

City of Kingsville, Texas
Staff Report
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“It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.” Charles Darwin, English biologist and father of the evolution theory.
www.12manage.com

“If you would like to know the value of money, try to borrow some.”
Benjamin Franklin. www.businesspundit.com

FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES (Courtesy of Vince Capell, City Manager)

Good Job Award!!!

Dear Sir,

*I would like to nominate **Jason C. Torres** for the Good Job Award. Jason has been an employee for the City-County Health Department as an Inspector*

for 10 years. Jason is a hard worker, always on time to work, and is always going that extra mile to help his fellow employees and customers alike.

I have worked with Jason for six years at the Health Department and have never

heard him complain about the work and inspections he is assigned. Jason is a well-rounded individual when it comes to dealing with issues that are encountered in our daily responsibilities at the Health Department. Some of those responsibilities; include Animal Control ordinances, State Health & Safety Animal Control Laws, Vector Control Laws, Food Services Rules

and Regulations and On Site Sewage Facilities State Laws to mention a few. Jason is

*very positive and motivated individual. Jason Torres is a great asset to the City of Kingsville and an exceptional asset to the City-County Health Department. Congratulations to Jason C. Torres on a job well done! **Sincerely, Emilio H. Garcia, City-County Health Director***



Let's Remember & Acknowledge Our Award Winners!!!

2013 Safety & Recognition Awards

*Ruth Valdez – Library - **Employee of the Year***

*Garage staff – Public Works Department - **Injury Free Award***

*Chris Sanchez – Sanitation Division - **Safety Hero Award***

2014 Good Job Awards

Jason C. Torres	City/County Health Department	1/13/14	Consistently superior service
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CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Emilio H. Garcia, Director)

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.

Donut Palace-96	Riviera ISD School Cafeteria-96	KISD Perez Elem. School Cafeteria-100
La Famosa Tortilla-100	Ricardo ISD School Cafeteria- 100	KISD Harvey Elem. School Cafeteria-100
VIP Adult Dyacare-97	Kwik Pantry/King St.-90	Marshall's Hot Dogs-100
B&B Mini Mart-97	Superette Food Mart-96	Kingsway Leadership Academy-100
Bella Roma Restaurante-93	KISD Memorial School Cafeteria-100	Subway/Brahma-100
Sonic Drive Inn-100	Kingsville Headstart-100	Granny's Tamales-100
4 Breeze Drive Thru-100	KISD Central Warehouse-100	Wendy's-96
Pepe's Patio-97	KISD HM King HSchool Cafeteria-100	KISD Kleberg School Cafeteria-100
Big House Bar-B-Que-100	Pan Am School Cafeteria-100	Wing Stop-93
Sunny Mini Market-93	K2 Food Mart-93	Kingsville Food Mart-86
China One-94	Pizza Hut-93	Texas Star-94
McDonald/Hwy77-90	Comfort Inn-89	Sixth Street Café-100
Lydia's-92	Super 8 Motel-84	Taqueria Jalisco #5-95
El Tapatio #1-100	Asian Buffet-92	Casa De Tacos-87
Café 5-97	Church's Fried Chicken-92	Star's Drive Inn-93
Blue Ribbon Deli/Coffee Bar-100	Dollar General/14 th St.-93	Dollar Tree-100
Walgreens-100	Tropical Freeze/Riviera-100	Subway/Riviera-97
Snappy Foods/Riviera-90		

Regular Food Handler & Fundraiser Food Handler Classes

Food Handler Class	9 Students	Regular Food Handler Class-Health Department
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New Food Establishment-Opened

Gerardo's Meat Market, Tamales & Taqueria/1900 E. King St, Kingsville, Texas

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- ❖ Puppies between 6-8 weeks should have a Physical Examination, vaccinations for Distemper Hepatitis, Parainfluenza and the Parvo Virus. They should also have a fecal test for parasites/deworming and their first Heartworm preventative shot.
- ❖ Kittens between 6-8 weeks should have a Physical Examination, vaccinations for Rhinotracheitis, Calica, Panleukopenia and Chlamydia. They should also have a fecal test for parasites/deworming and their first Heartworm preventative shot.

Animal Control-Food Donations

Wal-Mart - Our local **Wal-Mart** Store donated 45 pounds of dry dog food and 40 pounds of dry cat food. The City-County Health Department would like to thank Wal-Mart for their continuous food donation to our animal shelter.



TAMUK Students - The City-County Health Department would like to thank TAMUK Students **Iris Facundo, Jon English and Robert Salinas** for their generous dog and cat food donation to the animal shelter. Pictured are Iris Facundo and Jon English.

Animal Control-Pet Adoption Day

The City-County Health Department-Animal Control Division recently held their last Pet Adoption Day of the year for 2013. The event was held Saturday, December 14, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at our local Tractor Supply Store. Several dogs and cats were displayed for the public to see and pet. This month's Pet Adoption Day was a Big Success. Dobie Haven Rescue and Gulf Coast Human Society each rescued a dog. We also had four dogs and one cat get adopted. The City-County Health Department would like to give **A Big Thanks** to our local Tractor Supply Company and Tammy Mungia, Store Manager for allowing us to have our once a month Pet Adoption Day at their store. We will be working with Mrs. Mungia to complete our 2014 Pet Adoption Day Schedule very soon. We would like to thank all the rescue groups and individuals who rescued and/or adopted an animal from our shelter. Thank you Jessica Montalvo, Customer Service Representative for all that you do and Ernest Espinosa, Animal Control Officer for helping out that day.

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Jessica and Ernest are both filling out adoption and rescue forms



Doggies waiting to be adopted



These children stop by to pet the doggies!



Jonathan Salinas adopted this male Pit-bull dog and Ernest Espinoza is helping load the dog onto his truck. This lucky dog is now going to a forever home.



Volunteers with Dobie Haven Rescue group rescued this beautiful female Doberman Pincher. The Doberman Pincher is on her way to a forever home.

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Doggies are loaded and ready to be transported to a forever home.

Animal Control-Chasing Loose Cattle

On Tuesday, December 24, 2013 City-County Health Department received a phone call from a concern citizen, stating they saw some loose cattle on Sage Road. Upon arrival by Jason Torres, Emilio H. Garcia and Animal control officer's they witness 3 cows loose on Sage Road. The 3 cows were walked to the front gate of the pasture where they were placed back inside the pasture. Luckily the front gate was not locked. The owners of the cows were notified about their loose cows and were advised to fix their fence line.

Jason Torres Walking the Cattle



Still Walking



Cows Stopping to Dine



Animal Control-2014 Monthly Pet Adoption Day Schedule at Tractor Supply

2014 Schedule

1. Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
2. Saturday, February 15, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
3. Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
4. Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
5. Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

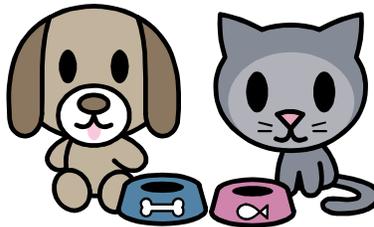
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6. Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
7. Saturday, July 19, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
8. Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
9. Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
10. Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
11. Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
12. Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come by and see our variety of puppies and kittens

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

❖ Dates and times are subject to change.



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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Director)

Did You Know?



Fifty-five (55) popular tax breaks expired at the end of the year. Lawmakers let these tax breaks lapse almost every year, even though they save businesses and individuals billions of dollars. Congress eventually renews most of them, retroactively, so taxpayers can claim them by the time they file their tax returns. By operating this way, it makes it difficult to plan for the future because of the uncertainty should the tax breaks not get renewed or eligibility changes.

Finance Division

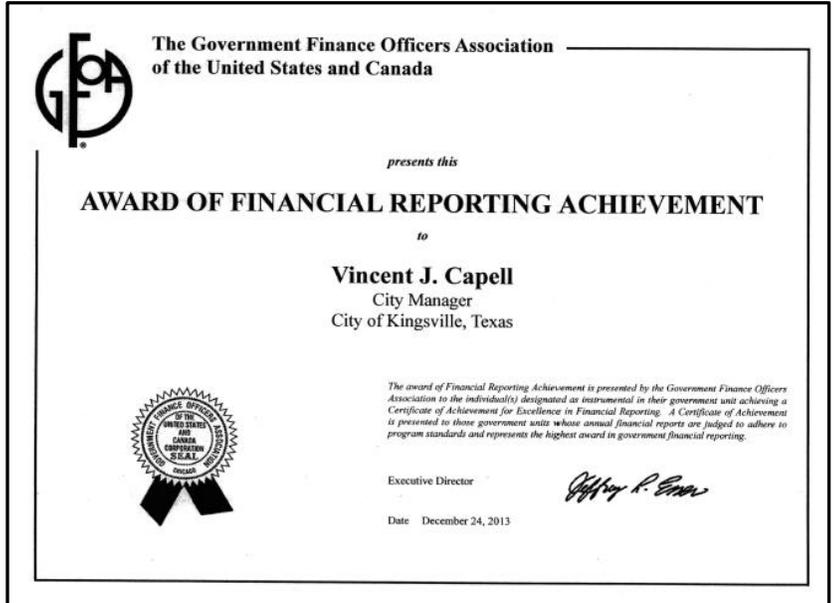
Incode Version VX

The “go-live” date is on schedule for January 13th, 2014. At 5:00 pm on January 9th the Incode system will need to be brought down so the City will not be able to actively process payments on January 10th and 11th. Manually generated receipts will have to be used until the system is brought back up on Monday, January 13th. Notices to this effect will be published in advance of this occurrence to inform the public.

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GFOA CAFR Award

The City was notified that our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012 qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Thank you to everyone that assists in preparing this report. Congratulations.



End of Year Process

December 31st marks the end of the Calendar year and requires the Finance Department to close out the Incode system. Below is what Finance will be working late on New Year's Eve processing:

- Run the Accounts Payable Open Item Report. Enter your auditors' adjusting entries, if available.
 - Run the Accounts Receivable End of Month Process. Run the Detail Listing for all funds.
 - Run the Fixed Assets Master Report. Run the Audit Report for all funds.
- Run the Fixed Assets Auditor Report. Perform the following General Ledger tasks:
- Run the financial statement for all funds. Run the trial balance for all funds.
 - Make an end-of-year back-up tape. Close the year for all funds.
 - Open the month for all funds. Install the budget.
 - Run the Account Listing and verify all account types.
 - Reconcile financial statement against EOY Register for all funds.

Payroll

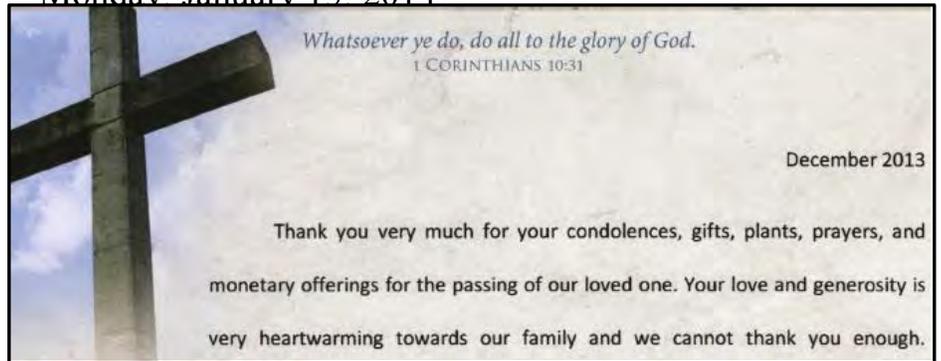
I would like to thank the City staff that worked on getting payroll information in early due to the New Year's Day holiday. Payroll had to be in the Bank by 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 31st to ensure the City staff had payroll posted in their accounts on Thursday. Finance would like to acknowledge Norma Cavazos and Stacie Pena who worked most of Sunday and late Monday to ensure payroll was ready in time.

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Accounts Payable – Welcome Back Sally!

As most of you know, Sally Saenz's husband passed away and she has been out tending to her family. She sent a letter to the City thanking everyone for their support. A portion of her letter is provided. We ask that the City Departments work with us during Sally's absence by submitting payment requests in a timely manner since Finance staffing is shorthanded.



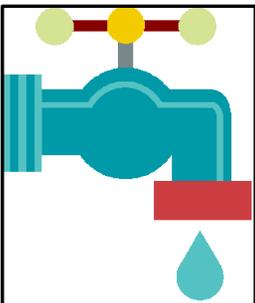
Audit

The Finance Department staff continues to prepare for the annual audit performed by Womack & Co. Terri Vasquez and Deborah Balli have worked diligently to complete bank reconciliations by the December 31st deadline. In the process they have implemented new procedures that will be beneficial and save on time going forward. Due to some schedule reshuffling, Mr. Womack and his staff will be here mid-February 2014.

Congratulations

Finance would like to acknowledge Stacie Pena for passing the 3rd section of the CPA exam. She only needs to pass one more section to get her license and plans to take it in February. Additionally, congratulations to James Bryson for being named for the Good Job award in December.

Utility Billing Division



Did you know?

Water is the only substance that occurs naturally as a solid (ice), a liquid and a gas (water vapor). It covers about 70 percent of the [Earth](#) for a total of approximately 332.5 million cubic miles (1,386 million cubic kilometers) [source: [U.S. Geological Survey](#)]. If you're familiar with the lines "Water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink" from the poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," you'll understand that most of this water -- 97 percent of it -- is undrinkable because it's saltwater (see illustration on next page).

Only 3 percent of the world's water supply is freshwater, and 77 percent of that is frozen. Of the 23 percent that is not frozen, only a half a percent is available to supply every plant, animal and person on Earth with all the water they need to survive [source: [National Geographic](#)].

<http://science.howstuffworks.com/environmental/earth/geophysics/h2o.html>

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What to Look for on Your Water Utility Bill

Please return this portion with your payment. When paying in person please bring both portions of this bill.

Water Utility Service Office
P.O. Box 1458
Kingsville, Texas 78364-1458

Order Check Payment to City of Kingsville - Utilities
New Check to City of Kingsville - Utilities
Online Bill Pay at www.cityofkingsville.com

KINGSVILLE TX 78364

ACCOUNT NUMBER: [REDACTED]

DUE DATE: 10/01/2013 AMOUNT DUE: 70.26

CUSTOMER ACCOUNT INFORMATION - RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS

Name	Service Address	Account Number
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Service Dates From	To	Number of Days	Number of Units	Bill Date	Due Date
07/08/2013	08/05/2013	28	1	09/18/2013	10/01/2013

SUMMARY AREA - BILL TOTALS

SERVICE	CURRENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	USAGE	TOTAL
WAT RES				24.11
200 SEW RES	5241	5195	4,600	18.92
ROW 3591				21.00
400 LANDFILL RES				3.00
601 STORMWATER TAX				1.25
				1.99
AMOUNT DUE:				70.26
AMOUNT DUE AFTER 10/01/2013:				873.26

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED DEC 25TH & 26TH & JAN 1ST 2014
RESIDENTIAL ONE TIME PICK UP TRASH WEEKS AND FOR COMMERCIAL
TUE/WED WILL BE DONE ON TUE AND THUR /FRI WILL BE ON FRI

For Inquiries, Please contact the
Water Department at:
(361) 592-5281
Office Hours 8:15 am - 5:00 pm
Monday - Friday

For Sanitation (trash pickup)
and Sewer Inquiries contact
the Sanitation Department at:
(361) 595-8094

1. Due date
2. Amount due
3. Service dates
4. Number of days
5. Bill date
6. Amount due after due date
7. Any special notice at the bottom of your total bill

For any questions or concerning regarding your water bill do call any of the customer service representatives at the Utility Billing Department at 361-592-5281. Monday-Friday (except Holidays) from 8:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Checks, cash, money order, and Visa or MasterCard are accepted. Via phone, we accept Visa or MasterCard debit or credit at no additional charge. We do offer at no additional charge automatic bank draft. Contact one of our representatives for additional information on this service.

Reminder

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. See the following City Ordinance:

Sec. 5-1-35. When collections made.

B) For customers served by city roll-out containers, the time for placement of city roll-out containers shall be 7:00 a.m. on the date of collection and removed from the street or curb by 8:00 p.m. on the date of collection.

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

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

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

Municipal Court Division

Judiciary of Texas

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia... The structure of the Judiciary of Texas is laid out in Article 5 of the Texas Constitution and is further defined under the law of Texas, in particular the Texas Government Code and the Texas Probate Code. The structure is highly complex, featuring five layers of courts, numerous instances of overlapping jurisdiction, and an unusual bifurcated appellate system at the top level found in only one other state. The ***Municipal Courts are the most active courts***, with the County and District Courts handling most other cases and often sharing the same buildings. Administration is the responsibility of the Texas Supreme Court, which is aided by



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the Texas Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council and the State Bar of Texas (the Texas Bar). Contact the City of Kingsville Municipal Court for any questions or concerns by calling (361) 592-8566 or visit us at 200 E. Kleberg.

Court Business

Throughout the weeks of December 11, 2013, through December 30, 2013, the Kingsville police department filed a total of 138 new cases with the court: traffic(105), parking(6) and state law (27). Kingsville's health and code enforcement filed a total of 1 new ordinance violations, court officer filed (4) and the state office filed (29) FTA (failure to appear in court). A total of 197 cases were completed and closed during this period. In the warrant department 124 orders were executed and 3 new arrest orders were released.

Court collections in this period totaled \$30,866.45 from settlement on payment plans and all other executed orders.

Inmate Court Hearing for December 19, 2013

During the 2:00 o'clock session, a total of 8 inmates were transported to the Municipal Court Chambers by Kingsville police department. five individuals were granted jail time credit for the full balance owed to the court and three individuals were ordered for release with a payment plan/extension order granted by the Honorable Municipal Court Judge.

Public Court Hearing for December 19, 2013

During the 3:00 o'clock session there were 223 total of people scheduled to make there court appearance (362 cases), of which 35 people made their appearance. Of the people whom did appear the case results were as follows:

64	Payment plans & extensions granted
154	Cases forwarded to the warrants
41	Cases closed
21	Cases dismissed by compliance
27	Cases pending for review
9	Cases reset for trial
44	Cases reset to a later court date
0	Alcohol cases to perform comm. service
2	Case under deferred disposition

Appreciation!

Many thanks to Kingsville Police department for the security provided during scheduled court sessions!

Payment Methods

The public is encourage to contact the court office for additional information on traffic and all other Class C misdemeanors at **361-592-8566**. Also as a reminder, the court does not accept payment by personal checks. Payment may be made by Visa, MasterCard, money order, cashier's check and cash. Available on the city website is the option to pay for any outstanding balances due to the court, including active warrants or payment plans and extensions. Please visit our website at <https://cityofkingsville.com/>

Municipal Court Schedule

Pre-Trial Hearing	January 2, 16, & 30, 2014	at	9:00 a.m.
Inmate Session	January 2, 16, & 30, 2014	at	2:00 p.m.
Regular Session	January 2, 16, & 30, 2014	at	3:00 p.m.
Bench Trial	January 30, 2014	at	4:00 p.m.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Joey Reed, Fire Chief) Reporting period 11/27/13 to 12/13/13



Fire Department Mission Statement

Safely respond to fire, medical, and other emergencies. Provide public safety education and prevention programs to protect our community because we care.



Participation in Community Events Update

Kleberg County Public Safety Awards Banquet - On December 14th, the Fire Department received an appreciation award from the Sheriff's Department at the annual dinner and awards event held at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Training and Professional Development

Station Drills - Fire crews participated in various training drills throughout the period including hose lays and deployment training were held. Evaluation of different pre-connected hose were conducted.

Department Training

Fire Department personnel continued training on pre-connected hose lines.

Planning

New Apartment Complexes - The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal attended meetings regarding new apartment complexes being built on FM 3320 (Golf Course Rd) north of General Cavazos Blvd. Discussion concentrated on number of fire hydrants and sprinkler systems.

TAMUK Scientific Burning - The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal met with staff at TAMUK to discuss scientific agricultural study burning projects. The Fire Department will be submitting a draft policy to allow such burning under very stringent safety rules and guidelines.

Vision 2014 - The Fire Department held a "Vision 2014" meeting to discuss the Department's mission, vision, and goals for the upcoming year. Discussions included provision of quicker responses, first responder program, internal policies, morale, and union contract.

Communications Planning - A meeting was held with a communications vendor to discuss communications issues with dispatch, mounting of radios in apparatus, mounting and communications with computers in apparatus, lightning protection, and other topics.

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Other Department Activities

Firefighter Entrance Exams - Firefighter entrance exam was administered on December 16th. Candidates participated in a written exam, physical agility test, and interview panel. Two candidates passed these exams and are now being screened for background, psychological, and medical evaluations. If these candidates are hired, the Fire Department will still have one vacancy with another being created shortly due to a retirement. The openings will be posted for testing.

New Phone System Installation - Improvements and repairs to the new phone system are continuing. The phone system continues to improve. Problems are being addressed as they occur.

Public Safety Education Programs - None Reported during the period.

Hydrant Maintenance - Personnel cleared around fire hydrants in some areas.

Meeting with Vounteer Fire Dept. - The Fire Chief met with leaders of the Volunteer Fire Department to discuss dispatch and coordination issues.

Wildland PPE Issued - Wildland firefighter personal protective equipment was issued to most personnel. The issue included lightweight Nomex brush jacket, brush overpant, wildland helmet with face shroud, and EMS/Wildland boots. This clothing will allow firefighters to fight grass and brush fires safely without becoming fatigued from wearing heavy structure fire clothing. This clothing can also be worn during minor traffic accidents and other situations to improve visibility of the firefighter. Clothing meets the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG) recommendations.

Annual Reports - Annual reports were compiled and submitted to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Officers prepared reports documenting personnel training so that certifications could be updated. Injury reports for state records were also updated.

Projects

Fire Station 1 Electrical Project, Fire Station 1 Downstairs Restroom Project, Fire Station 1 Upstairs Restroom Project, and Fire Station 2 Interior and Exterior Project - Joing Scope meeting was held on December 17th. Buyboard approved contractor inspected all projects and stated that he would have quotes ready in a couple of weeks.

Extractor Washing Machine - Request for quote being developed by purchasing.

Dispatch Communications Project - Met with another vendor regarding systems. Engineer will be reviewing needs and facilities next week so that they may provide recommendations and quotes.

Committee Meetings

Officers Meeting - Officers meeting was held on December 13th. Policies were discussed.

Communications/Dispatch Committee - Meeting held on December 30th. Discussions included communications policies, radio equipment, and reporting systems.

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Uniform Committee - Meeting held on December 18th. Discussions included color options for Nomex station wear uniforms. T-shirt and cap colors and designs. Purchasing of uniforms and phase out time periods for old uniforms.

Apparatus/Equipment Repairs

Generator returned from the shop after 2 months. Waiting for rescue tools to be inspected and annual maintenance to be performed by vendor.

Fire and EMS Response Statistics

Fire/EMS crews responded to (25) fire and other calls, (193) EMS calls, for a total of (218) emergency calls between December 13th, 2013, and January 3rd, 2014.

Special Incidents

House Fire, 500 Block of East Johnston, December 16th. First arriving units encountered heavy fire conditions from the garage and spreading into the kitchen and living room areas. Seven firefighters made an attack on the fire and knocked it down after about 20-25 minutes. One engine company from the Naval Air Station Fire Department and a few off duty personnel and volunteer firefighters also responded to the fire.



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Diana Gonzales, Director)

Did You Know?

In April 2013 the HR News Magazine printed the table below of Characteristics of the Private and Public Sector Work Forces based on information obtained from the US Bureau of Census, Current Population Survey from data compiled as of March 2012.

	Total	Private	Federal Gov.	State Gov.	Local Gov.
Average Age	41.1	40.4	45.9	44.0	45.2
Percent 50+	30.7%	29.1%	42.8%	38.5%	39.8%
Percent with College Degree or/+	32.1%	28.9%	44.6%	54.4%	48.4%
Proportion Knowledge Workers	32.3%	28.3%	41.5%	57.8%	54.2%
Average Earnings	\$41,805	\$40,847	\$62,666	\$45,304	\$42,648

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Advertised Positions

Fire - Firefighter
Garage – Equipment Service Worker and Maintenance Technician
Purchasing & IT – Temporary IT Support
Police – Telecommunication's Operator
Sanitation – Recycling Tech.
Street – Equipment Operator I and Supervisor
Wastewater – Utility Worker

New Employees



Phillip Ramirez
Utility Worker
Public Works – Water Division



Austin Jurica
GIS Technician
Engineering

Separations

Valerie Fanning – Recycling Technician – Sanitation Division
Rolando Lerma – Equipment Operator I – Street Division
Jaime Montalvo – Equipment Operator II – Street Division

General

2014 Employee calendar distributed to staff which highlight payroll due dates and City Hall closures.

HR Director met with the three Fire Department shifts to review the back-pay calculations and provide an opportunity for Firefighters to ask questions. Back pay was due to the new collective bargaining agreement with the Kingsville Professional Firefighters Association since the effective date of the agreement was October 1, 2013 and the agreement was not finalized until November 18, 2013.

Civil Service Fire Department testing took place on December 16th. Two candidates tested and proceeded to the physical agility and interview portions of the selection process.

United Way 2014 Campaign continues. Annually employees are given an opportunity to have their contributions payroll deducted. Forms will be collected on Monday, January 6th and will be submitted for calendar year 2014.

HR commenced quarterly reports to all departments regarding the utilization of sick and vacation leave. Below is a global view of leave utilization under both of the categories.

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1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Sick Leave Utilization - Full Time Employees

Employees utilizing 50% or more of accrued Sick Leave	49		
Employees exhausting current and prior Sick Leave accruals	04		
Top 50 - Utilization in hours	Min. 34.9	Max. 121.00	

1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Vacation Leave Utilization - Full Time Employees

Employees utilizing 50% or more of accrued Vacation Leave	38		
Employees exhausting current and prior Vacation Leave accruals	05		
Top 50 - Utilization in hours	Min. 40.0	Max. 156.0	

Prescription Discount Program – National League of Cities (NLC)

November 2013 – 31 prescriptions filled under this program used by a total of 13 individuals for a monthly savings of \$ 526.20. The average price savings was \$16.97 per prescription which translates to a 30.1% savings on prescriptions. As of date, the program has been utilized by 1,850 individuals for a grand total savings of \$60,424.43 since the beginning of the program in August 2009. The plan has averaged a 20.9% savings in filling 6,454 prescriptions for persons in the Kingsville community.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (Courtesy of Robert Isassi, Director)

Ordinance Drafts

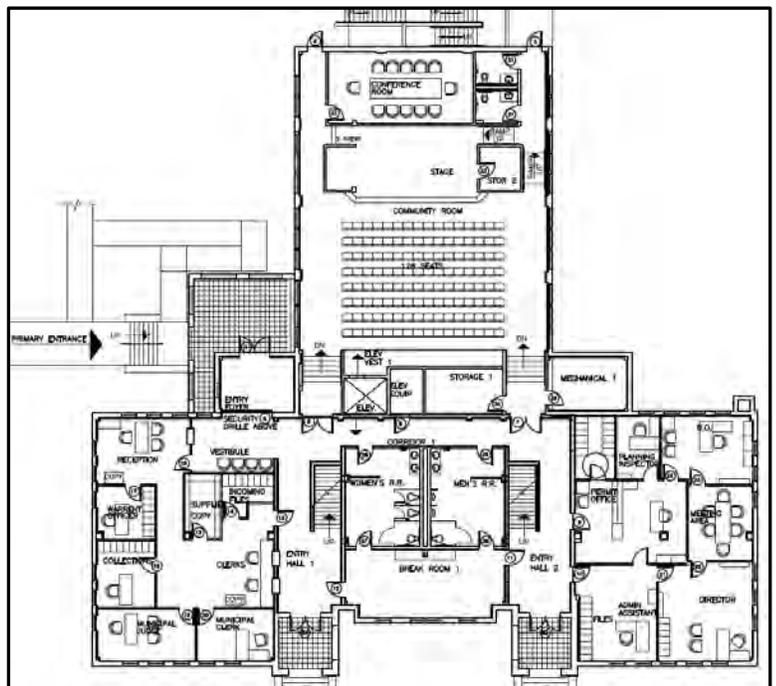
The Planning Office, in conjunction with a planning consultant, is working to rewrite specific City Ordinances that have been in need of updates, clarification, or reworking. The drafts of these new ordinances are currently under review and should be available to present to City Commission in the next few meetings.

New City Hall Project

We have been reviewing the room layout plans for the new City Hall to be located at the Historic H.M. King High School. We have made some changes to the Community room which will now contain bathrooms and a rear Commission conference room behind the stage. Currently contractors are continuing to work on the internal structure of the building before beginning the remodeling work.

Splashpads

City staff has been in contact with a splashpad builder and has been exploring the idea of constructing a sprayground facility somewhere within the community. At this time, we are looking into options that will be cost-effective and desirable to the community.



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Building Services Division

Permits Issued

Residential Remodel	11	Demo	3
Commercial Building	0	Electrical Remodel	16
Mechanical	8	Moving	0
New Residential	0	Fire Inspection	25
Cert. of Occupancy	4	Gas Inspection	5
Commercial Meter	6	House Leveling	0
Plumbing	6	Residential Meter	4
Re-Roof	4	Sprinkler	2
Sidewalk	0	Sign	0
Curb	1	Swimming Pool	0
Total Permits Issued	95		



New Business No new business to report.

Recent activity (December 12 – January 1) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:

Activity	Results
Notices Sent- 38	Compliances- 73
Inspections- 44	Abatements- 18
Re-Inspections- 86	Court Cases- 0
Illegal Dumping Cases- 0	Referral to other Department- 1
Obsolete Sign Violations- 4	Placards Posted- 0

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:

803 E. Mesquite- City Crews Abated

BEFORE

AFTER



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1906 S. 6th St. (obsolete/dilapidated pole removed) – Property Owner Abated
BEFORE **AFTER**



1908 Martin (Top 10 Property) – Property Owner Abated



422 S. Lantana- Brush Crew Abated



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Upcoming Cleaning Events

Planning has begun on the upcoming cleaning events. The next Trash Off day is tentatively scheduled for February 1st. "The Bigger Event", a cleanup effort in conjunction with TAMUK and other community volunteers, is scheduled for March 22nd.

Please make necessary arrangements for these events. Meetings will be scheduled to help with the coordination of city staff. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Jennifer Bernal.

Training

Cyndi Flores-Falcon has completed a training session on-line through the Texas Illegal Dumping Resource Center (TIDRC) which earned her 3 hours towards her code enforcement certification.

Staff Inspectors are keeping with their weekly inspections of major thoroughfares. Operators are doing a great job of staying on schedule maintaining residential cleanups as well as major thoroughfares.

Keep Kingsville Beautiful (KKB) Board members have been working diligently to gather all important information for the application of a grant that is given by Keep Texas Beautiful. The deadline for this grant is early February. The potential grant is worth \$210,000. The Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA) is one of the most prestigious annual environmental awards in Texas. This year, 10 winning communities will share \$2 million in landscape awards from the Texas Department of Transportation for their outstanding overall efforts to keep their communities beautiful.

Community Appearance Billing

Community Appearance Division will be tracking the monthly total amount being billed from private property cleanups. These cleanups include mowing and abatements of noxious matter through FY '14.

OCT	\$9107.08	APR	
NOV	\$6550.24	MAY	
DEC	\$9605.00	JUN	
JAN		JUL	
FEB		AUG	
MARCH		SEPT	

Demolition Initiative

The Building Dept. will present five dilapidated structures to City Commissioners for review on the last meeting of each month. A goal of 25 demos per fiscal year has been set.

Below is an update pertaining to the noticed properties in violation awaiting a demolition order and the already agreed upon and approved properties scheduled for upcoming demolition:

Commission Approved	FY '13-'14	1
Property Owner Agreement	FY'13-'14	3

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Property Location</u>
Pending	519 N. 6 th St.- Awaiting re-hearing for Demolition Order Request
1/3/2013	508 W Ella – Voluntary Demo
Pending	218 E Fairview – Voluntary Demo (Fire Damage)
Pending	911 E Alice – Voluntary Demo

*As always Community Appearance would like to thank **all** those involved with all the efforts towards the beautification of our great city.*

Top Ten Priority (Private Property) Clean Ups

Community Appearance Inspectors are following up on previous City abatements to ensure compliance since abatement. Additionally, inspectors have determined the properties, sent notices and obtained photos of those to be listed in the top ten clean ups for the 21st Phase to be completed in January. As in the past, owners or occupants of the properties have failed to abate these nuisances after being noticed. The current top ten properties are as follows:

PHASE 21 (210 Properties Since this Program Commenced)

Property Address	Date of Compliance Deadline
1511 E. Fordyce	1/30/2014
426 E. Alice	1/30/2014
430 E. Alice	1/30/2014
1950 E. Corral	1/30/2014
1235 E. Kleberg	1/30/2014
723 E. Doddridge	1/30/2014
721 E. Doddridge	1/30/2014
210 E. Miller	1/30/2014
806 S. 11 th St.	1/30/2014
727 W. Huisache	1/30/2014

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

As shown in the below table the number of owner abatements on noticed properties within the “top ten” monthly clean ups has 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 indicating a change in behaviors hopefully due to increase public awareness of City codes.

Top Ten Phase #	#of Cleanups Conducted by property owner	Top Ten Phase #	#of Cleanups Conducted by property owner
PHASE 1	0 out of 10	PHASE 12	8 out of 10

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PHASE 2	2 out of 10	PHASE 13	9 out of 10
PHASE 3	2 out of 10	PHASE 14	6 out of 10
PHASE 4	3 out of 10	PHASE 15	9 out of 10
PHASE 5	3 out of 10	PHASE 16	9 out of 10
PHASE 6	3 out of 10	PHASE 17	8 out of 10
PHASE 7	4 out of 10	PHASE 18	8 out of 10
PHASE 8	7 out of 10	PHASE 19	8 out of 10
PHASE 9	5 out of 10	PHASE 20	
PHASE 10	8 out of 10		
PHASE 11	7 out of 10		

POLICE (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief)

Chapter 59 Donation to Boys and Girls Club

The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, allows for Chapter 59 funds to be used for nonprofit programs for the prevention of drug abuse. The Kingsville Police Department has been allowed to make monetary donations from Chapter 59 proceeds to the entity described below:

The Boys & Girls Club of Kingsville is a non-profit organization that provides anti-drug programs to the youths of the city and the area by providing educational studies opportunities, athletic programs, field trips and other activities with a drug-free message that have a positive impact on the children of Kingsville. This donation will assist them in implementing the SMARTMoves program to assist in the prevention of Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs for our youth. The monetary donation is in the amount of **\$5,000.00**

Communities In Schools, Chapter 59 Donation

The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure under Chapter 59 allows awarded funds to be used to assist in the funding of nonprofit programs for the prevention of drug abuse. Communities In Schools is a tax-exempt organization and due to funding shortfalls has become more dependent upon support from individuals, corporations, and private foundations in our community.

An application from the Communities In Schools soliciting a donation for the Kingsville, Texas program. The drug and alcohol prevention programs being proposed provide a proactive means to address our continued battle against the abuse of chemicals and their addiction.

The monetary donation is in the amount of **\$5,000.00**.

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The monetary donation is in the amount of **\$5,000.00**.

Patrol Division
December 20th, 2013 thru January 3rd, 2014

Traffic

- 63 citations
- 6 DWI arrests
- 7 Collisions
- 8 Hit & Run cases

Burglaries

- Habitations: 8
- Buildings: 2
- Vehicles: 4

Narcotics Arrests (4)

Training

- 2 officers attended the "Street Crimes Seminar" in Corpus Christi.
- 7 patrol supervisors completed the "Sexual Harassment Training for Managers" online class.

Christmas holidays and New Year's Eve were relatively slow.

Criminal Investigations Bureau

Det. V. Salinas has been assigned to the following cases: 13-35159, 35151, 35157, 35137, and 35149. They are in reference to Angel Rene Quintanilla being arrested for Possession of Stolen property and assault. Det. V. Salinas interviewed Quintanilla while at the jail and he admitted or confessed to burglarizing several vehicles on the 11-23-13.

Quintanilla is also a suspect on an older burglary that was reported several months ago at the high school (case number 13-0005057). Angel advised it was him who broke into the high

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school, and took the welding equipment. Angel refused to give details. Det. V. Salinas is currently investigating these cases and they will be submitted to the courts on a later date.

Det. J. Greif has been assigned this case 13- 35690 in reference to a burglary of a habitation. Det J. Greif made contact with the victim, who advised a male subject was seen using old coin to purchase items at a local store.

Note: Old coins were taken from the victim's house during the Burglary.

Det. J. Greif followed up on that lead and made contact with the male subject who was using the coins to purchases the items, and he was identified as Hilario G Vela. Vela gave Det. J. Greif verbal consent to search his house, where Det. J. Greif located items that belonged to the victim. Det. J. Greif then executed a search warrant at Vela's house. Vela had damaged and moved some of the property that belonged to the victim; therefore Vela is going to be charged with Tampering with evidence and a Sate Jail Felony for theft because he has previous convictions. This case is still under investigation and Det. J. Greif will be submitting this case to the courts on a later date.

Det. N. Mirarchi#37 has been assigned this case 13-38013 in reference to Indency w/ A child. The victim is reported to be 12 years old and is being sexually assaulted by her mother's boyfriend (Michael J. Pena). A CAC interview was conducted with the victim and the victim stated in the interview she was forced to touch her mother's boyfriend's penis. The victim also advised Pena put his hand down her pants and rubbed her vagina. An arrest warrant was made for Michael J Pena and the CID division is currently actively looking for the offender. Note: It also stated in the report that the mother is aware the daughter is currently being abused and does nothing about it.

Det. Cpl G. Rodriguez has been assigned this case 13- 34991 in reference to theft. While Cpl. Rodriguez was working patrol (Stone Garden), he responded as a backup officer on a traffic stop that Ptlm. E. Escobedo #72 had conducted in the 1000 block of S. 15th. The subjects in the vehicle were identified as Derrick D. Thomas (Driver), Nicolas Garcia (front passenger), and Rolando Perez (rear passenger). I was aware these subjects are involved in several burglaries around town, so I decided to question the subjects. Upon my arrival I noticed inside the vehicle was a barbecue pit. All the subjects inside the vehicle gave different information on where they picked up the barbecue pit. Pictures were taken of the barbecue pit and the subjects were released.

A few days later I received a text from Ramsey Hernandez (Probation Officer), who advised he just noticed his barbecue pit was stolen and wanted me to be on the lookout for it. Ramsey described the barbecue pit to me and it is the same description of the pit that the other three subjects were seen with the other night. Ramsey reported the barbecue to the police, and Ptlm. E. Escobedo was currently working when he reported it. Ptlm. E. Escobedo knew where the barbecue pit was and located it at the residence of Derrick Thomas. Derrick Thomas was arrested that night, and all three subjects will be charged with Engaging in Organized Crime. Garcia, and

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Perez are currently in jail on MTR Warrants and spent the New Year in jail. Thomas currently has an active MTR warrant and is hiding from law enforcement. This case will be filed with the courts on a later date.

Communications Bureau

Training

All telecommunication personnel have completed their TCOLE requirements and are certified. Mrs. Latonya Johnson and Mrs. Teekie Allen recently completed the following training. Course 1013 Basic Telecommunication and 2120 Crisis Communications section of their training.

Mrs. Teekie Allen is still assigned to trainer Mrs. Monica Lopez who is working on the day shift. She started to observed some of the traffic in the dispatch area.

Ms. Ashly Garza picked up the training exceptionally well in the dispatch area so she is already been moved to answering telephone calls and learning the clerk area.

Ms. Garza is progressing so quickly she will be on her own by next month. She is currently training with Mr. Marcus Munoz.

Mrs. LaTonya Johnson continues to progress in her dispatch training with Mr. Prieto.

General Information

Received six hundred and twenty seven 911 calls.

Calls to the front desk two thousand eighty nine .

The Communication Department still has one opening to fill.

The Department learned from the Human Resources Department that four applicants successfully past the clerk dispatcher test. Only two of the applicants bothered to submit a complete employment packet. The Department has begun the background process on both potential applicants. One is currently a full time student and the other has limited work experience.

Training Bureau

On December 12th, 2013 Sr. Ptlm. Ricardo Salinas assisted with stranger on campus drill at the Ricardo I.S.D.

Neighborhood Improvement Office

Officer Eric Perez has been assigned the full time position of Neighborhood Improvement Officer, although he is made available to the Police Department for other duties when conditions call for it. Officer Perez's duties include, but are not limited to enforcing traffic code offenses throughout Kingsville the added benefit being to produce more liveable, attractive, safer City.

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Neighborhood Improvement Office

Abandoned and Junk Autos

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, Director)

Engineering (11/17 – 1/3)

Engineering has continued to provide support to departments. Engineering has been surveying properties and assessing the roadways for construction. Engineering has been preparing contract documents with consulting engineers for the following projects: Water well #25, Waste water trunk main to the North plant, and water line replacement on Kennedy between the East water

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tower (near Burger King) to the West water tower (near the MOPAC fields). Engineering has also prepared the documents for land acquisition for the new water well #25 site.

Street Division (12/08 – 12/28)

Road Construction – Continued work on Project #32 on 3rd St. Earlier in the week the project was rained out so they installed fuel tank on Unit #5105, did maintenance on equipment, broke up and loaded Muniz Trucking from dark area and finished installing fuel tank. Crews worked on and set limestone. Crews hauled material from park, set hub, got densities, flat wheeled and prepared area for seal coat Street crews did maintenance on equipment. Crews seal coated patch, sprayed primer, swept, cleaned, prepared equipment for hot mix, cut up, hauled material and dressed up around intersections,



manholes and water valves. Crews used milled materials from TXDOT and Kleberg County to construct a pad at the public works yard for the purpose to stock pile type 3 and type 4 rock. Currently, a small stock pile is located on 6th Street.

Mowing

- Islands from King Ave. and Hwy 77 to Corral and Hwy 77
- Corral Ave. from Bypass to 14th St.
- 14th St from Corral to North Y
- North Y to Nettie Ave.
- 6th St. from Corral Ave. to Ave B
- Railroad from Corral to Ave B
- 6th St from Kleberg Ave. to Ave B
- 6th St. from Alexander Ave to Ailsie Ave.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from Bypass to NAS
- Sidewalk from, A&R Builders to Ailsie Ave
- 6th St. from Nettie Ave to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Ailsie Ave. from Franklin Adams to 6th St.
- 6th St. from General Cavazos Blvd. to City Limits
- 6th St. from Ailsie Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- 6th St from Trant Rd to City Limits.
- 6th St. from Escondido to City Limits

Round Up Weed Killer

- 3rd St. from Ave B to Ave D
- Yoakum Ave. from 3rd St. to 10th St.
- King Ave. from University Blvd. to US highway 77

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Weed Eating

14th St. from Corral Ave to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
14th St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave to King Ave.
14th St. from King Ave to General Cavazos Blvd.
14th St Caesar Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd
General Cavazos from 14th St to Hwy 77 Bypass
6th St from Alexander Ave to Escondido
6th St from Alexander Ave. to City Limits
6th St. from General Cavazos Blvd. to City Limit
Loop 428
General Cavazos Blvd.
Trant Rd. from Business 77 to the Cemetery
Picked up trash on 6th St. from General Cavazos Blvd. to City Limit Sign.
Picked up trash on Santa Gertrudis from King Ave. to University Blvd.

Gutters

- Zone 2 (area between Sage Rd Santa Gertrudis Ave and Armstrong and 6th St.
- Zone 6 (area between Santa Gertrudis and King Ave and from 14th St and 6th St.
- Richard Ave. from 9th St to the Dead End
- Ella Ave from 5th St to 8th St.
- 5th St. from Santa Gertrudis to Nettie Ave.
- 4th St. from Nettie Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 3rd St. from Ella Ave to Nettie Ave.
- Ella Ave, from 2nd St to Armstrong
- Nettie from 1st St to Armstrong Ave.
- Ave A from 5th St to Armstrong Ave.
- Ave B from Armstrong Ave to 1st St
- 1st St from Santa Gertrudis to Ave B
- 2nd St. from Santa Gertrudis to Nettie Ave.
- 4th St. from Nettie Ave. to Ave B
- 5th St. from Nettie Ave. to Ave B
- Wells Ave. from Santa Gertrudis to Nettie Ave.
- Ave B from 1st St to 5th St.
- Ave C from 4th St. to Armstrong Ave.
- Ave D from Armstrong to Wells
- 1st St and 2nd St from Ave B to Ave C
- Ave C from 5th St. to Railroad St.
- Railroad from Ave. C to Ave D
- Alice Ave. from 12th St to 6th St.
- Richard Ave. from 8th St. to 9th St.
- Zone 2, 8, 9 and 10
- Ave D and Wells to 6th St.

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- Wells from Ave D to Corral Ave.
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd from Ave C to Corral Ave.
- 4th St from Ave D to Corral Ave.
- Mesquite Ave. from 3rd St to 2nd St.
- Mesquite Ave from 1st St to Armstrong Ave.
- 1st St and Wells from Mesquite to Corral Ave.
- All of the Santa Gertrudes Edition
- Richard Ave from University Blvd. to Armstrong Ave
- Alice Ave. from Armstrong Ave to Lantana
- Lantana Ave from Richard Ave. to Lee Ave.
- Lee Ave. from Lantana Ave to Armstrong Ave
- Lantana Ave. from Lee to Wanda Ave
- Wanda from Henrietta Ave to Lee Ave.
- Wanda Ave from Lee Ave to Alice Ave.
- Yoakum Ave from Armstrong Ave to Dead End
- Henrietta Ave from Armstrong Ave to University Blvd.
- Jackson Ave. from Henrietta Ave to King Ave
- Wanda Ave. from King Ave to Henrietta Ave
- Kleberg Ave. from University Blvd to Armstrong Ave.
- Richard Ave, Lee Ave, Cypher Ave, Henrietta Ave, and Yoakum Ave. from Seale St to University Blvd.
- Seale St. from Yoakum Ave to Richard Ave.
- Retama Rd from Richard Ave to Santa Gertrudis Ave
- May St from King Ave to Kenedy Ave.
- Milton St. and Jackson St from Kenedy Ave to King Ave.
- Lott Ave from Miller to Lantana St.
- Lantana St. from Lott Ave to Johnston Ave.
- College Place from Johnston Ave. To Dead End.
- Williams St. from Kenedy Ave to Johnston Ave.
- Wanda St. from Johnston Ave. to King Ave
- Frances from Kenedy Ave to Johnston Ave.
- Huisache Ave from Kenedy Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- Ragland Ave from Armstrong Ave. to 3rd St.
- Zone 10 (between Armstrong Ave and 6th St and from Alexander Ave. and King Ave.)
- Warren Ave. from 3rd St to 2nd St.
- Warren Ave from 2nd St and Armstrong Ave.
- Doddridge Ave from Armstrong Ave to 3rd St.
- Johnston Ave. from 3rd St to Armstrong Ave.
- Fordyce Ave from 3rd St to Armstrong Ave.
- Huisache Ave from 6th St. to 2nd St.
- Well St from Warren Ave to Fordyce Ave.

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- 1st St, 2nd St. from Warren Ave to Huisache

Street Sweeping

- Santa Gertrudes from Armstrong to University Blvd
- University from King Ave to Santa Gertrudis Ave
- Santa Gertrudis from 6th St. to 14th St.
- Richard Ave. between 8th St and 9th St.
- General Cavazos from 14th St to Hwy 77
- 6th St. from Corral Ave to General Cavazos Blvd.
- 8th St. from King Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to Hwy 141
- General Cavazos Blvd from 14th St to Hwy 77
- 14th St. from Corral Ave to General Cavazos Blvd.
- King Ave from Hwy 77 to Armstrong
- Santa Gertrudis from 6th St to Armstrong.
- Yoakum Ave, Cypher Ave, Henrietta Ave, Lee Ave and Richard Ave. from Armstrong Ave to Seale St.
- University Blvd. from King Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave
- Santa Rosa from Santa Gertrudis Ave to Santa Fe.
- Santa Cecilia and Santa Maria and Sante Fe from Santa Rosa to Santa Elena
- Santa Elena from Santa Fe to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St. to Hwy 77
- 6th St from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to University Blvd.
- 17th St from Corral Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Nettie Ave. from 2nd St. to 3rd St.
- Armstrong Ave. from Sage Rd to Caesar Ave.
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from 14th St to Ailsie Ave.
- 14th St from General Cavazos Blvd to Corral Ave.
- Corral Ave. from 14th St. to the Yard
- Shelly Ave. from Ailsie Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Caesar Ave. from 14th St. to 6th St.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St to Hwy 77
- 6th St from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Corral Ave. from Armstrong Ave to Hwy 77
- 11th St., 10th St. 9th St., 8th St, 7th St., 6th St. and 3rd St from Yoakum ave to King Ave.
- Kleberg Ave. from 3rd St to 11th St.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St to Hwy 77.
- Picked up water on Huisache Ave and 16th St, Lott Ave and 16th St, 5th St. and Huisache Ave and on 19th St. and Huisache Ave.

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Patching – Crews patched and filled in potholes:

- 400 Block of E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Trant Rd. and Brahma Blvd.
- 716 ½ W. Kleberg Ave
- Center of Doddridge and 9th St.
- 1816 N. 20th St.
- 12th and Henrietta Ave.
- 709 E. Richard Ave
- Nettie Ave. between 8th and 9th St.
- 17th St from Yoakum Ave to Dead End
- Corral Ave. from Armstrong Ave. to Hwy 141

Hot Mix

- Armstrong Ave and Santa Gertrudis
- Richard Ave and Armstrong Ave.
- 8th St from Nettie Ave to Caesar Ave.
- PFC Daniel Alarcon and Lee Ave.
- Post Office and Lee Ave.

Cold Mix

- 18th St. from 16th St. to 20th St.
- 400 E. Santa Gertrudis
- Nettie Ave. from 8th St. to 6th St.
- 12th St. and Henrietta Ave.
- 707 E. Richard Ave.
- Trant Rd. and Brahma Blvd
- 716 W. Kleberg
- 6th St.
- 11th St and Yoakum Ave.
- 17th St from Yoakum Ave to Dead End
- Corral Ave. from Armstrong to Hwy 141

Sign Shop

- Watered palm trees on General Cavazos, Santa Gertrudes and 6th St.
- Replaced a stop sign on Ailsie Ave and Carlos Truan Blvd and another on 17th and King Ave.
- Installed a sign post on FM Rd 3325 and General Cavazos Blvd.
- Cleaned up sign shop and barn.
- Picked up old tires on 3rd St and Doddridge Ave.
- Trimmed blind corners on 7th St and Caesar Ave.
- Set and picked up barricades for La Posada Parade

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- Closed street for La Posada parade.
- Watered trees on General Cavazos Blvd,
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. and the North Y
- Put up mourning signs on Henrietta between 16th and 17th St
- Picked up tables and chairs for City Hall
- Worked on grinding clamps for signs
- Took old signs to sell at junk yard
- Fixed an End School Zone Sign that was hanging upside down on Santa Elena.
- Put up new street signs on the following
 - Ailsie Ave and Shelly Ave
 - E. Ave B and 14th St
 - 17th St and Caesar Ave.
 - 13th and Corral Ave
 - 15th and Corral Ave
 - 15th St and Corral Ave.
 - 16th St and Corral Ave.
 - 17th St and Corral Ave.
 - 13th St. and Lee Ave.
 - 6th St and E. Ave C
 - 6th St and W. Ave D
 - Corral Ave and Young Drive
 - 13th and Caesar Ave
 - 10th and Corral Ave
 - 4th St and W. Ave B
 - W. Ella and 1st St
 - Brookshire and Gillette
 - 14th St and E. Ave C
 - W. Ave A and 4th St.
 - W. Ave G and Lantana
 - 1st St. and W. Ave I
 - Mesquite Ave. and Armstrong
 - Kenedy Ave and Armstrong Ave.
 - Huisache Ave and Armstrong
 - Caesar Ave. and Armstrong
 - Henrietta Ave. and Armstrong Ave.
 - Ragland Ave and Armstrong
 - 2 street signs on W. 4th St.
- Fixed a hanging upside down End School Zone sign on Santa Elena
- Put up mourning signs on Ailsie Ave. and Shelly Ave.



- Watered palm trees on Santa Gertrudis from Seale to Hwy 141
- Watered Mesquite trees on 6th St.
- Water Palm trees on General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St. to Hwy 77 bypass

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Miscellaneous

Streets, sanitation and mowing crews clean up litter at 6th & General Cavazos

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Water Production (12/08 – 12/28)

Wells 22 & 23 - Alsay Inc. ordered pump, motor, water column and Zink anodes for Well #22. TECQ will be collecting compliance sample on 12/18/13 on Well #23. Alsay Inc. completed the repairs to Water Well #22 on 12/24/13. The well was disinfected at 50mg/l for 24 hours. No samples were collected by TCEQ contractor from Wells 22 and 23. These two wells are still out of service due to mechanical issues.

Well 19 - We are waiting on Van Fleet to complete project on Well #19. There has been no activity at new pump house at Well 19. STWA is no longer servicing Ricardo via city's distribution system.



Routine job - Collected 18 routine Bacteriological Samples; collected 21 daily chlorine residual, delivered Ammonia to 9 sites; delivered Chlorine to 9 sites.

Water pumped to distribution (12/08 – 12/28 - Wells – 51,631,000 gallons; Surface – 21,983,000 gallons; 714,000 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 74,328,000 gallons; Average –3,539,428.57 gals/day

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Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (12/08-12/28)

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. Wastewater received wheels for clarifier from C2 Square. Plant Mechanic and helpers installed wheels on traveling bridge. Operators added new filters to new blower and reset it. Operators and Helpers picked up samples and fixed water leak at plant.

Wastewater Treatment South Plant - Operator mowed grass, 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. Crews are wasting sludge into drying beds. Plant Mechanic and Laborers are still working on installing $\frac{3}{4}$ airline to new clarifier. C2 Square will be picking up back up blower for repair. The 4th Quarter Bio Monitoring paperwork was sent off. Ja-Con looked at the graph chart.

Wastewater Collection – Had 18 call outs for sewer backups

170 W. Ave C

1113 Gillett

513 W. Richard Ave

2145 N. Pasadena

2121 Brahma Blvd.

734 Santa Elena

428 W. Lee

3915 Boyd

411 E. Shelton Ave.

1130 W. Henrietta Ave.

616 E. Huisache

600 E. Richard Ave.

402 W. Lee Ave.

900 S. 6th St.

304 Elizabeth

305 W. Santa Gertrudis

603 W. Ave B

1310 S. 14th St.

3 bad odors; 4 – line locates; 1 – video service line; 2 – installation of steel boot and clean out; 3 – sewer service repairs; Wastewater crew exposed 3' sewer pipe at 2103 E. Caesar Ave, vacuumed grit box at 1MGD and 3MGD, added deodorizer in manhole at 3724 Andron Lane. Wastewater crew were busy working on sewer service at 530 E Johnston, installing a clean out at 909 E. Kenedy, repairing a riser at 2209 S. Brahma and replacing a clean out cap at 700 W. Doddridge.

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Water Distribution (12/08 – 12/28)

Water Division Crews repaired 12 Main Breaks and answered approximately 61- Service Calls, 23 - Locates, 6 -Service line leaks, 8- Meter Leaks, 14- Backfills, 5 – customer side leaks, 1 – low pressure, 2- open water, 2 - turn offs and 0 – no water.

2"	Main Break	H.M. King High
6"	Main Break	Wells and King Ave.
6"	Main Break	700 W. Ave H
2"	Main Break	915 W. Huisache Ave.
2	Main Break	212 E. Fairview
2"	Main Break	119 W. Fairview
2"	Main Break	215 W. Fairview
2"	Main Break	120 E. Fairview
2"	Main Break	110 E. Fairview
3"	Main Break	719 W. Fairview
2"	Main Break	Jackson Ave. and King Ave.
6"	Main Break	6 th St and Carol Ave.

The Water Dept. installed 6" Fire Flow Meter on Seale St. and Ave B for Texas A&M University. Water crews continue to work with Water Production Dept. to raise chlorine residual on W. Escondido Ave. Water crews helped Street Dept. patch up water leak site on 12th St and Yoakum Ave. Crews worked to isolate water on the east side of the bypass to replace leaking gasket in vault.

City Garage (12/08 – 12/28)

Maintenance - 14 Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 41 scheduled work orders; 62 nonscheduled work; 20 Service calls; 1 Call out; 14 New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 11 flat tire repairs and balances; 39 pending work orders. City Garage completed transmission and radiator repairs on Unit 334. Mechanics are repairing the pump on Unit 544.

Welder - 0 work order; 6 pending work orders; 17 nonscheduled work orders; 0 scheduled work order; and 3 service calls. Welder is fabricating jack Stands for Water Production.

Solid Waste (12/08 – 12/28)

Landfill - (12/08 – 12/28)

Landfill crew continued litter clean up in and around facility. The Magnet Trailer is being used to pick up nails around the facility and on the roads leading to the Landfill. The Landfill quartered 500 tires.



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New John Deer Dozer Delivered - The new John Deere Dozer was delivered to the Landfill. E.B Creager Tire and Battery came to mount and dismount the new scraper tire. The Dozer was used to continue work on slopes. The tracks were tightened on the Excavator. The Scraper is not unloading properly; Holt Cat was called to check it out. The fan belts and tracks were tightened on the D6T Dozer. The oil, oil filter and air filter on the pick up truck Unit 9316 and Trencher was changed. A conference call with Kristen Cappel and Lori Edwards from the EPA and Bradley Clark of NAS is scheduled for January 13, 2014 at 8:30 a. to discuss the LMOP assessment. Holt Cat Mechanic came out to check the Scraper, he took a sample of the transmission and drained some of the transmission fluid and adjusted the valves for hydraulic. The Landfill recorded .5 inches of rain over the holidays. Landfill employees worked late due to garbage trucks picking up double routes as a result of the holidays. The landfill is preparing for bad weather.



Trash -1,125.78 tons; Brush - 118.1 tons; Construction and Demolition (C & D) -360.9 tons; Concrete -75.58 tons; Litter -.3; Quartered Tires - 4.7 tons; and Metal - .04 tons, Sludge - 23.63

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Sanitation - Residential waste collected from 12/08 – 12/28 – **828,200** pounds; Commercial waste collected **906,800** pounds; Brush collected **93,620** pounds and construction debris collected **124,260** pounds. The Brush crew collected in Zone 2 last week and has started collecting in Zone 3. Crews are working on abatements and demos when possible.

New Dumpsters Received - 60 new dumpsters were received from Wastequip after being ordered from this year's capital funds.



Assisting Community Appearance - Sanitation has been helping Community Appearance finish small abatements as needed. We also cleared the fence of overhanging brush and will be placing slats in the section of fence also.

Garbage Pickup Schedules - Sanitation picked up regular routes on Monday and Tuesday of Christmas week and was off on Wednesday and Thursday. Upon their return, the department picked up the entire city on Friday even though it was not scheduled. This helped keep unwanted roll outs from being left on the street for days and helped the department manage to keep up with service the following week.



Recycling - Recycling for the month of November totaled 27.12 tons from the recycling center taken to Corpus Christi.

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PURCHASING AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of David Mason, Director)

Purchasing Division

Purchase Orders - So do you think it slows down during the holidays? Not for Purchasing, as we logged in \$526,721.49 for the period from 12/13/13 to 01/03/14!



P-Cards - P-card statements are being sent out now and we are hoping for a big improvement in timeliness and accuracy.

Increasing Purchasing Knowledge: Specifications

There are several types of specifications used in purchasing and they include:

- Performance/Functional
- Design/Technical
- Combination
- Brand or Trade Name
-

Qualified or Approved Products

- Statement of Work

Performance/Functional

- Describes what the outcome is to be.....not how to get the outcome
- Most of the risk is on the vendor

Design/Technical

- Complete description of what the products must look like
- Describes the process of producing output or step-by-step instructions
- Risk is on the purchaser

Combination

- Includes element of both performance and design
- May include design requirements, but is open to suggestions regarding performance

Brand or Trade Name

- Identify specific product by name, model numbers, manufacturer, etc.
- Using "or equal" establishes a minimum standard of quality
- Is the least desirable type of specification because it limits competition!

Qualified or Approved Products List

- Acceptability is tested and determined in advance of purchase

Statement of Work

- Used for procuring services

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- Defines work to be accomplished (what, when, acceptance criteria, etc.)

Technology Division

Upgrade to Incode Version X

Tyler Technologies has begun the third week of training software implementation. Doug Garret has remote instructed Payroll most of this week working was hammering out minor changes in the version 9 software and ensuring that the calculations remained the same in the version X. Mr. Garret will be onsite next week to do hands-on training with the AP, GL, PY, FA, and PU modules. IT staff spent the early part of the week ensuring that each position had a software role and each user was properly put into the system. This added security allows us to fine grain policies based on department, position, and even control what processes each user is allowed to access. We have even been able to add some additional features to these security roles that users may find very helpful.

AP view only role- We have added additional rights to allow each department to view any pending payments against or toward their respective accounts.

GL additional view features – Users will be able to pull up against their GL with additional information that is unavailable in the current version of the software. In addition many of the other features will streamline so a great deal of accuracy will be made available with the new software.

FA additional features- Fixed Assets will have an entire record associated with and can include any scanned document including: insurance, Titles, service records, maps, anything relevant really. Location codes have been revamped to include alternate locations which were a huge problem with the current system.

PU automated purchase requisition features- Purchase order will become streamlined by passing through a series of criteria for approval. When combined with the document management and records retention will virtually eliminate the need for paper authorization. . This will reduce overhead with the purchasing and requisition process by allowing for centralized approval

Again highlighting other improvements we will be able to provide better reporting services to the different departments. The system offers a variety of canned reporting tools to address any needs that we may have. In addition, it includes with it a power report generating tool to allow users the freedom and flexibility to create a data driven reporting. It will provide us with more flexibility when adding services or programs to the accounting systems. Finally, it includes a myriad of functionality and aesthetic fix's and improvements.

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ACTIVITY	RESOURCE RESPONSIBLE	SCHEDULE DATES
Initial Data Pull (to convert GL/balances)	Client	7/29/13
Financial Chart of Accts and Segmentation begins (non-billable)	Jenna	7/29/13
<u>Deadline</u> for COA and Segmentation completion	Client	9/6/13
Reporting work with updated COA begins (non-billable)	Jenna	Begins 9/6/13
<u>Deadline</u> for converted GL, balances, & COA	Programmer	9/6/13
Remote Data Analysis and Setup – Week #1	Doug G	Week of 9/9/13
Remote Data Analysis and Setup – Week #2	Doug G	Week of 9/30/13
Updated data pull & <u>deadline</u> for fixing all MDAP errors	Client	10/28/13
<u>Deadline</u> for initial full conversion	Programmer	11/8/13
GL, AP, FA, PU Onsite Consult – Week #1	Doug G	Week of 11/11/13
Personnel Mgt, Parallel Payroll, ESS, Onsite Consult – Week #2	Doug G	Week of 11/18/13
Remote Conversion work	Client	Begins 11/25/13
RCA assistance week (non-billable)	Doug G	Week of 12/09/13
Conversion <u>deadline</u>	Programmer	1/05/14
Final Data Pull	Client	1/10/14
LIVE GL, AP, FA, PU, PA	Tammy	1/21/14
LIVE Personnel Management, ESS, Time clock	Tammy	After live date

Outside Software Technicians at City Hall Week of January 6th

LaserFiche/MCCI will be on site the week of January 6th for implementation. Incode will also be remoting in that week for installing purposes.

R J. KLEBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY (Courtesy of Robert Rodriguez, Director)

Fun Fact

Those who own e-book readers and tablets are avid readers of books in all formats. On any given day, 49% of those who own e-book readers like the original Kindles® and Nooks® are reading an e-book. In addition, 59% of those e-reader owners said they were reading a printed book. On any given day, 39% of tablet owners are reading an e-book and 64% were reading a printed book.—<http://libraries.pewinternet.org/2012/04/04/the-rise-of-e-reading/>

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eBooks Are On The Way!

The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library is happy to announce that eBooks are on the way! Long-awaited and greatly anticipated, eBooks are an extremely popular form of books that can be downloaded to electronic devices. The library is making plans to provide eBooks through a service called OverDrive®, a global distributor of digital books. Library cardholders, who are registered with the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library and have a valid account, will have free 24/7 online access to a digital collection of eBooks. Patrons will have two ways in which to access this collection. The first option allows patrons to browse the library's eBook collection and check out titles online through the library's website. The second option is for patrons to



access the library's eBook collection through the OverDrive® application, a full-featured reading app, complete with customization tools, bookmarks, and a built-in dictionary. Through the app, patrons will be able to find, checkout, download, and read digital titles. With both options, patrons can download and enjoy eBooks from the library wherever they go. Some devices that will accommodate the library's eBook collection include PC and Mac® computers, the Apple iPhone®, iPad®, and iPod® touch, Android™, Blackberry®, Windows® Phone, and many eBook readers such as Sony® Reader, Barnes & Noble NOOK™, Kobo® eReader, and Amazon® Kindle®. Patrons are encouraged to review their device's user manual to see if their device is compatible with OverDrive®. In addition to OverDrive®, the library offers other electronic resources through the library's website, such as LearningExpress Library, Mango® Languages, and Discovery Texas (TexShare Database). The library anticipates having OverDrive® available to registered library cardholders by the end of January 2014. If you have any questions, contact Joey Garcia, Information and Technology Librarian, at 592-6381. Stay tuned for the eBook launch!

MLK Holiday

In observance of the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the library will be closed on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. The library will reopen on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 8 a.m. Dr. King, a major leader in the United States civil rights movement, was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. An accomplished orator, Dr. King delivered his most famous speech, "*I Have a Dream*," on August 28, 1963. Dr. King received the Nobel Prize for Peace on October 14, 1964, for his nonviolent resistance to racial inequality. To honor his life and legacy, patrons are encouraged to participate in citywide observances, or stop by the library and check out a book on Martin Luther King, Jr.



"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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RISK MANAGEMENT (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Manager)

Garage Department Staff gets treated to Lunch as part of "Injury Free Award"

The Garage Division of Public Works led by Supervisor Arturo Perez was treated to lunch at Big House Burgers on December 18th by The Risk Management Department as part of winning this year "2013 Injury Free Award". A few members from the Employee Recognition and Safety Committee were also invited for lunch. The Injury Free Award is recognized annually at The City's Annual Christmas Banquet for being Injury free for six months. The Injury Free Award is selected by the ERSC.



Injury Rates and Frequency of Filed Workers' Compensation Claims in Texas

Injury rates continue to decline and Texas continues to be lower than the national average. Between 2004 and 2011, the nonfatal occupational injury and illness rate in Texas decreased 27 percent despite a growing workforce in Texas; the number of workers' compensation claims filed with the TDI-DWC decreased 22 percent between 2004 and 2011. This is good news for Texas and Workers Compensation.



What are (TIBs) Temporary Income Benefits?

You may be paid temporary income benefits (TIBs) if your work-related injury or illness causes you to lose all or some of your wages for more than seven days. If you work more than one job, you may be paid TIBs if you lose all or some of your wages from other employers. Temporary income benefits are equal to 70 percent of the difference between your average weekly wage and the wages you are able to earn after your work-related injury. If you earned less than \$8.50 per hour before you were injured, your temporary income benefits for the first 26 weeks of payments will equal 75 percent of the difference between your average weekly wage and the wages you are able to earn after your work-related injury. After an injury, your doctor may release you to return to work at modified duty or under restrictions. You may still be entitled to TIBs if your employer provides the modified duty at reduced wages. You become eligible for TIBs after you miss eight days from work. Remember, disability refers to your inability to earn an income, not to a physical handicap. You have a disability if your work-related injury or illness causes you to lose all or some of your usual pay. Benefits are not paid for the first week of lost wages unless disability lasts for two weeks or more.



Tonya McPherson with (TWIA) Texas Windstorm Insurance Association Visits the Risk Management Department

The Risk Management Department was visited by Tonya McPherson with Texas Windstorm Association on December



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12th, to review and identify buildings with The City of Kingsville to ensure they are insured accordingly. Windstorm Insurance is a special type of property-casualty insurance that protects policyholders from property damage caused by windstorms. Windstorm insurance is usually offered in the form of a rider on a standard casualty insurance policy through the extended coverage endorsement. It is one of the subsets of storm insurance. Read more: <http://www.answers.com/topic/windstorm-insurance#ixzz2pLrus23N>

It's Starting to Get Very Chilly in South Texas

We are tracking our eighth named winter storm of the 2013-14 season, **Winter Storm Hercules**, as well as a series of Arctic blasts invading the U.S. Also, multiple Arctic blasts will keep the Midwest, Northeast and parts of the South shivering through early next week. **Winter Storm Hercules** will continue to impact the Northeast with significant amounts of snow and strong winds as it sweeps through the region Thursday night into early Friday. Over the last couple of days, the storm has been dumping snow on parts of the Midwest and Great Lakes, including the Chicagoland area where a foot or more of snow has been measured in some locations. Temperatures are affecting the South Texas Region causing chilly days and nights.



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

'Old School' Compartments Leads to Drug Seizure

On Wednesday December 18, 2013 at approximately 9:28 a.m. Kingsville Task Force Agent Loftin observed a white 2005 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up commit a moving traffic violation while traveling north bound on U.S. Highway 77 and Trant Rd. Agent Loftin conducted a traffic stop at U.S. Highway 77 at the Carlos Truan Blvd. Exit. Agent Loftin contacted the driver of the pick-up who was identified as Hector Flores. During the course of the traffic enforcement, Agent Loftin found Mr. Flores to be very nervous and deceptive while being questioned. A driver license check revealed that Mr. Flores was wanted for Theft in Hidalgo County and Agent Loftin requested for back-up units to assist.

Once additional units arrived Task Force Agents Loftin and McGee went to speak with Mr.



Flores' wife, later identified as Isamar Cardenas. As the Agents were speaking with Ms. Cardenas, they observed that the vehicle's gas tank had several signs of tampering. Agent Loftin asked both Mr. Flores and Ms. Cardenas for consent to search the truck and both granted the permission for a search. Agents discovered 17 vacuum sealed Marijuana bundles hidden within the gas tank of the vehicle with the approximate weight of 12.2 lbs. Mr. Flores was placed under arrest for Possession of Marijuana and for the outstanding

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warrant. Mr. Flores was booked into the Kleberg County Jail and Ms. Cardenas was released pending further investigation.



KTF Agents Conduct Annual Firearms Qualifications

On Friday December 20, 2013 Kingsville Task Force Agents qualified with their duty and off-duty weapons to meet the annual TCLEOSE firearms qualifications requirement. Kingsville Police Department Firearms Officer Rick Salinas served as Range Master and assisted with the training and qualifications of all the Task Force Agents.

A special thanks to Officer Salinas and also to the Kenedy County Sheriff's Office for the use of their firearms range in Sarita.

Successful Shop with a Cop Programs in the Corpus Christi Area

On Monday December 23, 2013 the last Shop with a Cop event was held in the Calallen area. Needy children throughout the Corpus Christi area benefitted from the annual Christmas program. Law enforcement officers, governmental employees and staff, and countless volunteers also experienced a unique experience with all the children.

The Corpus Christi Fraternal Order of Police Chapter #27 is responsible for these successful and worthy events throughout the Corpus Christi area. Many thanks go to the FOP and Kingsville Task Force Assistant Commander Ken Starrs for sharing these blessings in the Kingsville area.

Collaboration with Law Enforcement Agencies

On Wednesday January 1, 2014 the Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force along with Brooks County Sheriff's Office received information from the McAllen FBI Office that a money courier was enroute to the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) from Houston, TX. Task Force Agents set up surveillance on the access points to the RGV and



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at approximately 1:00 am on 01/02/14 Task Force Agents spotted the 2 suspect vehicles heading south on U.S. Highway 77.

The first vehicle was stopped at U.S. Highway 77 and Trent Rd. and the 2nd vehicle, a Greyhound Passenger Bus was stopped at U.S. Highway 77 and SH 285. The investigation revealed that the 2 suspects in the passenger vehicle, a 43 year old male and another 39 year old male out of Roma TX., were in communication with the 3rd suspect, a 41 year old female in the Greyhound Commercial Bus. Kingsville Task Force Agents identified the suspect in the bus and during the interview discovered that the suspect's purse contained a false compartment. Further investigation revealed \$28,980 inside her purse. A total of \$31,760.00 in U.S. Currency and a 2011 Ford Fusion were confiscated. All 3 suspects were released pending further investigation.

TOURISM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Bob Trescott, Director)

Wings over South Texas Air Show March 28-30, 2014

On even-numbered years, the US Navy has brought the Blue Angel Air Show to Kingsville for the *Wings over South Texas Air Show*.



A Pep Rally for area school children, a *Meet the Blues* evening reception and concert, and other activities for performers have been added over the years.

Wings over South Texas is a popular event for the performers, provides an excellent recruitment venue for the Navy and for TAMUK, provides an opportunity for some locals to interact with the performers. It also attracts tens of thousands of visitors to the base.

We have felt that more could be done in the community to reap economic and promotional benefit from the visits of so many people. But, we may now be experiencing one of those "Watch what you ask for." moments.

For 2014, the DoD has cut back on its commitment to ground displays and exhibits for the Air Show, changes that may enable us to add more local flavor and participation in the biennial

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event, albeit with short notice. There may also be new opportunities for sponsorships and other participation.

These changes actually dovetail with our intent to do more community promotion for tourism development and economic development. One approach that we are pursuing is building on existing events. That was why we initiated a Ranch Hand Festival to complement the Ranch Hand Breakfast.

We'd like to support the existing components of the Air Show and to encourage more and bigger activities to attract performers, support staff and others to come earlier and to stay longer.

We suggest inaugurating an **ANNUAL *Flyboys & Cowboys Festival*** that celebrates Naval Aviation, our military community (active, retired and recruiting) and that could become an annual spring festival that embraces the ***Wings over South Texas*** in the even numbered years but that carries on in the odd-numbered years, as well. We can explore what might constitute the event in the odd numbered years when the Blue Angels are performing elsewhere.

For this year, however, we have the challenge of filling in and building out the Wings over South Texas 2014 event.

We propose to use both the Ranch Hand Breakfast and the Cactus Bowl as models for getting more community involvement on Base, behind the flight line, to support and expand the ground portion of the Air Show, to the extent that the Navy organizers may desire.

We'd also like to move and expand the ***Meet the Blues*** event into downtown, using the ***Ranch Hand Festival*** as a model.

We have fewer than 100 days to develop sponsorships, to organize exhibits and otherwise support and market the Air Show.

The first Air Show meeting of the New Year is scheduled for January 8 at 1 PM on base.

When we have an idea of the requirements for the show that the City might underwrite or otherwise provide, we will come before the Commission.

The Navy and we also need the support of the Mayor, Commission members and other community leaders to help develop the event to its potential, both for the Navy and for community promotion. Possible participants might include:

- King Ranch Saddle Shop
- King Ranch Visitors Services
- King Ranch Nature Tours
- Kingsville Visitor Center

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- TAMUK Rodeo Team
- TAMUK Marketing
- TAMUK Athletics
- TAMUK International Students
- TAMUK Art Department
- TAMUK Music Department
- Corporate entities to support VIP Tents
- Kenedy Ranch Museum
- Local musicians
- Local Merchants
- JE Conner Museum
- TAMUK Serpentarium
- Kingsville Chamber of Commerce
- Kingsville EDC
- Bishop Chamber of Commerce
- Local Service Clubs
- Historical Commission
- 1909 HM King School Foundation
- Local Schools
- Veterans organizations
- URI
- Riviera Telephone
- KHDDA
- Kleberg County Parks
- Kingsville Public Works
- Auto Clubs
- Kleberg Kenedy Junior Livestock Show
- Hunting and Fishing Guides
- Etc.

Naval Air Station Kingsville Community and Housing Survey

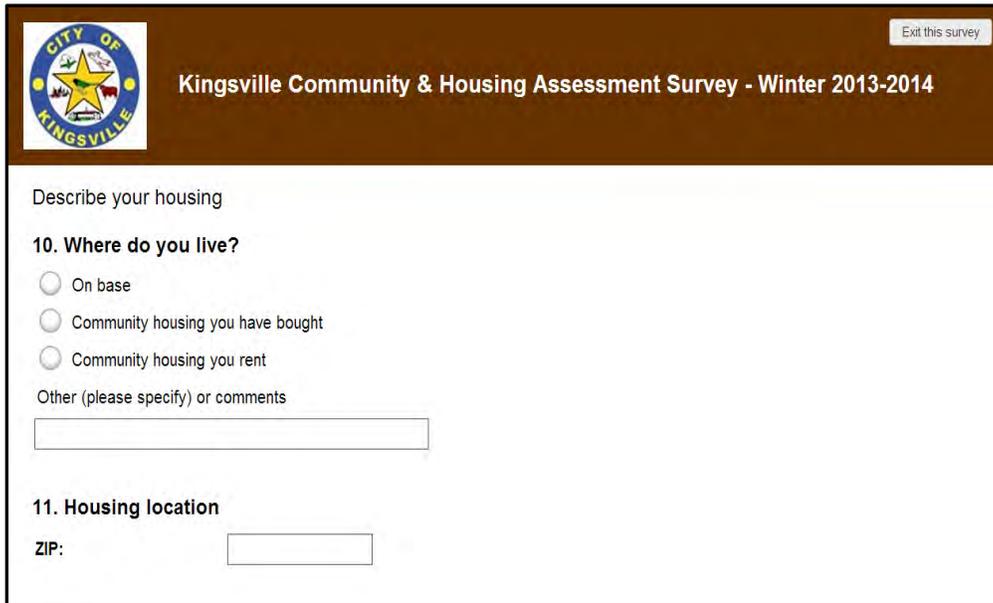
Over the past month, we have developed, submitted for review, updated and published on the internet, a community and housing survey for Naval Air Station Kingsville personnel.

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The Air Station and the Training Air Wing promoted the survey to their personnel. 119 responses were received and tabulated and are being analyzed. We collected qualitative and quantitative data about the respondents, their families, their activities, their experience with and perceptions of the local housing market and the local community attributes.

The data and analyses can be shared with community leaders and can help form strategic action planning for improving and marketing the community, its housing stock, its educational opportunities, etc.



 **Kingsville Community & Housing Assessment Survey - Winter 2013-2014** [Exit this survey](#)

Describe your housing

10. Where do you live?

On base

Community housing you have bought

Community housing you rent

Other (please specify) or comments

11. Housing location

ZIP:

Downtown Virgen de Guadalupe Fiesta



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Downtown Benches

Five benches were purchased at a cost of \$1,230 each plus \$220 for the Keep Kingsville Beautiful Plaque for a total of \$7,250. There is a onetime set up fee of \$350 for "Kingsville" cast name plate. Fifteen 32 gallon trash receptacles were purchased at \$905 each for a total of \$13,575. KKB donated the \$7,250 for the benches. The City of Kingsville paid the balance - \$13,935.

Concerning placement, early discussions located the benches and trash receptacles placed so that there are benches on each corner and trash receptacles mid-block from 6th Street to 8th Street along Kleberg Avenue. Current benches and trash receptacles that are still in good condition will be retained and used for the time being. Final placement will be a discussion between the Public Works, Engineering and Tourism Departments and the City Manager.



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New Tool for Downtown



Chuck Jennings has a new tool to help maintain the appearance of Downtown. This vacuum will help keep downtown more tidy and also supplement Public Works efforts in street sweeping, etc. So far Chuck has gathered up several hundred pounds of acorns, cigarette butts, gum wrappers, etc...

Historic Preservation

For the past two years, we have broken new ground working with the Texas Historical Commission and with the University and its students. We are now completing the reports and grant documents. Unfortunately, there were some problems with THC software, Student data entry and with university supervision. Our staff is reviewing and correcting problems, working with the THC staff. We remain optimistic that these efforts will yield dividends in capability and programs for the university as well as in the historical database for City planning and historic preservation.

Next Event

Tourism has hosted planning meetings for the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday events for on and around January 20.

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

Regular Commission Meetings (Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers)

Monday, January 13, 2014	6:00 p.m. – Work Shop for Fire Dept. Starts at 4 p.m.
Monday, January 27, 2014	6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 10, 2104	6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 24, 2014	6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)

Thursday, January 16, 2014	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 30, 2014	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 13, 2014	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 27, 2014	3:00 p.m.

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Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)

Planning and Zoning Board	Wednesday, January 15, 2014 7:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, January 15, 2014 4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Thursday, January 9, 2014 6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	TBA 11:00 a.m.

Board Meetings (Respective Location)

Library Board	Wednesday, January 15, 2014 4:00 p.m.
City/County Health Board	(3 rd week of every other month @ 5:30 p.m.)

Holidays

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 20, 2014

City Hall Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Reminders

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

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
Zoning Board of Adjustments	0	0
Joint Airport Zoning Board	0	0
Civil Service Commission	1	0
Historic Development Board	0	0
Planning & Zoning Commission	0	0