

City of Kingsville, Texas  
Staff Report  
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Monday, April 13, 2015

**“To succeed, you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you.” ~Tony Dorsett**

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***FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES***

I would like to take this opportunity to nominate *Larry Lewis* of the Sanitation Department for the “Good Job Award”. Larry is an outstanding employee for the City of Kingsville and has been employed here for 28 years. What makes Larry unique is his uncompromising attention to his job and ability to service his route customers with a professionalism that is unrivaled. He is the type of employee that knows his job and is as dependable as can be. Each and every day he comes in and inspects his equipment and begins his route with no direction needed. Each and every day he finishes his route and is as reliable as clockwork.

Larry operates in such a fashion that his customers know when to expect him and they never voice any complaints. When the Sanitation Department is tasked to help with special projects such as watering newly planted trees, performing demolitions, or moving office furniture or voting machines- it is accomplished because Larry and other drivers are fulfilling the needs of the citizens each and every day. If trucks are broken and out of service, the routes become longer and yet Larry never complains. When a roll out is knocked over, he is out of the truck and securing the container.

To put it succinctly Larry is a manager's dream employee. He performs in a most outstanding manner, never complains, always comes to work with a great attitude, and sets an example for all the other employees in Public Works. He is most deserving of this award and deserving of much more. I am honored to know and work with a man like Larry. If you see him out on his route, please wave, say hello, and remember that it is efforts like his that allow the City to accomplish so much!

Luke Stevens- Sanitation Supervisor



**Patrol Division Activity**

March 12-March 26, 2015

Patrol officers responded to hundreds of calls and took over 150 reports. Patrol officers issued 134 citations and 86 written warnings. They responded to 11 private property accidents, 7 “hit and run” accidents, 2 major accidents and 23 minor accidents.

They responded to 37 business alarms and 31 residential alarms. There were 24 assault reports taken, 4 burglaries of buildings, 10 residential burglaries and 13 vehicle burglaries reported during the two-week period. There were 13 criminal mischief reports made and 5 damaged property reports made.

Officers responded to 24 civil matters/standbys and 64 disturbances.

The majority of the vehicle burglaries were unlocked vehicles. Though two males were arrested for recent vehicle burglaries, many more have not been solved. Please remember to lock your vehicle.



On 03-13-2015, officers were told to be on the look-out for a vehicle driving recklessly on S. Brahma Blvd. An officer observed the vehicle swerving and changing lanes without signaling. The officer made a stop at 13<sup>th</sup> and Shelton. After sobriety tests, a 20 year-old male was arrested for DWI.

On 03-14-2015, officers were told of a report of a vehicle driving recklessly near Highway 77. Officers arrived in the area and found the vehicle parked in a motel parking lot. A 23 year-old female was found in the driver's seat of the parked vehicle. She was argumentative and clearly intoxicated. Officers did not see her driving so she was arrested for Public Intoxication and the vehicle was towed (she was not a guest at the motel).

On 03-14-2015, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign and made a traffic stop. The 21 year-old male admitted that he had run the stop sign because he was late for a track meet. There was an odor of marijuana from inside the vehicle. Both vehicle occupants admitted to possessing marijuana. The marijuana was seized and both were arrested. Their vehicle was left, properly parked, at the scene of the stop.

On 03-18-2015, an officer made traffic stop at 9<sup>th</sup> and Lott. The female driver had an outstanding warrant out of Nueces County (Possession of a Controlled Substance). She was arrested and taken to jail.

On 03-21-2015, it was reported that an intoxicated male was in a dispute with his neighbor from across the street. The neighbors called due to the male's intoxication and belligerence. Officer observed a beer that had been thrown but the intoxicated male denied involvement, though he was drinking the same brand. The intoxicated male would stay inside while the officers were there but go outside and cause problems after the officers left. On their third trip there, officers hid after leaving and observed the male come outside of his house and taunting the neighbors. He was arrested for Public Intoxication and Resisting Arrest.

On 03-24-2015, officers were dispatched to a large retail business in the early-morning hours. Responding officers found a highly-intoxicated male pushing a cart with a backpack in it. The male was carrying a backpack. After being arrested for Public Intoxication, officers discovered that the contents of the bag appeared to belong to another person. He was taken to jail and the property was taken to the PD for safekeeping. Night shift officers briefed the day shift on this case. A day shift officer recognized the last name on the property and was able to make contact with the owner. It was confirmed that the property was stolen. He was later interviewed and will be charged with additional charges.



The photo above shows the front of 731 E. King, V&J Food Mart after a recent burglary. The video shows a good photo of this burglar.

TRAINING: Several officers are continuing their TML online courses for this quarter.

Officers Cervantes and Reyna attended Intermediate Use of Force, a two-day course, at Del Mar Regional Police Academy.

Patrol officers assigned to SWAT did 8 hours of SWAT training during this period.

OTHER: KPD is sad to lose Officer Santos Flores, who has taken a job with the US Border Patrol. We wish him good luck on his new job.

Mario Ybarra, KPD's newest employee who is attending the Del Mar Regional Police Academy, was at KPD during the week of March 16 -20 due to it being Spring Break for Del Mar. While at KPD, Ybarra completed the required NIMS courses, took a Stop Stick class, attended Defensive Driving, rode along with an officer and cleaned out the uniform closet.

## **Criminal Investigations Bureau**

### **Activity Report**

Detectives Supervisor assigned 123 cases and inactivated 34 cases as of March 27th, 2015. Along with these cases there were also 4 DWI's and 18 Crash reports.

Again, we have started having several burglaries. Most of which are vehicles. So make sure you don't leave any valuables in open view and secure your vehicles.

Detectives have had several Children's Advocacy Center (CDC) interviews with crimes against children.

One Detective has done an outstanding job and was able to obtain a confession on 101 credit card abuse cases. The subject was going into businesses buying items with someone's credit card then reselling the items for less money.

Another Detective was able to obtain a confession on a burglary of a vehicle case and have the property returned to the rightful owner.

There have been two "directives to apprehend" issued for juveniles that are possibly involved with all the vehicle burglaries we have been having.

For the last couple of weeks, there have been no major events to report. This is a great thing detectives can attempt to catch up. It will only stay quiet for so long.

Detectives have filed 58 cases during this period. There were 19 cases filed in District Court, 27 cases filed in County Court, 5 cases filed in City Court, and 2 filed in Juvenile Court.

The last couple of weeks have actually been mild. Each Detective is currently working a case load of about 50 to 70 active cases.

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

### **Communications Division**

Telecommunication Operators are working on getting the classes that are need to get their Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, and Masters Certifications. We will have three Operators who will be taking their State exam within the next few weeks and will then become Licensed Telecommunications Operators.

We continue to send out information to the public on a daily basis using Nixle Message. If you or know of someone who is not using, go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and sign up.

Traffic Stops	1,500
Reports Taken	253
Incoming Calls	3,760

**Total of 9-1-1 calls** 1,226

**9-1-1 Transfers-**

Bishop PD-	6
Corpus Christi Metro	4
Kingsville Fire/Ems	151
KPD Admin Transfer	45
Kleberg SO	19
Sent to non 911 Message	1
Texas A&M Kingsville	3

**Neighborhood Improvement Officer**  
**2015 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS**  
***WEEK 11***

The following stats are from Week 11:

- Junk Vehicles –3
- Parking Citations –7
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -13
- Compliance – 3
- Traffic Citations-2

***WEEK 12***

The following stats are from Week 12:

- Abandoned Vehicles-1
- Junk Vehicles-1
- Parking Citations –11
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -12
- Traffic Citations-9

So far for the year of 2015, 27 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 27 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 156 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year and 73 Traffic Citations.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.



317 W AVE B



819 W AVE I



803 W YOAKUM AVE

### Street Level Operations Team (S.L.O.T.)

#### Activity for Reporting Period

03/12/2015 – 03/26/2015

#### SELF INITIATED CASES / ARREST:

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

#### MURRAY:

**Case #1500007880** – A Found Property Report was completed after cocaine was located in the 700 block of W Henrietta by an unidentified male subject.

**CASES FILED WITH COUNTY COURT: 7**

**CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT: 1**

**PROSECUTION CHARGE REPORT SUPPLMENTS: 10**

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 1**

**CITATIONS:**

#### GONZALEZ:

**Case #1500008339** – Inv. Gonzalez conducted a traffic stop in the Motel 6 parking lot. During the course of the investigation synthetic marijuana and hydroponic marijuana were located inside the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was taken into custody for POCS PG 2A < 2oz and POM < 2oz.



**TRAFFIC STOPS: 28**

**CITATIONS: 5**

**RUIZ:**

**Case #1500007646** – Inv. Ruiz conducted a traffic stop at Highway 77 and South Creek. During the course of the investigation Inv. Ruiz located approximately 1 ounce of marijuana. A passenger of the vehicle was taken into custody for POM < 2oz.

**Case #1500007663** – Inv. Ruiz conducted a traffic stop at Highway 77 and FM 1717. During the course of the investigation Inv. Ruiz located approximately half an ounce of marijuana. All three occupants in the vehicle were taken into custody for POM < 2oz.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 66**

**CITATIONS: 5**

**NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS / PURCHASES CONDUCTED:**

Case # 1500008309

Case # 1500008317

**Training Bureau**

On March 6, 2015, Lead Dispatcher Marcus Munoz attended a Communications Training Officer Certification Course. Munoz received 24 hours of TCOLE Credit for this class and he is certified to train new dispatchers.

On March 26, 2015, Officer Felix Reyna completed the Intermediate Use of Force course at Del Mar College. Officer Reyna received 16 hours of TCOLE Credit.

**Systems Specialist Activity Report**

No less than nine new issues were addressed and resolved by staff.

Working behind the scenes with contractor Jesus Hernandez to resolve a DNS issue we have had intermittently. Staff has also been working with ATT to get the phone system back up.

The website is on hold (still need raw Data from employees for each department). Photos and events would also be great.

Cellphones were issued to all who need them; PTT is up and running.

All Panasonic toughbooks have been upgraded and are working great. Windows 7 Pro , 4ghz Ram – ALL windows updates were applied to each machine.

All the XP machines in the patrol room have been upgraded as well and all OS updated were applied.

Currently, staff is working on getting an update server to push updates to all clients. It is still in the test phase.

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

#### **Fun Fact Quote**

*"What is more important to a library than anything else - than everything else - is the fact that it exists."*—Archibald MacLeish (American poet, writer, and the Librarian of Congress)

#### **A/C System and Carpet Update**

The library is one step closer to reopening its doors. Ramos Refrigeration has been working diligently for the past 2 ½ weeks upgrading the library's existing air conditioning (A/C) system. The technicians have installed three new air handler units and six rooftop condenser units. They



will also be installing a dehumidifier system, which will stabilize the humidity levels in the building more efficiently. The completion date for the A/C system installation is tentatively set for the first week of April. In addition to these upgrades, the library is continuing to work closely with Mrs. Veronica Hare, Kleberg County Insurance Adjuster, regarding the replacement of the library's carpet prior to reopening. Mrs. Hare and the library are consulting with representatives from Lowe's Home

Improvement - Kingsville, to select the most suitable, durable, and affordable carpet for the library. The library is working with the King Ranch Family Trust and the Brookshire Charitable Foundation for additional funds to cover some of the carpet expense. The estimated completion date for the carpet project is the last week of April 2015.

#### **Library Highlights Online Services at HMK Meeting**

As part of the library's academic outreach services, Mr. Joey Garcia, Information & Technology Librarian, took part in the *H.M. King High School Dual Enrollment Parent/Student Meeting* on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. The purpose of the event was to give students an opportunity to enroll



in early college-level courses either through Texas A&M University – Kingsville or Coastal Bend College – Kingsville. Mr. Garcia, one of the evening's presenters, informed over 100 parents and students of the library's online services, including LearningExpress Library® 3.0, Mango® Languages, and OverDrive®. Through LearningExpress Library® 3.0, students can access the *College Preparation Center*, which contains guides for writing a college admissions essay, and test preparation eBooks and practice tests for the ACT® and SAT®, just some of the available college preparatory learning centers. After the meeting, parents and students visited with Mr. Garcia and picked up brochures outlining the library's online services.

#### **Library Participates in Kleberg County Eggstravaganza**

As part of the library's community outreach services, members of the staff participated in Kleberg County's *Eggstravaganza* on Saturday, March 28, 2015. To support the event's



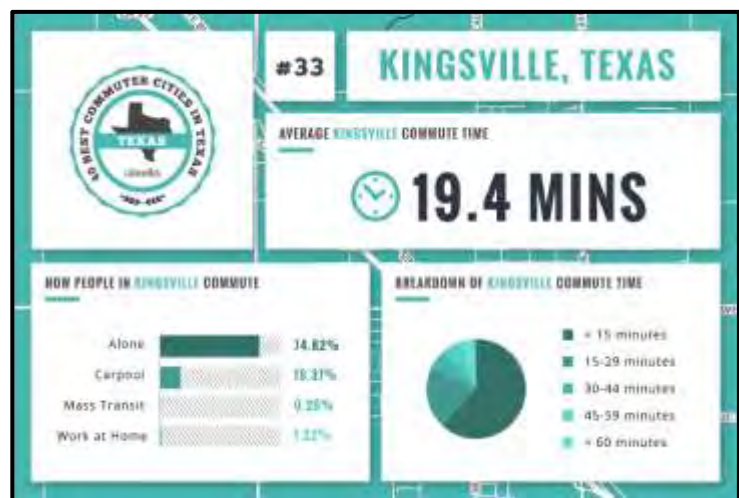


message, which emphasized crime prevention awareness, the library made available information about cybercrime prevention. Families also had an opportunity to learn about library services and tour the *Library on the Go*, an outreach services bookmobile. For more information about scheduling the *Library on the Go* for an academic or community outreach event, contact the library at 361-592-6381.

## ***TOURISM (Courtesy of Leo Alarcron, Director)***

### **Obrella rates Kingsville as one of Texas best “Commuter Cities”**

The Obrella Insider released its “Best Commuter Cities in Texas” report recently. In order to determine the rankings, Obrella analyzed traffic data from the 2013 U.S. Census Bureau survey. The report named Kingsville as number 33 and describes the average commute time as 19.4 minutes. It designates Kingsville as having a rich history, a strong commitment to the future and a robust educational system. “From the Panhandle to the Gulf Coast, every region of the Lone Star state had its fair share of commuter friendly cities,” said Obrella Data Analyst Alexia Chianis. “What impressed me was the high percent of commuters who carpooled.” Obrella considered only Texas cities whose population exceeded 10,000. Obrella is a community-focused organization that simplifies and adds transparency to the insurance shopping experience by providing helpful recourses and comparing car insurance providers.



### **Visitors to Center to receive Easter goodies**

Tourism staff members Mary Cano and Mary Ann Escamilla began dressing up bags with bunny faces for Center visitors who stop by during Easter Thursday. The bags contained fruit snacks, candy and crackers. The idea to give out these goodies is to have visitors remember Kingsville and have them not only stop by but to have them stay overnight at any of our eleven hotels.



### **Meeting held by local Airport board**

The Kleberg County Airport Advisory Commission held a meeting having Mayor Sam Fugate and Tourism Director Leo Alarcon as guests. A traffic activity airport report was presented of the number of airplanes that arrive at the local airport. The annual report showed that visits to Kingsville help the local economy. 270 hotel rooms were used at an average cost of \$100 each; 675 meals were bought at an average cost of \$18 each; car rentals included 127 at a cost of \$110 daily and shopping trips.



### **Historic Kingsville Church celebrates 105th anniversary**



King Star Baptist Church celebrated their 105th anniversary last weekend with attendees coming in from all over the country. The Anniversary Facebook page for the event stated, "What a wonderful and anointed time spent at home in Kingsville with so many family and friends. People came home from all over the USA. It was great worshipping with those whom we grew up with."

Tourism staff donated baskets and bags with promotional items for the out of town guests. Pictured is Chan Lewis presenting a gift basket to Nikita Hausey. Lewis thanked the Kingsville

Visitors Center staff for the contribution of the baskets and said, "They loved it."

### **Javelina football team gets new head coach**

New Head Coach Daren Wilkinson invited Rotary Club members to spring workouts that were fixing to begin. The club has several city employees as members. The coach said the workouts were set for 15 days this spring and he will have an opportunity to see the 110 players participating in pads after two months of offseason conditioning and strength drills. Everyone is invited to attend the April 25th spring game at Javelina Stadium at 6 p.m. The 2015 opening game this fall will be on



September 5<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio against Incarnate Word.

### **Tourism establishes survey at all hotels**



Tourism staff member Alicia Tijerina went out to all hotels within the city limits to distribute a survey for the advancement of Kingsville. The survey will remain at each hotel location lobby and will be picked up weekly to create a report. The survey asks how many nights was the stay, if the accommodations were what they expected, the reason why they came to our historic city, if they would return, and how they heard of Kingsville.

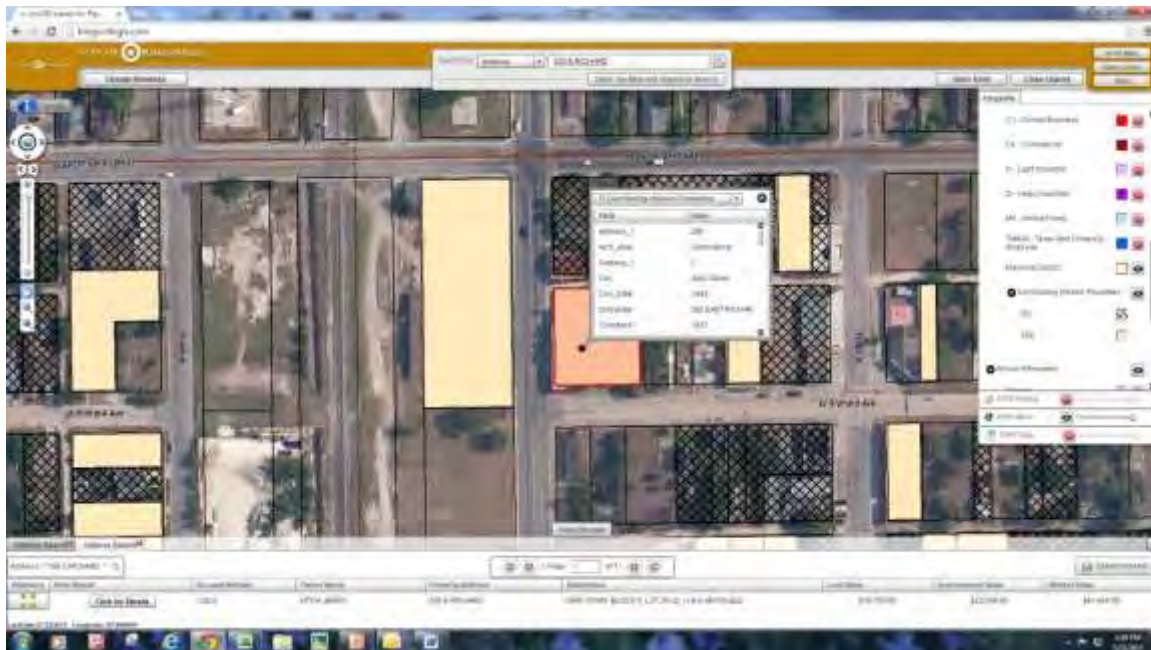
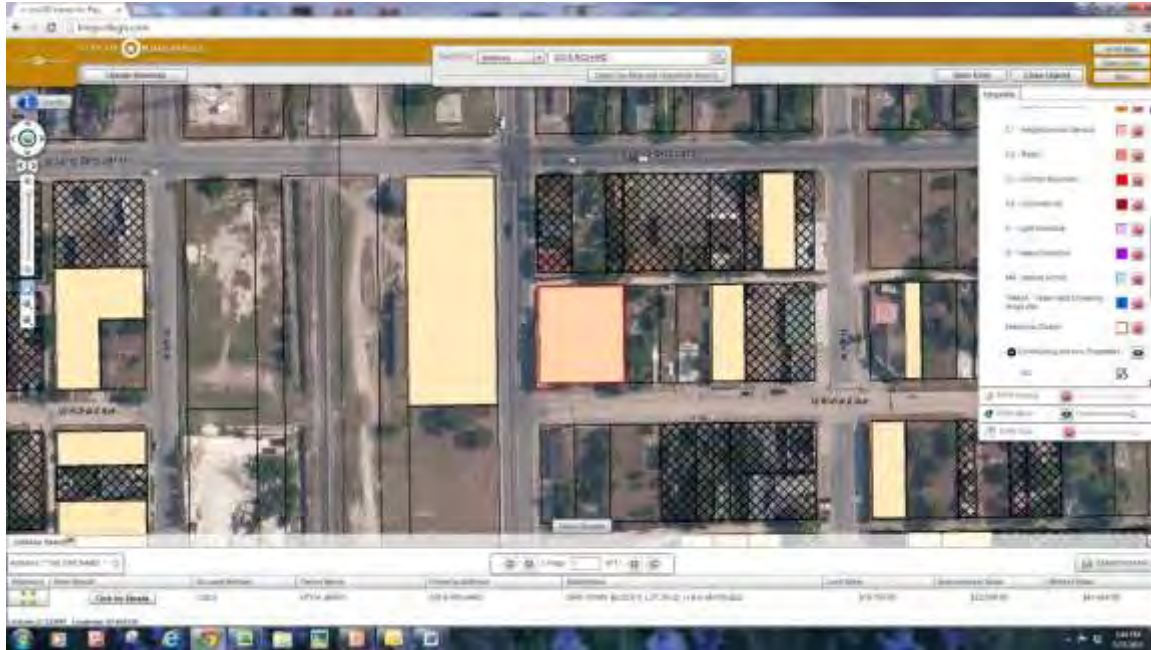
### **Old HMK remodeling activity continues**

Renovations continue to progress at the old H. M. King High School building to house the new City Hall. Monthly construction meetings are held with City staff and project manager Nathan Swinney. The construction improvements have included the following: second floor wall framing near completion, the second floor electrical rough is in at approximately 65 – 75 percent, the second floor ducts and insulation in at approximately 65 percent, first floor framing of RR walls complete, carbon reinforcing at approximately 40 – 50 percent complete, slab in community room complete and elevator shaft at 95 percent complete.





## Expanded Historic District Layer Uploaded to City GIS Map



Thanks to the GIS crew in the Engineering Department, a Historical District layer has been added to the City's GIS map. Properties within the district are marked either contributing (to the integrity of the district) or not. Once in [kingsvillegis.com](http://kingsvillegis.com), clicking on the identify button in the top right hand corner of the map and then clicking on a specific property, allows the viewer, under the Contributing Property heading, to see certain key pieces of information about the property gleaned from a historic resource survey of the district which was recently completed.

This information includes date of construction, construction type, architectural style, plan type, any historical designations the building may hold, and a priority rating for the building's preservation (high, medium or low), among other information. There are forty fields of information in total. Information chosen to be included on the site will be used for planning purposes. The survey included 1,090 structures within the historic district.

### **V Salazar Building**



Work on the interior of the Salazar Building at 6<sup>th</sup> & Richard is progressing at a rapid pace while the exterior is getting its final coat of paint. The owners of the building hope to have the work completed by sometime in May. This timeline does not include the landscaping of the courtyard, which will take a bit longer to complete.

### **Lil' Oscar Day**



The Kingsville Boxing Club sponsored the first annual Lil'Oscar Day, a free, public event held at the downtown pavilion recognizing March 22<sup>nd</sup> as "Lil' Oscar Day." The event, hosted by local boxer "Lil" Oscar Cantu, had a drug-free message. Attendance was good. Free food, bouncy tents, a dunk tank, chin-up contests and live music were enjoyed by all. A few folks even got up and danced.

### **Second Farmers Market**



The second Farmers Market held at the downtown pavilion was a roaring success with much nicer weather than the first market and a good, steady crowd. This market saw even more food vendors than the last market with more produce for sale and the addition of pies and yeast breads to the mix of offerings. Also new were official Kingsville Farmers Market banners to mark the monthly event. Local folksinger, Mathias Isassi, provided background music. Thank you Public Works for providing portable handicapped parking signs for the event. Parking is tough with the volume of folks coming and going in a short period of time. It was good to provide designated spaces nearer the action for the elderly and handicapped. Tourism pitched in once again providing additional banners to bring attention to the event.

### **Kingsville Auto Club Sponsors Downtown Car Show**





The Kingsville Auto Club held their annual Texas Independence Day Car Show a week later than usual this year, March 14<sup>th</sup> rather than March 7<sup>th</sup>, due to the rain. Classic cars filled the Kleberg Bank parking lot on W. Kleberg Avenue between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. The Club used the Centennial Bandstand as their ‘headquarters.’ They termed the set up perfect for their annual car show and stated they hoped to hold it there in future years. The Depot Museum that sits across the tracks to the east had 65 visitors that day plus a few who didn’t sign in – an unusually high amount for a Saturday.

### **Farmworkers’ Commemorative Artwork Series at Ben Bailey Art Gallery**



The 2015 TAMUK Presidential Performing & Visual Arts Series presents selections from the National Center for Farmworker Health Commemorative Artwork Series at the Ben Bailey Art Gallery on campus from March 31 – April 30<sup>th</sup>. Every year since 1984, the National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH) has commissioned original artwork that is designed to bring awareness of the agricultural worker in the United States. The original pieces of art have been created by individuals from across the United States and Puerto Rico, who represent both professional and amateur artists. Artwork displayed is available as limited edition prints and posters. Proceeds from the sale of artwork benefit two scholarships. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

### **Annual Quilt Collection at Conner Museum**



The art of quilting is on display at the John E. Conner Museum on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville in the annual exhibit *A Celebration of Quilts*. It will be in the west wing of the museum from March 31<sup>st</sup> - May 26th. The exhibit features more than 30 pieces including wall hangings, infant quilts, and table runners. Members of the Kingsville Sunday Quilters will be well represented at the show. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at the museum. Refreshments will be served and the event is open to the public. The Conner Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 am - 5 pm, Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm and is closed most University holidays. Admission to the museum is free.

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

### **Administration Division**

#### ***Responding to a Mass Fatality Exercise and Training***

Jason Torres, Health Inspector II, and Emilio H. Garcia, City-County Health Director, attended a mass fatality and responding to a mass fatality incident table top exercise. The table top exercise was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. The Coastal Bend Council of Governments sponsored and facilitated the table top exercise. Attendees gathered at the Kleberg County Courthouse Emergency Operations Center (basement). The exercise covered issues and ways to recover, identification and reunification of the deceased. The exercise was well attended by local and surrounding Law Enforcement, Hospital Representatives, Ambulance Services, Celanese, Fire Departments, Naval Air Stations, and COG staff. Below are a few pictures of the table top exercise. Photographs provided by Emilio H. Garcia.



#### ***Mosquito Training & Workshop***

On Thursday, March 26, 2015, Univar USA provided a half day Mosquito Workshop for the City-County Health Department and Kleberg County employees. The workshop was held at the

City-County Health Department from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Topics covered were mosquito anatomy, spraying techniques, how to correctly read the label on the pesticide container, proper ways of handling and transporting pesticides, IPM-Intergraded Pest Management, Laws & Regulations and mosquito surveillance techniques. All attendees earned 5 (CEU's) of continuing education unit toward their license as required by the Texas Department of Agriculture-TDA. Below left picture is Connie Allen, Health Inspector I, Animal Control Specialists Robert Hinojosa and Robert Puente, and Mark T. Theriot with UNIVAR U.S.A. The picture below to the right is Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor; Kleberg County Precinct 3 employee, Daniel Saldana; Kleberg County Precinct 1 employee, Avelino (Java) Valadez; and Jason Torres, Health Inspector II. Photographs provided by Emilio H. Garcia



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

The City-County Health Board met for their first bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the City-County Health Department. Health Board Members in attendance were Otis Meyers, Joni Harrel, Ben Salinas, Judy Anthony, Dr. Justin Harkey, Karen Tallant and Norma Sue Adrian. Also in attendance was Emilio H. Garcia, City-County Health Director and Monica Longoria, Administrative Assistant II. The Health Board



reviewed the monthly reports for the month of January and February 2015. Items reviewed and discussed were animal control services, food establishment inspections, onsite sewage facilities, and vector control (bees and mosquitos). Other items that were discussed and approved were the new fee increases for Animal Control Services, the rescue group transfer form, the animal release form, and the animal euthanasia form. Our next City-County Health Board meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.



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

City of Kingsville, Risk Manager, Mrs. Melissa Perez recently offered a Safety Training for all City of Kingsville Employees. The training occurred on Friday, March 27, 2015 at City Hall, Commissioner Chamber. The training was divided into two sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. City-County Health Employees attended at their assigned times. The training topic was the “Preventing Slips, Trips & Falls” with a TML online video and a brief discussion afterward. Thanks to Mrs. Perez for the training opportunity. Attending the training were Connie Allen, Monica Longoria, Jessica Montalvo, Emilio H. Garcia, Hector Garza and Ernest Espinoza. We look forward to next month’s training. Pictured are city employees and Risk Manager, Melissa Perez



## **Food Service Division**

### ***Food Service Inspections***

Food Service inspections are conducted on a quarterly schedule per year based on the risk category to insure compliance with the Texas Food Service Establishment Regulations and local food sanitation ordinances. Risk levels include low, moderate and high risk. Establishment scoring is based on a demerit system, as per The Texas Food Establishment Rules. There are two types of violations. Critical violations are 5 and 4 points demerits per violation and non-critical violations are 3 points demerit violations. Critical Violations are improper practices and actions that directly contribute to food contamination and temperature abuse that may pose a potential risk to the public health, resulting in food borne illness. Critical violations must be corrected immediately or as directed by the Health Department.

Non critical violations are unacceptable practices that normally relate to the physical condition of an establishment, including equipment, cleaning and storage. Non Critical violations must be corrected before the next routine inspection or as directed by the Health Department.

**March 16 thru April 1, 2015**

Sixth Street Café-100	Kleberg School-96	Chop Stix-85
Popeye's Fried Chicken-94	Kingsville Food Mart-96	Kingsway Leadership Academy-
91		
Javelina Mart-89	Bella Roma Restaurante-96	Mr. G's SnoWiz-100
Summer Snow-87	Stripe's-90	Rio 7 Cinema-100
El Tapatio #1-100	Taqueria Jalisco #5-93	Sunny Market-94
Superette Food Mart-92		

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

Food Handler Class	10 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class/St. Thomas Church
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***Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events***

Team NCIS-Relay for Life	Temporary Food Event-Brisket Plate Sale
Eloy De La Paz Benefit	Temporary Food Event-Chicken Plate Sale
Keith Guajardo Benefit	Temporary Food Event- Hamburger Sale
Team CFAC-Relay for Life	Temporary Food Event-Bar-B-Que on Bun Sale

**Animal Control Center Division*****Food Donation***

Tractor Supply Company donated 250 pounds of dry dog food to the City County Health Department/Animal Control Center. Thank you for your continuous donation.

***TAMUK-Volunteers***

Students from Texas A & M University-Kingsville have been volunteering several hours in the mornings to walk, exercise and socialize with our sheltered dogs. Pictured are Delanie Slifka and Brittany Miano. Thanks to them for their volunteerism at the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center.

City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center

**MONTHLY PET ADOPTION DAY**

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

**Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 9:30 am  
to 1:30 pm**

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

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

*Adopters and rescue groups wanted to save a life!*

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



**Mosquito Control Division-(Vector)**

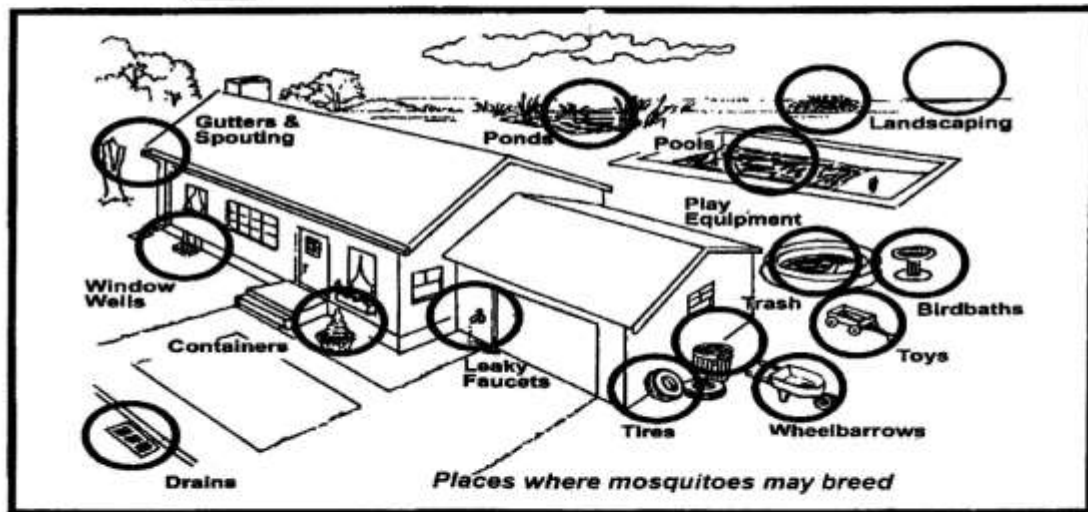
The City-County Health Department encourages you to dispose of any standing water in buckets, bird baths, old tires, and any other containers that may breed mosquitos. Use this flyer to help **YOU** reduce the risk of disease and the breeding of mosquitos. ***Do your part in Keeping Kingsville Clean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



# REDUCE THE RISK OF DISEASE



## BREEDING MOSQUITOES AT YOUR HOUSE!!



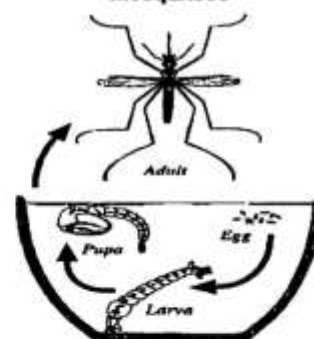
### To eliminate standing water:

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



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

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



### Life Cycle

The stages of a mosquito's life cycle.

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

### Personal protection:

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

## **RISK MANAGEMENT *(Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Risk Manager)***

### **Risk Manager Attends Mass Fatality Tabletop Workshop on March 27<sup>th</sup>**



The Risk Manager, along with Health and Fire Department staff, attended a 4-hour Mass Fatality workshop hosted by Kleberg County Emergency Management Coordinator Tomas Sanchez. The Tabletop was conducted in the county EOC in the basement of the Kleberg County Courthouse. Several Emergency Managers and First Responders attended from Brooks County, Nueces County, and Jim Wells County. Attendees were split up into two groups and were given a scenario with inserts. The Tabletop exercise was very informative and county representatives were also able to exchange information with each other and discuss emergency strategies and resources.

### **Discovery Program Action Items turned in to Texas Municipal League**



The Risk Manager received all Discovery Program Action Items from staff. A Manual was completed for the Discovery Team with all the responses of Action Items with proper back up documentation. The Risk Manager turned in the completed Manual to Art Alvarez of TML on Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>. Art Alvarez reviewed the Manual and was very pleased with the responses and documentation. City Staff has been working hard for several months on these action items that were recommended by the discovery team. These action items will assist departments in a progressive approach in improving loss prevention performance. The process has required participation of all departments for its success. The purpose of the Discovery Program is to assist City Staff and its employees with improving their loss prevention performance by identifying potential deficiencies and providing suggestions and recommendations for corrective actions.

## Public Works Employees Receive Training on Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety on March 25, 2015



The Risk Manager conducted Monthly Safety Training to all Public Works employees and Supervisors on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Risk Manager presented a TML 40 online video on: Adverse Conditions and Emergency Situations, Changing Lanes and Passing, Curves, Turns, and Downgrades, Pedestrians and Passengers, Right-of-Way and Intersections, Start-Up, Back-Up, and Parking Procedures. The Training class started at 7:00am. Employees were treated to donuts, orange juice, and coffee from Asst. Public Works Director Bill Donnell.

## City Departments Received Safety Training on Slip, Trip and Falls on March 27<sup>th</sup>



In Texas, over 600 injuries per day result from slips trips and falls. In fact about 20% of all occupational accidents involve slips, trips and falls. With slips, trips and falls being the second leading cause of work-related deaths and the third leading cause of disabling work injuries, it is critical to teach workers slips, trip and fall prevention. The Risk Manager conducted Slips Trips and Falls Training to City departments on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the City Hall Commission Chambers. Over 40 city employees attended the training class. A 40-minute TML Video was presented with a short discussion with questions and comments at the end. Slip, trip and fall hazards, wet floors, extension cords across a

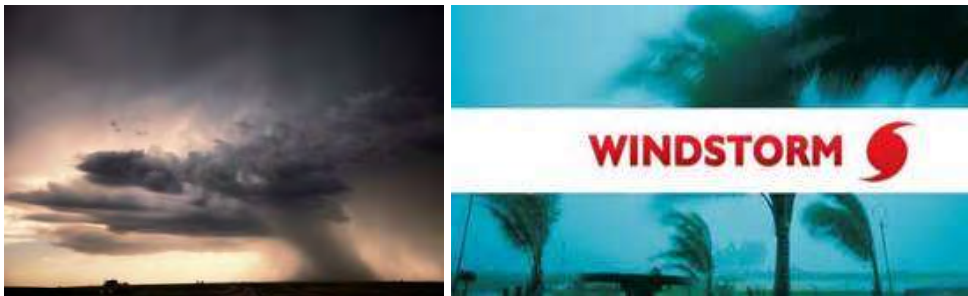
stairway, fluid spills, open file drawers, and climbing on shelves are just a few examples of how slips, trips and falls can happen and where injuries and accidents can occur.

## Risk Manager Works on City's Accident Prevention Plan



An accident prevention plan is a proactive approach to finding and eliminating workplace hazards before someone is injured. Many municipalities have created an accident prevention plan as a part of lowering workers compensation claims, injuries, and work related accidents. The results have not only been a dramatic decrease in workplace injuries, but in many cases there is also a transformed workplace culture that results in higher productivity, improved quality, reduced turnover, lower costs, and greater employee job satisfaction. The Risk Manager has been working on an Accident Prevention Plan for the City of Kingsville and has drafted a copy for the Texas Municipal League Discovery Team. The plan will be ready for review by the Interim City Manager Courtney Alvarez sometime next week

### **How Important is Windstorm Insurance for Personal and Business Property?**



Windstorm insurance is important for anyone insuring a personal or business property on or near coastal waters. If you're new to one of Texas' 14 coastal counties or to the Texas Windstorm process, navigating the maze of windstorm regulations can be as perilous as sailing through stormy waters. Texas has a unique method of handling windstorm and hail insurance. Unlike many other coastal states that have uniform laws and regulations, Texas favors a market-lead system with varying degrees of regulation between counties. The lack of uniformity and consistency can cause confusion, uncertainty and mistakes – with big costs to home and business owners who fail to get proper certification during construction or renovation projects, then later attempt to obtain windstorm insurance. Windstorm Renewal meeting scheduled with TML Staff Georgina Ybarra and Tonya McPherson and with Victor O' Shinner on April 9, 2015.

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

### **Training and Professional Development**

Harassment Training – “A shift” personnel attended classes on harassment, sexual harassment, discrimination, fire department code of conduct, and disciplinary rules.



Communications Training – All shifts reviewed new communications policies dealing with dispatching, terminology, and communications procedures.

SCBA Training – Personnel reviewed Self Contained Breathing Apparatus use and inspection procedures.

### **Planning**

Community Project Development Meetings – The fire chief attended two planning development committee meetings with other department heads to discuss building projects within the City, including a plan submitted for a new Subway restaurant.

Exhaust Removal System – The City Commission approved matching funds for the FEMA grant the Fire Department received to install new vehicle exhaust removal systems in both fire stations. The Commission has approved the \$8,100 match for the project that has a total expense of \$81,000. Installation is due to begin on April 20<sup>th</sup> and should be completed in May.



### **Other Department Activities**

Firefighter Hiring – Currently there are four firefighter vacancies within the fire department. A practice physical abilities test was given on March 27<sup>th</sup> to two applicants. Another physical abilities test is expected to be given near the end of April.



Physical Abilities Exam Review – Personnel are appraising the current physical abilities test curriculum. Personnel on all three shifts are participating in a new physical agility exam to determine average times that applicants should be required to meet.



Dispatcher Hiring – The Fire Chief met with HR Director Diana Gonzales to discuss hiring procedures for new fire department dispatchers.

Performance Evaluations – The Fire Chief is reviewing annual employee performance evaluations.

Annual PPE Advanced Inspections - The State Fire Commission requires professional firefighters to conduct advanced inspections of structural personal protective equipment (PPE) on an annual basis. Personnel have to perform an advanced cleaning on clothing if it hasn't been done in the past year. They also have to do a multi-point examination of the equipment; and if the clothing is more than 3 years old, a hydrostatic test must be conducted on the moisture barrier to ensure its integrity. Some clothing failed the hydrostatic test and will need to be repaired or replaced.

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

Officers Meeting – A meeting was held on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Discussions included radio problems and communications issues, probationary requirements, capital projects, new policies and policy development, personnel issues, and other subjects.

Kingsville Community Federal Credit Union Spring Festival – Fire department personnel attended the spring festival held on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Kingsville Community Federal Credit Union.

Girl Scout Tour of Fire Station 1 – Girl Scout Troop 9220 toured Station 1 on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Texas Department of State Health Services Inspection – On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, an inspector from the State Health Department conducted an inspection of fire department ambulances. We found some deficiencies such as protocol books missing pages, conflicting medication inventories, and outdated medications. These problems have all been addressed with approval of the medical director and internal inspection procedures are being put in place to prevent future discrepancies.

### **New Policies or Policy Revisions:**

- Policy Memorandums on dispatch operations and alerting.

### **Equipment and Facilities:**

Fire Station 2 - New sidewalk has been poured and now new sloping connector from sidewalk to curb has been constructed. Still waiting on front steps down to street sidewalk. Street is being worked on at this time.



Fire Station 1 – LMC repaired hot water leak beneath upstairs restrooms. Still having hot water problems in upstairs showers. Ordered new electronic board for bay door that is not working properly.



Physical Fitness Equipment – Engineer Mendiola handled the purchase of new weight bench sets for both fire stations. The equipment was delivered and set up.

Medic units – Medic 3 power inverter out of service and sent to the factory. Medic 2 has been moved from Station 2 into front line service. Stretcher returned from repair company.

Engine 1 – Water leak under pump has increased in flow. Contacting repair company.

Engine 2 – Water pump repaired. Water leak under pump. Water level in radiator is running low. Not sure why level is dropping.

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

Thermal Imager: New Thermal Imager (TMI) has been delivered. Captain Sandoval is working to get it programmed, tested, and provide a training program for all personnel.

New Fire Marshal Vehicle: Truck has been delivered and is now at the bed liner company. Following the bed liner installation, the truck will have a camper shell placed on the back. Expected completion date is April 7<sup>th</sup>.



New Vehicle to Tow Emergency Response Trailer and Personnel: Truck has been ordered.

Replacement Skid Unit for the Brush Truck: Preparing specifications for Purchasing Department.

Fire Station 1 Termite Remediation: Remediation completed on January 20th. Termite problems have been discovered at Fire Station 2 and may need remediation at that location also.

Computer Server, Terminal, and Software: Most email problems have been corrected. No viewing of surveillance cameras. Meeting planned with I.T. to discuss change over to new computer server,

connection to City email systems, interconnectivity of computers within the fire department, connectivity of Fire Station 2 into the system, and other issues.

Intercom System for Fire Apparatus: On hold as funding being re-allocated to City general fund.

Fire Station 1 Improvements: On hold as funding being re-allocated to City general fund.

Computer Aided Dispatch System: On hold as funding being re-allocated to City general fund.

Radio System Improvements: On hold as funding being re-allocated to City general fund.

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

**08:00 hrs on March 13th, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on April 1st, 2015.**

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	18
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	148
Total Emergency Responses -	166

**Major Events during the period:** March 28, 2015: House Fire, South 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Ragland: A house was reported on fire by a passing police officer. Engine 1 arrived on scene to find fire showing on the first and second floors of an abandoned two story house. The four persons on the engine and medic unit knocked down the fire from outside the building. The two person crew on engine 2 arrived and conducted a primary search for victims. The home was the scene of a previous fire two months ago and was intentionally set. The incident is under investigation.



## **Purchasing Division**

### **Purchase Orders**

Purchasing issued 112 Purchase Orders valued at \$1,099,848.33. Purchase Orders are also being VOIDED when a PO is dated after the invoice date.

When this occurs, staff will be receiving their PO and attachments back with a note to pay via Debit Memo. This can be done through the Finance Department. Once that has been done, they will need to return the PO for Voiding. Staff is asked to please ensure they write VOID on the PO and the reason for the VOID; this also includes any PO that they wish to VOID.

### **Purchasing Card Statements**

Purchasing Card statements are issued and gradually coming in from the users. We would like to remind staff to check for taxes that were charged, coding, and crediting the correct line item. As always keep your Purchasing Card in a secure area and remember that only the person whose name appears on the card is authorized to use it. When the Purchasing Card reconciliation is complete, please review it before signing. Signatures on the P-Card reconciliation signify that the Purchasing Card holder and their supervisor have reviewed it and corrected any errors.

### **Purchasing Department**

Back from a recent Basic Public Purchasing Training in Austin, Texas is our Purchasing Assistant, Mrs. Thelma Trevino. A great abundance of information was reviewed and brought back to the Purchasing Department where it will be used for the betterment of the City of Kingsville.

Also, on the learning side of the Purchasing Dept. is the new issue with vehicle inspections, whose information follows. At this time, correspondence will be sent to the Purchasing Dept who will in turn put it in the appropriate departmental interoffice mail box at City Hall. As per the Texas Dept. of Transportation, the individual will go get the vehicle inspected, then take the (VIR) Vehicle Inspection Report to the courthouse Title Dept and present that for the vehicle registration sticker. Staff should be prepared to pay \$7.00 at the inspection site and \$7.50 +\$1.00 (processing fee) total of \$8.50 at the County Vehicle Title Dept. This is for all City Vehicles and City Trailers. If staff still has questions, please feel free to call our office at 361-595-8036 or the County Vehicle Title Dept. at 361-595-8541.

## **Technology Division**

Help Desk has been working with Verizon to ensure that the account best reflects the needs of the City of Kingsville and its employees. Several lines have been consolidated into a shared minute and data plan creating a net savings for the City without impacting employee efficiency. Additionally, all 3G mobile devices will be upgraded to 4G devices so that troubleshooting and

calling plans can be more consistent across the board. 4G capable devices are also able to use available cell signal to its full potential, providing clearer calls and faster mobile internet.



Technology has begun the roll-out and implementation of the Maas360 Mobile Device Management (MDM) Software. This software allows for the tracking of city-owned mobile devices as well as providing the ability to locate, lock, wipe, and install apps to those devices. This software also provides an avenue for increased device security and provides an additional layer of protection beyond user installed apps and features. Moving forward, this MDM will play a large role in the City of Kingsville information security plan.

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

### **Finance Administration Division**

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



The U.S. has been making money since 1792. The first money was in the form of coins. The coins had ridges to prevent counterfeiting. Today the ridges remain as a form of braille for the visually impaired. 119 grooves can be found on the edge of a quarter.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/10-fascinating-facts-about-money-2013-7>



## Debit Memo

DEBIT MEMO

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor #: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay To: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Due Date: Next Check Run \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Updated: 4/29/2014

Finance Director, Deborah Balli, sent out an email to department heads on March 25<sup>th</sup> stating Purchase Orders with date issues would no longer be accepted. A PO sent back for date issues will need a debit memo to be processed for payment. All supporting documents will need to be attached to the debit memo and turned into Purchasing or Accounts Payable for processing. If you are cancelling a purchase order make sure to attach the purchase order with a note asking Purchasing to cancel the PO.

Here is a quick explanation of the Debit Memo.

**Today's Date:** Enter date you are filling out the debit memo.

**Vendor#:** Enter vendor number if available. Remember if you don't have a vendor number you will need a W-9 before Accounts Payable will release a vendor

number or payment.

**Pay To:** Enter Vendor Name and Address.

**Amount:** Enter amount of payment.

**Account Code:** Enter GL account code and name.

**Description:** Enter reason for payment. (Ex. Parts, Plumbing Repairs, etc.)

**Requested by:** Signature of individual requesting debit memo be processed for payment.

**Approved by:** Signature of individual approving debit memo for payment.

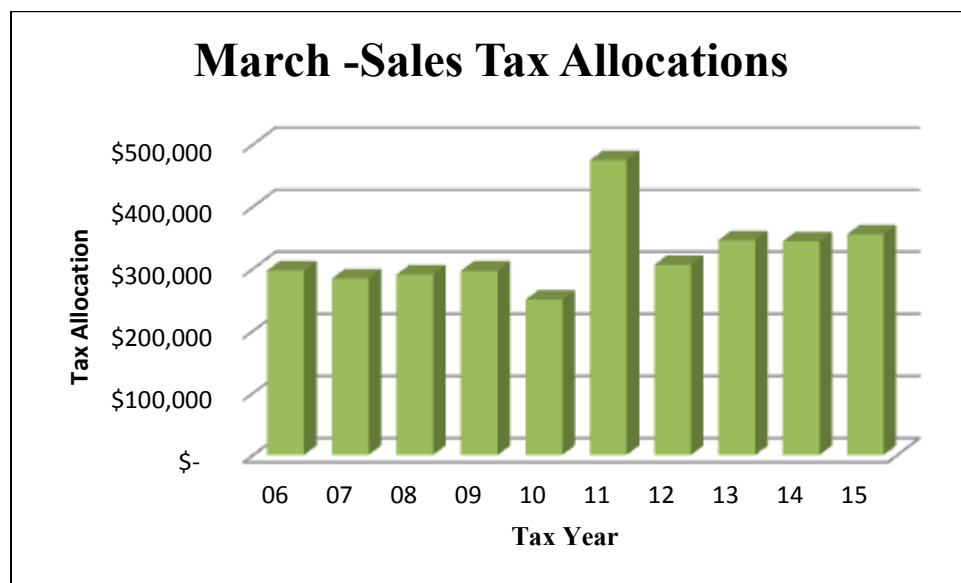
**Special Instructions:** Enter any special payment instructions. (Ex. Hold check for vendor pick up, Notify department when check is available, Mail check with invoice copy, etc.)

Reminders:

- Debit Memos can be used for services that do not require a purchase order.
- All supporting documents need to be attached to the debit memo.
- Regular AP deadlines apply to debit memos.

### **Sales Tax**

The City of Kingsville received \$355,052.33 in sales tax allocations in the month of March. This is a 3.26% increase over March 2014. Sales Tax is applied on all retail sales, leases, rentals and taxable services at a percentage rate of 8.25 % in Kingsville.



### **Utility Billing Division**

Now that spring has arrived it is important to remember that water consumption will increase of course with this change in weather. Many customers will see an increase from the winter months in their water bills. Most customers will be working on their landscape and gardens, filling up their swimming pools, and also begin to water their lawns more often. Here are some helpful tips in saving water and money.

Outdoors:



- An irrigation system should be checked each spring before use to make sure it was not damaged by frost or freezing.
- An irrigation system that has a leak 1/32nd of an inch in diameter (about the thickness of a dime) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.
- Check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

## Sprinkler Spruce-Up



When it comes to a home's irrigation system, a little maintenance goes a long way. Before you ramp up your watering efforts, spruce up your irrigation system by remembering four simple steps—*inspect*, *connect*, *direct*, and *select*. Homes with automatically timed irrigation systems use about 50 percent more water outdoors than those without. Your system can waste even more if it's programmed incorrectly, a sprinkler head is pointed in the wrong direction, or you have a leak.

## Simple Tips for Sprucing Up Your Sprinkler



**Inspect.** Check your system for clogged, broken or missing sprinkler heads.



**Connect.** Examine points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes or hoses. If water pools in your landscape or you have large wet areas, you could have a leak in your system. A leak about as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen (or 1/32nd of an inch) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month!



**Direct.** Are you watering the driveway, house, or sidewalk instead of your yard? Redirect sprinklers to apply water only to the landscape.



**Select.** An improperly scheduled irrigation controller can waste water and money. Update your system's watering schedule with the seasons, or select a WaterSense labeled controller to take the guesswork out of scheduling.

<http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/pubs/fixleak.html>

Remember to look at your service dates on the water utility bill before becoming alarmed as to an increase in your water bill. The department suggests that all water bills are reviewed in a timely manner so as to catch a significant increase in water use/cost. This may be an indication of a leak in the home. The most common “leak” customers may have is a running toilet. Most running toilets can be fixed inexpensively by purchasing a new flapper. Once the running toilet has been fixed; we suggest turning in a receipt of what was purchased to our department for a consideration of leak adjustment on your high water bill. For additional information call the Utility Billing Department at 361-592-5281 on Mondays-Fridays, except holidays, between 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

#### Holiday Closing Reminder

City Hall will be closed Friday, April 3, 2015 in observance of the Easter Holiday.



City Hall will resume its regular business hours on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The Utility Billing Department would like to wish all the City employees and the citizens of Kingsville a Happy and safe Easter!

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

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

(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)

## **Municipal Court Activity Report**

This report covers the court activity from  
March 10, 2015 thru March 26, 2015.

### **New Cases**

**77** Parking, **247** Traffic, **78** State Law, **35** City  
Ordinance

### **Cases Disposed**

**54** Parking, **227** Traffic, **70** State Law, **17** City  
Ordinance



### **Warrants**

**28** Issued, **182** Executed (Served)

### **Collections**

Collections during this period came to \$98,023.53 in fines and court costs.

### **Court Dates – April 2015**

Pre Trial Session	4/07	9:00 am	
Attorney Cases Incl.	4/21	9:00 am	
Contempt of Court	4/14 & 4/28	9:00 am	
Inmate Session	4/09 & 4/23	2:00 pm	
Regular Court Hearing	4/09 & 4/23	3:00 pm	
Trial Hearing Bench	4/09 & 4/23	4:00 pm	(Assist DA Prosecutor Craig)

### **Court Dates – May 2015**

Pre Trial Session	5/5	9:00 am	
Attorney Cases Incl.	5/19	9:00 am	
Contempt of Court	5/12 & 5/26	9:00 am	
Inmate Session	5/7 & 5/21	2:00 pm	
Regular Court Hearing	5/7 & 5/21	3:00 pm	
Trial Hearing Bench	5/7 & 5/21	4:00 pm	(Assist DA Prosecutor Craig)

### **Acknowledgments**

Many thanks to the Kingsville Police Department for the security provided during the court sessions in the month of March, 2015! Special thanks to Officer Garza, Cervantes, Vega, Chavana and Dodd.

**I JUST GOT A TRAFFIC TICKET.**

**NOW WHAT DO I DO?**



Do I Have To Appear In Court?

The law requires you appear in court on your case. You must appear either in **person or by attorney**, within ten days after receiving the traffic ticket.

**A TELEPHONE CALL IS NOT A MANNER OF COURT APPEARANCE**

What If I Am A Juvenile?

The Municipal Court has jurisdiction over juveniles, 16 years or younger, charged with Class "C" misdemeanor offenses except public intoxication. All juveniles are required to appear in open court for all proceedings in their cases. The parent or guardian of any juvenile charged in Municipal Court is required to be present in court with the child. Juveniles who fail to appear or who fail to pay their fine will be reported to the Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety will suspend your driver's license. If you do not have a driver's license you will not be able to obtain one until you appear in court to dispose of the case.

**Special Notice**

**To those under age 17:**

*Article 45.057(h) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure states, in part:*

*A child and parent required to appear before the court have an obligation to provide the court in writing with the current address and residence of the child. The obligation does not end when the child reaches age 17. On or before the seventh day after the date the child or parent changes residence, the child or parent shall notify the court of the current address in the manner directed by the court. A violation of this subsection may result in arrest and is a Class C misdemeanor. The obligation to provide notice terminates on discharge and satisfaction of the judgment or final disposition not requiring a finding of guilt.*

Can I Take a Driving Safety Course or Deferred Disposition (over 25 of age)?

If you are charged with a "moving" traffic offense and **do not hold a CDL**, you may ask the Judge, within 10 days after receiving the ticket, to take a Driving Safety Course or file motion for Deferred Disposition. If you were operating a motorcycle and request to take a Driving Safety Course you may take a motorcycle operator's training course. At the time of either request you must do the following:

1. Present a copy of your valid driver's license;
2. Present a copy of your current vehicle Insurance policy.
3. Plea either guilty or no contest; and
4. Pay court costs, administration fee (exception on the deferral request) and post a cash bond for the fine up to \$200.00; offenses committed in school zone, add an additional \$25.00.

Prosecution of the traffic offense will be postponed for 90 days to allow you time to complete the course and comply with the Deferral order.

*You are required to attend a Driving Safety Course approved by the Texas Education Agency or a motorcycle operator's course approved by the Department of Public Safety and present the completion certificate within 90 days, and provide to the court a Texas Department Driver's License Report, and file a sworn affidavit of compliance for the Driving Safety Course or the Deferral court order.*

You are eligible to request this course only if you:

1. Have not requested and taken a driving safety course for a traffic offense within the last 12 months.
2. Are not currently taking the course for another traffic violation;
3. Have not committed the offense of speeding 25 mph or more over the speed limit; and
4. Have not committed one of the following offenses:
  - a. Accident-damages and or injuries;
  - b. Leaving the scene of an accident;
  - c. Failing to stop/render aid;
  - d. Failure to report an accident;
  - e. Reckless driving;
  - f. Overtaking and passing a school bus;
  - g. Fleeing or attempting to flee a peace officer.

If you fail, within 90 days, to provide proof you have completed the Driving Safety Course Court Order you will be required to 1) Request a hearing before the court. 2) Forfeiture of the fine amount, which will result in a conviction. In addition, the conviction will be reported to the driver's license. Failure to be present at the hearing will result in a Failure to Appear charge being filed and a warrant being issued for your arrest.

### What Are My Options?

Under our American system of justice all persons are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty. **On a plea of not guilty, a formal trial is held.** The State is required to prove guilt of the offense charged in the complaint "beyond a reasonable doubt" before a defendant can be found guilty by a judge or jury.

*If you plead guilty or no contest, you should be prepared to pay the penalty and court cost.*

### Right to Appeal

In certain circumstances, you have the right to appeal **a conviction** in Municipal Court. All appeals from Municipal Court result in a new trial in County Court. A bond is required to be posted which is **valued at twice the amount of fines and costs assessed by the city court.**

### **How Much Will It Cost Me?**

*This is a list of fines, including court costs, for some of the most common offenses. The fines for other offenses are available by contacting the court.*



**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE COURT TO VERIFY THE  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES AND COURT COSTS BEFORE MAKING PAYMENT!**

**Common Traffic Offenses**

Speeding:	1-15 mph over limit	\$ 299.10
Speeding: School	1-15 mph over limit	\$ 324.10
Disregarding stop sign/traffic light:		\$299.10
Failure to yield right-of-way:		\$299.10
Ran Stop Sign:		\$299.10
Fail to Maintain Vehicle Insurance responsibility:		\$377-\$1000.
No seat belt: Driver		\$149.10
No seat belt: Passenger		\$149.10
Unrestrained child, ages 4-15:		\$299.10
Unrestrained child, below age 4:		\$299.10
No driver's license:		\$299.10
Driving While License Invalid Under PV Laws:		\$502.00
No Valid Class C DL (Juvenile):		\$227.10
Expired Registration:		\$266.00
<i>**Register Vehicle-provide proof**</i>		\$20.00 (Dismissal fee)
Expired inspection sticker:		\$299.10
<i>**Fix inspection sticker-provide proof**</i>		\$20.00 (Dismissal fee)

**City Ordinance Offenses:**

Nighttime Curfew (Juvenile)	\$227.00
Daytime Curfew (Juvenile)	\$227.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense: Use of Wireless Cell Phone	\$316.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense: Use of Wireless Cell Phone	\$566.90
Cat/Dog Vaccination & licensing	\$232.00 (each dog/cat)
Fail to Comply with Dog/Cat Sterilization	\$227.00 (each dog/cat)
Dogs Running at Large	\$227.00 (each dog)
High Weeds	\$227.00 (each offense)
Illegal Dumping	\$227.00-\$2000.00 (each offense)
Posting Notices	\$227.00 (each offense)
Prohibited Junk Vehicle	\$227.00 (each vehicle/offense)

**What Happens If I Ignore This Citation or a City Inspection Citation?**

A warrant will be issued, you will be arrested, taken to jail and forced to pay fines and court costs in addition to other fees.

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

### **Houston HIDTA Intelligence Analyst Group Visits Task Force**

Last month on February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Interdiction Agents were in Houston, Texas attending specialized training with Houston High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) personnel. The Kingsville Task Force was invited to participate in a nationwide pilot project which seeks to empower intelligence sharing for the HIDTA Domestic Highway Enforcement (DHE) Strategy in its interdiction of drugs, currency, weapons, people, and other contraband traveling through designated U.S. corridors.

On Tuesday through Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>– 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, a Houston HIDTA Intelligence Analyst group visited with the Kingsville Task Force gathering first hand intelligence and data to assist with the CADENA project. The Cross Agency Distributed Edge Network Analysis (CADENA) pilot project will provide a proof of concept in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating DHE field agent interdiction data for purposes of enabling HIDTA personnel to assist DHE in making search and seizure decisions for transportation and passenger vehicles along U.S. highways.

The five member group also gathered three years of the Task Force's case files to also assist with their CADENA project. Those cases will be utilized to determine if possible links to other criminal cases have occurred or are currently developing to initiate further investigations. GREAT TEAM WORK!!!

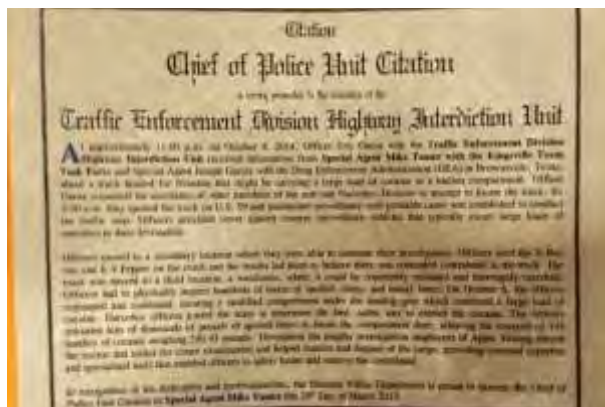




### **KTF Agent Tamez Receives Award from Houston Police Department**

Last September 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, at approximately 10:00 PM, Kingsville Task Force Agent Mike Tamez received a phone call from Brownsville DEA Agent Garcia about a Truck Tractor Semi-Trailer (TTST) leaving McAllen sometime between 10:00 PM and 4:00 AM enroute to Houston, Texas. According to Agent Garcia, the TTST was possibly containing a large amount of Cocaine. Agent Tamez began to research information on the TTST and learned it crossed the Falfurrias Border Patrol Checkpoint earlier at 9:53 AM. The name of the trucking company was identified. Agent Tamez immediately started calling local DPS Troopers; however he could not reach any of them. Agent Tamez then called Interdiction Officer Eric Garza from the Houston Police Department and asked for his assistance. Eric Garza and Narcotics Detective Pat Esquivel eventually stopped the TTST at approximately 3:00 AM in the City of Houston, Texas. Officer Eric Garza called Agent Tamez and advised the following: the driver did not have a CDL or a medical card; the Company name and USDOT information were fake, the commodity which was 800 boxes of limes were spoiled, the shipper's information on the bill of lading and destination were also fake. Officer Eric Garza located a small bag of cocaine inside the driver's boot and placed him under arrest for Possession of a Controlled Substance. After searching as much of the trailer as the Houston PD officers could without offloading the commodity, Officer Garza and Detective Esquivel secured the TTST until they had a location to off load the spoiled commodity. On Monday October 06<sup>th</sup>, 2014, HPD Officer Eric Garza was able to off load the commodity and with Agent Tamez's assistance did locate a floorboard compartment inside the trailer above the landing gear. Officer Garza was then able to locate the compartment's access panel again with Agent Tamez's assistance and removed a total of 159 kilos (approximately 350 pounds) of Cocaine from within the false floor. The street value of the confiscated cocaine is 3.5 million dollars.

As a result of that investigation, on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Mike Tamez received the Houston Police Department's Chief of Police Unit Citation. The award is in recognition of Agent Tamez's dedication and professionalism during this investigation. All the members of HPD's Traffic Enforcement Division Highway Interdiction Group also received the citation for their outstanding work on this investigation. GREAT COLLABORATION!!!





### **Kingsville Task Force Assists TAMUK with Curriculum Research Projects**

For the past 18 months the Kingsville Task Force has assisted the Engineering Department from Texas A&M University Kingsville (TAMUK) with two curriculum research projects geared toward their graduate students. One of the two projects is a plan for the development of possible surveillance methods for the detection and identification of the registration numbers of maritime vessels.

The Texas Gulf Intracoastal Waterway is a vital route for the safe and energy efficient transportation of goods between Texas, the United States and the rest of the world. Unfortunately it also serves as a conduit for a variety of illicit goods as well, in particular the smuggling of illegal aliens and illegal contraband.

As a result of this undertaking, the Kingsville Task Force has brought together state and federal law enforcement agencies to assist with this specific issue. TAMUK's Engineering Department has partnered with the Department of Energy Oak Ridge National Laboratory to develop possible solutions for this project plan.

Kingsville Task Force Agents arranged for a site survey of the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) for members of the university's engineering department and staff of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The site survey demonstrated and identified specific challenges requiring attention to assist with the development of solutions for this particular project plan. GREAT INITIATIVE!!!



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

#### **5<sup>th</sup> and Henrietta**

The City owns this building and has a lease with the Border Patrol. Staff will be working with that agency on their desire to use it in the future. They have been in town to visit the site and are determining what to do about the roof. They believe that the roof needs more repair to it more than they have funds available. They are still considering their options.



**Torres Estates**

There will be 2 items on the Planning and Zoning Agenda for April 8<sup>th</sup> regarding this project. There will be 4 items on the City Commission's April 13<sup>th</sup> agenda pertaining to this development. If approved, Mr. Dizdar will be able to develop the property.

**La Quinta Hotel**

At this time a full permit has been approved for them. They hope to break ground very soon. The hotel will be located 2151 S. Highway 77, between Phil Neeson Chevrolet and the Hampton Inn.

**Wells Apartments**

This is an 11 unit 2-bedroom development at 625 W. Avenue F. The completion date is the end of April.

**FEMA Domes**

The estimated completion date is January 2016. Things are going well.

**Wildwood Trails**

A number of homes have been started in the subdivision. With dry weather ,work on the homes can make some progress.

**Lake View Villas**

A preliminary plat was approved in June of 2013. A final plat was never submitted for approval. Too much time has passed, so the developer has to start over. Both items will be on the upcoming Planning and Zoning agenda on the City Commission agenda for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**New City Hall**

Staff has asked Nathan Swinney of AGCM to give the City Commission a brief update at their April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Things are going well. Public Works will be working on installation of sewer and storm drainage in the month of April.

**Joint Airport Zoning Board**

At the last meeting, Brad Womack was named the fifth member and chair of the group. Ramon Perez was named Vice Chair. The board caught up on other items and the pond on the Schubert property. Staff will be meeting with the property owners prior to the next meeting to determine future action.

**Cayetano Villages of Kingsville**

The development company decided to pull the rezoning agenda items that were scheduled for the March planning and zoning agenda. They need to be awarded the tax credits for this project to happen which they probably won't know until June. If they are awarded the tax credits then they will continue with the rezone and development of this project.

**Flato School Project**

Staff has only heard that as a part of the deed, an education component has to continue on the property. It is believed that Maggie Salinas has been working with the possible owners on how to

achieve that.

### **Legends of Kingsville**

As has been reported in the newspaper, they are 100% leased for the upcoming school year this fall. Staff has met with their engineer on Phase II. They hope to submit a site plan sometime in May. Phase II will have 486 beds with 207 units. Once both phases are done, they can accommodate approximately 1,000 students living there when 100% leased.

### **Building Services Division**

#### **Permits**

			<b>Pulled:</b>
Residential Remodel:	8	Commercial Remodel:	2
13		Electrical:	
New Commercial:	0	Mechanical:	5
0		Moving:	
New Residential:	4	Fire Inspection:	12
7		Gas Inspection:	
Cert. of Occupancy:	5	Commercial Meter:	2
0		House	Leveling:
Plumbing:	10	Residential Meter:	13
5		Re-roof:	
Sprinkler:	0	Sidewalk:	0
0		Sign:	
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	0
1		Demolition:	
Fence:	1	Driveway:	2

#### **Total Permits Pulled: 90**

#### **New Business:**

*Triple J's Detailing* at 430 E Richard now open for business.

*Pedicure by Toni* at 926 S 14<sup>th</sup> Ste. 108 is now open for business.

*Spa Hacienda* at 306 E Kleberg is now open for business.

*Just A Cut Salon* at 1310 E General Cavazos Ste B is under construction for new business.

### **Top 30 Initiative**

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

### **Multiple Violations:**

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comment</u>
430/426 E Alice	Notice sent 7/8/14	Pending cleanup
400 E Corral	Court scheduled 3/9/15	
1808 Kelly	Pending variance	
1420 Sen. Carlos Truan	Notice sent 6/24/14	Cleared by city

1202 W King violation	Notice sent 2/26/14	Property owner working on
1950 E Corral	Pending notice of violation	
2151 N. Hwy 77 Bypass	Pending notice of violation	
223 S 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pending notice of violation	
109 S Hwy 77 violation	Notice sent 6/14/14	Property owner working on
E Henrietta & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pending notice of violation	

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

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

**321 W. Santa Gertrudis**



**414 W. Huisache**



621 W. Corral



629 W. Nettie



Unfinished Siding/Roof

<u>Property location</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
610 S. Lantana	Letter mailed 2/16/15	Completed
1702 E. Ave. F	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
315 S. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
1519 E. Lott	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
822 S. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
428 W. Lee	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
528 S. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
324 W. Santa Gertrudis	Letter mailed 2/16/15	
516 E. Alice	Letter mailed 2/16/15	

1702 E. Ave F

*Before*



*After*



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



1519 E. Lott



### **Community Appearance Division**

**Recent activity (February 12 – April 1) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:**

Notices Sent:	120	Abatements:	81	Obsolete	Sign
Violations:	3				
Inspections:	326	Court Cases:	2	Placards Posted:	
23					
Re-Inspections:	136	Illegal Dumping Cases:	0		
Compliances:	110	Front/Side yard parking violations:	1		

### **Community Appearance: Billing**

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

OCT	\$5304.61	APR
NOV	\$2943.01	MAY
DEC	\$4344.63	JUN
JAN	\$11263.96	JUL
FEB	\$8389.71	AUG
MAR		SEPT



Typical Violations & Compliances:

Below are photos of recent examples of success in the removal of trash and debris due to our community appearance division efforts:



**109 S Hwy 77 – Property Owner Abated**  
**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**1229 E Lee – City Abated**  
**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**Priority Property Clean Ups:**

Community Appearance Inspectors are following up on previous City abatements to ensure compliance since abatement. Additionally, inspectors have determined the properties, sent notices and obtained photos of those to be listed in the top ten clean ups for Phase 35 to be completed in March. 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 35**

**Property Address:**

1715 W Johnston

213 S 12<sup>th</sup>

914 E Lott

**Date of Compliance Deadline:**

3/31/15

3/31/15

3/31/15

602 E Kenedy	3/31/15
627 E Santa Gertrudis	3/31/15
409 E Richard	3/31/15
501 S 17 <sup>th</sup>	3/31/15
623 E Santa Gertrudis	3/31/15
612 E Richard	3/31/15
1320 E Alice	3/31/15

**Phase 33: 173 W Kleberg – Property Owner Abated**

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



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

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

<u>Top Ten Phase#</u> Conducted	<u>#of Cleanups Conducted</u>	<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u>#of</u>	<u>Cleanups</u>
	<u>By property owner</u>			<u>By property owner</u>
PHASE 1	0 out of 10	PHASE 21	7 out of 10	
PHASE 2	2 out of 10	PHASE 22	4 out of 10	
PHASE 3	2 out of 10	PHASE 23	7 out of 10	
PHASE 4	3 out of 10	PHASE 24	8 out of 10	
PHASE 5	3 out of 10	PHASE 25	8 out of 10	
PHASE 6	3 out of 10	PHASE 26	6 out of 10	
PHASE 7	4 out of 10	PHASE 27	10 out of 10	
PHASE 8	7 out of 10	PHASE 28	8 out of 10	
PHASE 9	5 out of 10	PHASE 29	8 out of 10	
PHASE 10	8 out of 10	PHASE 30	7 out of 10	
PHASE 11	7 out of 10	PHASE 31	7 out of 10	
PHASE 12	8 out of 10	PHASE 32	7 out of 10	
PHASE 13	9 out of 10	PHASE 33	8 out of 10	
PHASE 14	6 out of 10	PHASE 34	7 out of 10	

PHASE 15                      9 out of 10  
 PHASE 16                      9 out of 10  
 PHASE 17                      8 out of 10  
 PHASE 18                      8 out of 10  
 PHASE 19                      8 out of 10  
 PHASE 20                      9 out of 10

PHASE 35                      (IN PROGRESS)

Did You  
 Know...  
 Yard trimmings and  
 other debris delay  
 water from draining  
 properly into the  
 gutters. Please  
 pickup cut grass  
 from the street curb  
 after you mow to

**Community Appearance:**

It has been work as usual at Community Appearance. Inspectors are finishing up their current zone and are getting ready to begin the next. Operators are on a steady schedule of cleanups throughout the city. Community Appearance Supervisor is working with the Building Official on gathering information on dilapidated structures.

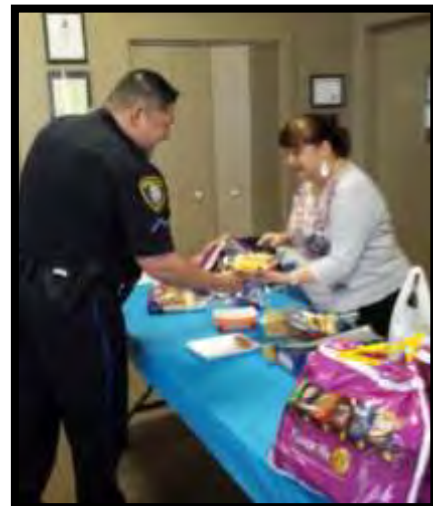
**Keep Kingsville Beautiful:**

KKB met last week for their monthly meeting to discuss various projects. An interest from the board, as well as a group from the university, has been brought up for the Corral Park. Recently, 10 trees were planted along the Corral St. side of the park. There are other additions still to come for that and other parks.

If you or anyone you know is interested in being a member of Keep Kingsville Beautiful please contact Community Appearance @ 361.595.8093.

For the Adopt-A-Spot program please contact Jennifer Bernal @ 361.595.8093.

This is the second year that Theresa Cavazos, Building Services Permit Clerk/Customer Svc, has led the way to raise money for PDAP by organizing a hot dog fundraiser on her own time. It was well organized and there was a great turnout from city staff as well as members of the community. Great Job Theresa!!!



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

Work on improvements to the Recreation Hall

in Dick Kleberg Park started by the inmate workers recently was continued by Parks Staff. New counter tops, a sink, and a swing-out, fake wall to hide the breaker boxes has been installed in the kitchen giving it a new look. A few more touches and the kitchen will be done. We have a quote to place new



partitions in the restrooms and are checking other vendors to try to fit this project in our donation fund from 4H.



The roofing project at Brookshire Pool should be finished this week. The roof looks great. As soon as it is done we will drain the pool to begin cleanup and startup for the Summer season. We are proposing a request to the Brookshire Foundation for new awnings and furniture which will help get rid of the remaining old shade structures.



Pharmacy School Path Project kicked off on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Corral Park with cleanup. About 20 students assisted with cleaning out the playground pits, trimming trees, marking the new trail and elements. Some students took cooking duties firing up their gas grill and cooking breakfast and lunch for all the workers. Park staff assisted with planning the placement of elements and trail path and with tree trimming. Purchase orders have been issued and equipment ordered for all the new items to be placed in the park with the exception of the water fountain which we will be discussing at the next City Commission meeting.

Parks Manager, Susan Ivy, attended the IHeart Media workshop on advertising with Tourism staff in Corpus Christi. It was a really great presentation and a great opportunity to discuss some options for marketing J.K.Northway & community events and Park facilities.

Boys & Girls Club Little League Baseball and Thunder Girls Fastpitch Softball leagues both had opening ceremonies in Dick Kleberg Park Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Both leagues have done great jobs in recruiting teams and players from the communities in our area. They have all worked hard along side Parks staff to get the fields ready for play.



**W**hile there is a break in the action at J.K. Northway conveniently falling in line with a break in the rain, so that we can get back into the parks and athletic facilities to mow, mow, mow. In some places the ground is still so soggy that staff is dodging some spots with the mowers. Please be patient; we will get to it all.



The Parks Manager will be attending a required Certified Pool Operators' certification class in Austin on April 15,16, 17 and will be stopping by to visit with Texas Parks & Wildlife staff about upcoming grant programs and applications. The certification is required of all entities operating public pools. The current certification expires this year.

Staff is preparing the Summer Activities Schedule and will be printing brochures to go to all schools in early May. They hope to have a few pages added to the City Website to offer information about offered programming and events very soon.

Dick Kleberg Park will close at 7pm on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will be open all day Saturday and Sunday. Hope everyone has a great Easter Weekend!

### ***Parks & Recreation Department (Courtesy of Bill Donnell, Interim Manager)***

#### **Golf Division (3/13-3/31)**

The course is drying out from the recent rains with over 8 inches of rain received. The Golf Division employees are doing a great job on improving the playability and esthetics of the course through mowing of greens, collars, fairways, driving range and roughs where possible. Staff spread fungicide and fertilizer with broadcast spreaders on all the greens. Jason from the Health Department assisted with mosquito control by placing larvicide tablets in the standing water throughout the course to prevent mosquito growth.



The course is drying out for golf activity with 507 rounds of golf played and 152 buckets of range balls used during March 13<sup>th</sup> thru March 31, 2015.

Scheduled tournaments at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:

District 32-2A Golf Tournament, April 8, 2015

St. Gertrude's Tournament, April 18, 2015

TAMUK College of Pharmacy Martin Farias Golf Tournament, April 25, 2015

H.M. King Scholarship Tournament, May 2, 2015

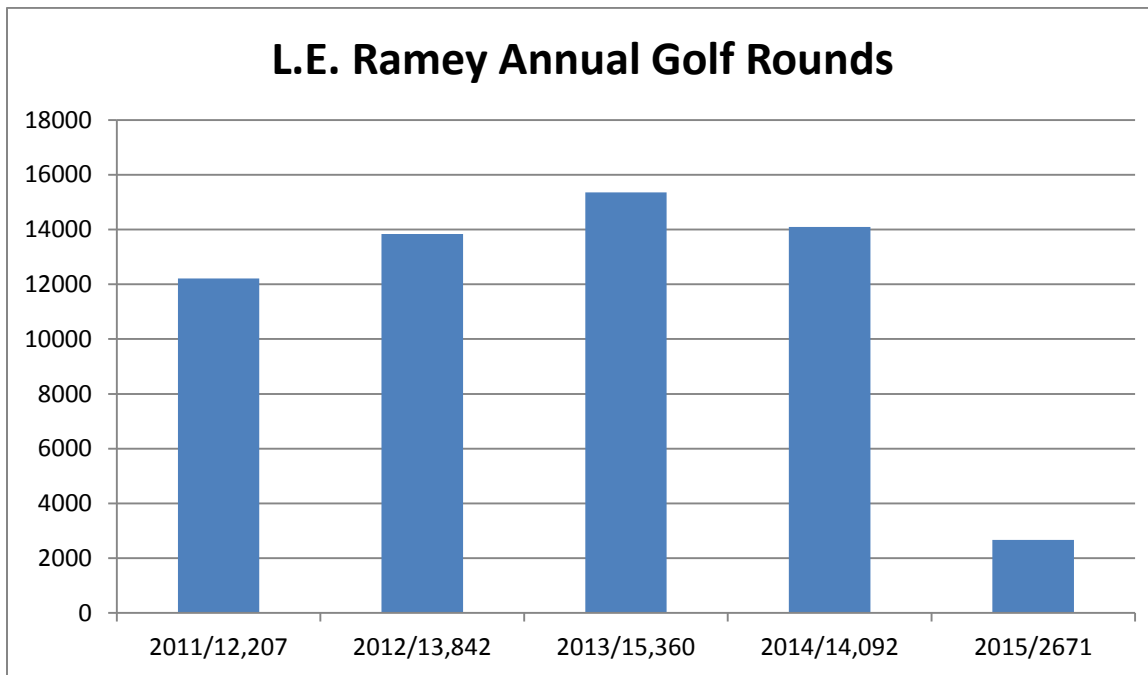
Yaklin Family Reunion Tournament, June 13, 2015

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



Past tournaments: no recent tournaments

Thanks for holding your tournament at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:



### **Human Resource Department *(Courtesy of Diana Gonzales, Director)***

**Did you know?** The City of Kingsville has several leave benefits for its full-time employees:

11 Holidays per year

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Good Friday

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Veteran's Day

Thanksgiving Day

Day after Thanksgiving

Christmas Day

Day Before Christmas OR Day After Christmas (City Manager's discretion)

80 hours of Vacation per year for employees with 1-5 years of service and 120 hours for 5+ years

80 hours of Sick Leave per year

Up to 24 hours for Bereavement/Funeral Leave (per event)

Family Medical Leave  
 Jury Duty Leave  
 Witness Duty Leave  
 Voting Leave  
 Administrative Leave  
 Military Leave

### **Current Employment Opportunities**

Fire – Firefighter, Fire Telecommunication's Operator  
 Parks and Recreation – Seasonal Temporary Pool Staff: Life Guards, Water Safety Instructors  
 Police – Officers, Police Telecommunication's Operator  
 Public Works - Garage – Maintenance Technician (Mechanic)  
 Public Works - Street – Maintenance Worker  
 Public Works - Wastewater – Utility Worker

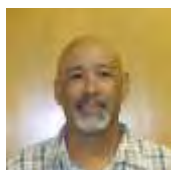
### **New Employees**



John Cason – Equipment Operator II – Sanitation Division – Public Works



Ismael Nunez – Temporary Plant Helper – Wastewater Division – Public Works



Ernest Davila - Maintenance Worker – Street Division – Public Works

### **April Anniversaries**

YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DIVISION/DEPARTMENT
28	Larry Lewis	Equipment Operator II	Sanitation/Public Works (PW)
19	Johnny White	Equipment Operator II	Wastewater/PW
14	Diana Gonzales	Human Resource Director	Human Resources
13	Hector Polanco	Maintenance Worker	Water Production/PW
11	Joseph Michalski	Police Officer	Police
11	Ernesto Martinez	Police Officer	Police
9	Emilio Garcia	Health Director	Health
8	Elizabeth Greenwell	Administrative Assistant II	Human Resources

6	Tony Cervantes	Police Officer	Police
6	Richard Patton	Firefighter	Fire
6	Daniel Pickard	Firefighter	Fire
5	Ryan Webb	Police Officer	Police
5	Megan Trevino	Administrative Assistant I	Police
5	Manuel Buentello	Building Inspector	Planning
4	Michael Garcia	Maintenance Worker	Street/PW
3	Rolando Barrientes	Equipment Operator II	Sanitation/PW
3	Salvador Garcia	Equipment Operator III	Sanitation/PW
3	Charlie Cardenas	City Engineer/PW Director	Engineering/PW
1	Michael Chavana	Police Officer	Police
1	Sharon Shaw	Accounting Assistant	Finance
1	Hector Garza	Animal Control Specialist	Health
1	Daniel Navejar	Equipment Operator II	Sanitation/PW
1	David Cantu	Equipment Operator II	Sanitation/PW

### **Separations**

Santos Flores – Police Officer

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

February 2015 – 33 prescriptions filled under this program used by a total of 14 individuals for a monthly savings of \$ 258.77. The average price savings was \$7.84 per prescription which translates to a 17.5% savings on prescriptions.

Data from January 2013 to current, the program has been utilized by 398 individuals for a grand total savings of \$13,160.75. The plan has averaged a 26.6% savings in filling 1,001 prescriptions for persons in the Kingsville community.

### **Civil Service Corner**

Civil Service Commission Members:

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

The next regular Civil Service Commission meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2015 at 12 noon at the City Commission Chambers.

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

### **Engineering Division (2/23-3/8)**

#### Engineering and GIS

Engineering and GIS are continuing with the street construction schedule. Engineering has been surveying for the Water Production Division to place a concrete culvert for the new well #25. The culvert is needed for the entrance of the well. Engineering also shot the elevations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Street drainage project, shown on the right.



### **Street Division (3/9-3/29)**

#### Road Constructions – 200 W. Johnston

- Checked signs and curbs for standing water.
- Rolled 200 W. Johnston Ave. but still has a lot of moisture
- Cut 2" of top layer to dry out heavy moisture
- Cleaned out ditch on N. Armstrong and installed culverts
- Seal coat, cleaned curbs, checked signs and swept up loose gravel
- Finish cut, watered, rolled, test for PSI, checked signs and barricades
- Cut down 1 ½ curbside for asphalt and seal coat
- Used 10 tons #3 rock, 350 gals AC5, 150 gals MC30 and 6 tons of limestone



### Mowing –

- East side of Shelly St. behind Lowe's
- 5<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- Huisache Ave. from Rail Road to 3<sup>rd</sup> St
- Shelly Dr. on the west side of sidewalk
- Bypass corners to General Cavazos Blvd.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Corner of 6<sup>th</sup> St. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from Hwy 77 Bypass to NAS
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from Hwy 77 Bypass to NAS
- Caesar Ave. from Bypass to NAS
- General Cavazos in front of Wal-Mart
- Corral Ave. & Hwy 77 Bypass
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. & Hwy 77 Bypass
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 Bypass to Center Island

### Gutter

- 6<sup>th</sup> from Corral Ave. to North Y
- North 6<sup>th</sup> St
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Y
- Kleberg Ave. from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to Armstrong Ave.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St. from King Ave. to Yoakum Ave.
- Wells St. & 1<sup>st</sup> St. from King Ave. to Kleberg Ave.
- Richard Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- 7<sup>th</sup> St. and 8<sup>th</sup> St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Alice St.
- Richard Ave. from 8<sup>th</sup> St. to 10<sup>th</sup> St., Richard Ave. from 10<sup>th</sup> St. to 11<sup>th</sup> St.
- 10<sup>th</sup> St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Alice Ave.



### Tree Trimming

- 1014 Gillette St.
- 100 S. Wells St.

### Sweeping

- Ailsie St. from Shelly St. to Carlos Truan Blvd.
- Shelly St. from Ailsie Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- West side of 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Picked up water from Virginia St. & Palm St., Corral Ave. & 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Loop 428 to Corral Ave.
- Armstrong Ave. from Johnston Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Downtown area from 11<sup>th</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. & Yoakum Ave. to King Ave.
- 415 W. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 5<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Ave B



- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Armstrong Ave.
- Armstrong Ave. & 1<sup>st</sup> St.
- 5<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- 10<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 10<sup>th</sup> St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Ave A
- 1105 E. Johnston Ave.
- 10<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77 Bypass
- University Blvd. from King Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- King Ave. from Hwy 141 to Hwy 77
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Ailsie St.
- Annette St. from Elizabeth St. to Ailsie St.
- 4<sup>th</sup> St. from Kleberg Ave. to Lee Ave.
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Kenedy Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- 9<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to University Blvd.
- University Blvd. from King Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Corral St. from 20<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Drained water**
- Ailsie St. & Shelly St.
- Hwy 77 & King Ave.
- Downtown from 11<sup>th</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. on Yoakum St. & King Ave.
- Lott St. from 15<sup>th</sup> St. to 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- Milton St. to May St.
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. & Huisache St.
- Kleberg Ave. from Church St. to 4<sup>th</sup> St.
- 9<sup>th</sup> St. from Johnston St. to Fordyce St.
- 13<sup>th</sup> St. & Huisache St.
- 12<sup>th</sup> St. & Huisache St.
- 209 Otis St.
- 254 Otis St.
- Otis St. & Carol St.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Caesar Ave.



#### Ditch Cleaning:

- Cleaned all drains on the west side
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from Hwy 77 to NAS

- Intersection of Carlos Truan Blvd. & General Cavazos Blvd.
- Intersection of Carlos Truan Blvd. & Ailsie

#### Gutters

- Richard Ave. from 11<sup>th</sup> St. to 13<sup>th</sup> St.
- 11<sup>th</sup> St. & 12<sup>th</sup> St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Alice Ave.

#### Round Up

- Caesar Ave.- Fence line slope- East side entrance
- Lott St. from 5<sup>th</sup> St. to 1<sup>st</sup> St.
- Huisache St. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Armstrong Ave.
- Fordyce St. from Wells to Armstrong Ave.
- Ailsie St. from Elizabeth St. to Carlos Truan Blvd.
- Ailsie from 14<sup>th</sup> to Franklin Welding
- Armstrong from Caesar to Santa Gertrudis
- Armstrong from Ave I to Santa Gertrudis
- Caesar Ave.- Fence line slope- West side entrance
- Lott St. from 5<sup>th</sup> St. to 1<sup>st</sup> St.
- Huisache St. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Armstrong
- Fordyce St. from Wells St. to Armstrong
- Fordyce St. from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to Armstrong Ave.
- Fordyce St. from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to Dead End
- Johnston St
- Kleberg Ave. from 11<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- 11<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Yoakum St.
- 10<sup>th</sup> St. from Yoakum St. to King



#### Drains:

- King Ave & 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Ailsie St.
- 11th St. & 12<sup>th</sup> St. on Kenedy Ave.
- 5<sup>th</sup> St. & Kenedy Ave.
- King Ave. & Corral Ave.
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. & 6<sup>th</sup> St.

#### Equipment Maintenance

- Replaced blades on Loader Unit #5117
- Checked pneumatic roller and need to replace fuel filters on Unit #516
- Checked over road Tec, washed and greased machine for Unit #5125
- Checked dump trucks- Washed out mud



- Hauled out 26 Loads of dirt and leaves
- Hauled out dirt & trash to Landfill from Yard
- Pre-trip and Maintenance on equipment and trucks completed

### Hot Mix/Cold Patch

#### **Hot Mix**

- Gazebo parking lot
- Yoakum Ave. from 16<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Caesar Ave.
- Caesar Ave. & Armstrong Ave.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. in front of City Hall
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Kleberg Ave. to King Ranch
- Santa Gertrudis & 8<sup>th</sup> St. at intersection
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Y to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Yoakum St. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- 13<sup>th</sup> St between Caesar Ave. & King Ave.
- 12<sup>th</sup> St. & Kenedy Ave.
- 12<sup>th</sup> St. & Lott Ave.
- 12<sup>th</sup> St. & Huisache Ave.
- 12<sup>th</sup> St. & Fordyce Ave.
- 12<sup>th</sup> St. & Johnston Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77
- Lott Ave, from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77
- Caesar Ave. & Hall St.
- Escondido Rd



#### **Cold Mix-**

- 19<sup>th</sup> St. from Warren Ave. to Lott Ave.
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. & King Ave. at intersection
- Yoakum Ave. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. & Lott Ave.
- Carlos Truan Blvd. & Virginia St.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Ella Ave.
- Wells St. and W. Ella Ave.
- 4<sup>th</sup> St. and W. Nettie Ave.

### Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Checked storm drains on King Ave. & Caesar Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Armstrong and on Corral Ave. & King Ave. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Replaced Stop and Yield signs on 5<sup>th</sup> St. & Ave B

- Picked up Mourning signs on W. Ave B
- Helped with cold mix on 15<sup>th</sup> St. & Lott Ave., 6<sup>th</sup> St. from the Y to Corral Ave., 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Caesar Ave. from Armstrong Ave., Caesar Ave. and hot mix on 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Kleberg Ave.
- Set timers correctly on Santa Rosa Dr.
- Put pipe with anchor and wetch on Ave D for Rail Road sign
- Checked timers on all schools
- Put light bulbs on light poles on Kleberg Ave.
- Checked drains on 9<sup>th</sup> St. & Lee St.
- Filled in potholes on Caesar Ave. in front of Cemetery
- Took five boxes of blue top to City Engineer
- Helped Joe with cold mix on W. Kenedy
- Check drains from King Ave. to Caesar Ave. & 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Armstrong Ave.
- Cut tree for brush crew
- Put dead end barricades on Ave F
- Picked up plywood from 20<sup>th</sup> St. & Calvin St.
- Put barricades on trailer for 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Y to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Yoakum from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- Picked up barricades from the Greeks
- Took cigarette holders from City Hall
- Helped Mike with cold mix on Lott St.
- Checked school lights on Santa Rosa Dr. & at Kleberg School
- Put orange fence at railroad
- Put Mourning signs at 632 E. Mesquite St.
- Put Dead End signs on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. & Ella St.
- Put handicap signs on tow portable poles
- Took apart old name signs
- Took 9 barricades to 11<sup>th</sup> St. to Veterans
- Took 2 portable Handicap signs to Visitors Center
- Helped Jaime with hot mix on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. & Johnston St.

### **Water Production (3/9 –3/29)**

Collected 18 routine Bacteriological Samples:

- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 511 College Place
- 3303 S. Brahmas Blvd.
- 1142 W. Yoakum Ave.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 1121 E. Ave A
- 602 E. Mesquite Ave.
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 428 W. Nettie Ave.

- 1630 Santa Fe St.
- 329 E. Doddridge Ave.
- 332 E. Ave. B
- 714 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave.
- 213 Pasadena Ave
- 2020 Sherwood St.
- 1612 Shirley St.

Collected 21 daily chlorine residuals:

- 209 Reidda Drive
- 1113 Kathleen St.
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave.
- 318 Briarwood St.
- 329 E. Doddridge Ave.
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 620 E. Mesquite Ave.
- 1630 Santa Fe St.
- 428 W. Nettie Ave.
- 1142 W. Yoakum Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 1102 E. Ave A
- 511 College Place
- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.

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

Water pumped to distribution (3/9 – 3/29) - Wells – 60,249,000 gallons; Surface – 5,096,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 65,480,000 gallons; Average –3,118,095.24 gals/day

### **Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (3/9-3/29)**

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



Wastewater Treatment South Plant – Operator cleaned clarifier troughs and shoveled sludge from sand drying beds. Crew is wasting in wedge wires and sand drying bed. Operators and helpers mowed grass around Plant and Lift Stations. Contractor David Mendez finished door hinges at South Creek Lift Station. Rabalais troubleshoot control box at bar screen. Rabalais worked on primary clarifier and bar screen.

Wastewater Collection – Had 25 call outs for sewer backups

718 W. Ave A

408 E. Kenedy Ave.

1908 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

409 Elizabeth St.

803 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St.

5<sup>th</sup> St and Ella Ave.

1901 South Park

43010 Master Drive

617 E. Ragland Ave.

620 E. Huisache Ave.

402 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.

1505 E. Corral Ave.

302 W. Ella Ave.

1010 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St.

307 Miller Ave.

619 College Place

707 W. Ave B

107 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St

226 Otis St.

3 – Service line repairs

Put barricades up and backfilled a sink hole at 217 E. Kleberg Ave.

Repaired service and installed cleanout at 829 W. Henrietta Ave and replaced clean out at 1279 FM 1717.

Vacuumed water from the curb at 1<sup>st</sup> St. and Fordyce Ave, vacuumed curb at 21<sup>st</sup> St., vacuumed South Plant, vacuumed and jet storm drains at 11<sup>th</sup> St. and Kenedy Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> St and Henrietta Ave. and 5<sup>th</sup> St., Kenedy Ave., vacuumed curb at 21<sup>st</sup> St. and Calvin St. and vacuumed manhole at 825 Hoffman Ave.

Checked manhole depth at 4<sup>th</sup> St. and Corral Ave. and did manhole repair at 4340 Master Drive.

Installed clean out at 1806 Louisiana and did a clean out repair at 610 W. Ave I.

Scheduled work for the week

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

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

Cleaning sewer mains, curbs & gutters.

Clean troughs (Mon, Thurs, and Fri)

Clean drying beds (Tues, Wed.)

3 & 1 MGD wasting on drying beds

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

Plant helpers spraying weed killer along fence lines & drying beds at the 1 & 3 MGD

Contractor David Mendez is to working on UV shed.

Construction crews will be working on installing a sewer tap at 1806 Louisiana St. and a sewer repair at 619 College Place. Construction crews will be installing a clean out 226 Otis St.. Rabalais is troubleshooting the clarifier at the North Plant and at the Carlos Truan Lift Station.

### **Water Distribution (3/9 – 3/29)**

Repaired 5 Main Breaks and answered approximately 33- Service Calls

8" Main Break	13 <sup>th</sup> St. and Johnston Ave.
8" Main Break	Huisache Ave. between 5 <sup>th</sup> St. and 6 <sup>th</sup> St.
6" Main Break	Corral Ave and 17 <sup>th</sup> St.
6" Main Break	3 <sup>rd</sup> St. and Kleberg Ave.
6" Main Break	802 S. 24 <sup>th</sup> St.
6" Main Break	200 W. Trant Rd.

2- Locates, 2-Service line leaks, 13- water leaks; 3 - Meter Leaks, 2- Backfills, 2- valve repairs, 1- Customer Side Leaks; 5- No Water/Low Pressures; 1 – Fire Hydrant 2- Turn off Water, 0 -Turn on and 0 – Water Tap.

- The Water Department is locating water lines at the Golf Course to run new irrigation.
- The Water Department continues to lay water lines at the new City Hall Building.
- Water crews replaced the concrete driveway at 802 S. 24<sup>th</sup> St.

### **City Garage (3/9 –3/29)**

#### Maintenance

15- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 43 Scheduled work orders; 77-Nonscheduled work; 7 Service calls; 2 Call out; 21-New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 35 flat tire repairs and balances; 37 pending work orders.

Repaired rear piston on Unit 535 and replaced rear door seal and piston on Unit 334. Replaced rear door seal on Unit 334 and replaced top cover on Unit 331. Unit 335 has been sent to Rush to replace injector.

#### Welder

4 received work order and 0 pending work orders

Welder welded the rear door and ramp arms on Unit 334. City Welder welded the pistons on Unit 535 and the packer floor on Unit 337. He also welded a hand tool for the Waste Water Lift Station and a hand tool for L.E. Ramey valve.

## Solid Waste (3/9 – 3/29)

### Landfill - (3/9 – 3/29)

Daily litter clean-up continues in and around the facility. The magnet trailer is also being used to pick up nails around the facility and surrounding roads leading to the landfill. We have been working on the Leachate pump #1 for several weeks. Crews weedeated around the office and mowed around the scale house and entrance and worked on the access roads. The landfill crew is working on making an asphalt pad to be used in wet weather. Because of the steady rain recently water had to be pumped out of the Landfill. We are in the process of trying to find tire collection services. Street department continues to haul dirt. Garage staff came out to fix the new tandem. The new scraper has arrived and we have ordered 2 new litter fences from Coastal Netting.

Brush – 76 tons; Garbage –1,496 tons; Litter –.36 tons; Construction/Demolition – 413 tons; Concrete -.67 tons, metals - .0 tons; Sludge –0 tons; and Recycled tires -.42 tons.

### Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 3/9 – 3/29 – **1,133,060** pounds; Commercial waste collected **1,222,240** pounds; Brush collected **33,220** pounds and construction debris collected **238,480** pounds. The brush crew is collecting in Zone 3 right now. White Goods pick up for Zone 2 was picked up on Friday March 20, 2015 and White Goods for Zone 3 will be picked up Thursday, April 2, 2015. Sanitation has been helping Community appearance finish small abatements as needed. Sanitation has also taken over watering new trees planted around the city and does this on Wednesdays. The



taken to Corpus Christi.



Recycling Center is getting upgraded with new lights and new bookshelves for the book swap. The lights have been out for several years and MIA Electric will be helping with the repairs. New signs have also been erected to replace old and worn out signage. Recycling for the month of February totaled 21.19 tons and Recycling for March totaled 11.43 from the Recycling Center

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

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

Monday, April 13, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 27, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 11, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26, 2015	6:00 p.m.

**Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)**

Thursday, April 23, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 7, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 21, 2015	3:00 p.m.

**Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)**

Planning and Zoning Commission	Wednesday, April 15, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, April 15, 2015	4:00 p.m.
Zoning and Board of Adjustments	Thursday, May 14, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	Tuesday, April 21, 2015	12:00p.m.
Joint Airport Zoning Board	Thursday, April 16, 2015	6:00 p.m.

**Board Meetings (Respective Locations)**

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

**Reminders**

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

<b><u>Board Name</u></b>	<b><u>Vacancies</u></b>	<b><u>Recommendations</u></b>
Zoning Board of Adjustments	1	0
Zoning Board of Adjustments (Alternates)	3	0
Joint Airport Zoning Board	1	0
Civil Service Commission	0	0
Historic Development Board	1	0
Planning & Zoning Commission	2	0