

City of Kingsville

Spotlight

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City Manager Continuing to move forward

The City of Kingsville is working hard to continue to move the City in a positive direction. Under the direction of your Mayor & City Commissioners, the City has made great strides when it comes to improving housing opportunities, street improvements and our community appearance. Additionally, the City took over management of the Park System from Kleberg County two years ago in order to bring about positive improvements to our communities quality of life.

My goal since becoming your City Manager in November 2015 is to continue moving all of

these initiatives forward but also focusing on some additional areas that will lead to improved deliver of service and enhanced quality of life via an increased tax base via Economic Development initiatives and overall operational efficiencies. The goal in essence is to provide the best service we can provide as most efficiently and effectively as possible with the resources we have available to us.

In order for us to be effective, it is important, that you are aware of the progress the City has made and will continue to make in the aforementioned areas. The creation of this newspaper insert is one of

the new ways in which we want to inform you of what the City is doing. We plan to publish this insert on a quarterly basis. In this first issue, you will find articles written by our very own hard working staff on topics related to: Street Improvements, Economic Development, Parks and Downtown Revitalization. Furthermore, you will find success stories on our increased housing options as well as the success our Animal Shelter has experienced since opening its doors to collaborating with rescue groups. Another way to be up to date on what the City is doing is reviewing our Monthly Performance Measurement

Report. This report can be found on our website or feel free to stop by City Hall and request a copy of one. This report is a detailed report that includes performance metrics from every City Department.

I would also like to encourage you to participate in expressing your opinion on how the City is doing and what we can do better. You can email me directly at citymanager@cityofkingsville.com or fill out an inquiry on our website by clicking on the "Feedback" button on our home page.

I look forward to hearing from you and working with you to continue to move this community forward.



Jesús A. Garza
City Manager

Hired November 2015

Economic Development Improving area economy key to growth in the City of Kingsville

For years, the Greater Kingsville EDC has worked behind the scenes to protect NAS Kingsville and Texas A&M University Kingsville and countless other employers in our community.

Today, the KEDC is going through revitalization. Since June, we have made a conscious effort to take a step back to examine the core functions of the organization. We have looked at what has worked and where we can improve. During this time, we have been very critical of ourselves.

With that thought in mind, we have dramatically changed our processes and procedures. We have worked on improving relationships with the city, county and major employers. In a nutshell, we believe that we are a new and improved EDC.

For the first time, the KEDC is engaging with a national retail marketing and analytics firm to assist us in the recruitment of retailers and developers. Through this partnership we will identify not only what our retail market is and

what it can support, but also retailers and developers who match our community's needs. The best part of this effort is that it will not cost the taxpayer of Kingsville or Kleberg County an additional penny.

This does not mean that we want to force out any existing local businesses. Through this process, we will be able to help existing businesses identify new opportunities to help their market grow. In fact, retaining and expanding local businesses is part

of our core mission.

This endeavor is about bringing new options to Kingsville in both retail and restaurants. It is about growing our tax base and about making Kingsville a better place to live, work and raise a family. With the recent decline in sales tax revenue that the city and county have experienced, it is critical for us to provide new and diverse options for local consumers. Shopping local is an important part of a healthy
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Manny Salazar
Greater Kingsville
Economic Development
Corporation

Hired June 2015

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Economic Development Council

local economy.

Unfortunately, this process (I stress process) will not happen overnight. There is background data work to complete, relationships to develop and plans to evaluate. This process will play out over the next several years. While new investment in our community is no guarantee,

we are confident that retailers and developers will see all of the great things that Kingsville has to offer.

We believe that Kingsville and Kleberg County are poised for expansion. We also trust that our residents will support the businesses that choose to be a part of our community. Kingsville has a long

and storied history; it is time that we begin to write the next chapter.

The Kingsville EDC is focused on making the future of Kingsville even brighter than our past.

For more information on the Kingsville EDC feel free to follow and like us on Facebook or visit our website at Kingsville.org.

Public Works

Street maintenance fee leads to continuation of street improvements

Although the Street Maintenance Improvement Fee is new to the City of Kingsville in 2016, our current Street Maintenance Improvement Program (SMIP) has been ongoing since 2013.

In 2013, the City of Kingsville Public Works department started a 20 year program to address the potholes and failing streets. Many questions arose leading up to the development of the program such as: Which streets do we do first? Should the work be contracted out or done by City staff? If so, does staff have the appropriate equipment? And more importantly, how are we going to fund fixing our streets?

Engineering staff evaluated every street in Kingsville and gave a score to each block of street. The score is called a "Pavement Condition Index" (PCI) and ranges from 0 to 100, 100 being the best condition. Streets were then broken down into categories based on the score, "good" (100 – 76), "fair" (75 – 51)

and "poor" (50 – 0). In order to control the amount of work and be flexible in which streets would be fixed, it was decided that in order to be more efficient and maximize money available to use city equipment and city work crews. Additionally, engineering staff would perform construction quality control, inspections and surveying. In 2013, funding was available to begin the program through Certificate of Obligation Funding, which is a mechanism in which the City incurs debt. In 2013, 29 blocks (2 miles) were completed by city crews and equipment. In addition to street improvements, when streets were being reconstructed the City also addressed underground utilities and street curb and gutter, which help with drainage.

After 2013, the program was evaluated and it was determined that the production rate was not sufficient since it was calculated that the failing rate of a street in Kingsville (the rate where a "fair" street drops



to a "poor" street) was 26 blocks (or 2 miles) per year. Therefore, better equipment was purchased in order to increase production to 40 blocks (3 miles) a year. Equipment included: a surveying total station, oil distributor, asphalt laydown machine and a pad foot roller for lime stone compaction. The production rate would be in line with the SMIP program, where the "poor" streets in Kingsville will be fixed in 10 years, and all streets would be addressed and maintained in the 20 year cycle. Consequently, in 2014, city crews fixed 49 blocks (3.75 miles) of street, surpassing the estimated rate of 40 blocks per year.

In 2015 city crews completed 46 blocks (3.5 miles), once again surpassing the calculated average of 40 blocks a year. Throughout 2015, however, the City began thinking of ways to ensure funding was available for the life of the improvement plan since the original dollars allocated from Certificate of Obligations were running out and it was estimated that beginning in 2016 that money would run out. The funding need was estimated at a little over \$1 Million a year for the next 18 years (two years into the SMIP program), so throughout 2015 the City worked on developing the Street Maintenance Improvement

Fee to take effect January 2016.

The city started collecting the fee in February of 2016. Now that the funding source has been established and is being received, city crews will continue to produce street construction and improvements.

Since the implementation of the overall program in 2013 the City has fixed over 130 blocks which equates to nearly 9 miles. This doesn't account for the work that the City of Kingsville has coordinated with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to do within our community within the same three year period. Those road

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enhancements included:

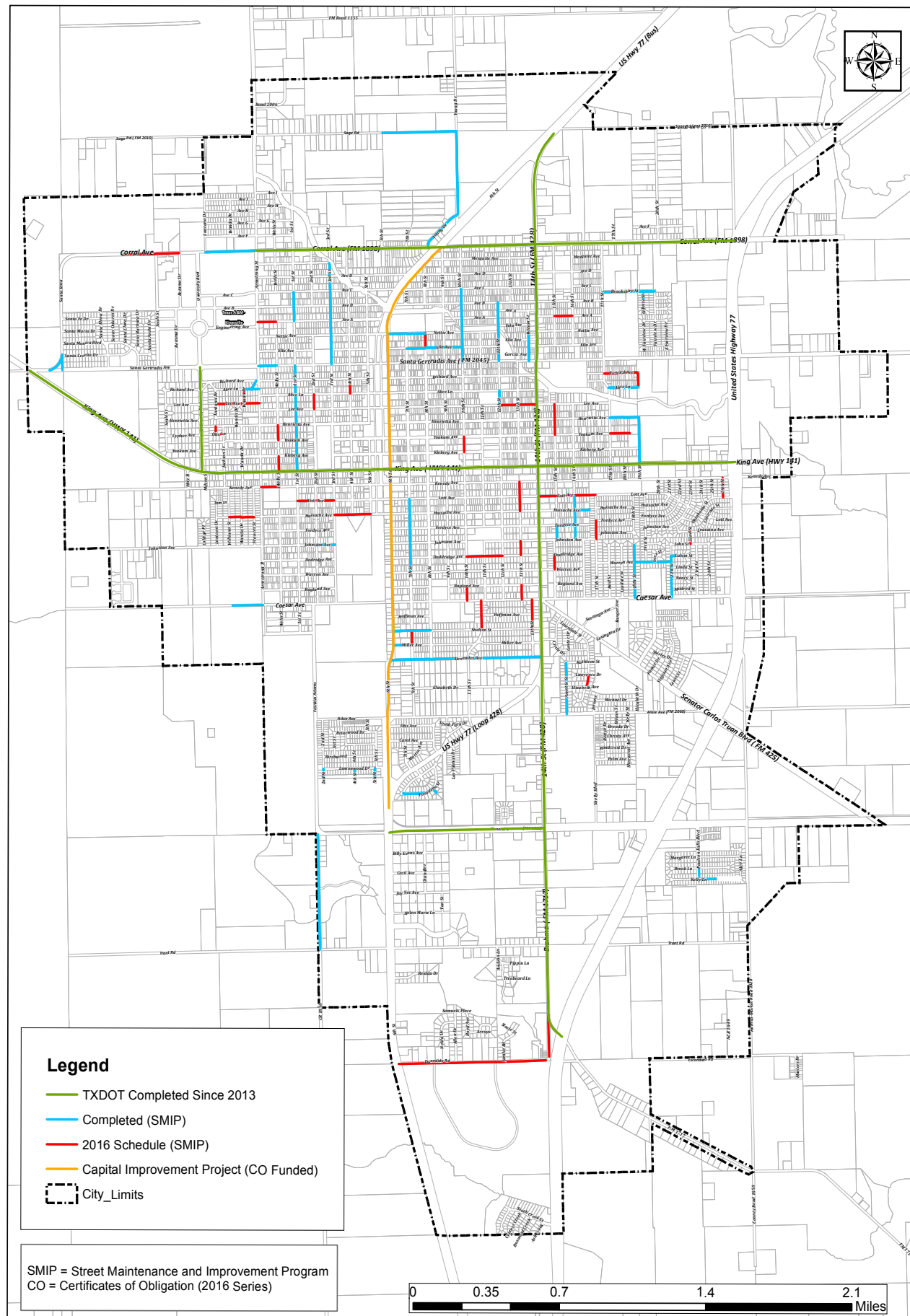
- King Ave (from US 77 to Santa Gertrudis)
- 14th Street (from Corral Street to General Cavazos)
- General Cavazos (from 14th Street to 6th Street)
- Brahma Blvd/ FM 1717 (From General Cavazos to US 77)
- University Blvd (From King Street to Santa Gertrudis)
- Corral Street Seal coat (From US 77 to Armstrong Street)

Overall, once we include the TXDOT coordinated improvements, in the last three years 20 miles have been fixed. The map shows the areas that have been completed as well as the ones scheduled to be completed for the rest of 2016, including improvements to 6th Street which are being funded through Certificate of Obligation Funding the City recently approved.



Charlie Cardenas, P.E.
City Engineer/
Public Works Director
Hired April 2013

Street Construction 2013 to Date



Planning & Development

Housing in Kingsville primed for record growth

The City of Kingsville has seen an increase in residential growth that it hasn't seen in quite a while. As an example in 2015 there were 45 building permits issued for new residential housing. As of this calendar year we are at 18 permits for residential housing which if we stay on that track or near it we could have 72 building permits issued in 2016. Just five years ago, as noted in the bar graph above, the new houses being constructed in Kingsville were in the single digits. There are three developments in Kingsville that can fit most if

not all of the markets for home affordability, they are: Wildwood Estates, Lake View Villas and Torres Estates. Recently, Paulson Falls Subdivision was built out. Part of the City's push for increased housing options has been a conscious effort to make new homes at varying prices available so that more people have the option to purchase a new home.

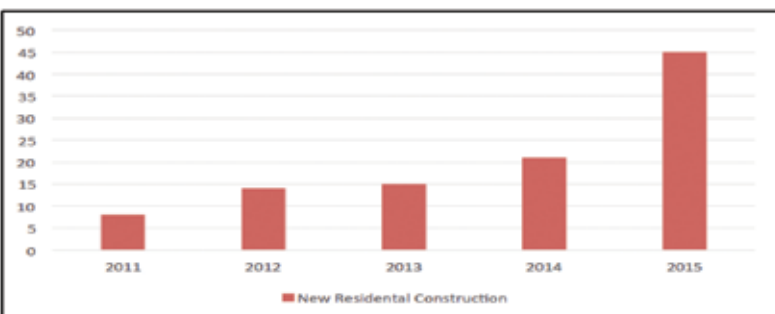
Along with growth in single family residential homes there has also been increase in multifamily units (apartments). This growth coincides with the growth in the

community, particularly the growth at Texas A&M University as well as an increase in people who work in Kingsville and are choosing to live closer to work. Both residential and multifamily (apartments) help the City address its leakage problem. The City estimates that 3,500 people work in Kingsville and do not live in Kingsville. Improving

housing options is one factor that helps the City retain individuals and families in our community. More people living in Kingsville results in an increased tax base which then leads to improved City services.

The aforementioned growth only includes the increases in residential housing options within the City limits but there is also residential

growth occurring outside our City limits that also helps our community overall since these individuals shop and dine within our City limits.



Tom Ginter
Planning & Development
Services Director
Hired October 2014



Cynthia Martin
Downtown Manager/
Historic Preservation
Officer
Hired October 2012

Downtown

New ordinances, plans for Downtown

The first quarter of 2016 has marked the beginning of some rather large and positive changes that bode well for our downtown district. These include ordinance changes designed to create positive change downtown, money for infrastructure improvements, a newly revitalized Main Street Board and a possible fresh start for the Texas Theater renovation. It has brought some not so dramatic but important changes to the face of downtown. There are new businesses downtown - King Barber, Live2Dance Studio, Krafts N Beads, Mindless Ink and two businesses that have expanded Salon de Lis and Downtown Divas. And it has seen the first birthday of what has become a downtown staple - the Kingsville Farmers

Market.

DOWNTOWN VISION PLAN

The City of Kingsville will undergo the development of a Downtown Vision Plan that will assist with overall Downtown revitalization efforts. The Vision plan will help identify, not only, infrastructure improvements but strategies on redevelopment.

KINGSVILLE MAIN STREET RECEIVES TEXAS CAPITAL FUND GRANT

The City was awarded a \$58,000 grant to fund construction of handicapped ramps at each corner of 8th and Kleberg and replace 150 ft. of the worst section of sidewalk and curbing in the entire downtown district. The city is providing \$22,300 in matching funds about

1/3 of which is in-kind donations in the form of engineering services. Construction is set to begin in the next few months.

KINGSVILLE MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD

A newly refreshed Main Street Advisory Board is providing valuable advice to city staff by sharing their vision and insight and their time and talent to create a better downtown. The group consists of general community members as well as downtown property owners. The group has weighed in all changes that would affect the Main Street District such as the proposed ordinance changes and the proposed expansion of the Main Street District along West Kleberg Avenue to the new City Hall.

CITY TAKES AIM AT VACANT UNDERUTILIZED BUILDINGS DOWNTOWN

City staff has proposed two new ordinances that aim at resolving issues with vacant and underutilized buildings in our downtown. One is a vacant building ordinance that would no longer allow the boarding up of windows, asks that the exterior and interior of the building be kept free of accumulations of junk and trash and that parking areas behind the buildings be kept in good condition, and any landscaping be maintained. The downtown living ordinance opens the door for the creation of living spaces above businesses and the practice of the shop owner living in the back of

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or on top of their business. Vacant buildings, besides being a drain on the economy, if not properly maintained can hurt adjacent businesses and pose a safety threat. Buildings with boarded up windows send the wrong message to potential investors and visitors. Loft living could fill the vacant second floors of downtown buildings and fill the downtown streets with more people increasing demand for downtown goods and services and overall increasing the vitality of Downtown.

TEXAS THEATER

The historic Texas Theater is up for sale. A much loved local landmark, the theater sat vacant before being purchased in May 2013 and restoration begun. To assist with

the sale of the theater the city is partnering with the Texas Historical Commission to develop a feasibility study for the project. Many people would love to see the Texas Theater restored to save its history, the key to success for the project is having a clear vision of the final project, how it will be programmed and operated and a plan of action to get there. Research is key. The feasibility study will provide a market analysis of the property, a program analysis to guide decisions about theater's use and make operating recommendations. The restoration of this downtown landmark has not only the potential to benefit the community but to be an economic engine as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PALMER DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM DRUG FREE WALK
April 23rd 11am – 3 pm starting at Kleberg County Courthouse steps. Participants will walk from the courthouse down Yoakum to the KISD offices at 3rd & Henrietta where they will be rewarded for their participation with free BBQ, live music, bouncy houses and free games and prizes. The annual walk is a show of support for those youth who choose to say no to drugs and remain drug free.

KINGSVILLE FARMERS MARKET

The Kingsville Farmers Market celebrated their first birthday last month by giving out several baskets of fresh produce, jams & jellies and other items donated by

market vendors. The market is held the fourth Saturday of every month from 9 am – noon at the downtown Pavilion. The number of vendors

is growing and there is an amazing variety of foods and crafts for sale. Cooking demonstrations and live music add to the fun.



Parks & Recreation Ready for Spring!

The City of Kingsville is in the second year of managing the Parks within the City limits of Kingsville. Since the City took over in October of 2014 the City has made it a priority to invest dollars into the improvement of Parks. That continued this year when the City Commission approved utilizing 2.3 Million for Park Improvements out of the Certificates of Obligation

Funds they recently approved. This funding will be spent on improvement projects to include repairs to the Pier in Dick Kleberg Park, athletic field improvements, building improvements and significant work on the streets and parking areas in Dick Kleberg Park and neighborhood parks.

Priorities for 2016 include continuing the improvements at

Brookshire Pool prior to the 2016 Pool Season. Last year a new metal roof was installed on the pool house and chemical building with funds from the City's Park Budget. This year the City has already addressed some leakage issues and currently we are reviewing options for new surfacing, tile, depth markers and shade structures. Additionally, 2016 will see the preparation of a revised Master Plan for Parks which will qualify the City for grant funding with Texas Parks & Wildlife and guide us through budgeting for improvements and additions to the Parks System. The City selected a Parks Master Planner this month and more information will be made available through the newspaper when the plan is finalized which will include dates and times for community input. The City currently has a survey available online, if you wish to participate in this input process electronically. This survey will be taken into account as part of this year's Parks Master planning process.

Additional Park Updates

Spring Leagues:

Kingsville Parks & Recreation is preparing athletic fields for spring leagues which kick off in April. Boys & Girls Club of Kingsville will host Little League Baseball, Thunder Girls Softball League will host Pony Girls Softball, Kingsville Youth Soccer Organization will host youth soccer and the Adult Softball League is preparing to start a spring league, potentially, under new management. We would like to thank the approximately 75 volunteers from Texas A&M Kingsville came to Dick Kleberg Park in March to offer assistance in preparing the field for spring leagues.

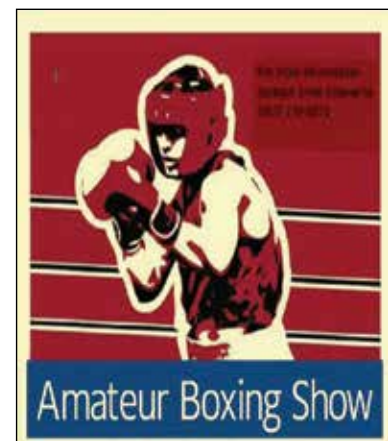
Summer Job Opportunities:

We are now taking applications for Summer Pool Manager, Lifeguards, Swim Instructors and Recreational Assistants. Applications can be found at www.cityofkingsville.com under the Human Resources tab.

Upcoming Events:

April, 2016

*St. Gertrude's Church Festival
April 24th JK Northway



May, 2016

*Cinco de Mayo community event
May 7th Richard Street

*National Kids to Parks Day
DKP BBQ Building
May 21st
fit camp kickoff and summer program/pool registration

June, 2016

*Brookshire Pool opening target
June 3
staff orientation tbd

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Now Hiring

*Summer staff Orientation programs

May 31-June 3

Programs begin June 6

July, 2016

*Pinto Bean Festival – July 2/3
contact 595-8585 for booths

*South Texas Gun Traders

Gun & Outdoor show II,

July 16/17

JK Northway

Keep track of all Park activities, events and improvement progress on our Facebook page – Kingsville Parks & Recreation.



Animal Control

Partnerships helping to increase animal adoption

The City-County Health Department has been experiencing some wonderful and exciting changes lately. Our most exciting changes have been our ability to increase our adoption and rescue rates. In fiscal year 2010-2011 236 dogs were reclaimed by owners, 172 dogs were adopted and 17 dogs were rescued. This past fiscal year 2014-2015 we had 297 dogs reclaimed, 262 dogs adopted and 316 dogs rescued. This is a major improvement for the City-County Health Department. More people as of late have been adopting dogs from the Animal Control Center. A big factor has been our ability to work with 501 C (3) rescue groups in rescuing dogs from our shelter. Our rescue rates have increased tremendously.

Our greatest asset is our website,

which has allowed us to showcase our dogs with a picture and a brief description of our animals available for adoption or rescue. It also serves as a searching tool for those individuals who might have lost their pets. The website has a lost & found section where all impounded animals are posted. This feature will help reunite animals with their owners, if the pets happened to get impounded by the City-County Health Department/ Animal Control. The website also has a section for livestock animals that are impounded. Not only can individuals see what dogs and cats are up for adoption, they can also see our schedule of fees; for adoptions, impoundment and daily impoundment boarding fees and other animal related fees. Please visit our website @ www.cityofkingsville.com.

You can come by the City-County Health Department Animal Control Center Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. We also will be opening the first or second Saturday of every month sponsoring our monthly pet adoption day, animal releases, rescues 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! Our remaining monthly schedule is as follows:

1. Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
2. Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
3. Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
4. Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
5. Saturday, July 9, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
6. Saturday, July 23, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
7. Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
8. Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
9. Saturday, September 10, 2016

from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

10. Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

11. Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

12. Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Adoption fee is \$25.00 (dogs) and \$20.00 (cats) and a \$20.00 refundable vaccination fee.

Dates and times are subject to change. This event allows potential adopters and rescue groups the opportunity to adopt and rescue animal on the weekend. Besides our monthly pet adoption day, the Animal Control Center has joined forces with our local Tractor Supply Company to co-sponsor a quarterly pet adopting event at our local Tractor Supply Company located at 2405 S. Brahma Blvd. This joint venture allows us to go out into our community to present some of our dogs and cats up for adoption and rescue. It's a great opportunity for the City-County Health Department/ Animal Control Center employees to interact with citizens from our great community and speak to them about the benefits of adopting a sheltered animal. Give the animal an opportunity at second chance at life in forever home.

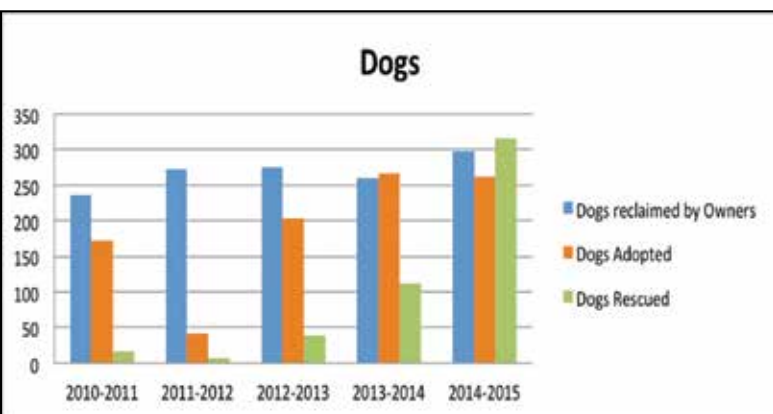
The City-County Health Department recently hired a

company to construct 10 outside bay kennels. Each dog kennel is 4'x8'. The kennels are constructed on a 40' X 8' X 6" foundation with a metal roof over it. The construction of the 10 outside bay kennels was a joint effort between the City of Kingsville and Kleberg County. This new improvement will help with the overcrowding of dogs being impounded. The Animal Control Center will now have 22 inside kennels and 10 outside kennels for a total of 32 dog kennels.

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Emilio Garcia
City County
Health Director
Hired April 2006



Animal Control

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The City-County Health Department/Animal Control Division would like to remind the citizens of Kingsville that the city does have a leash ordinance and any animals running at large and/or stray will be impounded. Also, all dogs and cats by age of 4 months should be rabies vaccinated

by a licensed Veterinarian and every year thereafter as per City Ordinance and Health & Safety Code Title 10, Health and Safety of Animals Chapter 826, Rabies. It's always best to have your pet's rabies tag securely attached to their collar. It's also recommended for your pet(s) to be seen by a

veterinarian on a yearly basis and be microchipped and sterilized to help control the pet population. For more information on adoptions, rescue, animal control fees and animal care questions, please contact Animal Control @ 361-592-3324.

WANTED: FOREVER HOMES



Tourism Promoting community events



Leo Alarcon
Tourism Director
Hired August 2014

Having a community calendar of events for the promotion of activities taking place in Kingsville is a significant role of the City's Tourism department. That is one important task that the department has on a daily basis for drawing in folks from out of town.

The purpose of the City's Tourism department is to develop maximum hotel occupancy use in town by attracting overnight visitors to stay to the area, but the department also helps spread the word on all activities occurring in Kingsville. Should there be an event where the department spends hotel occupancy tax dollars, the occasion should directly enhance and promote

tourism and the convention and hotel industry. If this is the case, the department could go as far as spending dollars for printed advertisement or even possible radio spots.

Whether through social media or the calendar online, the Tourism department will use it to build awareness about your event. All local organizations and groups should contact the Tourism department personnel at the Kingsville Visitors Center at howdy@kingsvilletexas.com or call 361-592-8516 as soon as flyers or posters are available for the affair. All available event literature should be sent electronically to the department.



Interested in Serving?

**The City of Kingsville has the following
Boards & Commissions:**

- *Planning & Zoning Commission*
- *Joint Airport Zoning Board*
- *Historical Development Board*
- *Library Board*
- *City-County Board of Health*
- *Civil Service Commission*
- *Tourism Advisory Board*

If you are interested in learning more about serving as a City resident appointee on any of the aforementioned boards and commissions please call Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary at (361) 595-8002.



Robert J. Kleberg Public Library

Upcoming Events

Robert J. Kleberg Public Library
220 N. 4th Street,
Kingsville TX 78363
361-592-6381

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE 2016

Tuesday April 26 Noon

D.E.A.R. Day Drawing. Today is the deadline to turn in the reading participation forms for the annual Drop Everything and Read Day drawing. Forms must be dropped off at the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library by 12:00 noon. The F.L.A.I.R. Department of the Woman's Club of Kingsville will be performing the drawing for the winners. Participants do not need to be present to win. Winners will be notified by phone.

Saturday April 30 10:00 a.m.

El día de los niños, El día de los libros Storytime. Día is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children from all backgrounds. It is a daily commitment to linking children and their families to diverse books, languages and cultures. In honor of this national event celebrating children and books, the library will

be hosting a bilingual storytime for children of all ages in the children's area of the library. Stories will be read in English and in Spanish.

May 3 to May 31

Blind Date With a Book. A Blind Date with a Book is mystery book, wrapped in color paper and tagged with clues. Patrons will have the opportunity to choose a book without knowing the title or seeing the cover. Choices will be made simply by the clues written on the wrapping to the book. Books will be available in a variety of age groups, genres, and formats. All ages are welcome and encouraged to come in and participate.

Saturday, May 7 10:00 a.m.

Stories with Mom. In honor of all Mothers, Step-mothers, and Grandmothers who make every day special for children, the library will hold a special storytime for children of all ages in the children's area. Come by and enjoy a variety of heartwarming family tales.

Saturday, May 28 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Summer Sign up Event. Beginning today, information packets, reading

logs, and permission forms for Summer Reading and Activity Programs will be available at the Children's Services Desk.

Tuesday, June 7

The Summer Reading Program. The annual Summer Reading Program kicks off today and continues through July 30, 2016. Parents and guardians can pick up the Summer Schedule, Reading Guidelines, and Reading Logs at the Children Services Desk. The theme for the summer reading program is "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read". The Reading Logs are available for individual and families readers. New this year is a special challenge card for young adult and adult readers who wish to participate in a different manner than of the standard reading log.

Thursday, June 9 to Thursday, July 30

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: The Summer Activities Program kicks off today. All activities will be held each Thursday at the Woman's Club of Kingsville located at 230 W. Yoakum.

Toddler Storytime is open to children aged birth to 4 years of age. The stories, songs, and sensory games are designed to build the developmental skills needed to start school while providing an interactive time of learning and discovery.

Lego® Builders Club is open to children 5 to 12 years of age. The club will meet weekly for an hour of fun and creative building with LEGO®s. Bring your creativity, we'll provide the LEGO®s. We will have idea books and designs



to look at; however, children are welcome to build whatever they would like. No registration is required.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Get Fit! This event is open to children of all ages. Presenters at this event will focus on fun activities and games. Featured presenters will be sharing information and ideas that help children stay healthy and get fit. Participants will be given a free jump rope to use throughout the summer that will be theirs to keep. Group and individual goals will be tracked for rewards.

Wednesday, June 15 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Storyteller Donna Ingham - The library will be hosting award-winning Texas storyteller Donna Ingham. This Texas native and author entertains with Texas-based folklore, history, and personal stories with universal appeal; tall tales and outright lies that have earned her the title of the Biggest Liar in Austin seven times and the Biggest Liar in Texas three times. All ages are welcome to this family-friendly storytelling event. This event is free to the public.

Wednesday, June 29 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Entertainer Kornpop the Clown - The library is presenting a performance by professional entertainer Kornpop the Clown as a mid-way celebration of the

Summer Reading and Activity Programs. Kornpop has been entertaining audiences with his jokes, balloon art, and stories for over 30 years! All ages are welcome. This event is free to the public.

For more information on library events, please call the library at 361-592-6381 or visit the library's website at www.kleberglibrary.com.

Patrons can also follow the library's events on Facebook.



Robert R. Rodriguez
Library Director

