries, three vehicle burglaries and no burglaries of buildings. Fourteen reports were made for Criminal Mischief and nineteen reports were made for Theft.

There were nine reports made for Assault, two reports of Aggravated Assault and one report for Assault on a Public Servant. One report was made for Injury to a Child. One report was made for Runaway, one report for Harassment, three reports for Fraudulent Use of Identifying Information and five Criminal Trespass Warnings were issued.

### **INTERESTING CALLS:**

On October 15, officers were dispatched to S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, in reference to a white van that had struck the curb several times. Witnesses reported that the vehicle pulled into the Taco Bell parking lot and stopped. Officers found a 35 year-old female who could barely speak and was very confused. It was soon determined that she was under the influence of "synthetic marijuana" and was placed under arrest for this.

On October 16, officers responded to a Theft at Wal-Mart. The store's loss prevention officer had just arrived at work and observed a female pushing a cart where the items were already bagged. The female and two teenagers began leaving the store with three shopping carts of merchandise. The loss prevention officer approached the three, outside the store, and the three fled. The amount of items in the three shopping carts totaled over \$1,200.

On October 17, officers were providing a civil standby for a child custody issue. Officers discovered that a female involved had an outstanding warrant for Endangering a Child and placed her under arrest for this warrant.



On October 19, officers were dispatched to the 700 block of West Ella Avenue. Officers arrived and found a 24-year old female being restrained by bystanders. The female was breaking her neighbors' windows for an unknown reason. The officers attempted to cuff her but she struggled with three officers, threatening them the entire time. Enroute to the jail, she began kicking the interior cage of the back seat of the police unit to the point that the officer activated his overhead lights to get to the jail quicker. At the jail, she was being placed into a restraint chair. She continued making threats and spit in the jail supervisor's face.



On October 20, officers responded to a disturbance, where two males reported that a third male had threatened them and pointed a gun towards them. Officers found the third male a few blocks away and arrested him for an outstanding warrant. In his bag, a BB pistol was found that looks like a real revolver.

On October 24, officers were sent to a local nightclub in reference to an assault that had just occurred. Upon arrival, they could not find the disturbance but the unknown caller said that a male in an orange shirt had assaulted somebody. While an officer was inside the club, a TAMUK student approached him and said that he had just been assaulted, for an unknown reason, by a male in an orange shirt. The officer approached the male to identify him and the male in the orange shirt punched the officer in the face. The 25 year-old intoxicated male was arrested for Assault on a Public Servant and taken to jail.

On October 26, an officer recognized a fugitive inside a local store. The 34 year-old male had a warrant for Theft of a Firearm. Though he was shopping with no problems, he immediately complained of back pain once he was cuffed. He was taken to the local hospital, where he was eventually medically cleared. He was then taken to jail for the outstanding warrant.



On October 27, officers were dispatched to King and Armstrong in reference to a pedestrian having been struck by a vehicle. Officers found the 13 year-old male with minor injuries. Witnesses reported that the male appeared to be waiting on traffic when he suddenly bolted out into traffic. He struck the passenger-side of an eastbound vehicle, knocking the passenger-side mirror off the vehicle. He was transported to the local hospital. The driver of the vehicle was not cited.

#### **TRAINING/OTHER:**

Several officers attended Red Ribbon week festivities at various locations.



Several officers attended one of two Legal Update courses that were held at KPD on October 19.

Lieutenant Lile attended a 16-hour "Texas Crime Stoppers Conference" in Brownsville on October 21-23.

Officers Vega and Cervantes attended a 32-hour "Intermediate Crime Scene" at Alamo Academy in San Antonio from October 26-29.

Several officers received 8 hours of SWAT training.

Several officers took assigned classes from the TML Online training program.

**Communications Division  
Period Activity**

Call Transfer Per Agency

Alice PD	1
Bishop PD	5
Kingsville Fire & EMS	129
Admin Transfer	40
KSO	37
Texas A&M Kings	11

Total Traffic Stops- 1494

ABANDONED VEHICLE	2
ACCIDENT-BLUE FORM/PRIVATE PROPERTY	17
ACCIDENT-FAIL TO STOP AND LEAVE INFO	16
ACCIDENT-MAJOR	4
ACCIDENT-MINOR	37
AGENCY ASSIST-FIELD EVENT	89
ALARM-BUSINESS	72
ALARM-RESIDENCE	37
ANIMAL CONTROL CALL OUT	17
ANIMAL CRUELTY	4
ASSAULT	34
ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	3
BAR CHECK	45
BOLO INFORMATION	1
BUILDING CHECK	16
BURGLARY BUILDING	2
BURGLARY HABITATION	9
BURGLARY VEHICLE	12
CID FOLLOW-UP	23
CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATION	6
CIVIL MATTER	21
CIVIL STANDBY	21
CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	68
CRIMINAL TRESPASS-	23

RESIDENCE/BUSINESS/CTW ISSUED	
CURFEW VIOLATION	10
DAMAGED PROPERTY	17
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2
DISTURBANCE	108
DUI-DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	1
DWI-DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	2
DWLI/DWLS	4
ESCORT	4
EVADING	3
FIRE	8
FIREWORKS	1
FLAG DOWN	6
FOUND PROPERTY	11
FRAUD	3
HARASSMENT LETTER/PHONE/TEXT	15
IDENTITY THEFT	4
INFOLOG	10
INJURED PERSON	1
LIGHTS-MALFUNCTIONING	1
LOST/STOLEN PROPERTY	13
LOUD PARTY/DOG/OTHER	45
MISSING PERSON	3
OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	16
PARKING VIOLATION	9
POCS-POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	8
POM-POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	11
PUBLIC ASSIST	16
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	8
PUBLIC UTILITIES	44
RECKLESS DRIVER	35
REPORT-ANY TYPE	10
RESISTING ARREST	1
ROUTINE PATROL	37
RUNAWAY	12
SECURITY CHECK	4
SHOTS FIRED	6
SIGNAL 500-UNATTENDED DEATH	1
STABBING	1
STALLED VEHICLE	19
SUICIDE-ATTEMPT	3
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	277
TERMINATED 911 CALL	8
TERRORISTIC THREAT	1
THEFT	69
TRAFFIC HAZARD	13
UUMV-UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE	1
WARRANT MUNICIPAL/COUNTY/TCIC/NCIC	94
WELFARE CONCERN	68

## Criminal Investigation Bureau Period Activity

Detectives Supervisor assigned 120 cases and inactivated 44 cases as of October 28, 2015. Along with these cases there were also 1 DWI and 19 Crash reports.



On 10/26/2015 Juan Diego Martinez-Selvera pled Guilty to Intoxication Manslaughter and Accident Causing Death. Selvera caused the death of 20 year old Joaquin Olivarez whom was ejected from the front windshield and her body landed under a culvert in TAMUK property. It was discovered that Selvera fled the scene and was caught nearby at 1300 W Corral. Troopers were originally called out to work the scene but they refused to investigate. KPD accident investigator was called

out to work the scene with no argument. Since the beginning officers and investigators have done a great job on this case. This was the first time that KPD used a search warrant to obtain the Event Data Recorder (Black Box) from inside the vehicle. The information also showed that he had his seatbelt on as the driver and the passenger was not seat belted. It was also found that Selvera had a blood alcohol content of .15. It is cases like these that give our department a step above the rest.

Detectives have also had 12 felony indictments during this grand jury period. One subject was indicted for Indecency with a Child two counts and Sexual Assault of a Child three counts. Two subjects were indicted for Aggravated Assault with one of these subjects being a Federal Agent. Another subject was indicted on two counts of Injury to a child.

The Detectives have done an outstanding job on their cases. On top of working all the case load that they intel on a daily basis, they are still able to make time for the kids of our community. All our detectives realize the importance of making a positive impact with our schools. It is nice for us to give back to the kids. We were able to visit most of the schools during Red Ribbon ceremonies.



Other Detectives are working several other smaller thefts and different assaults that have occurred. Detectives have filed 52 cases during this period. There were 23 cases filed in District Court, 22 cases filed in County Court, 5 cases filed in City Court, and 2 filed in Juvenile Court.

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

## **2015 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS Period Activity**

### ***WEEKS 42***

The following stats are from Weeks 42:

- Junk Vehicles-5
- Traffic Citations-1
- Parking Citations-13
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -16
- Reports Completed-1

### ***WEEKS 43***

The following stats are from Weeks 43:

- Parking Citations -4
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -11
- Out on Bereavement Leave

So far for the year of 2015, 179 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 93 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 411 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year and 179 Traffic Citations.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.



200 Fairview Dr.-Abandoned



600 W. Ave. H-Abandoned



200 E. Fairview Dr.-Abandoned

**Street Level Operations Team (S.L.O.T.)  
Period Activity**



10/14/2015 – 10/28/2015 Work Log # 18- 2015

**SELF INITIATED CASES / ARREST:**

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

**MURRAY:**

**Case #1500028845** – Slot along with Detectives B. Allen and A. Contreras assisted the United States Postal Inspector with a parcel interdiction. A package was picked up by a male subject that contained approximately 5.5 pounds of marijuana. The male subject was taken into custody without incident and charged with the felony offense of Possession of Marijuana > 5 lbs. < 50 lbs.

Case #1500028674 – On 10-21-15 Cpl. Murray conducted a lawful traffic stop in the parking lot of A & J's. During the course of the investigation the driver of the vehicle was found to be in possession of marijuana. The driver of the vehicle was taken into custody for Possesion of Marijuana < 2oz.

Case #1500028734 – On 10-22-15 Cpl. Murray responded to the back of Coastal Bend College in reference to a fight in progress. Upon arrival contact was made with several subjects walking from the rear of the campus. It was discovered two male subjects from HM King High School had a mutual fight with one another. The injuries were documented and a report was generated for Assault Mutual Combat.

Case #1500029100 – On 10-25-15 Cpl. Murray and Inv. Ruiz conducted a bar check at the Silver Spur. It was approximately 2:16 am when officers entered the bar and observed approximately 50 to 60 people inside the bar. Nearly half of the customers inside the bar were still consuming alcohol after 2:15 am. Contact was made with the manager of the establishment. The manager was advised a report would be generated and forwarded to TABC.

**CASES FILED WITH COUNTY COURT: 15**

**CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT: 8**

**PROSECUTION CHARGE REPORT SUPPLMENTS: 10**

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 32**

**CITATIONS: 0**

**GONZALEZ:**

Case #1500028780 – On 10-22-15 Inv. Gonzalez was assisting Cpl. Murray with a Consensual Encounter of three male subjects near Seal and W Santa Gertrudis. As Cpl. Murray was speaking with the three male subjects Inv. Gonzalez walked up on three different subjects smoking marijuana inside the basketball court area of Turner Hall. Inv. Gonzalez placed all three subjects under arrest for Possession of Marijuana less than two ounces. Two of the subjects were also charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia for the two glass smoking pipes that they were using to inhale the marijuana. Two male subjects gave consent to enter their dorm room to retrieve the remaining marijuana. Several UPD officers assisted with the investigation.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 25**

**CITATIONS: 0**

**RUIZ:**

Case #1500028586 – On 10-20-15 Inv. Ruiz was working off duty security at Walmart when he issued a field release citation to a female for Theft < \$100.

Case #1500029091 – On 10-24-15 Inv. Ruiz conducted a lawful traffic stop in the 1100 block of E Lee. The female driver of the vehicle was later taken into custody for Municipal Warrants.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 16**

**CITATIONS: 0**

**PATROL ASSIST:**

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

On 10-26-15 Inv. Ruiz assisted several other officers including the Chief of Police with the Red Ribbon Kickoff at Gillette Intermediate.

**Systems Specialist  
Period Activity**

**October 28, 2015**

The following spice works request were addressed and resolve:

#	SUMMARY	ASSIGNEE	CREATOR	PRIORITY
✓ 179	Col desk Crimes diagram	Noe Sosa	Haydee Padilla	Med
✓ 178	Unit 0028 Coban hard drive not working	Noe Sosa	Haydee Padilla	Med
✓ 177	Esther Trevino needs a Laptop	Noe Sosa	Patrol3	Med
✓ 176	Unit 2705 Radio, Light Bar, Docking Station not working	Noe Sosa	Haydee Padilla	Med
✓ 175	Docking station in unit 2703 not working	Noe Sosa	Haydee Padilla	Med
✓ 174	reset my password e-mail	Noe Sosa	Video	Med
✓ 173	Video/Computer system not working properly for Unit 0039	Noe Sosa	Video	Med
✓ 172	Email for Tom Davis	Noe Sosa	Haydee Padilla	Med
✓ 171	Mobile Power (Unit 2703)	Noe Sosa	Haydee Padilla	Med
✓ 170	Unable to access Coban Video from desktop	Noe Sosa	lmcara@kings...	Med
✓ 169	Unit 0031 F. Veyra Coban not working	Noe Sosa	Haydee Padilla	Med
✓ 168	Unit Radio Needs to be Programmed	Noe Sosa	Video	Med
✓ 167	Fingerprint computer crashed.	Noe Sosa	Haydee Padilla	Med

The Fingerprinting machine with its old age has crashed. Staff replaced the hard drive with a spare and manually mounted the old hard drive and retrieved 8,000+ fingerprints that would have been lost but for fixing the machine. Staff has decided to make two backups of the fingerprints and store them in two separate locations.

I am working with crimes to implement AVL (Automatic Vehicle Locator) for patrol vehicles to be automatically mapped to dispatch.

**Training Bureau  
Period Activity**

On October 16, 2015 the Kingsville Police Department completed a two day (16) hour Intermediate Use of Force class that covered state and federal statutes related to use of force and civil rights. This course is

mandated by TCOLE in order for officers to receive their intermediate peace officer license. As part of the class, the officers were required to go through the training simulator at the Border Patrol Station. Officers were placed in high stress situations where they had to respond quickly to threats. The officers were debriefed after each scenario and they were required to justify their use of force. Officers received 16 hours of TCOLE Training.

Officer that attended the training included:

Kingsville Police Department

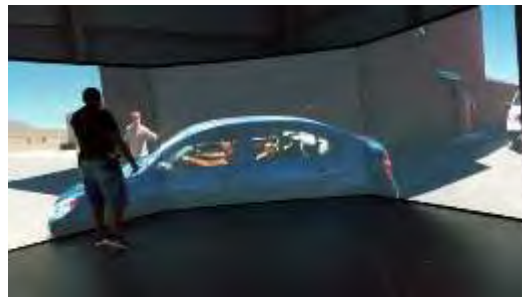
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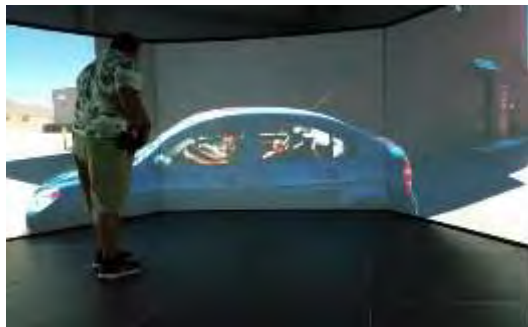
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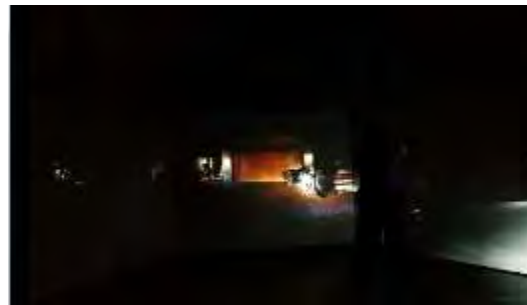
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Officer Fierova



Officer Mendez



Officer Gonzalez

On October 21, 2015, Investigator D. Gonzalez completed a Four (4) hour Missing and Exploited Children (TCOLE #3275) course. This course is mandated by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement for all Intermediate and Advanced Peace officer Licenses.

On October 28, 2015, Detective C. Garcia completed the Sex Offender Registry and Data Entry Course offered by the Texas Department of Public Safety- Crime Records Service.

The Kingsville Police Department is continuing to work on quarterly training provided by TML through the online training program.

1. Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
2. Sexual Harassment Awareness for Managers

3. Drug and Alcohol Awareness
4. Stress Management for Dispatchers
5. Handling Difficult Customers for Local Government
6. Dealing with Cold Stress

The Kingsville Police Department took part in Red Ribbon Week. Officer from every Division took part at several school functions.

**Perez Elementary**





Jubilee Academic Center



## Kingsville Housing Authority



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

#### **Fun Fact Quote**

“Books can truly change our lives: the lives of those who read them, the lives of those who write them. Readers and writers alike discover things they never knew about the world and about themselves.”—Lloyd Alexander, American author

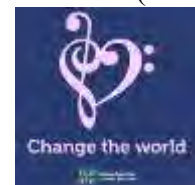
#### **Howdy Authors! Meet and Greet Event**

As part of the 2015 Ranch Hand Festival, the library will be hosting *Howdy Authors!*, a unique event for reading enthusiasts and book lovers alike. This event is a meet and greet book-signing event on Saturday, November 21, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will provide guests an opportunity to sample the writings of and visit with local authors. Their works cover a wide range of subjects. Roberta Bliss’s *Transcendence* features a young girl as the hero during a zombie apocalypse. Molly Noble Bull will highlight one of her novels, *When the Cowboy Rides Away*, a romantic western set on a cattle ranch in South Texas in 1880. Ashley Dotson will feature *The Lariat*, the third novel in her Finding Justus trilogy. Victoria Garza’s *Memories of the Cavazos Family History* is the true story of a family’s arrival in the wilderness on the northern border of the Rio Grande River. Estela Gutierrez’s *The Break* tells the story of a young ballet dancer coping with a sudden tragedy. Donovan Lopez will feature one of his works *Practice! Practice! Practice!: The History of the King Ranch Cowboy Baseball Team*. Beto Maldonado’s *The Master Showmen of the King Ranch* features father and son “bull whisperers” who develop a method for gentling and training Santa Gertrudis cattle. During the Howdy Authors! event, the library will also feature the *Library on the Go* Bookmobile. The public will be allowed an up-close view of this outreach vehicle. The Bookmobile is equipped with a Wi-Fi Hotspot, so visitors can utilize this service during the event. Library staff will be on hand to answer any questions about the Bookmobile and other library services. For more information on this event, contact Ms. Michelle Smith at (361) 592-6381 during regular business hours.



#### **iPad Concert at the Library**

On Saturday, November 7, 2015, the library is hosting a FREE concert beginning at 10 a.m. The Texas A&M University – Kingsville chapter of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Collegiate has formed the Javelina iPad Band. NAfME’s mission “is to advance music education by encouraging the study and making of music by all.” The seven-member band will perform, on iPads, a selection of simple songs that will appeal to children and adults. After the concert, patrons will have a hands-on opportunity to create music on the iPads. The concept behind an iPad band is to provide a new



way to create music but with technology instead of instruments. Come by the library, enjoy the concert, and get ready to make some music.

### **Veteran's Day Holiday**



In observance of Veteran's Day, the library will be closed Wednesday, November 11, 2015. The library will reopen on Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 8 a.m. The library wishes to thank the men and women who have served our country. Have a safe holiday.

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

### **Training Activities**

Communications and Dispatcher Training – Members of the fire department continued to have training over radio communications. The training includes review of proper terminology, answering 911 calls, dispatch procedures, emergency communications, incident command procedures related to communications, and problem solving issues.

Incident Command Training – Lieutenant Cabrera and Engineer Camarillo attended an ICS-300 refresher training course presented by the Naval Air Station Kingsville Fire Department.



### **Planning Activities**

Fire Engine Design Meetings – A meeting was held with the Ferrara Fire Engine representative to discuss options available on new fire engines.

### **Other Department Activities**

TAMUK Homecoming Parade – The fire department participated in the college homecoming parade and provided a standby engine at the bonfire on the evening of October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Red Ribbon Week at Gillett Elementary School – Engine 1 participated in the opening day ceremony for red ribbon week on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Fire Station Tours –

- Central Baptist Christian School, Pre-K class, on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Civil Service Commission Meeting – The fire chief, union president, and other members of the fire department attended the civil service meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> to review changes to the Kingsville Civil Service rules.

### **New Policies and Memorandums:**

OM15-25: EMS Supply Inventory System

### **Facilities and Equipment:**

Medic Units: Medic 1 at dealer having water pump replaced and sensor problems repaired. Medic 3 Headlight problems, light harness being replaced. Medic 1 headlight replaced. Rear A/C in patient compartment was out due to thermostat possibly. Making noise when plugged in.

Medic 2 emergency lights turning off intermittently. Stretcher on Medic 2 malfunctioned. There was a problem with the charger.

Engine 1: Thermal Imaging camera charger has broken prong needs repair or replacement. Generator broken. Vibrates at around 25 mph.

Engine 2: Generator leaking. Was removed and taken to the warehouse for inspection. A reserve generator was put in service.

Rescue 1: Class A foam system check valve inoperable and needs to be replaced. Vehicle wouldn't start on October 1.

Brush 1: Needs rear reflectors, and some other body repairs. Hose reel was delivered wrong size, requested larger reel from vendor.

Tower 1: Air Conditioning problems. Power inverter issues.

Station 1: I.T. Department has been working on updating computers and networks. Still working on small problems, work is progressing nicely. Shower leaking from upstairs into lower restrooms. Plumber notified us that the showers were not installed properly so we have contacted the construction company to request repairs and corrections to all 3 upstairs showers. Air conditioning problems in the gymnasium. Smoke detectors for bedrooms, exit signs, and door bells, purchased. Exhaust removal system motor repaired then stopped working again. Has been non-operational for a few weeks. Water leaks due to roof issues in downstairs restrooms, apparatus room, upstairs bedroom, and upstairs roof access door.

Station 2: Generator still needs repair. Attempting to have electricians replace voltage regulator.

Equipment: New copier printer installed at fire station 1. One chain saw has oil leak, taking back to vendor for repair.

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

**08:00 hrs on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	14
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	103
Total Emergency Responses -	117

**Major Events during the period:** No major events during the period.



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

### Engineering (10/11 –10/24)

Engineering – Engineering has been working on emergency operations due to inclement weather. Engineering Technicians continue to help the Street Division on Young Drive. Technicians have laid out the roadway and have placed “blue tops” on over half a mile stretch of roadway.



### Street Division (10/11 – 10/24)

Road Constructions –

#### Young Drive

- Cut down blue tops to sub grade level
- Watered and rolled sub grade
- Hauled in limestone (392.38 tons) and spread out bags of lime due to rain
- Hauled in another 100 tons to build up edge of curb, watered and rolled
- Hauled in 376.19 tons to build up crown and edges, watered and rolled
- Hauled in limestone (658.43 tons), watered and rolled.
- Hauled in 299.12 tons of limestone to build up crown, watered and rolled
- Finish cut, watered, rolled, sealed with primer and PSI tested and approved
- Seal coated (40 tons #4 rock and 500 Gals AC5)
- Cleaned out storm drains on Young Dr. and Corral Ave. and closed off road with Type I barricades

#### Mowing

- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Alexander to Dick Kleberg Park
- General Cavazos Blvd. in front of Storage

#### Sweeping

- Corral Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from General Cavazos Blvd. to Ailsie
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Ailsie to Loop 428
- Santa Gertrudis from Armstrong to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- 11<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> St. from Yoakum Ave. to King Ave.
- 9<sup>th</sup> St. from Yoakum Ave. to Kleberg Ave.
- Kleberg Ave. from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to 11<sup>th</sup> St.
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Ailsie
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Santa Gertrudis from University Blvd. to Hwy 141
- Caesar Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Ailsie Ave.
- Corral Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Lantana
- King Ave. from University Blvd. to Hwy 77
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.

- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Corral Ave.
- Ailsie Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Carlos Truan Blvd.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77
- 11<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> St. from Yoakum Ave. to King Ave.
- Kleberg Ave. from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to 11<sup>th</sup> St.
- Kenedy Ave. from 19<sup>th</sup> St. to 21<sup>st</sup> St.
- Lott Ave. from 21<sup>st</sup> St. to 17<sup>th</sup> St.
- Bridge from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to Corral Ave.
- 1<sup>st</sup> St. from Mesquite to Carol
- 1<sup>st</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Jon Lee
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Fordyce Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Santa Elena from Santa Fe to Santa Gertrudis
- Santa Fe from Santa Elena to Santa Rosa
- King Ave. from Northside of Hwy 77 to University Blvd.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Santa Gertrudis from South side of Armstrong to 6<sup>th</sup> St.

#### Round Up

- The Garden- 12<sup>th</sup> St. & Lee Ave.
- Ave I, Mesquite Ave. and Ave C from 16<sup>th</sup> St. to 17<sup>th</sup> St.
- Nettie Ave. and Ave B from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 17<sup>th</sup> St.
- Ave A from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Ella Ave. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. from Ella Ave. to Mesquite Ave.
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Mesquite Ave.
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Ella Ave.
- Yard- East fence line
- Brookshire from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to Fairview
- Gillette from Brookshire to dead End
- Fairview from Brookshire to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- W Fairview from Loop to N Fairview
- E Fairview from Loop to N Fairview
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Santa Gertrudis
- 17<sup>th</sup> from Henrietta to Santa Gertrudis
- Richard from 1700 block to dead end
- Alice from 1700 block to dead end
- Lee from 16<sup>th</sup> St. to 17<sup>th</sup> St.

#### Drain Cleaning

- Cleaned all drains on West side

#### Hot Mix/Cold Patch

#### **Patching**

- 1010 E Yoakum Ave.
- 1000- 1100 block of E Nettie Ave.
- 1215 E Yoakum Ave.

- 601 College Place
- 200 block of E Ave C (intersection)
- 301 E Ave C
- 19<sup>th</sup> St. & Huisache Ave. (intersection)
- Annette & 1710
- Caesar St
- Trant Rd
- Franklin Adams
- 12<sup>th</sup>
- 10<sup>th</sup>
- 9<sup>th</sup>
- Santa Gertrudis
- Ave I
- Armstrong
- Escondido
- 1<sup>st</sup> St.
- **Alley Maintenance**
- Rodriguez and Sons alley
- Ragland Ave. & Caesar Ave. between 17<sup>th</sup> St. & 18<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> St. between Kleberg Ave. & Yoakum Ave.
- 100 block Ave C

#### Miscellaneous

- Worked on steel roller lights
- Bought lights from Lowe's for trailer
- Turned on school lights for Kleberg School
- Cleaned gutters at the Train Depot
- Took barricades to Young Drive
- Worked with engineers to mark Young Drive
- Finished Christmas tree and started putting up lights at Train Depot
- Cleaned truck, chopped wood and repaired chain saw
- Finished putting up banners on Kleberg Ave. & 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Put up four garland strands on Kleberg Ave., downtown

#### **Water Production (10/11 – 10/24)**

Collected 13 routine Bacterial Samples:

- 1121 E. Ave A
- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 916 W. Ave I
- 511 College Place
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd.
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave.
- 318 Briarwood
- 315 S. 24<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1113 Kathleen

- 209 Reidda
- 711 E. Ragland Ave.

Collected 14 daily chlorine residuals:

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

Delivered Ammonia to 0 sites; delivered Chlorine to 7 sites.

Water pumped to distribution (10/11 – 10/24) - Wells – 542,028,000 gallons; Surface –4,656,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 46,684,000 gallons; Average 3,334,571.42 gals/day

### **Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (10/11 –10/24)**

Wastewater Treatment North Plant – Operators and helpers cleaned primary and secondary clarifier troughs and weirs. Operators shoveled sludge from sand drying bed. Helpers and operators are replacing and cleaning UV modules. We continue wasting in wedge and sand drying beds and wire drying beds. Operators and helpers are mowing grass around plant and lift stations.

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. Bio monitoring for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter complete. Rabalais troubleshoot relays at Lift Station.

Wastewater Collection – Had 3 call outs for sewer backups:

519 Seale

506 E. Henrietta Ave.

1126 E. Ragland Ave.

Cleared brush on Allen Drive and on the fence line at 5825 Allen Dr.

Replaced service line and installed clean out at 506 E. Henrietta Ave

Installed new sewer tap at 2139 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Used vactor truck to hydro excavate and expose fiber optic line.

Set up pump at 1MGD plant.

Moved centrifuge under shed and vacuumed manhole on Reidda

Hauled caliche on 13<sup>th</sup> St. and Fordyce Ave.

### Scheduled work for the week

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

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



Cleaning sewer mains, curbs & gutters.

Clean troughs (Mon, Thurs, and Fri)

Clean drying beds (Tues, Wed.)

3 & 1 MGD wasting on drying beds

Construction crews continue work on the 800 block of E. Fordyce.

Construction crews will be repairing manhole ring and cover at Arroyo Estates.

Construction crews repairing service line at 519 Seale and repairing cleanout at 228 E. Kleberg Ave.

Rabalais will be troubleshooting the 17<sup>th</sup> St. and Lee Ave. Lift station.

Jah-Con troubleshooting mission alarm at 1 & 3MGD

Construction crews continue cleaning sewer lines in the City.

### **Water Distribution (10/11 – 10/24)**

Repaired 16 Main Breaks and answered approximately 63- Service Calls

3" Main Break	427 W. Ave B
4" Main Break	1307 and 1305 E. Fordyce Ave.
6" Main Break	South Park & Ailsie Ave.
6" Main Break	Kenedy Ave. and 6 <sup>th</sup> St.
6" Main Break	604 E. Fordyce Ave.
2" Main Break	320 University Blvd.
6" Main Break	1502 Michael
2" Main Break	730 E. Hoffman Ave.
6" Main Break	2101 Martin
2" Main Break	1254 E. Ave D
3" Main Break	3101 W. Henrietta Ave.
6" Main Break	1602 Santa Cecilia

8- Locates, 1- water leaks; 3- Meter Leaks, 23- Backfills, 9 – valve repairs, 7- service line leaks; 5- Customer Side Leaks; 1- No Water/Low Pressures; 0- Fire Hydrant; 5- Turn off or on and; – Water Tap and 0 – Meter Lid Repair; 0 – Replace cut offs; 0 – Locate Meter; 1 – Install Raiser; – Lower Meter 0 – Remove Meter; 0 – Expose line; and 0 – Sinkhole

Water crews lowered backflow preventer @ 253 W FM 13.

Water crews broke concrete at 6<sup>th</sup> St and Richard Ave. and hauled off to Landfill.

Water crews installed (3) 6" taps at La Quinta Inn.

### **City Garage (10/11 – 10/24)**

#### Maintenance

13- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 35-Scheduled work orders; 43 -Nonscheduled work; 26-Service calls; 1- Call out; 29 -New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 30-flat tire repairs and balances; 42-pending work orders.

Working to repair air leaks on Unit 506, Unit 575 and on patching truck Unit 540. Replaced the brakes and air chamber on Unit 338.



## Welder

5- Received work order and 2 pending work orders.

City welder repaired the arm on the garbage truck. He also fabricated 7 ft. T-handle valve wrench, baseball drags for the fields and a sand bag rack.

## **Solid Waste (10/11 – 10/24)**

### Landfill – 10/11 – 10/24)

Daily litter clean-up continues in and around the facility. The magnet trailer is also being used to pick up nails around the facility and surrounding roads leading to the landfill. Staked out the south of Sector 1. Holt Cat came out to check the D6-T Dozer sensor and Tim Butkay came to check on D6-T undercarriage. The water department came by to fix water leak at the shed.



A demoed house was brought to the Landfill. James Rios is fixing the Scraper and looking at the Loader hydraulic leak. Creager Tire installed two new rear tires to the Scraper. On Thursday, 10/22/15 the landfill received 5” of rain and on Friday, 10/23/15 it received another 7 inches of rain.

Brush – 69 tons; Garbage –902 tons; Litter – .78 tons; Construction/Demolition – 231 tons; Concrete – 19.73 tons, Asphalt – 116 tons; Metals -.15 tons; Dirt – 0 tons; Recycled metals- 0 tons; Sludge – 0 tons; Ash – 0 tons; Tires – 2.84 tons; and Recycled tires –10.67 tons; Recycled metals – 0 tons.

## Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 10/11 –10/24 Residential Waste collected for the previous week was **574,040** pounds; Commercial waste collected for the previous week was **717,960** pounds. Brush collected **54,060** pounds and construction debris collected **47,860** pounds. The brush crew is collecting in Zone 1 and White Good pick up was on Friday, 10/30/15. Sanitation has been helping Community Appearance finish small abatements as needed.



All zones have been cleared of storm debris. Due to extreme temperatures and lack of rain, the department had begun to water trees recently planted thrice per week. Last time we reported that on Saturday, 10/3/15 we used 12 man hours to accomplish this and 10 man hours on Monday 10/5/15. Total so far this fiscal year is 22 man hours of overtime. On Saturday 10/10/15 we used 10.8 man hours to support the tail gate function for city employees and our total overtime for non-departmental use is up to 32.8 hours. During this reporting period, on Friday, 10/16/15 we used 4.5 hours of overtime to

correct brush truck going to the wrong addresses to bring the total to 37.3 hour of non-departmental overtime. On Saturday, 10/24/15 we used 2.1 man hours of overtime to support sandbagging operation, bringing the total to 39.4 hours of non-departmental overtime. Recycling for the month of September totaled 25.16 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

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

**Purchasing Division**



**Purchase Orders**

Purchasing issued 123 Purchase Orders valued at \$531,749.01.

As of this morning, we still have 26 FY-15 Purchase Orders that are Outstanding or in Partially Received status. An updated report has been sent to all Directors and Supervisors. If your department is not on the list, please disregard. If you have some that need to be voided, please **send an e-mail** to Purchasing with the **PO number** and the **reason for Voiding** the Purchase Order. If they need to be paid, please take care of those as soon as possible so that Finance can pay your vendors. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated. Any Purchase Orders turned in by Wednesday noon will be paid that Friday, anything after Wednesday noon will not be paid until the following week. **Please keep this in mind when you inform the vendors' about payment.**

**Purchasing Card Statements**

Statements are out and being reconciled. Please ensure you have all the corresponding paperwork.

**Technology Division**

**Copiers**

Purchasing and Technology have been busy getting new network copiers in place. We have new leased copiers at Public Works, Permits, Fire, Police, Community Appearance, and City Hall will be in on 11/3.

**Computer Refresh**

New computers have been place in Downtown Manger/Train Depot, Finance, Engineering Administration, and the City Manager's office. Also, a new Ethernet line was run for the City Manager thanks, to Kyle Benson's Dirty Jobs imitation by crawling in the ceiling crawl space to run the line.

**Changes to the City Hall Phone System**

As part of the overall project to reduce the cost of communications which consumes a large portion of our operating budget, staff has begun to roll out a new communications system. This system plus the on-going communications audit should conservatively cut communications cost by 1/3. Additionally, the phones have a slew of business class features that allow us to more effectively conduct business. For example, the IT department is now able to contact a support line with the end-user on the phone. It takes the guess work out of having to contact the vendor contact IT then maybe have them schedule together. We have been able to solve issues much more accurately and timely as a result of this feature. Additionally, it has the most common business features such as voice mail call ID.



The most noticeable change is the call tree at the public works building. It is an automated system voiced by Stephanie the Administrative Assistant at the waste water plant. This allows people calling to more accurately direct their calls. If citizens/employees wish to talk to a real person rather than an automated system there is a zero for operator button. This is a big advancement to say the least it will help resolve issue speedily and accurately.

Training on the system is provided via a web portal

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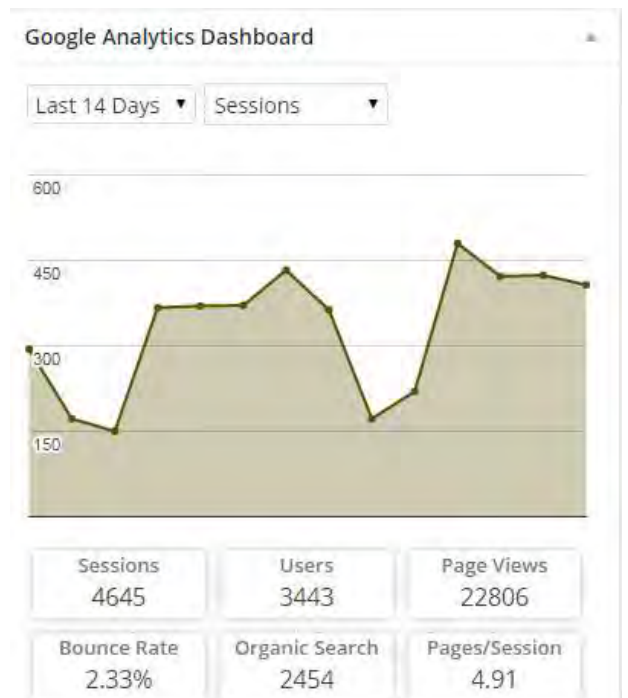
**100, 200 & 500 Phones**

ShoreTel is the only UC provider to offer a choice of communication solutions and endpoints that optimizes how users communicate in the work environment. ShoreTel phone solutions are for any customers who are looking to add to their existing premises solution, install a new system, or to add a cloud solution.

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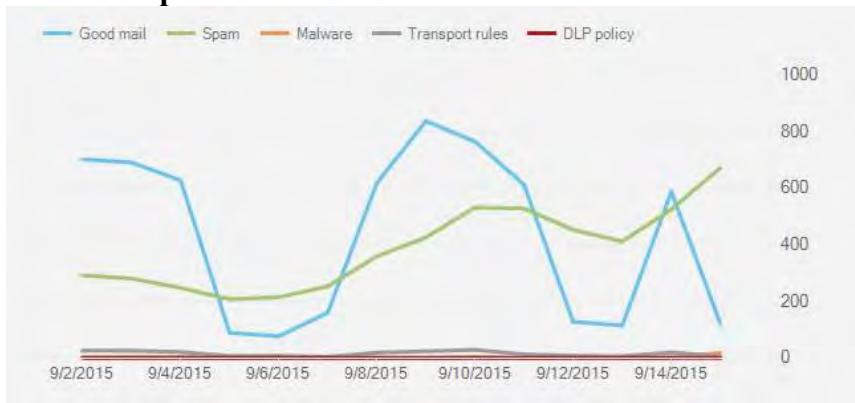


The training link will be made available via the technology page of the website. So anybody wanting to learn more about how to operate the phone can go there.





## Office 365 E-Mail Flow Report



The City of Kingsville over the past two weeks processed 11,328 email messages. We blocked 5,155 spam and 42 malware messages. We processed 6,131 'good' emails.

### Safe Email Practices

Unsafe computing can corrupt your files, expose the contents of your internal drive to strangers, cause other computers to become compromised, and even allow your computer to be used by spammers to send millions of unsolicited emails.

Using safe email practices helps you:

- **Protect your inbox**
- **Protect your computer**
- **Protect your privacy**
- **Protect your friends and neighbors**

Here are recommendations you should follow to protect yourself when using email.

1. Screen messages before viewing them, and delete anything that appears suspicious.

**A. Carefully examine your list of unopened messages.**

Do any of them come from people or addresses you don't recognize? Do the subject lines have words with too many spaces, or long random numbers? Do they seem too good to be true, or somehow odd? If so, it's probably best to just delete the message along with any attachments.

**B. Wait! Don't open that email yet...**

If a message has attachments don't open it unless you know the sender and are expecting the attachment. If you're not sure what it is, contact the sender before opening the message and ask exactly what the message and attachment is.

**C. Don't be fooled by Dirty Tricks.**

Most computer worms (a kind of malicious program) spread themselves via email by spoofing addresses found in the infected computer's address book and sending copies of itself to other addresses in the address book, so it's very likely that an infected message can appear to come from someone you know. Many of these messages will use vague or generic subject lines like "Re: " or "Hi." Others will try to look like they come from a technical support service, or even from Microsoft. Be careful about opening these.

2. Open your messages, but beware the Next and Previous buttons.

~Using the Next and Previous buttons to open and move from message to message is convenient but dangerous, especially if you don't screen messages thoroughly, or if new messages come in while you're reading other screened messages.

### 3. Handle Attachments Safely.

- **Don't open attachments unless you are absolutely sure about what they are and who they came from.**

Even attachments that were sent directly to you by a known sender might contain malicious code.

- **Be especially careful with MS Word & Excel files.** When opening Microsoft Word or Excel attachments containing macros, always select the "Disable Macros" option if you are not sure if there should be a macro.

- **Beware of Dangerous File Types!**

Some file types have been deemed unsafe by Microsoft. Most of these file types are executable or exploitable and are considered unsafe to send and receive as email attachments. SSU's email servers scan all incoming email messages for attachments using these unsafe file types. If you also use an off-campus email address, you should be aware of these unsafe file types. Never open one of [these unsafe file types](#) sent in email. While many of these file types can only harm computers running Windows, some file types are potentially hazardous on Macintosh computers.

- **Windows Users - Make Extensions Visible**

Some malicious attachments will "pose" as a harmless file type like digital image by including that file type extension in it's name. You might get an attachment called "hawaii.jpg" and think it's a picture from your friend's vacation. But it might actually be a .pif file, one of the exploitable file types. This can happen because Windows does not display file extensions by default, so a .pif file named "hawaii.jpg.pif" will appear as "hawaii.jpg".

### 4. Don't Unsubscribe.

Spammers often include an "unsubscribe from this list" link in their messages. This makes them appear more responsible and reputable, but they often use this as a way to confirm your email address so they can send you more spam or sell your email address to other spammers. If you don't want it, mark it as junk and delete it.

### 5. Be a Good Internet Citizen.

- Don't use your email in ways that will contribute to the problem.
- Don't send unsolicited email and attachments.
- Don't forward chain letters.
- Don't respond to or participate in email hoaxes.
- Don't send attachments which use the "unsafe" file types.

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

### **Torres Estates**

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

### **La Quinta Hotel**

They have broken ground on the La Quinta Hotel. The hotel location is just south of the Phil Neessen Chevrolet dealership. The value of the development is \$3.5 million. It will be four stories with 72 rooms. The expected completion is December 2016 or January 2017.

### **FEMA Domes**

The estimated completion date is January 2016. Things are going well. The Development review team will be meeting with the contractor, architect, and KISD to get a status report.

## **Wildwood Trails**

The Estates Phase II and The Park Phase II preliminary and final plats have been reviewed by the Development Review Team and approved. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the plats for both phases. While they approved the phase II plats for The Estates, they tabled the The Park plats for further review. The Estate preliminary and final plat will be on the November 9<sup>th</sup> agenda for the City Commission.

## **Lake View Villas**

A number of homes have been started in the subdivision. The City has issued 3 building permits up to this point.

## **New City Hall**

Rusty Van Fleet Construction is doing an excellent job in working with everybody on this project. The Foundation continues to fundraise for the restoration of this building, which was the first H.M. King high school.

## **Collections and Payment Building: "The Cottage"**

This is the building next to the new City Hall that will house the employees that accept utility bill payments, etc. The architect has submitted plans that are 90% complete. The plans look good up to this point. We believe that at a City commission meeting in January it will be on an agenda for review and decision to award the project.

## **Joint Airport Zoning Board**

Ken Moses has been voted as the 5<sup>th</sup> member and Chair of the Joint Airport Zoning Board. The City Commission will appoint another member to the JAZB. The JAZB will be putting an article in the paper to determine if there is a citizen who is interested in serving on the Joint Airport Zoning Board. It should be in this weekend's edition of the Kingsville Record.

## **Cayetano Villages of Kingsville**

The developer was recently notified that they were not awarded the tax credits they were hoping for in order to develop their project. They did say that the project that received the credits in the Gregory and there are 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**

In the Kingsville Record recently, there was an article about the Flato Building. The issue of the clause regarding the use of the property for educational purposes seems to be a sticking point slowing the transfer of the land. Whether or not this issue gets worked out is hard to tell from reading the article. While staff hasn't been in contact with the architect or the Zaragosa family lately, we will monitor the situation and assist if asked.

## **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. They have started the utility work (underground infrastructure). Things are going well. There has been a change in general contractors for phase II. The new general contractor is Axia Contracting. They have an office in Dallas, with their headquarters in Fargo, North Dakota. We hope to set up a meeting with them in the next week or two to talk about the construction of phase II.

## **Domino's**

Domino's submitted a development plan last September of 2014 but as you know now they have broken ground for the new building. This Domino's will have some limited inside dining. They plan to be done in November of 2015.

### **University Center**

Ali Samadi who owns all of the Subways in town has submitted a development titled University Center. This will be a three tenant commercial building located at 702 W. Santa Gertrudis. One of the tenants will be a Subway. 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.

### **Neessen Chevrolet**

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

### **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. A permit has been issued. Construction expects to be completed next month.

### **Nuevo Santa Gertrudis Apartments**

This development is planned to be west of the Santa Gertrudis Apartments. The Development Review Team met and in order to meet the MUTCD code, the developer needs to move a driveway further away from an intersection. They have an entrance driveway too close to Saint Cecelia Drive. The developer at this point is determining whether they want to do that or not. The discussion has opened up somewhat with them. The new city manager has spoken with the architect who is from San Antonio. The discussion is concerning the moving of the entrance further from the intersection. Another option may be possible to achieve the goal that staff desires. When Mr. Garza comes on board Monday, we will discuss it further.

### **Enterprise Rent a Car**

We heard back from them and were informed that the sale of the ground went through, they will be going before the Planning and Zoning Commission for their special use permit on October 21, 2015. The land they purchased is on the west side of US 77 access road and is just north of Caesar Blvd. This is a positive sign because business has increased enough that they desire to build a stand-alone office to service Kingsville. Currently, their offices are in the Phil Neessen dealership. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the request and approved the item unanimously. It will be on the November 9<sup>th</sup> agenda for their review.

### **Planning and Zoning Commission**

They have been reviewing suggested code changes from citizens for the last number of meetings. It is expected that a number of those recommendations will be on the City Commission agenda in the future.

### **Advance Auto Parts**

We have received word from TXDOT that Advance Auto Parts is interested in developing a site on King Street for a new store. They had approached us in the past but we haven't heard anything from them in a while. The location is the vacant lot next to O'Reilly's. They have to work with TXDOT for driveway access permits.



**Building Services Division**

**Permits Pulled:**

Residential Remodel:	9	Commercial Remodel:	0	Electrical:	10
New Commercial:	4	Mechanical:	4	Moving:	1
New Residential:	2	Fire Inspection:	11	Gas Inspection:	3
Cert. of Occupancy:	3	Commercial Meter:	3	House Leveling:	1
Plumbing:	10	Residential Meter:	3	Re-roof:	9
Sprinkler:	0	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	1
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	0	Demolition:	0
Fence:	4	Driveway:	1		

**Total Permits Pulled: 79**

**New Business:**

- AA Best Bail Bonds at 1835 E King- now open for buisness.**
- Angel's Italian Ice & S'More at 634 E King- now open for buisness.**
- Mindless Ink at 313 E Kleberg- waiting for all final inspections.**
- Domino's update at 609 E King**



**New Subway update at 709 W Santa Gertrudis**



**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		
725 W. Ave C	Letter mailed 10/8/15	
1104 N. Armstrong	Letter mailed 10/8/15	

**Violations**

**725 W. Ave C**



**1104 N. Armstrong**



**Unfinished Siding/Roof**

<u>Property location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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**

**428 W. Lee**

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



**516 E. Alice**



**Multiple Violations:**

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comment</u>
430/426 E Alice	Pending Cleanup	Scheduled for Oct.
400 E Corral	Court scheduled 3/26/15	Pending Cleanup
1420 Sen. Carlos Truan	Pending Cleanup	Cleared by property owner
1202 W King	Pending Court date	Property owner cleared some violations
1950 E Corral	Pending notice of violation	
2151 N. Hwy 77 Byp	Pending notice of violation	
223 S 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pending notice of violation	New property owner
109 S Hwy 77	Property owner complied	
E Henrietta & 19 <sup>th</sup> St.	Notice sent 3/23/15	Pending cleanup by city

**Community Appearance Division**

**Recent activity (Oct 16<sup>th</sup> to Oct 28<sup>th</sup>) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:**

**Billing**

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



<b>OCT</b> \$5304.61	<b>APR</b> \$8,185.47
<b>NOV</b> \$2943.01	<b>MAY</b> \$7,301.97
<b>DEC</b> \$4344.63	<b>JUN</b> \$18,119.48
<b>JAN</b> \$11263.96	<b>JUL</b> \$6497.56
<b>FEB</b> \$8389.71	<b>AUG</b> \$3238.99
<b>MAR</b> \$18,116.99	<b>SEPT</b> \$0

**Priority Property Clean Ups:**

Community Appearance Inspectors determine ten (10) properties, either by proactive and/or reactive inspections, to be listed as priority property cleanups. A notice of violation is sent to the selected properties. Community Appearance Inspectors will work with property owners that contact our office to gain voluntary compliance. There are however times where city crews abate the property. This Division has completed 39 Phases at the end of FY '15. Phases are submitted on a monthly basis.

*Phase 39 is to be completed in October 2015:*

<b>Property Address:</b>	<b>Date of Compliance Deadline:</b>
517 E Richard	11/25/15
1220 E Ave B	11/25/15
Notices Sent: 172	Inspections: 85
Placards Posted: 9	Re-Inspections: 80
Illegal Dumping Case: 1	Compliances: 58
Front/Side Yard Parking: 0	Abatements: 22
Obsolete Sign Violations: 1	Complaints call-ins/walk-ins: 176
1106 E Huisache	11/25/15
1117 E Ave A	11/25/15
910 E Alice	11/25/15
702 W Henrietta	11/25/15
600 W Cesar	11/25/15
523 W Nettie	11/25/15
503 W Mesquite	11/25/15
710 W King	11/25/15





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 By property owner</u>	<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u>#of Cleanups Conducted 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	7 out of 10
PHASE 17	8 out of 10	PHASE 37	8 out of 10
PHASE 18	8 out of 10	PHASE 38	6 out of 10
PHASE 19	8 out of 10	PHASE 39	(IN PROGRESS)
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:

**518 WILLIAM – City Abated**

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**400 E Casear – City Abated**

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





312 E Santa Gertrudis

BEFORE



AFTER



324 W Huisache – City Abated

BEFORE



AFTER



**Keep Kingsville Beautiful**

KKB is looking for volunteers to help with upcoming projects. Please contact Jennifer Bernal at 361-595-8093 or email [jbernal@cityofkingsville.com](mailto:jbernal@cityofkingsville.com) for more information.



KKB PLANTING AT KLEBERG COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING

KINGSVILLE BOXING CLUB





**KKB CLEANUP AT XERISCAPE GARDEN**  
**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY JAVELINA BASKETBALL TEAM**



**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe Trick or Treating Fall Festival**



**A BIG thanks to everyone who helped and supported this event**



ARTS & CRAFTS



CITY STYLES CAR CLUB



WHATABURGER



THE FLINSTONE KIDS



TURCOTT PIPER MORTURARY



ROBERT J KLEBERG LIBRARY



SIGMA LAMBDA BETA HOTDOG SALE



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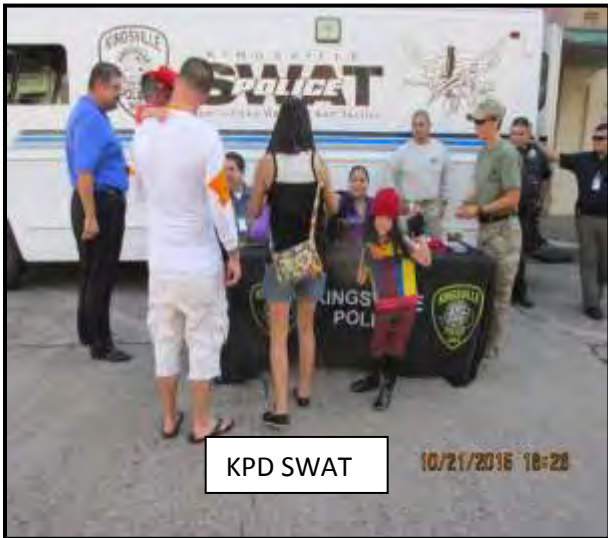


KEEP KINGSVILLE BEAUTIFUL



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KPD SWAT

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KINGSVILLE BOXING CLUB



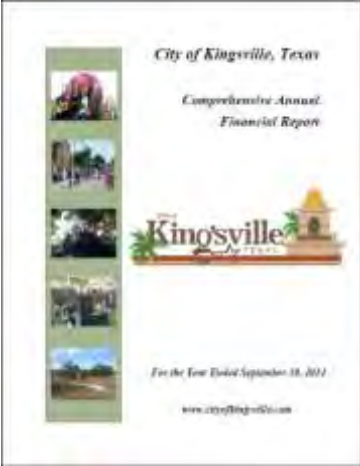
THE FAMOUS AND EVER SO POPULAR...  
HAY RIDE!!

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

**Finance Administration Division**



**Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**



The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Kingsville by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the year ending September 30, 2014. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This was the twenty-seventh consecutive year that the City has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only.

**End of Fiscal Year**

The Finance Department is working on closing out Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and preparing for the Financial Audit that will begin mid-January, 2016. The 2015 confirmation letters have already been prepared and delivered to the City’s auditors. Staff has also been working on the reconciliation of assets and liabilities, working with departments to close out FY 14-15 purchase orders and preparing fund folders for each active fund.



## Utility Billing Division

### Saving water and money



#### Leak Detection:

- A good method to check for leaks is to examine your winter water usage. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.
- One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

#### Toilets:

- If your toilet is leaking, the cause is often an old, faulty toilet flapper. Over time, this inexpensive rubber part decays, or minerals build up on it. It's usually best to replace the whole rubber flapper—a relatively easy, inexpensive do-it-yourself project that pays for itself in no time.
- If you do need to replace the entire toilet, look for a WaterSense labeled model. If the average family replaces its older, inefficient toilets with new WaterSense labeled ones, it could save 13,000 gallons per year. Retrofitting the house could save the family nearly \$2,400 in water and wastewater bills over the lifetime of the toilets.



<http://www3.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/fixleak.html>

It is easy to assume that a “running” toilet will not affect your bill because it is not seen by customers as an actual leak. However, a “running” toilet can waste two gallons of water per minute. A silent leak in a toilet can waste up to 7,000 gallons of water per month. For example, recently a customer that used an average of 1,200 to 1,300 gallons per month experienced an increase of 113,300 gallons for having a “running” toilet. The bill went from \$53.46 to \$514.46. That is a huge difference that since it was unexpected will affect anyone financially. That is the reason the Utility Billing Department offers customers leak adjustments. Although not in the City of Kingsville ordinances, we understand that at times a customer may need an adjustment of this type. The Utility Billing Department can offer two adjustments of this type per year. For additional information regarding leak adjustments call our department at 361-592-5281.

### Basic requirements for setting up water service

To open up new water service we ask for the following:

- A. Valid acceptable forms of identification (any one of the following):
  1. Valid Driver's license
  2. Texas valid picture I.D.
  3. Military I.D.
  4. Alien registration card
  5. Employer or tax payer identification number
- B. Social Security card
- C. Current lease if renting
- D. In lieu of a lease, a notarized statement that includes name of lessee, effective move in date and signature form the property owner and/or property manager, and/or realtor.
- E. A copy of tax payer information if the owner of the property
- F. A completed water application (must have original signature)
- G. A deposit

If at the time service is set up a "bad debt" is found, then the full balance must be paid in full in addition to the required deposit amount in order to be able to open water services. No exceptions.

Any requests of new water service/disconnects made before 2 p.m. will be processed the same day; anything after 2 p.m. will be processed the next business day.

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICES REQUIRE A \$100 DEPOSIT AND MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME SERVICES ARE SET UP.**

**COMMERCIAL SERVICES REQUIRE A \$200 DEPOSIT AND MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME SERVICES ARE SET UP.**

**\*\*All new water services must be requested in person no exceptions**

**Reminder**

City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in observance of Veteran's Day.



**Brush Trucks**

A reminder that brush truck rental applications are located at Utility Billing. Any interested water utility account holder must apply in person at the Utility Billing Department. All rentals are on a first- come first -serve basis. For additional information call this department at 361-592-5281.

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

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

**Municipal Court Activity Report  
October 14, 2015-October 26, 2015**

**New Cases: 271**

**28** Parking, **144** Traffic, **68** State Law, **31** City Ordinances

**Cases Disposed: 193**

**15** Parking, **102** Traffic, **48** State Law, **28** City Ordinances

**Warrants:**

There were **103** warrants served during this period. To avoid the chance of being arrested please stop by the city court office to inquire about information on how to release any active warrant(s). You may also visit the city website to inquire if you have any active warrant(s): [www.cityofkingsville.com](http://www.cityofkingsville.com)

**Collections:**

The collections during this period came to **\$42,892.66.**

**Court Sessions – November 2015**

Contempt of Court	11/12 & 11/26	9:00 a.m.
Inmate Session	11/5 & 11/19	2:00 p.m.
Juvenile Hearing	11/5 & 11/19	2:30 p.m.
Criminal Court Hearing	11/5 & 11/19	3:00 p.m.
Bench Trial	11/5 & 11/19	4:00 p.m.

**Court Sessions – December 2015**

Contempt of Court	12/10 & 12/24	9:00 a.m.
Inmate Session	12/3 & 12/17	2:00 p.m.
Juvenile Hearing	12/3 & 12/17	2:30 p.m.
Criminal Court Hearing	12/3 & 12/17	3:00 p.m.
Bench Trial	12/3 & 12/17	4:00 p.m.

**Acknowledgments**

Many thanks to the Kingsville Police Department for the security provided during the court sessions throughout the last few weeks! They have made a substantial difference in allowing this department to run as efficiently as possible. Special thanks to Officer Chavana #73, Officer Perez # 71, Officer Vega # 83, Officer Dodd #88, & Officer Fonseca #86 for this past court hearing.

The court would also like to acknowledge Warrant Officer Thomas Davis for an outstanding job for the execution of 103 warrant orders.

**Remember!**

The municipal court office windows are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of holidays to assist any person who is needing to take care of traffic citations, parking citations, city citations, class C misdemeanor offenses, and/or the clearance of an active warrant order for your arrest.

Currently there are several options available to prevent an offense from being reported to your driver's license or accumulating a criminal record. These options can be discussed with an attorney or you may stop by the municipal court office for additional information. Please note that the **court clerk or court deputies** are **NOT** attorneys. **They are NOT authorized** by the state to give advice or listen to the facts of your case. For your protection, you must seek a licensed attorney if you are searching for advice.

Soon to come to the city website will be the option of filing for the driving safety course or deferred disposition program from your home computer. This option will be for traffic offenses only.

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

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

Monday, November 23, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 14, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 28, 2015	6:00 p.m.

**Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)**

Thursday, November 19, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 3, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 17, 2015	3:00 p.m.

**Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)**

Planning and Zoning Commission	Wednesday, November 16, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, November 16, 2015	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Thursday, November 12, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Joint Airport Zoning Board	Thursday, November 17, 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.

**Upcoming Holidays:**

Veteran's Day Holiday – Wednesday, November 11, 2015  
City Departments will be closed in observance of the Veteran's Day Holiday

Thanksgiving Holiday– Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
City Departments will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

**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	1	0
Civil Service Commission	0	0
Historic Development Board	1	0
Planning & Zoning Commission	1	0