"If it's broke, fix it! If it ain't broke, improve it!" Author Unknown

"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Benjamin Franklin, <u>www.goodreads.com</u>

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

Good Job Award!!!

Ms. Beth Greenwell, Administrative Assistant II with Human Resources is nominated for the Good Job Award. Ms. Greenwell has been with the City since April 2007 and has characteristics of a dedicated employee. Ms. Greenwell is diligent in her work and takes pride in how things are presented. She is

customer friendly with both the City's internal (active employees)

and external customers (applicants for employment). She deals effectively with the various situations that present themselves. Her dedication is Beth Greenwell Administrative Assistant II Human Resources Department



an invaluable asset to the Human Resource Department.

Beth also helps out, from beginning to end, with all of the employee celebrations, picnics, tailgates and other organized employee events. Thank you for considering Beth Greenwell for the Good Job Award.

Sincerely,

Diana Gonzales Human Resources Director

Let's Remember Our Award Winners!!! 2013 Safety & Recognition Awards Ruth Valdez – R.J. Kleberg Public Library - Employee of the Year Garage staff – Garage Division in the Public Works Department - Injury Free Award Chris Sanchez – Sanitation Division in the Public Works Department - Safety Hero Award

2014 Good Job Awards						
Beth Greenwell	Human Resources Dept.	9/22/14	Dedicated service to all			
Arturo Cruz Water Const. Division		9/8/14	Good work valued by customer			
Manuel Acuna Water Const. Division		9/8/14	Good work valued by customer			
Jesse Rivera	Water Const. Division	9/8/14	Good work valued by customer			
Jose Garcia	Water Const. Division	9/8/14	Good work valued by customer			
Maryann Trejo	Planning/City Appearance	8/25/14	Gaining cooperation from customers			
Kristina Gomez	Planning/City Appearance	8/25/14	Gaining cooperation from customers			
Mary Valenzuela	City Secretary	8/11/14	Professional recognition by peers			
Ernest Espinosa	City County Health Dept.	7/28/14	Caring and compassionate service			
Timothy Flores	Public Works/ Landfill	7/14/14	Helpful advice/good customer service			
City Streets Crews	Public Works / Streets	6/23/14	Doing more than is required			
Jerry Trevino Utility	y Billing	6/9/14	Expert and helpful service			
SWAT	Police Department	5/27/14	Commitment to mission			
Monica Longoria	City County Health Dept.	5/12/14	New employee/great asset			
Tony Wilson	Police Department	4/28/14	Positive change agent			
Kathy Rios	Task Force	4/10/14	Supporting Task Force			
Tom Davis	Police Dept.	3/20/14	Diligence to duty			
Julian Cavazos, Jr.	Police Dept.	3/10/14	Going the extra mile			
Don Erebia	Fire Dept.	2/24/14	Dedicated leader and mentor			
Rey Loera	Public Works /Sanitation	2/14/14	Positive attitude performance			
Marco Jimenez	Public Works /Water .	1/27/14	High expertise/dependability			
Jason C. Torres	City/County Health Dept.	1/13/14	Consistently superior service			

CITY MANAGER (Courtesy of Vince Capell, City Manager)

Our Efforts Are Working

You will recall the fire damaged two-story structure that the City demolished on 14th Street between the car wash and the Chamber of Commerce building? It was a voluntary demolition, which means that the owner's cost of demolition was subsidized by the City. One of the justifications for subsidizing voluntary demolitions is that once demolished the property becomes more attractive to potential new development. This is exactly what happened to this property, which will now become one of Domino Pizza's newest stores. For more information please see page 23 in the Planning and Development Services Department.

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

Administration Division

City and County Employees attended a Hurricane Coordination Meeting

City County Health Director Emilio H. Garcia, Health Inspector II, Jason C. Torres and Kleberg County Emergency Management Coordinator, Tomas R. Sanchez, JR. recently attended a Hurricane Coordination Meeting. The meeting was held in Corpus Christi, Texas on September 4, 2014 at the



Texas Department of Transportation Building #2; 1701 S. Padre Island Drive. The meeting was from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It was well attended by Emergency Management Coordinators, **EMS/Fire/Police** and Sheriff's Departments, Nursing Home Facilities Coordinators, Code Enforcement Officers, Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Department of State Health Services, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Emergency Management, Driscoll Children's Hospital, Texas Department of General Land Office, The Red Cross, Texas Forest Service, TxDot Department, Texas Park & Wildlife Service, Council of Governments, Border Patrol Agency, and the Local Emergency Planning

Committee. All agencies are from South Texas. Topics of discussion were Web EOC, Mutual Aid Agreements, Communications, Evacuations, Re-entry, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, Disaster Summary Outline (DSO), and the State of Texas Emergency Management Plan. Pictured are attendees at the meeting.





City of Kingsville, Texas Staff Report (A Publication of the City Manager's Office)

Monday, September 22, 2014

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.

<u>*Critical Violations*</u> 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.

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

Donut Palace-96	Stop & Shop-93	4 Breeze Drive Thru-100
Mike's Stop & Shop-85	Comfort Inn-88	Subway/Brahma-100
Dave's Quick Stop-100	Superette Food Mart-93	Kentucky Fried Chicken-94
A & J Food Mart-100	Kingsville Food Mart-86	Wendy's-87
Sunny Market-100	Star's Drive Thru-87	

Regular Food Handler Class- Health Department

Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Class

Food Handler Class

Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events

New Businesses Opening Soon

Grant Me Pizza, 1601 S. HWY 77 (inside the Wild Horse Mall; Ste B) Hot & Spice, Feel the Fire, 1202 N. Armstrong (inside Javelina Mart)

19 Students

Animal Control Center Division

Food Donation from Tractor Supply Company

Tractor Supply Company donated 200 pounds of dry dog food. Thank you Tractor Supply Company for your continuous donation and support to our animal shelter. Your donation is truly appreciated!

Surprise, Surprise, Surprise

Animal Control Officer, Ernest Espinosa received a phone call Tuesday morning September 2, 2014 from the Kingsville Police Department, Officer Espinosa was told that the resident at 1630 Santa Fe had been hearing her dogs barking up a storm. When she went outside to see what the matter was, she saw a 2 to 3 feet

alligator, and called KPD. Texas Parks and Wildlife Service was also called out for assistance. The alligator was capture and restrained by the Texas Park and Wildlife Service Officer. The alligator





was taken to the creek on HWY 141 to be released. Below are a few pictures.









Pet of the Week Ad!

The City-County Health/Animal Control Center is pleased to announce Pet of the Week ad in the Kingsville Record newspaper. Every week a picture and a brief description of a cat or dog will be featured in the newspaper. This effort is to increase our adoption rates and showcase our wonderful animals waiting to be adopted and be given a second chance of life. Please keep checking our local newspaper for our Pet of the Week!

Animal Control Center-Next Monthly Pet Adoption Day

Please join us at our next Pet Adoption Day Saturday, September 20, 2014

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tractor Supply Company

2405 S. Brahma Blvd

Come by and see our variety of dogs and cats!

Adoption fee is \$20.00 and a \$15.00 refundable vaccination fee. For questions please call the City-County Health Department @ 361-592- 3324

Mosquito Control (Vector) Division

The City-County Health Department/Vector Control Division has been busy monitoring the mosquito population by setting up mosquito surveillance traps throughout the city of Kingsville. A few mosquitos were caught in our light and gravid traps. The mosquitos were sent off to a DHS Lab in Austin to be identified and examined for any arboviruses. 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. **Together we can all help control the Mosquito Population.** Pictured below is Health Inspector II, Jason C. Torres setting up mosquito traps.

Light Trap



FINANCE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Director)

Finance Administration Division

Did You Know?

A stack of currency one-mile high would contain more than 14.5 million bills. <u>www.federalreserveeducation.org</u>

Payroll Changes

Payroll sent notices to all departments that time sheets were being eliminated in order to utilize the Time Clock Plus export features. For the next payroll, time





sheets will not be sent out to departments. All time for hourly employees will have to be entered into to Time Clock Plus and exempt employees will now enter all exceptions (sick, vacation) into Time Clock Plus. All time will need to be entered and approved by 10am Monday morning so Payroll can execute the Time Clock Export. Finance will hold a Time Clock Plus training to go over Time Clock Plus for new users and those already entering time into Time Clock Plus on September 17th at 9am in the Alarcon Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Time Clock Plus and P-Card Training-Wednesday, September 17th - 9am

Finance will hold a Time Clock Plus training seminar on Wednesday, September 17th in the Alarcon Commission Chambers at City Hall. During this training we will discuss the new payroll procedures now that time sheets have been eliminated and:

- How to log into time Clock Plus Software (for new users)
- How to enter time sheet entries (sick and vacation)
- How to correct missed punches
- How to enter time for exempt employees (exceptions-sick and vacation)
- How to approve time

Right after the Time Clock Plus Training, Purchasing and Finance will hold a training seminar for all P-Card reconciliation users.

New P-Card Reconciliation Form Training-Wednesday, September 17th – 10am

Purchasing & Technology along with Finance will introduce P-card users to the new P-card reconciliation form. By changing the P-card reconciliation form, Finance will save hours of processing time each month. With this new form, departments will see more information in the general ledger detail. Users will learn how to enter purchases into the new form and send this information electronically to purchasing for review and approval. This training will take place Wednesday, September 17th at 10am in the Alarcon Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Direct Deposit Reminder

Effective October 1st, all City of Kingsville payroll will be distributed through direct deposit. All employees who are currently receiving a paper check are required to complete a Direct Deposit Enrollment Form and return to the Human Resources Department. Please include a voided check or a direct deposit bank form which provides the account number and bank routing number. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Human Resources at 361-595-8017.

Utility Billing Division

Did you know?

The Utility Billing office is the place to go to rent a brush truck. Keep in mind that they are booked first come first serve and only in person. Brush trucks are available for Monday afternoons and picked up by Sanitation Tuesday morning and for weekends on Friday afternoon and picked up by Sanitation on Monday morning. A customer must have an active water service account or be the



property owner (proof of ownership) in order to book the truck. The cost for residential service is \$12.00 plus .99 tax=\$12.99 and for commercial service it is \$33.30 plus \$2.75 tax=\$36.05. For those that are property owners without an active water account, the cost is the commercial rate and a valid MasterCard or Visa is left on record in case the truck is damaged. (The brush trucks will be parked in front of the property; not in any alley or driveway.)

We have an application form the customer will fill out with all appropriate information. There are specific items that can or cannot be included in the brush truck. For additional information on this service please contact our department at 361-592-5281.

Remember that the City of Kingsville Landfill also allows free dumping. Per ordinance 5-1-3-Use of City landfill without charge:

- (A) Subject to the exceptions and implementation procedures set out hereinafter, current residents of the city may deposit, without charge, at the city landfill permitted items. (excluding items such as tires and concrete) as follows:
- 1. In an amount not to exceed 300 pounds per load all month, Monday through Friday; and
- 2. (a.) In an amount not to exceed 1,000 pounds per load two times per month, Monday through Saturday; or

(b.) In an amount not to exceed 1,300 pounds per load two times per month, Monday through Friday. All amounts in excess of the limits set above shall be charged to current residents in accordance with 5-1-57(A).

- 3. Current residents may also deposit any amount of brush on any working day, without charge, at any city landfill.
- (A)In order to deposit without charge, proof of residence or domicile within the city limits may be shown by a valid Texas driver's license; a picture ID showing a current address within the city limits; or by any other means which reasonably substantiates current domicile or residence with the city limits.

- (B)The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who transports garbage, trash, debris or waste for compensation or consideration, unless approved by Public Works Director (or other city designee).
- (C) Notwithstanding anything else herein, nothing contained herein shall be construed to permit the depositing or accepting of waste otherwise prohibited at the city landfill.
- (D) Waiver of fee permits under section may be issued by the Community Appearance and Health Departments (or other city designee), provided that such a waiver of fee permit shall only be issued with proof of residence or domicile, and never for a period of more than 14 calendar days. The waiver is only valid to the person that was issued the waiver; however some exceptions may apply.
- (B) It shall be a violation of this section for a person who is not a resident of the city, or who does not have a residential utility account in good standing, or who disposes of waste which did not come from their residential property, or who disposes of waste for a fee to deposits such waste for free at the landfill as provided for in division (A).
- (C) Another option this month that the City of Kingsville is offering free to the public is the September 27th, 2014 Trash Off. The Utility Billing Department has included this message on all utility bills since August 27th so all active water account residential and commercial customers are informed. For additional information on the Trash Off, please call the Community Appearance Division at 361-595-8093.

Payment Detail for August 2014

The Utility Billing Department has three Customer Service Representatives and two Billing Specialists who accept payments in person and over the phone between Monday-Friday from 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m., except holidays. The department accepts cash, money order, check, Visa or MasterCard. They also answer any customer questions pertaining to their water utility account and are knowledgeable in other department information as well. he following is the payment detail for the month of August 2014:

Type:	Number of payments:
Cash	\$2,110
Credit/Debit card	1,858
Check/Money Order	3,478
Online payments	1,067
± -	\$8,513

Our Customer Service Representatives Are....

As you can see the staff is quite busy, yet always have time to answer customer questions. Visit us today!







Gina Salinas, CSR

Elvia Rodriguez, CSR

Rosa Vela, CSR

Our Billing Specialists Are....



Aileen Escamilla, Billing Specialist



Erica H. Bruce, Billing Specialist

Reminders

Any payments dropped off in the night drop need to be in check, money order, or cashier check form. A utility bill stub should be included in order to process your payment to your account or a referenced service address and account number will suffice. If you are in jeopardy of having your services disconnected for non-payment on Tuesday and Thursday, then your payment in full, including penalties, needs to be dropped off before 8 a.m. that Tuesday or Thursday to avoid a disruption in water service as well as additional penalties. This information is also listed on the red notices.

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

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

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

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

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

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

What is Municipal Court?

A municipal court is a US court whose jurisdiction is limited to a specific municipality, county,

Municipal Court Division



community, or city. These courts can preside over only those cases and offenses that have taken place within their sphere of influence. They cannot consider cases and offenses that have occurred outside their territory.

Like other courts, municipal courts are committed to administering justice in a fair, efficient, and timely manner. They are also committed to safeguarding the legal rights and liberties of citizens and ensuring the protection of public interest.

The jurisdiction of a municipal judge is usually *limited* to state law violations, city ordinance violations, and misdemeanors. These include offenses involving driving under the influence (DUI), parking tickets, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, vandalism, trespass, petty theft, simple assault, and other such crimes. Matters such as fish and game violations, building code violations, and so on are within the jurisdiction of this type of court.

State & City offenses		Records
Traffic Citations		198
Parking Citations		82
City Ordinance Citation		20
Alcohol/Misdemeanor Charges		33
Failure to Appear-Bail jumping Charges		27
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Disposition of Cases	Number Of Cases	5
Pending: Judge to review state motion	7	
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August 28, 2014, Court Hearing

The 3 o'clock regular session, with a court summons of 190 people, consisted of 295 cases. Below are the dispositions for these cases

Disposition of Cases	Number Of Cases	
Payment Plans Orders	54	
Extensions Orders	8	
Trial Motions	5	
Clean Record Orders: DSC & Deferrals	10	

Compliance Dismissals	16
Alcohol Awareness Class & Community Service	
Orders	
& DI Suspensions	
(only for Minor's in Possession of Alcohol Offenses)	2
Continuance Order	1
New warrant orders-Non Appearance	18
New Court Date-reset	28
Cases settled out of Court-Full payment	87
Omni-DL suspension orders	66

** Of the remaining who did not make their court appearance, 60 individual driver's licenses were reported to the Omnibase (Department of Public Safety) for suspension, and 18 records of arrest and failure to appear charges for non-appearance and contempt of court.**

Appreciation

Many thanks to the Kingsville Police department for the security provided during scheduled court sessions! Special thanks to these officers: Dodd, Grant, and Fonseca.

The court staff and I would like to take this moment and express our gratitude to Kristina Contreras and Mary Esther Gonzalez...**JOB WELL DONE**. Both of these women exceeded expectations with the court's daily functions. During the court's crucial period, these young women picked up the tasks and successfully maintained the court's strategic plans.

Because of these young women's extraordinary skills, hard work and teamwork, the court was able to continue business as usual and stay on track with its annual responsibilities.

The court staff and I are saddened to see them depart, however, we wish them success and many blessings on their journey, Thank you Kristina Contreras and Mary Esther Gonzalez.

Cash Collections

Aside of the new cases, there were 287 cases resolved with 74 warrant executions of which there was a collection of \$45,859.25 dollars.

Pre-Trial Session - September 23, 2014 **Inmate Hearing -** September 11 & 25, 2014 **Regular Court Hearing -** September 11 & 25, 2014 **Bench Trial -** September 25, 2014

FIRE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Joey Reed, Fire Chief)

Training and Professional Development

<u>Station Training</u> – Crews conducted various training at the shift level during the period.

Wildland Firefighter Training - The Texas Forest Service is giving the S-130, S-



190, L-180, and I-100 classes to all fire department personnel. These classes will allow personnel to be certified as a Texas Wildland Firefighter 2. Firefighters from Kingsville often are called mutual aid into the county or neighboring counties to



assist with wildland and urban interface fires. Firefighters die fighting grass and brush fires every year. Because of this, the fire chief believed it was necessary to have all personnel trained properly so that they could work more safely in these hazardous situations.









Planning

<u>Multiple Meetings Concerning Budget Radio Requests</u> – The fire chief met with the Police Chief and radio professionals to discuss the plan for a partial expansion and improvements to the radio system for the fire department. Questions have been raised by some outside the fire department as to the need or abilities of the new system being requested. The fire chief has met with several people to explain the needs and the capabilities of the system. It is still unclear as to the details of any opposition to the plan. The fire chief is asking for direct and detailed questions related to the rumors that the system will not function with other city departments or any other concerns.

<u>New Apartment Complex Site Visits</u>- The Fire Chief visited the Oak Tree Apartments to meet with the Superintendant and visited the Legends project twice to try and meet with the Superintendant. All hydrants at the Oak Tree Apartments have had the proper fittings attached to them.

<u>Community Project Development Meetings</u> – The fire chief attended one meeting with personnel from Planning and Engineering departments. Additional meetings have been held to discuss specific apartment complex projects.

Other Department Activities

<u>Civil Service Board Meeting</u> – On September 4th, a Civil Service Board meeting was held and promotional list were approved, captains exam notice was approved, promotional study materials were approved, new hiring requirements that an applicant must be both certified as a paramedic and a firefighter were approved, and changes to the firefighter entrance physical exam were approved.

Apparatus, Equipment, Facility Status

Medic 1 – Preparing to have damage repaired to box.

- Medic 2 Emergency light problems continue.
- Medic 3 Returned to dealer for further repairs
- Engine 1 Waiting on water valve parts.
- Engine 2 Sent to Pharr to have air conditioning installed. Is now a week and a half overdue. New Captains Seat has been ordered along with hose bed dividers.
- Tower 1 Being used as front line fire engine while engine 2 is at the air conditioning shop.

Rescue 1 – Foam proportioner not working.

Fire Station 1 – Some defects in new restroom identified and contractor has been notified

Fire Station 2 – Sewer smell from floor drains. May have been solved with water being poured into drains.

Projects

<u>Fire Station 2 Exterior</u> – Base project completed. The Sanitation Department has almost completed the fountain area walkways, grass has been laid, borders are being installed, electrical is being installed, fountain has been put together. We still need to do some final clean up and install drip system on north side of building and add more rocks in the rear.





Fire Station 2 Interior – Still waiting on contractor to install proper doors.

<u>Dispatch</u> –Radio dispatching system is still being worked on. Additional monitor stands and overhead monitors have been installed. Meeting to be held on Friday to discuss final steps. <u>Fire Station 1 Restrooms, Upstairs/Downstairs</u> – Upstairs and downstairs restrooms are completed. Additional fans (not part of project) will need to be installed in downstairs restrooms. Notice given to contractor about cracks in upstairs restroom showers.

<u>Fire Station 1 Electrical Project</u>- Installation of new electrical systems for apparatus still ongoing. Was delayed another week due to illness with the electrical contractor crew.

27

110

137

Fire Department Response Statistics for the period of: 21:00 hrs on August 28th to 08:00 hrs on September 11th, 2014.

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

Major Events during the period

Monday, September 9th, House Fire: 200 Block of East C Avenue. Firefighters arrived and reported heavy fire showing from door and windows on front corner of house. As firefighters stretched hoselines to make an attack they were informed that there was an elderly lady inside. Firefighter Casey and Lieutenant Sandoval quickly made entry into the main house and located the woman. She was disoriented and had taken in some smoke. They



were able to drag her from the house where paramedics began to treat her and quickly transported her to the hospital. She was later flown to San Antonio for further care for smoke inhalation. The front of the house was a total loss with fire extending into the attic over the rest of the house. There were no major injuries to firefighters reported. The fire was knocked down within 10 minutes and was under control within 15 minutes. The fire department responded with 7 personnel on 3 vehicles. Later the Kingsville Naval Air Station arrived with 4 personnel to assist with mop up and hot spotting. Two volunteer fire department personnel also responded in the Emergency Response Trailer and assisted with hose pick up.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Diana Gonzales, Director)

Excerpt from City of Kingsville Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual – Introduction

City of Kingsville Core Values

The City Commission of Kingsville also recognizes that how we go about the delivery of services and programs is important to achieving our vision. We must therefore, foster an organizational culture that is built on the following Core Values.



\Box Commitment

We will foster an organizational culture that promotes commitment from all employees to the vision, mission and core values established in this plan. We recognize that our success is dependent on our ability to meet our service commitments in an effective and caring manner. Our dedication and professionalism will be evident as we follow-up on our promises to ensure that our commitments have been met in a customer friendly and quality manner.

□ Innovation

We will continue a tradition of creativity and innovation in the delivery of municipal services. We will seek out and apply innovative approaches in providing the best service to our customers. We will openly share our successes and areas needing improvement with others to affect continuous improvement to the standards of excellence in Kingsville.

□ Integrity

We will safeguard public trust by ensuring that our actions are consistent with our vision, mission and core values. We are dedicated to a standard of values that promotes honesty and ethical behavior. We will treat our customers, as we would want to be treated and deliver the highest level of customer service possible.

□ Leadership

We will build a team of highly qualified individuals to advance our leadership role in the community. We are dedicated to quality-focused principles and performance excellence in

everything we do. Each of us will set high individual standards to ensure that our customers are provided quality service in a timely and cost efficient manner.

□ Sensitivity

We are committed to promote a workforce that respects and values diversity in our community. We must also be respectful and tolerant of the many ideas, emotions and circumstances of those living and visiting our community. We will promote the highest possible service for all customers while being sensitive to the differences among ourselves and the customers we serve.

□ Teamwork

We recognize the strength in teamwork and that our success is dependent on our ability to perform as a highly effective team. Through effective teamwork we are able to harness our energy, creativity and resources to design and implement programs and services that are the best that they can be. We will work cooperatively within all levels of our organization and with our partners to achieve our common vision.

Employment Opportunities

Fire – Firefighter Garage – Equipment Service Worker Police – Telecommunication's Operator Police – Information Systems Technician Street – Maintenance Worker Wastewater – Utility Worker

New Employees



Alicia Tijerina Part-time Administative Assistant Tourism Services Dept.

General

<u>Updated Classification and Compensation Plan</u> - The FY 2014-2015 Classification and Compensation Plan ordinance received its first reading on September 8, 2014. The ordinance is scheduled for its second and final reading on September 15, 2014.

<u>Paperless Payroll Processing</u> - The Human Resource office has been working with the Finance Department on several issues including paperless payroll processing and separation of duties for inputting new employees and removing separated employees.

<u>Assisting with Golf Course and Parks Transition</u> - The Human Resource Director, Risk Manager and TML representative toured the golf course and parks. These areas are projected to be under City direction on October 1, 2014. The HR office has been working with other departments to assist in the transitions of operations including personnel from the County to the City.

<u>Health Insurance Open Enrollment</u> - The HR office has been working scheduling Open Enrollment schedules for insurances. The week of September $15^{th} - 19^{th}$ has been selected for open enrollment meeting. Thirty presentations have been scheduled to ascertain all employees have an opportunity to attend and receive the new information.

<u>Employee Health Fair</u> - The HR office is also working to schedule the 2014 Employee Health Fair on October 8, 2014. The 2014 Health Fair is open to employees enrolled in the City's health plan and their eligible dependents. Eligible employees signing up for exams or flu shots will not have any out of pocket expense. The history of employee participation in the City's Health Fairs is below:

Year	Actual Cost	# of Heart Studies	# of Flu Vaccines	# of PSA's
2005	\$ 2,900	-	-	-
2006	\$ 3,470	63	59	21
2007	\$ 5,340	64	82	30
2008	\$ 4,780	64	68	24
2009	\$ 5,500	53	101	25
2010	\$10,570	98	104	52
2011	\$ 9,842	112	103	44
2012	\$ 8,708	88	94	45
2013	\$10,707	99	111	49

Estimated Costs of Services proposed to be offered:

*** Heart Study \$ 55 per person Consists of Lipid Panel with Glucose, A1C, Blood Pressure, Body Composition Analysis, Weight, BMI and Counseling.

- A Fasting Lipid Panel is a cardiovascular risk screening that includes a Total Cholesterol, HDL (good cholesterol), LDL (bad cholesterol), Triglycerides count and Ratio.
- The Fasting Glucose test is a screening for diabetes.
- The A1C reflects your average blood sugar level for the past two to three months.
- *A finger stick sample of blood will be drawn for these test and the results will be explained by a Wellness Counselor in an individual session.*
- Biometrics are given to check for hypertension (high blood pressure).

• *A 10-12 hour fast is recommended prior to or the results may not be accurate.*

*** PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) \$40 per person This is a screening test for men 50 and over, who have a family history of prostate cancer or African-American men at least 45 years of age

*** Seasonal Flu Vaccinations \$ 25 per person The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccination each year. On average, every year in the United States, 5% to 20% of the population gets the flu; 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications and 36,000 people die from flu.

Chair Massage Therapy and Wellness Education

*** Information obtained from Christus Spohn Health System Community Health and Wellness

Fall 2014 Career Fair at TAMUK -

The Human Resource office participated in the Fall 2014 Career Fair on Thursday, September 4, 2014. Applications were

distributed and questions regarding City employment were answered. The event was a big success for the university.











9-11 Ceremony at Fire Department

Human Resources personnel attended the September 11, 2014 ceremony at the Kingsville Fire Station commemorating the tragic events of September 11, 2001.







Civil Service Commission Corner

Civil Service Commission met on September 4, 2014 and passed revisions to the eligibility requirements of Fire Department applicants. The revisions must be presented before City of Kingsville City Commission for consideration before Civil Service Commission rules become effective. The next scheduled Civil Service Commission meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2014.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Cynthia Martin, Interim Director)

Planning Division

New Director of Planning & Development Services appointed

City Manager, Vince Capell, announced September 10th that Mr. Andrew Dimas has been appointed to the position of Director of Planning & Development Services. Andrew worked for the City of Corpus Christi Planning Department before it privatized its planning functions. In addition to Andrew's planning and zoning experience, which includes preparation of master and comprehensive plans, he has experience with building regulations, historic preservations, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and communications and multimedia design. Andrew has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Texas A&M - Corpus Christi and is pursuing his Masters of Public Administration also from Texas A&M - Corpus Christi. Andrew's start date will be Wednesday, October 1st. Andrew, who presently resides in Corpus Christi, will be relocating to Kingsville.

Demolition makes way for new construction

Domino's Pizza has plans to construct a new building in the 600 block of E. King Avenue between the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce building and the Hurricane Car Wash where a two story building that had once served as a popular Mexican restaurant was demolished in December 2013. When completed, Dominos will be moving from their current store on Kleberg Avenue. Henry Molina, owner, cited the need for space to expand as the reason for the new building. According to Mr. Molina, the Dominos chain is moving away from being strictly takeout and now



requiring their stores to have a certain amount of seating and to provide Wi-Fi for their customers.

GovQA Training Set for Planning and Building Services Divisions among others

The Community Appearance Division of the Planning Department regularly uses the GovQA system to store code enforcement information, create violation notices and track cases. The Planning and

> DEPARTMENTS

- City-County Environmental Health
- > Finance Department
- > Fire Department
- > Human Resources
- > Information Technology
 - > GovQA Portal
 - > Outlook 365
 - > Remote Support

> Webmail

Building Services Divisions will soon be following suit. Tony Verdin, the city's Information Systems Technician has already migrated all the permitting information over to the GovQA system. According to Tony, the next step to getting these two divisions on board with the GovQA system, is to upload the forms that each division uses to the system. Once this is done Tony will meet with each division to get them set up and running. City-County Environmental Health is preparing to import their cases from their current software system to GovQA and start using this system and Finance is also looking at ways to use GovQA in their work. Representatives of these different departments and divisions are meeting every Friday morning in September to come up with a plan and timeline to have everyone using the GovQA system. All departments will benefit from sharing information on this system.

Clubhouse at Legends Underway

Framing has begun on the clubhouse for the Legends apartment complex being built on West Santa Gertrudis near the university campus. Construction of the individual apartment buildings will begin once the site is paved and certain fire safety code measures are in place.

Building Services Division

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Residential Remodel:	11	Commercial Remodel:	0	Electrical:	14
New Commercial:	0	Mechanical:	10	Moving:	0
New Residential:	1	Fire Inspection:	11	Gas Inspection:	7
Cert. of Occupancy:	5	Commercial Meter:	10	House Leveling:	0
Plumbing:	3	Residential Meter:	9	Re-roof:	4
Sprinkler:	0	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	1
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	0	Demolition:	1
Total Permits Pulled:	87	-			

New Businesses

Permits Pulled

- Live 2 Dance at 1017 S 14th now open for business
- Dark Tide Comics at 1021 S 14th now open for business
- Hot & Spicy Come Feel the Fire food mobile unit at 1202 N Armstrong waiting on inspection.
- A & V Convenience Store at 128 W Corral waiting on final inspections
- Clip & Fades moved to new location at 116 S & 7th waiting on final inspections.
- Grant Me Pizza at 1601 S Hwy 77 open for business.

Daniel Ramirez, Building Official, temporary closed Kentucky Fried Chicken due to numerous building violations until further notice.

Community Appearance Division

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:

404 E Johnston- Fence Repair - Property Owner Complied BEFORE AFTER







204 E Doddridge- Junk & Debris - Property Owner Complied



1001 N 14th- Old Sign Pole Pedestal - Property Owner Abated





(City Crew Took Down) Political Sign Blocking Vision





(City Crew Took Down) Political Sign Blocking Vision





Obsolete Sign Violations: 2

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Recent activity (August 28–September 10) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:

13

Notices Sent:56Inspections:139Re-Inspections:47Compliances:36

Court Cases:0Placards Posted:Illegal Dumping Cases:0Front/Side yard parking violations:2

Abatements:

Community Appearance

The Community Appearance office has been receiving numerous phone calls regarding the placement of political signs. Code Officers have removed a few signs because they hindered the vision of traffic. Political signs are stored at the Community Appearance Building at 202 W Lee, where the candidates are able to pick them up. Community Appearance is requesting signs be placed outside a 20' radius from an intersection and at least 10-20' back from a right of way or curb depending on the street width.

Supervisor, Jennifer Bernal, has been working with staff on the revision of the Front and Side yard parking code. The Front & Side yard parking will be revised to include boats (or any water craft), recreational vehicles and trailers.



Staff has also updated informational brochures on the recent revisions of codes. These brochures will be available at city hall and will also be distributed in the monthly water bill beginning in October. We will also distribute them at the Chamber of Commerce and the local realty companies.

Trash Off Event Preparation

Community appearance is finalizing preparations for the next Trash Off event scheduled for September 27th. Once again we will be asking for the assistance of citizen volunteers as well as city employees to show their support towards the beautification effort. Please contact Jennifer Bernal @ 595.8093 with any questions or concerns for the event.

Community Appearance Billing

Community Appearance Division has begun tracking the monthly totals being billed each moth due to City private property cleanups. These cleanups include mowing and abatements of noxious matter through FY '14.

\$9107.08 OCT NOV \$6550.24 DEC \$9605.00 JAN \$7148.91 FEB \$6117.44 MAR \$7280.90 APR \$3851.83 MAY \$5762.10 JUN \$16493.69 \$3722.36 ЛЛ AUG \$11395.88



Condemnation and Demolition of Unsafe Structures

The Building Department will be presenting dilapidated structure cases to City Commissioners for review on the last meeting of each month. To date 10 condemnations have been approved by commission since October 2013. As part of our building structure evaluations, 17 notices have resulted in property owner agreements to demolish the unsafe buildings. As always, Community Appearance would like to thank <u>all</u> those involved with all the efforts towards the beautification of our legendary city.

Top Ten Priority (Ten Worst) Private Property Clean Ups

Community Appearance Inspectors are following up on previous City abatements to ensure compliance since abatement. Additionally, inspectors have determined the properties, sent notices and obtained photos of those to be listed in the top ten clean ups for the 29th Phase to be completed in September. 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:

1245 E Nettie 1220 E Ave B	9/30/14 9/30/14
1302 E Richard	9/30/14
415 S 17 th	9/30/14
303 S 21 st	9/30/14
730 E Shelton	9/30/14
524 W Warren	9/30/14
201 Helen Marie	9/30/14
1116 S 11 th	9/30/14
1019 N Lantana	9/30/14
Property Address:	Date of Compliance Deadline:
PHASE 29	

828 E Hoffman-Phase 29- Property Owner Abated BEFORE AFTER





1116 s 11th – Phase 28- Property Owner Abated





Who is Cleaning Up These Properties?

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.

Top Ten Phase#	#of Cleanups Conducted	Top Ten Phase#	#of Cleanups Conducted
-	By property owner	-	By property owner
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	(IN PROGRESS)
PHASE 10	8 out of 10	PHASE	
PHASE 11	7 out of 10	PHASE	
PHASE 12	8 out of 10	PHASE	
PHASE 13	9 out of 10	PHASE	
PHASE 14	6 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		

POLICE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief)

Administration Division

Captain Christopher Misner, USN, Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville hosted a "9/11



Remembrance Ceremony" at the Club on NAS Kingsville, on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 11 a.m. Opening remarks were made by Captain Misner followed by several speakers who focused on "Commitment," "Competence," "Character," "Courage," and "Compassion." Chief Ricardo Torres spoke on "Courage" as his part of the ceremony representing the City of Kingsville and Kingsville Police Department. Many other military, Kleberg County, City of Kingsville, Kingsville ISD and City of Bishop dignitaries were also in attendance.

Patriot's Day "Never Forget"

In remembrance of September 11, 2001 all KPD officers have been authorized to wear their commemorative badges throughout the month of September 2014 in recognition of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duties and the citizens who gave their lives as a result of the terrorist acts perpetrated against our country. Those officers who did not purchase a commemorative badge can wear a mourning band to cover their shields during the week of September 6th, thru September 13th 2013.

All personnel took a moment on September 11th to remember the Americans who died during the attacks as listed below:

8:46:40: Flight 11 crashes at roughly 490 mph (790km/h or 219m/s or 425 knots) into the north face of the North Tower (1 WTC) of the <u>World Trade Center</u>, between floors 93 and 99.

8:46 to **10:28**: At least 100 people (some accounts say as many as 250), primarily in the North Tower, trapped by fire and smoke in the upper floors, jump to their deaths.

9:03:04: Flight 175 crashes at about 590 mph (950 km/h) into the south face of the South Tower (2 WTC) of the World Trade Center, banked between floors 77 and 85.

9:37:46: Flight 77 crashes into the western side of the Pentagon and starts a violent fire.

10:08: Air Traffic Control System Command Center in Herndon reports to FAA headquarters that Flight 93 may be down near <u>Johnstown, Pennsylvania</u>; at 10:17 the Command Center concludes it is so.

As citizens of our great country we should do all we can so these types of actions are never again repeated on American soil.

Press Release, 09-10-2014, Two arrests made in Kingsville Bank Robbery

The August 29th bank robbery of the International Bank of Commerce (715 W. Santa Gertrudis) has



been solved. On September 9th, a search warrant was served at a residence in the 500 block of W. King in Kingsville. Evidence was collected that resulted in the issuance of warrant for а Aggravated Robbery for Mario Samuel Martinez (23) of Kingsville. At the time of the search warrant, Martinez was out of the area and was not arrested. On September 10th, an arrest warrant was issued for Joanna Cantu (22) of

Kingsville and she was taken into custody by the Kingsville Police Department. She is a bank employee of IBC and an acquaintance of Martinez.

Later, Martinez was arrested by the Jim Wells County Sheriff's Department. He was interviewed by KPD detectives. Both are charged with Aggravated Robbery.

Patrol Division Activity

Officers responded to an argument on August 28^{th,} between a couple who has been married for more than 30 years. The wife was complaining that the husband did not help around the house so she hid his dentures and vitamins. After officers spoke to both for a while, the compromised. The wife would return her husband's teeth if he would leave and not return for the rest of the day.

Officers responded to a domestic violence call in the 1200 block of E. Lott. An angry wife threw a potted plant through the windshield of his vehicle and assaulted him. She was taken to jail and her mental health case worker was contacted. After an interview, the case worker began to work on a mental health commitment warrant for her.

On August 29th, several patrol officers responded to the IBC bank robbery. Officers checked the area, located dropped money, collected store videos and contacted residents in the neighborhood.

On August 31st, Suzanne Torres was arrested by patrol officers, after she stabbed her boyfriend in the back with a pumpkin carving tool.



The boyfriend did not want to press charges. The arresting officer requested an Emergency Protective Order.

A reckless driver was called in on September 1st. An officer stopped the vehicle in the 1200 block of E. King and contacted Joel Garcia Leal of Mission. Leal was still smoking his marijuana cigarette as he spoke with the officer. Leal was taken into custody and additional marijuana was found in the vehicle.

In the early-morning hours of September 3rd, an officer attempted to stop a speeding vehicle on Armstrong. The vehicle failed to stop and turned onto W. Johnston. The vehicle pulled up to a house in the 600 block of West Johnston, where the driver exited the vehicle and ran away. An intoxicated male exited the house and informed officers that it was his vehicle and that he had let Robert Salinas drive the vehicle. A warrants check revealed that Salinas had an outstanding warrant. Salinas was not located but an Evading warrant will be issued at a later time.

On September 5th, patrol officers were dispatched to the area of 5th and Richard, in reference to a theft in progress. Officers arrived and saw two males running and gave chase. Jose Omar Lopez and Chauncey Saucedo were caught several blocks away. The two had a modified fuel pump and were stealing gas from a large truck and pumping into a barrel which was in the bed of a pickup. Due to both having previous theft convictions, they were both booked on felony theft charges and both charged with Possession of a Criminal Instrument (gas pump).

Patrol officers were called to the 1600 block of N. 20th Street on September 6th. A victim reported that his two trucks were broken into and that many tools were stolen. The victim suspected a guest at a nearby house. Officers went to that house and arrested Omar Reyes who had a Motion to Revoke warrant. Reyes was taken into custody. Officers spoke with the resident, who had advised that Reyes did not live at the house and was just visiting. The resident gave consent to search to the officers. Officers recovered many of the stolen tools inside the residence. The resident was cooperative and gave a statement against Omar Reyes, who was taken to jail.

On September 8th, an Officer Brown attempted to make a traffic stop at Highway 77 and Corral Avenue. The pursuit went through many county roads in Nueces County and ended up near FM 665 and County Road 55A (near the Halo-Flight building). David Rocha was arrested and charged with Evading Arrest-Vehicle, Evading Arrest, Resisting Arrest and he had an outstanding Parole Violation warrant.

On September 8th, a local business called the PD regarding a shoplifter who had just left the store. A license plate and vehicle description were given. An officer stopped the vehicle, several miles away, and found the stolen property in the vehicle.



Additional property was found from another store and it was determined that those items had also just been stolen. Maria Agnes Huerta was taken to the PD to give a statement and then taken to jail.

On September 8th, officers were dispatched to a collision on East Ailsie. When officers arrived, they found that a pickup had struck three parked cars. The front right wheel came completely off of the pickup. The driver left the pickup, running. Billy Joe Beltran was found blocks away and arrested for DWI, among other charges.

On September 10th, officers responded to an unconscious male in the 2200 block of Colorado. Officers arrived and assisted the ambulance crew. The 81 year-old male was declared deceased at the hospital. When the ER physician told officers that the death may have been an electrocution, officers returned to the house and seized the lawn tool and extension cord that the male had been using.

A total of seventeen patrol officers attended TASER Re-Certification courses (6 hours) on September 5th and September 8th, held at KPD.

Criminal Investigations Bureau

There were no Call Outs during the past two weeks.

The CIB Supervisors read and properly filed 87+ cases, and assigned and inactivated 103 cases. During the past two weeks there were 75 cases assigned to Detectives.

During the past two weeks the CIB division has been working with the FBI in the IBC Bank Robbery. Several Crime Stoppers tips have come in and all leads are being investigated. There as also been several Assault cases that required the on call Detectives to take statements and photo graphs. The CIB Corporal was called out in reference to a theft that occurred at the local Wal-Mart and interviewed a female who was involved. The CIB Corporal was able to get the female to confess her involvement in the theft. The female was accompanied with two other male subjects and all three subjects were charged with Engaging in Organized Crime and Theft of Property. The female was also a suspect in a Burglary that occurred late July, and the CIB Corporal was able to get the female to confess her involvement in the Burglary and that case will be filed the Kleberg County Attorney's Office. The CIB Division has also filed the following Cases:

Total number of Cases Filed with Kleberg County Attorney is 19 Total number of Cases Filed with Kleberg District Attorney is 3 Total number of Cases Filed with City Attorney is 5 Total number of Cases Pended Out is 14 Total number of Cases that were Cold Cased is 17 Total number of Cases pending lab reports is 3

In the Bi-Weekly List of Indictments: Guadalupe Aguinaga-Murder, Reynaldo Lopez-Unlawful Restraint, Kenneth Hiner 2 counts of Failure to Register as Sex Offender, Joseph Mendietta-Continuous Violence against the Family, Demetrio Martinez-Burglary of Habitation, David T Thomas-Evading Arrest w/ Motor Vehicle, Estevan Alaniz-Reindictment Evading Arrest w/ vehicle and 3rd DWI, Martin Sanchez-Evading Arrest or Detention using a Motor Vehicle, Guadalupe Huerta-POCS, Eric Hernandez Agg Assault w/ Deadly Weapon.

Total number of cases filed with Juvenile Probation is 2 Total numbers of Accidents Public Street Accidents taken in by Accident Investigator is 13

Total number of DWI/DWLS/DWLI cases assigned to an investigator is 7

Street Level Operations Team (SLOT)

MURRAY CASE #1400024789 – A Sexual Assault Report was taken as a result from Case #1400024762. Traffic Stops 23 Citations 9

GONZALEZ

CASE #1400024265 – On 09-05-14 Inv. Gonzalez made contact with Arturo Noriega who had an active warrant issued for his arrest out of the Kleberg County Sheriff's Department. The warrant was for Compelling Prostitution and Noriega was taken into custody without incident.

CASE #1400024390 – On 09-06-14 Inv. Gonzalez made contact with a female and male who were causing a Disturbance near Turner Hall on the Texas A &M Kingsville Campus. The female who was identified as Leslie Trevino had an active warrant issued for her arrest out of the City of Kingsville. Trevino was taken into custody without incident.

CASE #1400024448 – On 09-06-14 Inv. Gonzalez conducted a traffic stop at University and W Richard. When Inv. Gonzalez approached the vehicle he smelled the strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. The driver identified as Charlie Nguyen had just finished smoking marijuana as he was being stopped by Inv. Gonzalez. Nguyen was intoxicated due to smoking marijuana, so he was taken into custody for Driving While Intoxicated.

CASE #1400024150 – On 09-04-14 Inv. Gonzalez conducted a consensual encounter with a female who identified herself as Georgina Gonzalez at the intersection of 12^{th} and E Richard. Georgina had several active warrants issued for her arrest out of the City of Kingsville. Georgina was also in possession of Synthetic Marijuana less than two ounces. Georgina was taken into custody for the warrants and possession charge without incident.

Traffic Stops 19 Citations 8

RUIZ

CASE #1400024252 – On 09-05-14 Inv. Ruiz made contact with Gilbert Burrell who had a warrant issued by Parole and three city warrants. Burrell had been seen driving a vehicle and pulling into the parking lot of HM King High School. Burrell was taken into custody for the warrants as well as

Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity and Theft > \$50 < \$500. The passenger side rear passenger was identified as Rolando Perez. Perez had two warrants issued for his arrest by the Kleberg County Sheriff's Department for Aggravated Assault (MTR) and Theft > \$50 <\$500. Perez was also later charged with Engaging in Organized Criminal



Activity and Theft > 50 < 500 x 2. The front passenger of the vehicle who was identified as Vanessa Posada was charged for Theft > 50 < 500 and Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity.

CASE #1400024762 – On 09-10-14 Cpl. Murray and Inv. Ruiz went to 1244 E Yoakum to assist the Kleberg County Sheriff's Department with locating someone for an ongoing investigation. Upon arrival consent was given to enter the residence by the owner. Reanna Brown, Fansalee Blanton, and Michael Lawson were all taken into custody after Methamphetamine was located in the room that they were staying in. Blanton was also charged with Possession of a Dangerous Drug and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Traffic Stops 40 Citations 12

Narcotics Investigations/Purchases Conducted CASE #1400024269 – Purchased Marijuana

Communications Bureau

The new 911 Intrado Equipment System was dropped off at the station last week. The equipment is being provided by the Coastal Bend Council of Government through a grant from the state. This will be upgrade from the equipment the department is currently using. The estimated time for new equipment to be installed is expected to be second week of October.

The Kingsville Police Department lost electricity last week our backup generator activated instantly. The dispatchers immediately notified AEP who stated there was no power outage in the area of Kingsville. The electric company was advised that power was out for both the Kleberg County Jail and the Kingsville Police Department but still took forty five minutes to arrive at the station and then finally determine there was a problem. A bird had shorted out the electrical wire between the Kingsville Police Department and Kleberg County Jail. The wire was finally repaired and electricity was restored back from the generator to regular power.

Received eight hundred and thirty six(836) 911 calls. Received one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (1913) regular calls to the station. The communication department also completed twenty citizens records check.

Neighborhood Improvement Officer

Junk & Abandoned Vehicles Week 35

Junk Vehicles – 2 / Abandoned Vehicles – 1 / Parking Citations –44 / Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -11 / Compliance - 1

Week 36

Junk Vehicles – 3 / Parking Citations –22 / Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -6

So far for the year of 2014, 107 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 101 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 875 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.



222 W HENRIETTA AVE


Rosas, Gilbert Mamento\$150,000.00 Bond (Aggravated Robbery Warrant)Garcia, NicholasFelony Warrant

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, Director)

Engineering Division

Engineering

Engineering and GIS is working on Street construction projects in aspects of curb and gutter construction. While Alexander Street from 7th Street to 11th Street is wrapping up, contractors have started on 1st Street from Ave A to Ave C. Engineering is the project manager on the curb and gutter projects. Once curb and gutter is complete, the roadway is ready for construction.

Geographic Information System (GIS)

GIS continues to work on the pavement model degradation rate, as well as its uses with the GovQA software.

Street Division

Road Constructions

- Used 428.19 Tons of Hot mix for Virginia Circle and Wild Wood Trails
- Tore down all cubicles at Calling Solutions

Tree Trimming

- 1st between Santa Gertrudis Ave. & Richard Ave.
- 1st St. between Richard Ave.& Alice Ave
- 1st St. between Alice Ave. & Lee Ave.
- 1st St. between Lee Ave. & Henrietta Ave.
- 1st St. between Henrietta Ave. & King Ave.

Mowing

• Mowed at Tranquitas Creek from Armstrong Ave to Hwy 77 Bypass

Gutters

- 5th St. from King Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. from 6^{th} St. to 2^{nd} St.
- 3rd St. & 4th St. from King Ave. to Lott Ave,
- 1st St. from Santa Gertrudis to Yoakum Ave

Round up Spraying

- 17th St. from Johnston Ave. to Caesar Ave
- Warren Ave. from 17th St. to 21st
- Hall, Lyndale and 18th from Caesar Ave to Dead End
- Inez from Warren Ave. to Dead End
- 19th St. from Warren Ave. to Lott Ave.
- Maple from 19th St. to Dead End
- 18th St. from Lott Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- Kenedy Ave from 19th St. to Hwy 77 Bypass
- Lott from 19^{th} to 23^{rd}
- 20^{th} , 21^{st} , 22^{nd} & 23^{rd} from Kenedy to Lott
- Fordyce, Huisache & Johnston from Lott to 19th
- Lott from 23rd to Hwy 77
- Oklahoma from Johnston to Hwy. 77
- 24th, 25th & 26th from Kenedy to Oklahoma



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- Louisiana from Hwy 77 to Colorado
- Colorado from Hwy 77 to Johnston
- 22nd from Colorado to John
- 21st from Caesar to John

Street Sweeping

- Swept all of the Santa Gertudes Estates area
- Yoakum Ave., Cypher and Lee Ave. from Seale to University Blvd
- Seale from Richard Ave. to Yoakum Ave.
- University Blvd. from King Ave to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St. to Hwy 77
- 6th St. from General Cavazos Blvd. to Corral Ave.
- Warren Ave. from Hall to 21st
- 21st from Caesar to John
- 14th St. from General Cavazos Blvd. to Corral Ave
- King Ave from Hwy 141 to Hwy 77 Bypass
- Caesar Ave. from 6th St to 14th St.
- 14th St. from Caesar Ave. to Shelton
- Santa Gertrudis from 14th St to Armstrong
- Armstrong from King Ave. to Corral Ave.
- Armstrong from Corral Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Corral Ave. from 6th St. to Armstrong Ave.
- Carlos Truan Blvd from 14th St. to Ailsie Ave.
- 17th St from Lee Ave. to Santa Gertrudis
- Ailsie from Franklin Adams to Loop 428
- General Cavazos from 14th to Hwy 77
- Shelly from General Cavazos to Ailsie
- 6th from Caesar to Corral
- Corral from 6th to Yard
- King from Hwy 77 to University Blvd.

Hot Mix/Cold Patching

- Henrietta Ave. from Wells to Armstrong
- Wells from King Ave. to Alice Ave.
- Armstrong to Santa Gertrudis
- 17th St. from King Ave. to Santa Gertrudis
- 17th & King
- 6th from Lott to Huisache
- 6^{th} & Ave D
- Ailsie & 6^{th} St.

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- 6^{th} St. & Corral Ave.
- Huisache from 6^{th} to 3^{rd}
- Alice from 5th St. to 6th St.

Alley Maintenance

- 425 E Santa Gertrudis- Alley
- 208 W Richard Ave. Alley
- 600 W King Ave.- Alley
- 600 block of W. King Ave.
- 307 W Alice
- 515 N 5th St.

Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Picked up Children Crossing sign on Lott and Fordyce
- Checked school lights at Kleberg School
- Took out 3 Children Crossing signs on Caesar Ave. and made locates for signs
- Put Thermo plastic on Caesar Ave. for Cross walks
- Helped with Hot mixing on Santa Gertrudis Ave
- Cut branches on 3rd St. & Johnston Ave.
- Picked up trash and took to Landfill
- Took tables and chairs to Visitors Center
- Put 2 Cross walks and 2 Arrows on Caesar Ave.
- Clean drains on Zone 4 & Zone 5 Cut branches that were blocking school lights on Kenedy
- Set up portable Stop signs on 14th & Corral
- Helped Mike with hot mix on 17th & Henrietta and on Armstrong & Santa Gertrudis
- Put up 2 name signs on 3320 & General Cavazos Blvd.
- Cleaned sign shop
- Picked up Mourning signs on Ella
- Helped TxDOT with lights on 6th & Santa Gertrudis Ave.

Water Production Division

Routine job

Collected 12 routine Bacteriological Samples:

- 332 E. Ave B
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave.
- 217 Pasadena
- 2020 Sherwood
- 1612 Shirley
- 714 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 417 E. Nettie

- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd.

Collected 13 daily chlorine residuals:

- 925 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 4011 Allen Drive.
- 312 W. Ave A
- 332 E. Ave B
- 721 W. Mesquite
- 1612 Shirley
- 2020 Sherwood
- 217 Pasadena
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave.
- 711 E. Ragland Ave.

Delivered Ammonia to 6 sites; delivered Chlorine to 6 sites.

Water pumped to distribution (8/25 – 9/7) - Wells – 51,685,000 gallons; Surface –4,164,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 55,849,000 gallons; Average –3,989.214.29 gals/day

Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant Division

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. Rabalais is trouble shooting the 20amp breaker. Radiant Industrial installed UV lamps.



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



and helpers mowed grass around Plant and Lift Stations. Crews are wasting sludge into drying beds. Jah-Con replaced flow chart; the circuit board was burned out.

Wastewater Collection

Had 6 call outs for sewer backups 1st and Ella Ave. 804 W. Ella Ave. 1113 E. Doddridge Ave. 1026 W. Kleberg Ave 814 Lyndale 530 W. Nettie

Crews installed clean out at 912 W. Alice Ave. and at 1217 E. Doddridge Ave. Crews did 10 locates and had 1 bad odor call. Crews raised a manhole on 11th St. and Alexander Ave., vacuumed the curb on the 500 block of Alexander and vacuumed the well at the South Creek Lift Station.

Scheduled work for the week

- 1. Cleaning sewer mains, curbs & gutters.
- 2. Clean troughs (Mon, Thurs, Fri)
- 3. Clean drying beds (Tues, Wed.)
- 4. 3 & 1 MGD wasting on drying beds
- 5. Mowing and weed eating 1MGD, 3MGD, and Lift stations
- 6. Plant helpers spraying weed killer along fence lines & drying beds @ 1 & 3 MGD
- 7. C&D Electric sill be sending out1600amp breaker to Houston to determine cost estimate.
- 8. Mendez Construction replacing 2" airline at aeration tank
- 9. Sending off DMR's for 1 and 3MGD and 3rd quarter Bio's for 3MGD



- 10. Construction crews will be repairing service line at 804 N. 1st St and1017 Hall.
- 11. Construction crews will start laying serer line on Ella Ave and $1^{st} 3^{rd}$ Streets.
- 12. Construction crews will also install sewer tap on JayVee for a customer.

City of Kingsville, Texas Staff Report

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Water Distribution Division

Repaired 7 Main Breaks and answered approximately 69- Service Calls, 29 - Locates, 4 -Service line leaks, 14– water leaks 10- Meter Leaks, 1- Backfills, 6 – valve replacements 1 – Customer Side Leaks; 2– No Water/Low Pressures; 0- Turn off Water, 0 - Turn on; 2 Hydrant Repair

- 3" Main Break
- 1323 E. Fordyce Ave. 6" Main Break 1603 E. Johnston Ave. 2" 16th St and King Ave. Main Break

Water crews finished picking up concrete from Bruno's Cantina. Water crews completed concrete demo at Frances and Huische Ave.

City Garage Division

Maintenance

21- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 33 scheduled work orders; 44 nonscheduled work; 15 Service calls; 1 Call out; 4 New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 22 flat tire repairs and balances; 26 pending work orders. Parts have been ordered for unit 544 and Unit 545. Unit 3003 needs the rear pistons replaced.

Welder

3 received work order and 9 pending work orders. Welder is working on hand rails and drain pipes and repaired a 2" air line at the Waste Water Plant.

Solid Waste Division

Landfill - (8/25 - 9/7)

The Landfill is finishing up the work on the Leachate Pump #1. The Landfill Dept. did their budget presentation on Tuesday 8/26/14. Naismith Engineering performed an Opacity Test on the Trench Burner. The Landfill received 4.7" of rain. The garage repaired the dump truck (Unit 1327). It has been brought back to the Landfill and is back in service. Anderson Machinery performed preventative maintenance on the Bomag Compactor.

Brush – 446.93 tons; Garbage –49 tons Litter – tons; Construction/Demolition – 213 tons; Concrete -2 tons, metals - tons; Sludge --tons and tires - tons.

Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 8/25 - 9/7 - 681,140 pounds; Commercial waste collected 732,740 pounds; Brush collected 10,220 pounds and construction debris collected 38,000 pounds. The brush crew will be collecting in Zone 1. We are working on abatements and demos when possible. White Good Collection for Zone 4 was Friday, September 5th. Sanitation has also taken over watering new trees planted around the city and does this on Wednesday. Sanitation has also started a landscaping project at Fire Station #2. Sanitation also helped the Parks Department remove playground equipment at Flato Park in preparation of new equipment to be installed. Recycling for the month of August totaled 21.66 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.





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

Purchase Orders

Purchasing issued 74 Purchase Orders valued at \$120,410.34. We are nearing the end of this Fiscal Year and would like to clear up any and all outstanding Purchase Orders. A list will be going out to all Department Heads for review and to Complete or Void any Purchase Orders that were not used or used and paperwork was never submitted.



P-Card Card Statements

103 P-Card statements were reviewed with only minor issues. As previously stated we will be implementing the new online version of the Purchasing Card Record. We will also be conducting training for all P-Card Reconciliation users. All Administrative Assistants and Department Heads/Supervisors are encouraged to attend. If unable to attend the training please ensure you have at least 1 representative from your department that can pass on the information. Training will take place in the Commission Chambers beginning at 9:00 am on Wednesday Sept 17th. Topics will include: Time Clock Plus, Travel Form/Reconciliation, Purchase Card Records and any other Purchasing questions you may have.

Preparing for a New City Hall

Purchasing Director attended a meeting to discuss Contract and Services and the New City Hall on Monday Sept 8th. He was also in attendance for the HM King Renovation Project meeting on the 9th.

Assisting Other Departments

Purchasing and Technology staff met with L. E. Ramey Golf Course staff and conducted a preliminary needs assessment concerning POS systems, Phone and Internet, as well as audio visual

upgrades. Purchasing staff assisted the Library with A/C issues and also assisted Assistant Public Works Director on facility assessment at L.E. Ramey.

Technology Division

E-Mail Flow Report

The city of Kingsville over the past two weeks processed 10854 email messages. We blocked 6460 spam and malware messages. We processed 4497 'good' emails. Due to some migration issues our service was down for a period of time on Monday and Tuesday. Since then we have taken corrective action to make sure an outage such as this one does not occur again. Most importantly the finalization of the full email conversion has been accomplished.

The new email system offers a host of features that were either degraded or lacking in the previous version. The list of features and improvements are numerous. One of the more interesting ones includes an improved appointing features that allows each user to see if someone is available for a particular time. Another nice feature is Room accounts. This allows users to reserve rooms along with meeting invites. Also, everyone's favorite feature staff photos have been added as an enhancement giving emails a more personal feeling.



GovQA (Work Order) Software Implementation and Use

The City has invested a substantial amount of time and money into the ticketing and work order system. While our initial pilot departments have had great success implementing the system in Community Appearance and Engineering/Public Works adoption has been slowed in other areas. In order to better address this issue under direction of the City Manager we have collaborated a team lead by Mrs. Balli (Finance Director) and Mrs. Martin (Interim-Planning Director) this



team will meet once a week to help push any deployment needs and more importantly ensure adoption and collaboration going forward. Technology Division is more than happy to assist in this matter acting as a primary facilitator.

We have already begun making progress by providing support and training for Planning and Permits. We have addressed most of the concerns they had with the system. Currently we are working out how to accomplish payments. The Health Department has provided the information they wish to add to the request and case filing system. Collections are assembling the filed weed liens, this will enhance the information that is currently being inputted by the Community Appearance Division. Community Appearance had a few questions that were easily answered.

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

Library Receives Grant for eBooks

The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library received a \$6000 grant from the Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation in Columbus, Texas. The foundation awards grants to accredited Texas State Library Association members who serve a population of 50,000 or less. Recognizing the need to expand the juvenile and youth non-fiction digital collection, the library applied for the grant in June 2014. The main goal in applying for the grant was to replicate the library's current reference collection in digital format. The acquisition of digital research materials will aid online students who are unable to access materials at their school library or who do not have



transportation to visit the public library. The digital reference collection will also aid families who home school their children. With the library's acquisition of non-fiction digital resources, the students will be able to check out research materials online 24/7. The grant from the Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation will further the library's mission to meet the diverse needs of its young patrons. Students and parents can access the children's digital collection by visiting the library's website, <u>www.kleberglibrary.com</u>, and clicking on the "Visit the Collection for Kids & Teens" icon.

Bookmobile Making the Rounds

For the past month, the library has been actively displaying the *Library on the GO* bookmobile at area events to raise awareness of future bookmobile services for local and surrounding communities. The library has received lots of positive feedback from both children and adults for the efforts the library is making to deliver outreach services to the library community. Recent newspaper articles in the *Kingsville Record and Bishop News* have also helped drive interest, as well as inform residents of services the *Library on the GO* will be offering. The bookmobile's first appearance was at the Kingsville Independent School District's Community Fair, held on August 15, 2014. Library staff greeted many visitors who were eager to learn about library services and the bookmobile's expected rollout date. The bookmobile's second appearance was at the Second Annual Pinto Bean Festival & BBQ Cook-Off, which was held on August 30, 2014. While at the Cook-Off event, the library highlighted one aspect of the vehicle's potential by deploying its mobile Wi-Fi hotspot, which over

350 wireless visitors utilized. The library has scheduled an upcoming appearance for the bookmobile at the National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, in Sarita, Texas. Kenedy

County residents will have the opportunity to see *Library on the GO* up close. Sarita residents will also have an opportunity to handle and operate several electronic devices, and access the bookmobile's FREE Wi-Fi hotspot for the night. Future bookmobile appearances, which may include the Ranch Hand Festival, are in the planning stages. Citizens and visitors may have another occasion to view the bookmobile at the library's *Howdy Authors!* event scheduled for November 22, 2014. Before the bookmobile is fully operational, additional interior renovations must be completed. The library is currently accepting financial donations from the public to help



defray the costs of this final phase of remodeling. For more information about *Library on the GO*, including upcoming appearances, contact the library at 361-592-6381 or visit the library's website.

RISK MANAGEMENT (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Risk Manager)

Risk Management Department continues to conduct Safety & Health Orientation

Whatever sort of business you operate, there is always the possibility of an accident or damage to someone's health. All work exposes people to hazards, be they: loads which have to be manually handled; dangerous machinery; toxic substances; electricity; working with display screen equipment



or even psychological hazards such as stress. Safety does not come about by accident: most accidents happen because they have not been prevented. Attention to health and safety is not just about being socially responsible. It also makes good business sense and you should regard it as just as important as the achievement of any other key business objective. Above all, you need to remember that besides protecting people and the environment, action on health and safety can also make a major contribution to business success. That is why it is vital to conduct Safety and Health Orientation Training to all new staff of the City of Kingsville. It starts here, and with time continued training and education accidents and injuries will decrease.

Do We Live in One of the Hottest Cities?

Summer in the city — any city — can be stifling. Peer down a wide avenue and the asphalt looks practically like it's sizzling. But when you leave the concrete jungle and get just a little bit outside the city, the temperature drops dramatically. Maybe there's even a chill in the air. This isn't your imagination playing tricks. It's a real phenomenon called an urban heat island. At its simplest, it means that a city is warmer than its surrounding rural areas. Climate Central, a nonprofit of scientists and journalists, looked at just how drastic these temperature



differences are, and released the results in a new report "summer in the City: Hot and Getting

Hotter." Fifty-seven of the 60 largest U.S. cities had "measurable urban heat island effects" during the past 10 years, and these places are experiencing more "searing hot days" every year. "We see uniformly that cities are hotter than their rural counterparts," Alyson Wenward, Ph.D., of Climate Central, told weather.com. So which cities are the hottest? Climate Central, Wenward said, relied on temperature stations and their consistent, regulated temperature records to make the determinations. Las Vegas topped the list, with daily summer temperatures more than 7 degrees hotter in the city proper than surrounding areas. Albuquerque, New Mexico; Denver, Colorado; Portland, Oregon and Louisville, Kentucky rounded out the top five

Georgina Ybarra Property Specialist visits Parks and Golf Course

Kingsville - Kleberg County Parks Department currently operates and maintains three major park areas, and eight smaller neighborhood parks.

On April 25, 1958, Robert J. Kleberg, Jr. and Richard M. Kleberg Jr., trustees of the Alice G.K.



Kleberg Foundation donated 184.5 acres of land to Kleberg County. The park was named after Dick Kleberg Sr., a congressman and Chairman of the Board of King Ranch from 1950-1955. The Dick Kleberg Park is the main park within our park system. The park hosts a wide variety of activities and facilities for all ages of recreation enthusiasts. The park is home to two baseball fields, 3 little league baseball fields, 2 softball fields in addition to one -three field multi-purpose softball complex and one - three field adult softball complex. Georgina Ybarra Property Specialist with TML visited the parks, buildings and golf course on Friday September 5th with David Mason, Diana Gonzalez, Susan Ivy, Charlie Cardenas and Bill Donnell. The City of Kingsville will be adding Parks & Recreation to their departmental list on October 1st

Water Department employees receive Training on Barricading & Excavations

A barricade is any object or structure that creates a barrier or obstacle to control, block passage or force the flow of traffic in the desired direction it is also designed with the goal of dissuading

passage into a protected or hazardous area or large slabs of cement whose goal is to actively prevent forcible passage by a vehicle. Stripes on barricades and panel devices slope downward in the direction traffic must travel. Excavation is an act of digging, removing soil from a site/area. The Water department supervised



by Marco Jimenez received Excavation & Barricading Training on Tuesday September 2nd 2014 at

the Public Works building. All water employees and supervisors attended the training. Employees



were trained on how to control areas of worksites with traffic barriers with tape-rope-cones and to take consideration of worker safety.

Employee Recognition & Safety Committee meet on September 12th @9:00am

The Employee Recognition and Safety Committee is meeting

regularly to discuss plans for the upcoming Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday September 12th at 9am at City hall. The Committee Chair Melissa Perez assigned several duties on the previous



meeting to all members on planning the city's upcoming ERS Week and Christmas Banquet. The committee is also responsible for reviewing any current employee injuries or claims. The committee will also be discussing the upcoming gamenight/tailgate coming in October. There is lots to do, but with Teamwork anything can be done. The committee members are hardworking and dedicated to get the job completed at its best.

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

Kingsville Task Force Gives Presentation to KIG Members

On Tuesday September 04, 2014 Kingsville Task Force Agent Mike Tamez presented information on Task Force seizure cases to the Kingsville Intelligence Group (KIG). The presentation was developed through the hard work of Kingsville Task Force Agents Arnold Salinas and Richard Kirkpatrick. The sensitive information was gathered and developed to share specific information to the KIG membership. The meeting was very informative and was collaboration between several Law Enforcement Agencies (Federal, State and Local) on criminal events happening in this area. All three Task Force Agents are to be commended for a job well done, sharing their knowledge and intelligence with local police intelligence group members.



Kingsville Task Force Hosts and Participates in K-9 Training

On Tuesday September 09, 2014 Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force hosted K-9 training for Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens from throughout Central and South Texas. K-9 Teams utilized hidden vehicle compartments that have been used by the criminal element recently. Task Force K-9 Agents Kirkpatrick and Villalobos along with their K-9 Partners participated in the day long training which began at the old Kingsville Record building.



Del Mar College and Kingsville Task Force's Press Release on September 25th

Del Mar College in Corpus Christi will be having a press release to thank the Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force for donating the use of a Truck Tractor and Trailer for training new truck drivers in their Commercial Driver License Program. The news release will occur on Thursday September 25, 2014 in the City of Kingsville. This is yet one more way the work of the men and women of the Kingsville Task Force give back to the community we serve.



Kingsville Task Force Prepares for Seized and Abandon Vehicle Auction

On Saturday September 20, 2014 at 10:00 AM the Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force will be conducting a seized and abandoned vehicle auction with the Kenedy County Sheriff's Office in Sarita, Texas. The auction will include all types of vehicles including a Winnebago Motor Home and a Ford Mustang Bullet.



TOURISM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Leo Alarcon, Director)

The 1956 Movie "Giant" Based On Kingsville's Biggest Tourism Asset (Photos taken by Tourism Director Leo Alarcon during the King Ranch tour)

Travelers flock to Kingsville, Texas as visitors to see the world famous King Ranch and study its fascinating history. There have been many creations that have come out of Captain Richard and Henrietta King's empire from the formation of two South Texas communities, like Kingsville and Raymondville, to America's first breed of cattle. Monkey was the name of the foundation sire of the

Santa Gertrudis breed of cattle. Another great for the King Ranch was Assault, the horse that brought the Triple Crown to Kingsville, having won all three, the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes. Another great horse was named Middleground. The King's grandson, Richard M. Kleberg served as congressman in Washington, D.C. for many years.

Tourism Director Leo Alarcon took



the King Ranch tour last week for the second time in his life and said it reminded him of the time

when he first saw the movie "Giant." The move was based on the King Ranch and was about a Texas cattle rancher and oil tycoon. The 1956 movie epic won many Oscars and the filming took place in Texas near Marfa and starred many famous movie actors including Elizabeth Taylor.





Statue of Coach Steinke dedicated at Javelina Stadium

Tourism staff members Leo Alarcon and Cynthia Martin were guests at the unveiling of the bronze statue of Coach Gil Steinke. The heavily attended morning ceremony was held on Saturday, September 6th at the main entrance to Javelina Stadium. The statue sits on a newly constructed plaza on the southeast corner of the stadium and looks out toward the football field. Gil Steinke served as athletic director and head football coach from 1954 - 1976. He led the Javelinas into six NAIA championships, 10 Lone Star Championships and 39 consecutive victories. Texas A&I alumni, Armando Hinojosa sculpted the bronze of Coach Steinke as he has done for others throughout campus. The statue is such a remarkable likeness that one of the speakers commented they were waiting for smoke to come out of his hand. Director Leo Alarcon pointed out that he was a student during Steinke's final three years as head football coach when the Javelinas went undefeated. Master of Ceremonies Fred Nuesch was also Leo's Journalism professor and newspaper advisor during the mid-70's. Immediately after ceremony, Mrs. Steinke along with other family members assembles for a photo next to the statue.







Volunteers Wanted ...

"Volunteering to help others is the right thing to do,

and it also boosts personal happiness; a review of research by the Corporation for National and

Community Service shows that those who aid the causes they value tend to be happier and in better health. They show fewer signs of physical and mental aging. And it's not just that helpful people also tend to be healthier and happier; helping others causes happiness..." a quote by Gretchen Rubin



Tourism Director Leo Alarcon has been busy recruiting volunteers to help house both the Kingsville Visitors Center and the Depot Museum at downtown. The list is steadily growing but Leo says more volunteers are needed to cover both areas. For those interested, please call the Center at 361-592-8516.

Newest volunteers pictured ... At left is recent TAMUK graduate Niki Tijerina volunteering at the Kingsville Visitors Center. Pictured at right and volunteering at the Depot Museum is longtime civic leader Maggie Salinas

Center displays future City of Kingsville Building

As soon as visitors arrive at the

Kingsville Visitors Center, they are greeted by renderings of the 1909 Henrietta M. King Building and the 1904 Depot Museum.





Pinto Bean Festival Concert Great Success

The Pinto Bean Festival and Cook-off held during the Labor Day weekend was a great success. The concert starring Elida Reyna and Solido were well attended by hundreds of fans. Photos taken by Leo Alarcon







Farmers' Market Plans Move Forward

A group of ten Kingsville residents continues to meet weekly and to plan a farmers' market for

Kingsville. The group has named themselves the Kingsville Farmers Market Association and has decided to apply for 501 c (3) status. The group has elected officers. A mission statement, a business plan that includes marketing and financial plans, а vendor application and agreement, and regulations rules and for participation in the market have been drafted. The group is quite active with each individual in



the association taking on an "assignment" related to the different aspects of the market.

Downtown Improvements

Javelina Innovation Lab, 231 E. Kleberg Avenue - Before and after replacement of two display windows and minor façade repair.



South Texas Martial Arts, 317 E. Kleberg Avenue Before and after photos of sidewalk repairs









Lights Installed in Alley behind City Hall Two sets of lights were recently installed behind City Hall that will light up the alley way and the parking lot.



Salazar Building to Get Refurbished Doors

The original front and side doors of the historic Salazar Building at 6th & Richard have been temporarily removed and the openings covered in plywood. The front door was in poor condition with some deterioration and loose panels. Both doors are being locally repaired





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

Regular Commission Meetings (Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers)Monday, September 22, 20146:00 p.m.Monday, October 13, 20146:00 p.m.Monday, October 27, 20146:00 p.m.Monday, November 10, 20146:00 p.m.Monday, November 24, 20146:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)

 Thursday, September 25, 2014
 3:00 p.m.

 Thursday, October 9, 2014
 3:00 p.m.

 Thursday, October 23, 2014
 3:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)

Planning and Zoning Board	Wednesday, October 15, 2014	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, October 15, 2014	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	TBA	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	TBA	11:00 a.m.
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Board Meetings (Respective Location)								
Library Board		October 15, 2104	4:00 p.m.					
City/County Health Board	3 rd week of ev	very other month	5:30 p.m.					
Staff will be attending the following conference: TML Annual Conference in Houston, TX, September 30 th - October 3 rd , 2014.								
Reminders City Secretary requests Commission Member Nominations for the following Vacant Board Positions:								
Board Name	Vacancies	Recomme	ndations					
Zoning Board of Adjustments	1	0						
Joint Airport Zoning Board	0	0						
Civil Service Commission	1	0						
Historic Development Board	2	0						
Planning & Zoning Commission	2	0						