

City of Kingsville, Texas

Staff Report

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Monday, July 14, 2014

“Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government.” Thomas Jefferson, www.brainyquote.com

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” John F. Kennedy, www.12manage.com

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

Good Job Award!!!

Sometimes it's the little things that matter most. I experienced this personally with the good folks at the City's Landfill.



It was early on a Thursday morning and I was trying to get out of town to attend an annual conference of city managers. Before I could leave, my wife tasked me with taking some items to the Landfill. When I arrived at the scale house it had been raining off-and-on for hours. Since my debris wasn't of great significance, **Timothy (Tim) Flores, Equipment Operator II**, suggested that I drive to the opposite side of the scale house and place the items in the dumpster to avoid the muddy dump site. As far as I was concerned that helpful advice earned Tim an “A+” grade and a “gold star” right from the beginning.



Timothy (Tim) Flores
Equipment Operator II
Landfill

As Tim offered I pulled my pickup truck around the scale house and parked it next to the dumpster. I exited the cab, pulled back the tarp, climbed onto the back of the truck and began placing items into the dumpster. I thought my luck had run out when it began to rain heavily. But before I knew it Tim was at my side helping me to offload the items. With each of us taking on significant quantities of rain, Tim's effort helped avoid a complete drenching.

Tim acted as if his assistance was no big deal, but it was a big deal to me as I am sure it often is to his other Landfill customers. I thanked Tim as best I could in the downpour and left the Landfill a very happy customer and City Manager. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tim again and to express my appreciation for his good work and that of Landfill Supervisor, Pete Pina and our other Landfill employees all of whom have been helpful whenever I have needed their services.

Sincerely,

Vince Capell
City Manager

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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

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 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)

City Manager's Proposed Annual Budget for FY2015 Now at the Midway Point

The City Manager believes that FY2015 has the potential of being a transitional and transformative year for the City of Kingsville including the manner in which certain city services are funded and delivered. He suggests that interested parties pay close attention to his Proposed Annual Budget and Budget Message, which are scheduled for delivery to the City Commission on Monday, August 11th and for posting on the City's website on Friday, August 15th.

City Manager Pleased with Progress on FY2014 Budgeted Projects

A more diligent effort has been made this current year with respect to the completion of budgeted projects. A partial list of this year's completed projects (or projects well underway) include: (1) Upgrades to fire stations 1 and 2, (2) purchase of 1 new sanitation truck, (3) purchase and implementation of the 1Laserfiche document management and imaging system and related user licenses, (4) 1 Incode Software upgrade, (5) purchase of new 1 hot mix laydown machine, 1 oil distributor for the Streets Division and 1 reflectorless (surveying) total station or the Engineering Division, (6) Purchase of a brush tractor and a dozer with a 6-way blade for the Landfill, (7) 1 Police package vehicle for the Task Force, (8) 6 police package vehicles for the Police, (9) 10 Tasers for Police, (10) 1 triple-wide carport for Police, (11) 12 Brazos Ticket writers for Police, (12) 1 Perimeter fence for Police parking and impound lot.

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

Administration Division

City-County Health Board Bi-Monthly Meeting

The City-County Health Board met for their bi-monthly meeting on June 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the City-County Health Department. It was attended by Board Members Judy Anthony, Justin Harkey, Otis Myers, Karen Tallant, Ben Salinas, Emilio H. Garcia, Health Director and Monica Longoria, Administrative Assistant II absent members were Joni Harrel and Norma Sue Adrian. The board reviewed the monthly reports for April and May 2014. Items reviewed and discussed were food establishment inspections, animal control services, vector control (bees), and onsite sewage facilities. The board approved all monthly reports as presented. Other items discussed where the 2014-2015 budgets for the City of Kingsville and Kleberg County. Our next Health Board meeting will be August 21, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Food Service Division

Food Service Inspections

Food Service inspections are conducted on a quarterly schedule per year based on the risk category to insure compliance with the Texas Food Service Establishment Regulations and local food sanitation ordinances. Risk levels include low, moderate and high risk. Establishment scoring is based on a demerit system, as per The Texas Food Establishment Rules. There are two types of violations. Critical violations are 5 and 4 points demerits per violation and non-critical violations are 3 points demerit violations.

Critical Violations are improper practices and actions that directly contribute to food contamination and temperature abuse that may pose a potential risk to the public health, resulting in food borne illness. Critical violations must be corrected immediately or as directed by the Health Department.

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

Subway/Brahma Blvd-92	Wing Stop-97	Carribbean Ice-100
McDonald's(Hwy 77)-93	Wendy's-71	Taqueria Jalsico #5-88
Texas Star #171-86	Subway/S. Brahma-88	Comfort Inn-84
Casa de Tacos-73	Wendy's-81	Lydia's-65 (Voluntary Closure)
Lydia's-77 (Re-inspection/to open)	Lydia's-92 Follow-up Insp.	Donut Palace-74
Gerardo's Meat Mkt. & Tamales-85	Burger King-92	Café 5-100
Pizza Hut-91	Lydia's-84	Subway-97
Kingsville Food Mart-86	Riviera ISD-93	The Donut Palace-92
Super 8 Motel-86	Asian Buffet-88	VIP Adult Daycare-96
Kingsway Leadership Academy-97	China One-88	Stop n Shop-86
Yadiras Paradiso-96	K2 Food Mart/6 th -87	Pepe's Patio-89
Sunny Market-97	Blue Ribbon Deli/Coffee - 97	La Famosa Tortilla Factory-100
Big House Bar B Que-92	Dave's Music/Quickstop-100	El Tapatio #1-95

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Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Class		
Food Handler Class	14 Students	Regular Food Handler Class- Health Department

Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events	
14U Brush Country All Stars	Temporary Food Event-Brisket Plate Sale
Delicious Concessions LLC	Temporary Food Event-Corn, Baked Potato & Lemonade Sale
South Texas Bandits	Temporary Food Event-Candy, Hotdogs, Nachos, Sausage Wraps & Soft Drinks
Val's Produce	Annual Produce Permit/Kleberg County
Val's Produce	Annual Produce Permit/City of Kingsville
Odilia Longoria Benefit	Temporary Food Event-Carne Guisada Plate Sale

Animal Control Division

Animal Control-Pet Adoption Day – Thank you Tractor Supply Store

The City-County Health Department-Animal Control Division recently held their Monthly Pet Adoption Day on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at our local Tractor Supply Store. Several dogs and cats were displayed for the public to see and pet. We had two dogs get adopted and are going to a forever home, but sadly no cats were adopted. The City-County Health Department would like to give a **Big Thanks** to our local Tractor Supply Company and Tammy Mungia, Store Manager for their continued support of our monthly Pet Adoption Day. Also a **Big Thanks** to all the individuals who adopted animals from the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center, Pet Adoption Day. Thank you Jessica Montalvo, Customer Service Representative and Teresa Orr, Kennel Attendant, and Hector Garza, Animal Control Officer for all that you do. Pictured is a young lady holding a mixed terrier and other dogs and cats that were taken to the event!



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Animal Shelter/Food Donations! – Thank you Tractor Supply Company and Walmart

Tractor Supply Company donated 100 pounds of dry dog food to our animal shelter. Thank you for your generous food donation for our shelter.



Wal-Mart donated 200 pounds of dry dog food, 7 pounds of cat food and 40 pounds of cat litter. Thank you Wal-Mart for your continuous donations and support to the City-County Health
Another food donation from Wal-Mart, 130 pounds of dog food, 25 pounds of cat food, 13 cans of cat food and 15 pounds of Kitty Litter. THANKS!

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. The first pet of the week ad will be in Wednesday's newspaper. A big Thanks to Ofelia Arevalo for all your help! This week's pet is?

Kingsville Animal Control's Pet of the Week is a litter of kittens. They are longhair mix and about 10 weeks old.

To meet the kittens, contact Animal Control at (361) 592-3324 or stop by the shelter located at 3415 N FM 1355 between the hours of 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Kingsville Animal Control will hold an adoption event on July 19, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tractor Supply Company located at 2405 S Brahma Blvd.



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Injured Barn Owl

This Beautiful Barn Owl was brought to the City-County Health Department by an individual who saw the bird lying on the road; he stopped to see if the owl was dead, but to his surprise it was alive and he brought it to us. We will try to nurse it back to health and release the owl back into the wild once it is healthy enough to fly. Pictured is Jason C. Torres with the Barn Owl.



Building Repairs and Maintenance

The City-County Health Department replaced the old shingle roof and rotted wood on our euthanasia room. The roof was over 20 years old and was starting to show its age. The Kleberg County maintenance crew installed the new roof and replaced all the old rotted wood. A **Big Thanks** to Jesus Garcia, Joe Ramos, Enrique Monsivais and Ruben Gonzalez; they did an awesome job!



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New Cement Slab

The City-County Health Department recently hired Rey's Construction to pour a 12X16 cement slab. The slab will be for our new storage building. The storage building will be used to store animal food, hay and any other livestock food that is needed. The storage building will be ordered next week. Below are a few pictures of the development and pouring of cement. Thanks to the Marco Jimenez, Water Supervisor and his department crew for helping prepare the site.



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Installation of 2 way radio antenna

The City-County Health Department we would like to thank Ernie DeAses, Luis Bautista, and Joseph Villareall from the water department for helping us to install an antenna on top of the Animal Control shelter for our two way radio.



Pictured are Ernie, Luis, Joseph and Jason getting ready to install the antenna.
Animal Control Center-Next Monthly Pet Adoption Day

Please join us at our next Pet Adoption Day
Saturday, July 19, 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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Director)

Finance Administration Division

Did You Know?

Timeliness of accounting information is highly desirable since information that is presented timely is generally more relevant to users while conversely, a delay in providing information tends to render it less relevant to the decision making needs of the



CAFR

The City's 2013 Comprehensive Financial Annual Report (CAFR) has been completed and submitted to the GFOA office for review. The CAFR may be found on the City's website at: www.cityofkingsville.com or a hardbound version is available in the City Secretary's office.

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Vacancy

The Accounting Manager, James Bryson, will be leaving the City. The position is currently posted in the Human Resources office. Those interested are encouraged to apply.

Budget

Please note the important deadlines as listed for the month of July.

Thursday July 3, 2014

- Departments to finalize and enter annual revenue and expenditure estimates for FY2014 & FY2015
- Departments to finalize and submit supplemental capital, expenditure and personnel requests for FY2015 to Finance
- HR to finalize and submit recommended internal equity pay adjustments for FY2015
- HR & Payroll to provide FY2015 compensation and benefits spreadsheets with FY2015 scheduled step and collective bargaining increases
- Finance to finalize and enter Certificate of Obligation expenditures, debt service, capital projects, transfers and other non-departmental and special budget accounts.

Friday July 4, 2014

- City Holiday - Independence Day

Friday July 11, 2014

- Finance Director to provide City Manager with draft budget detail for all funds and departments and fund balance schedules/summaries.

Friday July 18, 2014

- City Manager completes review of draft budget detail and fund balances and provides final changes to Finance for entry into budget

Thursday July 24, 2014

- Appraisal District Chief Appraiser to deliver certified tax rolls to all taxing entities. (See August 11, 2014).

Friday July 25, 2014

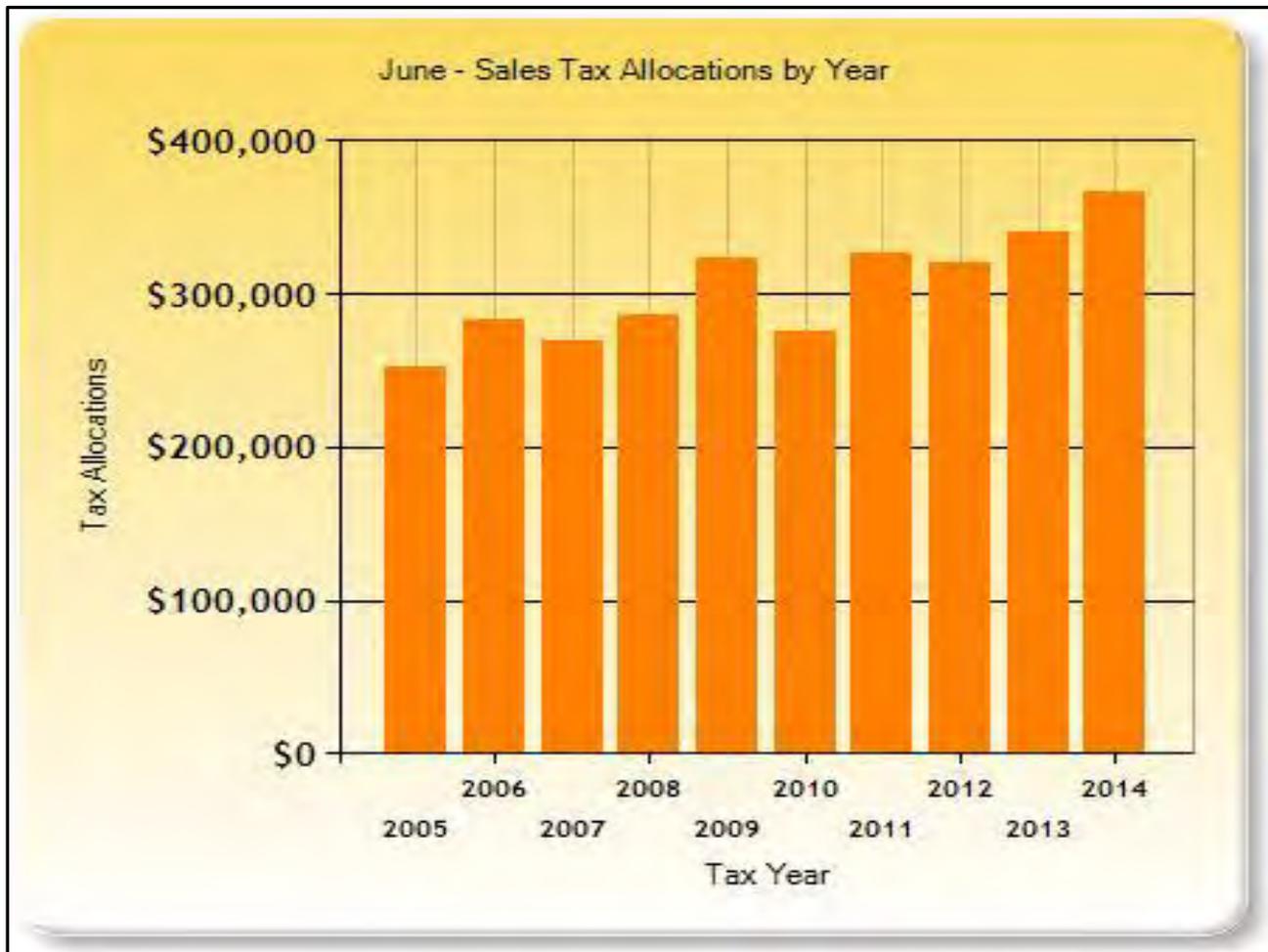
- Finance to provide City Manager with FY2015 Budget Review Packet including fund balance projections for FY2014 & FY2015

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Comparative Sales Tax Receipts for Fiscal Year through June

Fiscal Year	Gross	Audit Collections	Net Payment
FY 2013-14	2,600,993.88	44,128.00	2,645,121.88
FY 2012-13	2,489,046.75	32,447.49	2,521,494.24
FY 2011-12	2,401,817.84	28,182.00	2,429,999.84
FY 2010-11	2,360,391.87	182,392.32	2,542,784.19
FY 2009-10	2,123,759.56	7,822.53	2,131,582.09

Sales Tax Monthly Allocations



Utility Billing Division

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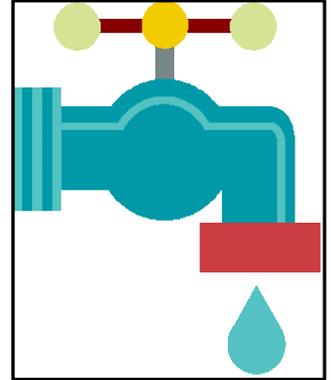
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Summer Water Consumption

This is the time of year that most customers will see an increase in their utility water bill. We are entering the hot summer months and therefore an increase in water consumption is seen for most of our customers. More frequent showers, filling up swimming pools and more irrigation use are just some of the causes for the increase. Also, children are home for the summer and therefore using more water throughout the day. These are all things that a customer must keep in mind when they see a spike in their June, July, August, and September bills. Of course the Utility Billing Department customer service representatives will be happy to review any significant increase in a customer's water bill. It may be that there is some type of leak if the bill is relatively higher than average. We see a high number of leaky toilets when a leak is detected.



Remember the following about toilet leaks:

http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/docs/ws_fixaleakfactsheet508.pdf

Toilets

If your toilet is leaking, the cause is often an old or faulty toilet flapper. Over time, this inexpensive rubber part decays, or minerals build up on it. It's usually best to replace the whole rubber flapper—a relatively easy, inexpensive do-it-yourself project that pays for itself in no time.

If you do need to replace the entire toilet, look for the WaterSense label. If the average family replaces its older, inefficient toilets with new WaterSense labeled ones, it could save 13,000 gallons of water per year. Retrofitting the house could save the family nearly \$2,400 in water and wastewater bills over the lifetime of the toilets.

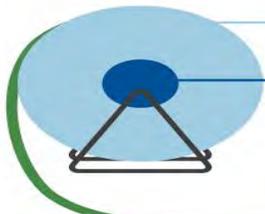
A slow leaking toilet can cost a customer a lot of money.



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SAVE WATER IN THE YARD THIS SUMMER

As temperatures rise in the summer, so does our outdoor water use, mostly on lawns and landscapes.



29 billion gallons of daily household water use across the U.S.
9 billion gallons come from daily residential outdoor water use, mainly for landscape irrigation.

Water use spikes in the summer!

Depending on the region, homeowners use **30-60%** of their water outdoors.



50% of that is wasted, in part, due to overwatering.



Average family's water use:
320 gallons per day

During the summer, can be up to
1,000 gallons per day

Some even use up to
3,000 gallons per day

= 100 gallons



—equal to leaving a garden hose running for nearly **8 hours!**



Simple Things We Can All Do



Step on it:

Step on the lawn: if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.

Leave it long:

Longer grass promotes a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.

Take a sprinkler break:

Grass isn't really meant to be bright green in the summer.



Simple Things Irrigation System Owners Can Do

Homes with automatic irrigation systems can use about **50%** more water outdoors.

Timing is everything:

Plan to water in the early morning or evening to beat daytime evaporation.



Look for the label:

If your system uses a clock timer, consider upgrading to a WaterSense labeled controller that acts like a thermostat for your lawn, using local weather data to determine when and how much to water. They can reduce irrigation water use by 15%, saving nearly **8,800 gallons** of water per year.



Go with a pro:

Contractors certified through a WaterSense labeled program can audit, install, or maintain home irrigation systems so no water is wasted.

Tune up your system:

Inspect irrigation systems, and fix leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads.

Make sure you're watering the lawn, not the sidewalk or driveway!



Just 1 broken sprinkler head could waste up to **25,000** gallons of water and **\$90+** over a 6-month irrigation season — the cost of about 300 daffodil bulbs.



WaterSense, a partnership program by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply. For more tips on reducing outdoor water use, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor.



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Community Growth

Recently the City has been experiencing a surge in several construction projects. This in turn will cause an increase in meter installations of different sizes especially on the commercial side.

The Supervisor meter tech, Jerry Trevino and meter tech, Bisente Zamora have been diligently assisting in such installations.

Last week a 2" meter was installed at the new H.M. High School. Thank you Jerry and Bisente for your hard work! Especially during these upcoming hot summer days.

Reminders

Avoid Service Disconnection - 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.

Trash Containers - 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.



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Municipal Court Division

Court Business: June 10, 2014 through June 30, 2014

There were 445 new cases recorded during this period. Of these cases were, 7 misdemeanors and alcohol cases, 204 traffic citations, 116 parking citations, 22 city ordinance citations and 96 FTA (failure to appear) charges.

Aside from these new cases, there were 261 cases resolved and 140-warrant orders served.



Cash Collections

During this period, collections of \$46,997.75 dollars from fines were settlements from payment plans, extension orders, and all other executed orders.

Pre-Trial Session June 17, 2014

For this setting, there were 27 (28 cases) individuals summoned. The list below encompasses the disposition for each case:

1. There are fourteen cases' (plea bargain motions in lieu of trial) to be reviewed by the court.
2. There are four cases for a Bench Trial Setting, which attorneys will represent two.
3. Four individuals paid the full penalty in lieu of a trial hearing.
4. Three cases were reset for July 1, 2014- Pre-trial.
5. The State filed three new criminal charges for the individuals who did not appear for this setting with a motion for order of arrests, and suspension of their driver's license.

Court Hearings for June 19, 2014

Inmate Court Hearing, the 2:00 o'clock session - there were four inmates transported to the Municipal Court Alcorn Chambers by the Kingsville Police Department. The disposition of these individuals is as follow:

1. One individual was committed for 45 days in the county jail for non-payment
2. Another individual was committed for 2 days in the county jail for non-payment.
3. Two individuals, jail time credit ordered for the balance owed to this court-due to higher felonies (prison incarceration)

Regular court hearing, during the 3:00 o'clock session, 119 people (233 cases) were summon for this hearing. Below are the depositions for these cases:

CASE DISPOSITION	NUMBER OF CASES
Payment Plans	60
Extensions	5
Trial Motions	8
Deferment Program	1
Driving Safety Course	0

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CASE DISPOSITION	NUMBER OF CASES
Program	
DPS-DL Suspension	25
New Warrant Orders	46
Compliance dismissal	3
Continuance orders	0
State Motions-Dismisal	3
Inmates cases	2
New Court date	17
Cases Closed	35
Pending for Review	10
Juvenile-reset	18

** Of the remaining who did not make their court appearance, 25 individual driver's licenses were reported to the Omnibase (Department of Public Safety) for suspension, and 46 records of arrest and failure to appear charges for non-appearance and contempt of court.**

New Court Dates

July 15 & 29, 2014:

Pre-Trial Session-Conference Room
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

July 17 & 31, 2014:

Inmate Hearing 2:00 p.m.
Regular Hearing 3:00 p.m.

July 17, 2014:

Bench Trial 4:00 p.m.

August 5 & 25, 2014:

Pre-Trial Session-Conference Room
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

August 14 & 28, 2014:

Inmate Hearing 2:00 p.m.
Regular Hearing 3:00 p.m.

August 28, 2014:

Bench Trial 4:00 p.m.

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The public is encouraged to contact the court office at 361-592-8566 for information on traffic and all other Class C misdemeanors. Also as a reminder, the court does not accept payment by personal check or American Express or Discover. Visa, MasterCard, Debit cards, money order, and cashier's check, or cash are acceptable for payment.

In addition, you can pay your traffic and parking ticket online and any other balance. Just go to the City's website: <https://www.cityofkingsville.com>

FIRE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Joey Reed, Fire Chief)

Incident Command Training

All shifts have been participating in incident command system training (ICS). Personnel are fine tuning their skills on how to manage emergency incidents. This includes making an initial size-up of the situation, taking command, requesting resources, assigning companies to groups or divisions, and addressing some 20 tactical priorities at an emergency including fire control, search and rescue, and firefighter safety. The fire chief provided a 5 hour practice session for Lieutenant promotional candidates on Saturday, June 14th.



Lieutenant and Engineer Promotional Exams

Written promotional exams were administered to qualified fire department personnel on June 23rd. There were five personnel that passed each of the promotional exams. This year, promotional candidates will also be taking practical skills exams to evaluate their preparedness for new responsibilities. Personnel are training for the upcoming skills assessments that will take place in early July. Lieutenant candidates will be taking a tactical assessment where they are given a fire situation on an overhead screen and direct role players over the radio to perform vital functions in a timely manner. Engineer candidates will be competing in driving courses and a pumping operation to simulate hooking up and flowing multiple hose lines at a fire.

Swiftwater Rescue Training

The B-shift and the Volunteer Fire Department participated in a swiftwater rescue drill. A simulated rescue was conducted using rope systems for a boat rescue downstream of a walk bridge on Tranquitas creek.



Probationary Personnel Evaluations

New firefighter/paramedics are being assessed daily on their knowledge and skills.

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Planning

Community Project Development Meetings – The fire marshal attended these meetings with personnel from Planning and Engineering departments. Additional meetings have been held to discuss specific apartment complex projects.

Fire Station 2 Landscaping Project – The fire chief met with members of the Keep Kingsville Beautiful Committee again to review initial plans for north grassy area at station 2. Recommendations for a walkway, shrubs, benches, and a water fountain were suggested and quotes are being received.

Budget Planning – The fire chief, administrative assistant, and some officers have met on different days to work on current and upcoming budget planning.

Celanese Plant Familiarization – The fire chief and several other department heads attended a meeting at the Celanese plant in Bishop. An overview of operations and safety measures were presented.

Texas A&M Kingsville Bonfire Planning Meeting- The fire chief attended a planning meeting for the TAMUK annual homecoming bonfire.

Other Department Activities

Cat Rescue – Personnel on the C-shift were presented with a stray kitten stuck in a pvc pipe. Citizens brought the trapped cat to the fire station. Firefighters Palacios, Torres, Armijo, and Patton were involved in cutting the small cat out of the pipe. The kitten was in shock due to the ordeal, but later recovered and escaped from the box it was being held in at the station.



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Apparatus, Equipment, Facility Status

Medic 1- Out of service coolant leak.

Fire Station 1 – New walls panels and hot water heater installed for new water heater and washer dryers. New wall plaster installed in main stairwell. Awaiting quotes for upstairs window replacement and will be getting quotes for multiple roof leaks.

Computers – New computers budgeted for this year have been ordered for both stations and dispatch.

Projects

Fire Station 2 Exterior - A tentative plan is being worked on that will include the installation of walking paths, shrubs similar to the downtown park, and a water fountain.

Dispatch – New counters are installed. Recorder is being programmed. Project has had to revise plans due to radio frequency issues. New FCC frequency licenses have been requested. Keyboard drawers were moved further out for better access. Several meetings have been held with the radio vendor to discuss progress and options for communications systems.

Fire Station 1 Restrooms, Upstairs/Downstairs – Upstairs restrooms are completed. There are a few minor repairs needed. Downstairs restrooms have been completed with a few minor leaks needing repaired. New soap, towel, and toilet paper dispensers installed.

Fire Station 1 Electrical Project- Installation of new electrical systems for apparatus is due to begin on July 7th and should be completed within one to two weeks.

Fire Station 2 Interior – Interior is near completion. Waiting on front and rear doors to arrive from vendor. Also waiting for cabinet to be installed over toilet in new restroom.



Fire Department Response Statistics for the period of - 0800 hrs on June 11th to 0800 hrs on July 3rd, 2014.

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	39 /	Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	158
Total Emergency Responses -	197		

Major Events during the period

House fire: Sunday, June 29th, 0519 a.m., 500 Block of William St. Fire Department units arrived on scene with fire and smoke showing from windows and doors of a one story brick home. Personnel had some difficulty in entering the building due to heavy fire loading. The fire was fought by 7 persons for the first hour. Personnel left the scene after 3-1/2 hours. The occupants were not home at the time of the incident and one firefighter reported a minor injury. The fire is still under investigation.

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HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Diana Gonzales, Director)

Policy Highlight - City of Kingsville Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual

Excerpt from Policy # 890.06 - Attendance Policy -

Dependability, attendance, punctuality, and a commitment to do the job right are essential at all times. Employees are expected to report for work promptly and to work all scheduled hours and any required overtime. Excessive tardiness and poor attendance disrupts workflow and customer service and will not be tolerated.

An employee must notify their supervisor or designee as far in advance as possible or no later than one hour before the scheduled start time if late or absent or as directed otherwise. This policy applies for each day of absence. Unauthorized or excessive absences or tardiness shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination. An absence is considered to be unauthorized if the employee has not followed proper notification procedures or the absence has not been properly approved...

Advertised Positions

Finance – Accounting Manager (Internal)

Fire - Firefighter

Police – Telecommunication's Operator

Street – Maintenance Worker, Equipment Operator I

Wastewater – Utility Worker, Equipment Operator II

New Employees



Daniel Pena
Maintenance Worker
Street Division-Public Works



Juan Estrada
Temporary Utility Worker
Wastewater Division-Public Works

Separations

Micah Franks – Temporary IT Support

Testing/Workshops/Seminars/Meetings

Promotional testing for Fire Lieutenant occurred on June 23, 2014. The multiple choice examination is one part of the promotional processes. The second part is a skills assessment examination conducted by the Fire Chief and assigned staff. Those candidates receiving a score of 70 or better will be eligible to take the skills examination. The multiple choice examination is valued at 70% of the total promotional score and the skills examination is valued at 30% of the total promotional score. A total of five (5) candidates took the multiple choice exam and all five (5) candidates received a passing score and are proceeding to the skills assessment examination.

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Entry Level Police Officer testing was conducted on June 27, 2014. A total of twenty-seven (27) applicants tested and seventeen (17) successfully passed the examination. Applicants with scores of 70 or better are eligible to participate in the next phase of the process. Final passing scores on the examination ranged from 96.0 to 79.5.

HR staff worked on the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget for the department and assisted several departments in reviewing their proposed personnel changes.

The HR Director attended meetings with ENTRUST representatives and Finance Director to review the self-insured health fund. ENTRUST reviewed the last eight (8) months of claims with staff. The HR Director also met with the City Manager and Finance Director to start reviewing options available to the City for the upcoming fiscal year. Meetings occurred on June 11, 13th and 17th.

On June 18th the Human Resource Director and the Finance Director attended a compliance training class offered by ENTRUST to review upcoming changes to the Affordable Care Act.

The HR Director attended a Recognition and Safety Committee meeting on June 24th. The annual Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet was the item for discussion.

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

Planning Division

New City Hall Project

Changes to the parking lot of the New City Hall at the Historic H.M. King High School were recently designed to keep the parking at the rear of the building, on 2nd St. This will require the removal of the Larkin Building. This will create a more aesthetically pleasing view from King St.

Budgets

The Department is currently working on its 2015 fiscal year budget. The Department is requesting a few items for Community Appearance such as a front-end loader and hydraulic breaker attachment for its skid steer and a replacement vehicle(s) for its code enforcement officers. Other changes such as training opportunities for its board members is a possibility.

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Dumpster Enclosure Project

The project is underway with 30 out of the 41 dumpsters nearly complete. Dumpsters that were previously on sidewalk or facing the street are now off the sidewalk and in alleys, away from the travelling public.

City-Owned Building Inspected

As previously mentioned, the old Calling Solutions center building at 2211 Brahma Blvd was recently inspected. A fire alarm company inspected the building and noted a need to service the fire extinguishers and replace emergency lighting batteries. The AC Service repairman has begun cleaning out the condenser coils and replaced missing or broken parts. We will need a plumber to check for a possible leak at the water heater as well. The City is making this building move-in-ready.

Building Services Division

Permits Pulled:

Residential Remodel:	33	Commercial Remodel:	0	Electrical:	22
New Commercial:	2	Mechanical:	18	Moving:	0
New Residential:	4	Fire Inspection:	36	Gas Inspection:	6
Cert. of Occupancy:	8	Commercial Meter:	7	House Leveling:	3
Plumbing:	18	Residential Meter:	8	Re-roof:	2
Sprinkler:	2	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	8
Curb:	5	Swimming Pool:	1	Demolition:	4
Total Permits Pulled:	205				

New Businesses:

- Agape Dental at 1310 E General Cavazos STE C is now open for business.
- Total Fruity at 300 E Lee waiting for final inspections.

Community Appearance Division

Recent activity (June 12-June 25) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:

Notices Sent:	92	Abatements:	16	Obsolete Sign Violations:	6
Inspections:	160	Court Cases:	0	Placards Posted:	0
Re-Inspections:	75	Illegal Dumping Cases:	0		
Compliances:	61	Front/Side yard parking violations:	6		

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:

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601 E Kleberg – Property owner abated

BEFORE



AFTER



1102 S 6th – Property owner complied



902 E Lee – City Abated



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1611 E Huisache – Property owner abated

BEFORE



AFTER



Top Ten Priority Property Clean Ups

Community Appearance Inspectors are following up on previous City abatements to ensure compliance since abatement. Additionally, inspectors have inspected the properties, sent notices and obtained photos of those to be listed in the Top Ten for the 26th Phase to be completed in June. As in the past, owners or occupants of the properties have failed to abate these nuisances after being noticed. The current Top Ten List is as follows:

PHASE 27

Property Address:	Date of Compliance Deadline:
719 W Richard	7/31/14
902 W Ave F	7/31/14
904 W Ave F	7/31/14
221 W Lee	7/31/14
629 W Johnston	7/31/14
314 E Ella	7/31/14
722 E Henrietta	7/31/14
309 E Nettie	7/31/14
1216 E Kleberg	7/31/14
327 E Nettie	7/31/14

A cumulative count of abatements conducted by the property owner for the Top Ten has been kept. 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.

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<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u># of Cleanups Conducted</u> <u>By property owner</u>	<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u>#of Cleanups Conducted</u> <u>By property owner</u>
PHASE 1	0 out of 10	PHASE 14	6 out of 10
PHASE 2	2 out of 10	PHASE 15	9 out of 10
PHASE 3	2 out of 10	PHASE 16	9 out of 10
PHASE 4	3 out of 10	PHASE 17	8 out of 10
PHASE 5	3 out of 10	PHASE 18	8 out of 10
PHASE 6	3 out of 10	PHASE 19	8 out of 10
PHASE 7	4 out of 10	PHASE 20	9 out of 10
PHASE 8	7 out of 10	PHASE 21	7 out of 10
PHASE 9	5 out of 10	PHASE 22	4 out of 10
PHASE 10	8 out of 10	PHASE 23	7 out of 10
PHASE 11	7 out of 10	PHASE 24	8 out of 10
PHASE 12	8 out of 10	PHASE 25	8 out of 10
PHASE 13	9 out of 10	PHASE 26	8 out of 10
		PHASE 27	(IN PROGRESS)

POLICE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief) March 31 – April 14, 2014

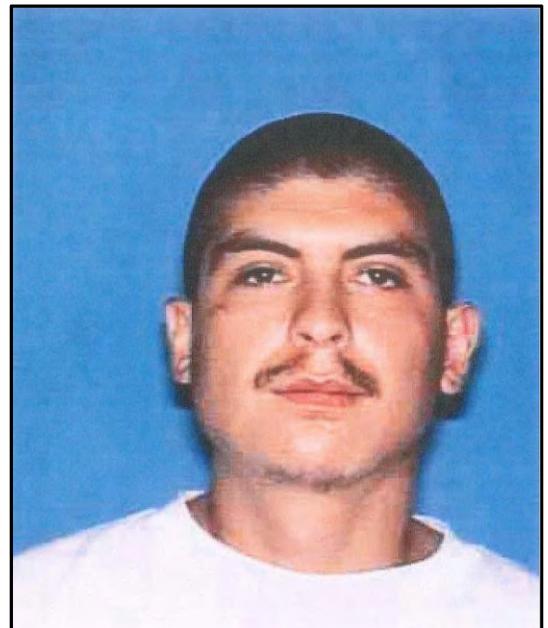
Press Release July 2nd, 2014

On Tuesday night just before 9 PM, a KPD officer was dispatched to the Wal-Mart Supercenter (1133 E. General Cavazos Blvd) in reference to a theft which had already occurred. The responding officer was taking the call inside the store. A store employee provided the license plate of the involved vehicle and direction of travel. Other officers were in the area of General Cavazos and Highway 77, looking for the suspect vehicle.

A customer was leaving the store when he observed a male inside his (the customer's) vehicle. The customer walked past his vehicle and flagged down another KPD officer, reporting the Burglary of Vehicle in progress. The nearby officer approached the vehicle and a struggle ensued between the burglar and the officer. The burglar ran to his own vehicle and attempted to start the vehicle, while still struggling with the officer. The officer attempted to prevent the male from starting the vehicle. The male started the vehicle and drove off quickly, with the officer still partly inside the vehicle. The officer fired a shot into the car while falling.

The suspect left the parking lot, driving over the curb and onto General Cavazos Blvd. Responding officers immediately gave chase and the suspect wrecked on the curve at General Cavazos Blvd and Franklin Adams. It was determined that this vehicle was the same vehicle from the previous thefts.

The offender, Omar Pinon (36), was transported to the local hospital before being transferred to a Corpus Christi hospital due to a leg fracture suffered in the crash. Several warrants were issued for his arrest and



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served upon release from an area hospital. Mr. Pinon was booked into the Kleberg County Jail. Pinon has an extensive criminal history with numerous arrests in Harlingen and the Houston area. The officer is uninjured and is placed on desk duty, a normal protocol.

Patrol Division

Patrol officers responded to over 400 calls during this two-week period. Patrol officers issued 114 citations and 54 written warnings.

Patrol officers responded to nine private property accidents, 17 minor accidents, one major accident seven "hit and run" collisions.

Patrol officers responded to 16 reports of Assault and two reports of Sexual Assault.

There were eight reported residential burglaries, four burglaries of building and five vehicle burglaries. There were 33 theft reports made during the two-week period.

On June 18, a patrol officer stopped a vehicle in the 2900 block of S. Brahma for a traffic violation. After sobriety testing, the 23 year-old male driver was arrested for DWI.

On June 18, a vehicle was stopped in the 2800 block of S. Brahma for a traffic violation. The male driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence.

On June 18, a vehicle was reported stolen from the 1100 block of E. Santa Gertrudis. The owner left the vehicle unlocked and left her keys inside the vehicle. There was no suspect. The following day, the vehicle was recovered by the Brooks County Sheriff's Department.

A June 18 traffic stop in the 900 block of E. Caesar resulted in the arrest of one male for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana. Inside the jail, it was discovered that the male had additional drugs in his sock. A charged of Prohibited Substance in a Correctional Facility was added.

On June 19, a call was received that a guest at the Super 8 Motel was damaging property and causing problems. Officers found a 25 year-old male very intoxicated, yelling and challenging others to fight. The manager said that he had broken the window to his own room. The male was arrested for Public Intoxication.

Concerned citizens called the police on June 20 in reference to a male walking in the



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roadway on Business 77, north of Sage Road. Officers found a male walking in the roadway, drinking beer. The male was unsure of his whereabouts and was arrested for Public Intoxication.

The resident of an apartment on General Cavazos Blvd called 9-1-1 after her estranged husband broke into her apartment and assaulted her guest with a knife. Responding officers arrested Armando Mora for Burglary With Intent to Commit Another Felony, Aggravated Assault and Violation of a Protective Order. Several reports were made in the area of Windcrest Drive, in reference to theft of power tools from open garages. Please close your garage door if you are not going to be outside for some time. Several reports were made regarding the thefts of "Yeti" ice chests from the back of pickups. Two ice chests have been recovered. Below is surveillance video of one male who used bolt cutters to remove a cable from a Yeti and stealing it in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Officer Dodd and Grant attended Intermediate Spanish for Law Enforcement at the Del Mar Regional Police Academy. All patrol officers completed the required TML Online courses.

Senior Officer Jesus Reyes has recently been reassigned to the Patrol Division after being assigned to the Santa Gertrudis School for a few years. Officer George Vega was recently assigned as the Traffic Officer.



Criminal Investigations Bureau

Detectives Supervisor assigned 149 cases and inactivated 29 cases as of July 1st, 2014. Along with these cases there were also 3 DWI's and 14 Crash reports.

Detectives received a call from Palacio Police Department in reference to a missing female. They advised a female was missing from her residence and was possibly at an address in Kingsville against her own free will. The female was located at the residence and it was confirmed that she had been kidnapped. The male subject was taken into custody and the female was returned home without harm.

Detectives assisted agents from Homeland Security in reference to the sale of piracy movies and games. A search warrant was served at a local residence. During the search there were several hard drives, computers, copied movies and games, and labeling stickers for the DVD's seized.

Detectives are working cases where there are several stolen coolers from the back of people's vehicles. People are leaving items in the back of pick-ups while at local stores and when they return their coolers have been taken. The majority of the coolers have been Yeti coolers. After receiving information on a cooler being stolen the offender was stopped leaving the area and two of the Yeti cooler were recovered.

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Detectives filed have filed 64 cases during this period. There were 22 cases filed in District Court, 26 cases filed in County Court, 8 cases filed in City Court, and 8 filed in Juvenile Court.

At this time burglaries are starting to rise since School is out. This seems to be a trend every year. Kids that get bored during the summer break have a tendency to get into more trouble than those that stay active with other activities.

Each Detective is currently working a case load of about 60 to 80 active cases.

Two Detectives assigned to night shift are working cases as-well as helping out patrol and doing surveillance on areas that are having a higher volume of crime. These units are also able to make contact with people who are not available during normal business hours. Hopefully with these units we will be able to corner some of our crime.

Neighborhood Improvement Officer
2014 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS

WEEK 24

The following stats are from Week 24:

- Abandoned – 2
- Junk Vehicles – 2
- Parking Citations –41
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks - 10

WEEK 25

The following stats are from Week 25:

- Parking Citations –30
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks - 3

So far for the year of 2014, 76 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 68 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 314 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.

300 W AVE B



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404 E HENRIETTA AVE



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

SGT. MARK FROST #4
CPL. VINCENT MURRAY #22
INV. DANIEL GONZALEZ #27
INV. GUS RUIS #26

FROST

Case #1400016702 – Sgt. Frost, Cpl. Murray, and Inv. Ruiz went to 703 Santa Anita after receiving information from Warrant Officer Davis about a marijuana plant growing in the back yard of the residence. Warrant Officer Davis was attempting to serve a warrant for a person he had information was living at the residence. During this time Warrant Officer Davis located the marijuana plant in plain view. Sgt. Frost, Cpl. Murray and Inv. Ruiz then went to the residence to conduct a knock and talk. James Black was arrested after consenting entry to recover the marijuana plant and search his residence. The marijuana plant and loose marijuana was collected from the residence. The total weight of all of the marijuana collected was 3.015 grams.

MURRAY

Case #1400016545 – Handled a verbal disturbance at the Office (1210 S 6th St). Disturbance was due to a male finding out that his sixteen year old niece had sexual intercourse with a 32 year old male subject. A report was generated for Sexual Assault and with Child Protective Services.

Case #1400017106 – I was off duty when a female came to my residence and advised a seven year old child had run away from the residence toward 6th St. The female was located and a report was generated because the mother of the child was claiming to have been assaulted in Falfurrias, Texas the day before the incident occurred. The female was scared to report the incident in Falfurrias due to her belief of law enforcement corruption. Arrangements were made for the female to seek help from the local Women Shelter.

CASES FILED WITH COUNTY COURT:	19
CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT:	9
PROSECUTION CHARGE REPORT SUPPLEMENTS:	28
TRAFFIC STOPS:	58

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GONZALEZ

Case #1400015758 – Inv. Gonzalez assisted patrol with a disturbance involving a weapon and an off duty Border Patrol Agent. Both parties of the disturbance were handcuffed for safety and the end result of the call was a Disturbance Report. There was no actual offense and the caller had just made the call sound worse due to the off duty Border Patrol Agent having a duty weapon. Border Patrol was later contacted because of allegations of drug use by the agent.

Traffic Stops - 49

RUIZ

Case #1400016636 – Alex Pereida was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 2A < 2 ounces on a traffic stop.

Case #1400016075 - Michael Ortega was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 2A < 2 ounces on a traffic stop.

Case #1400015399 – Ruben Buentello was arrested for Failure to Identify after a traffic stop was conducted on his vehicle.

Traffic Stops - 74

NARCOTICIS INVESTIGATION:

Case #1400016807 – On 06-27-14 Ptlm. Fierova took a theft report from Walmart (1133 E General Cavazos) involving a Yeti Cooler. License Plate information was obtained for the suspect vehicle by a witness. Ptlm. Vega conducted a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle and completed an arrest on the driver for Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 2A less than two ounces. The suspect then provided information as to where we could locate more stolen coolers. A knock and talk was conducted at 521 E Corral where contact was made with Ricardo Figueroa. Figueroa advised someone had dropped off two Yeti coolers at his residence. Figueroa stated he did not know who the cooler's belonged to, so they were collected in order to prevent the consequences of Theft. A knock and talk was then conducted at 719 S 24th St where contacted was made with Elee Delapaz. No coolers were located at this residence and Delapaz refused to allow a search of his residence.



SEIZURE CASES:
NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS / PURCHASES CONDUCTED:

Case#1400016099 – Synthetic Marijuana

Case#1400016819 – Cocaine

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Fencing Project Nears Completion!



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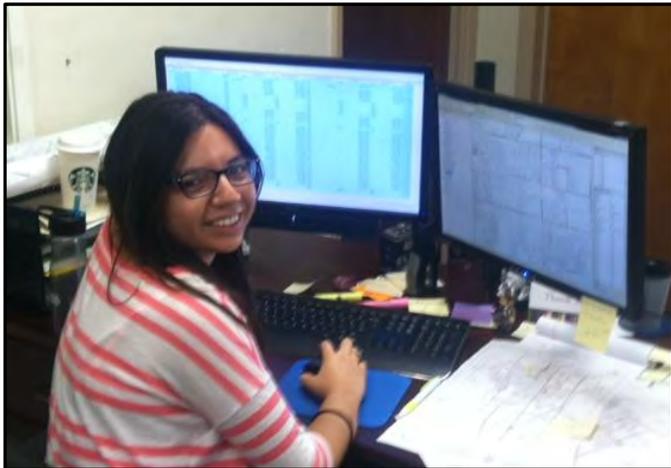
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, Director)

Engineering Division

Engineering Division – The Engineering section has been surveying and assisting with the construction of 10th Street and 12th Street. Engineering has been working closely with public works and numerous departments on multiple projects, including streets, sanitation, community appearance and Development services.

On a larger scale Engineering has completed a complete street inventory and assessment. The assessment included driving and inspecting the condition of our city's streets and calculating a Pavement Condition Index (PCI). The PCI is a grade that will help determine the priority of which streets to construct. Now that the assessment is complete. It will be entered into GIS and used further as a tool and pavement model for construction and maintenance.



Graphic Information Systems (GIS) – The GIS section has been working on and has completed the city's street assessment project and street paving model. Work consists of creating data elements to use as a tool to form the street pavement model. The model will help predict which street needs certain maintenance and when the street is scheduled for re construction in a 20 year life cycle. Also, the GIS section has updated the 2014 street construction list which will be posted on the city's website and in City Hall. Daniella Herrera was instrumental in creating the model and entering the data elements.

Street Division (6/9 – 6/29)

Road Construction – Project # 74 –12th St.

- Set barricades for 12th St. Full Depth Reconstruction
- Removed and disposed old HMAC from road surface.
- Removed approx. 86 loads of Caliche base and hauled non-salvaged materials to the landfill.
- Worked up around manholes and water valves with limestone.
- Set blue tops and final cut set up for limestone material.



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- Limestone set up for Monday, 6/23/14 delivery.
- Received Limestone approx. 1069.50 tons 44 loads set in place Mon.
- Received Limestone approx. 772.93 tons 32 loads set in place Tues.
- Set blue tops on south side of creek, cut and shaped
- Set blue tops on north side of creek, cut and shaped removed and reworked saturated areas due to rain.
- Shaped and rolled limestone and tested limestone reworked areas, pulled and placed limestone

Mowing/ Weed Eating

- Mowing the General Cavazos right of way from 6th St. to NAS Kingsville Gate
- Mowed Taquitos Creek
- Mowed Ave. A from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Taquitos Creek
- Began mowing Bus. 77 Loop from 14th St. to Ailsie Ave.
- Mowing Bus 77 Loop 428 from 14 to 6th
- 6th Street from Alexander to Dick Kleberg Park
- General Cavazos Blvd.
- 6th Street from Trant to City Limits



Drainage Cleaning

- Joint Venture with Kleberg County, Cleaning up Drainage Ditch along General Cavazos Blvd. starting from NAS Fence.

Herbicide Spraying

- Zone 8 (area between Hwy 141 and a little north of Corral Ave and from Armstrong going west past Santa Rosa Dr.
- Zone 9 (area between Armstrong Ave. going west past Santa Rosa Dr. and from Hwy 141 going south past Caesar Ave.)
- Shelly from Ailsie Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Zone 6, 7, 9, 13
- Shelly from Ailsie to General Cavazos
- Kenedy from May to Milton
- Frances from Kenedy to Johnston
- Wanda from Kenedy to Johnston
- William from Kenedy to Johnston
- Lantana from Lott to Johnston
- Lott from Lantana to William
- Huisache Ave. from Lantana to Armstrong Ave.
- College Place from Johnston Ave. to Dead End

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- Johnston Ave. from Kenedy Ave, to College Place
- Kleberg from 11th St to 5th St
- 11th St from Yoakum to King
- 10th St from Yoakum to King
- 9th St from Yoakum to Kleberg
- 8th St from Yoakum to King
- Daniel Alarcon from Kleberg Ave. to Yoakum Ave.
- Yoakum Ave. from Daniel Alarcon to 6th St.
- Post office area removed weeds and sprayed

Street Sweeping

- All major thoroughfares
- Zones 2,3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12,13,14,15
- Armstrong Ave. from Caesar Ave. to Corral Ave.
- Hall St. from Caesar Ave. to dead end
- 2nd St. from Ailsie Ave. to dead end
- 14th St. from Caesar Ave to Yoakum Ave.
- Zones 3,6,7,12,(again)
- Ailsie Ave. from Senator Carlos Truan Blvd. to Hwy 428

Patching – Crews patched and filled in potholes:

Hot Mix/Cold Patching

- Henrietta Ave and Armstrong St
- Retama Street
- West of University Blvd.
- Caesar Ave. and Armstrong Ave.
- Cypher Street
- Ragland Ave. and 14th St.
- Richard Ave. from 17th to 19th
- Alice Ave. from 17th to 19th
- 19th from Alice Ave. to Richard Ave.
- 7th from Santa Gertrudis Ave, to King Ave.
- 8th from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to King Ave
- 9th from Santa Gertrudis Ave.to King Ave.
- 10th from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to King Ave.
- 1421 E. Alice Ave.
- 19th St. and Ragland Ave
- 501 E Ave. B
- 321 W. Corral Ave

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- 11th from Lee Ave. to King Ave.
- 12th from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to King Ave.
- Zone 6 (from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to King Ave and from 6th St to 14th St.)
- Waste Water Repair on Chandler from Cecil to Jay Vee
- 16th St. from Fordyce Ave to Lott Ave.
- 11th St. and Husiache Ave
- 11th St. and Yoakum Ave.
- 15th St. at Johnston Ave. to Warren Ave.
- 1404 E. Alice Ave.
- West Corral Ave.
- Escondido from 6th to 14th St
- 7th St. and Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- N. 6th St. at the Y

Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Swept Downtown from 11th to 3rd St.
- Pick up Barricades on 10th St. Construction
- Pick up Barricades on Armstrong and Wells and Ragland
- Put up mourning sign 830 E. Ella
- Pressure wash distributor truck
- Installed new street signs on Caesar Street
- Put up mourning sign on Vela Street
- Installed anchor in concrete for cell phone prohibited sign on Young Drive, Escondido Rd., Corral, and County Road 1030
- Turned off school traffic signs
- Installed street sign on Caesar Ave. and Ailsie Ave.
- Pick up Barricades on 10th St. Construction
- Installed cell phone prohibited sign on Young Drive and Corral Ave.
- Installed cell phone prohibited sign on Caesar, 3230, 3310, CR 1030
- Repositioned street name sign on 9th St and Ella Ave.
- Tree trimming on 17th between Warren and Caesar, 10th and Caesar, Kenedy Ave. and By-pass
- Installing sign bases on TXDOT ROW for cell phone prohibited signs

Water Production Division (6/9 – 6/29)

AEP replaced undersized wires at Well 10 from transformer to main disconnect at new pump house. The undersize wires were generating too much heat to the point that the 4 inch conduit was becoming pliable.

Water Production crew replace one leaking 8 inch check valve at booster station #24.

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On Wednesday, June 18th the Water Production personnel attended the Texas Water Utilities Association's Monthly meeting hosted by the City of Alice at the Alice Country Club.

The 2013 Water Quality Report went out via mail to all customers on June 23, 2014. The report is also available on the City's web page. TCEQ requires that this annual report be made available to all Kingsville residents no later than July 1st of every year. Water Production personnel will be flushing dead end water mains the week of June 23- 27, 2014. TCEQ requires that all dead-end mains be flushed monthly. A total of twenty-eight dead-end mains were flushed during the month of June 2014.

Routine job - Collected 24 routine Bacteriological Samples; collected 21 daily chlorine residual, delivered Ammonia to 6 sites; delivered Chlorine to 6 sites.

Water pumped to distribution (6/9 – 6/29) - Wells – 82,879,000 gallons; Surface –8,584,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 91,463,000 gallons; Average –4,355,380.95 gals/day

Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant Division (6/9 –6/29)

Wastewater Treatment North Plant – Operators and Helpers cleaned primary and secondary clarifier troughs and weirs. Operators shoveled sludge from sand drying bed. Helpers and Operators are replacing and cleaning UV modules. We continue wasting in wedge and sand drying beds and wire drying beds. Operators and Helpers are mowing grass around plant and lift stations. JMF Contractor removed volute from 17th and Lee Lift Station. Second Quarter Bio Monitoring DMR reports were sent out. Contractor Rabalais replaced flow charts and transducer at the Lift Station on 1717 and replaced floats at the Golf Course Lift Station.

Wastewater Treatment South Plant - Operator cleaned clarifier troughs and shoveled sludge from sand drying beds. Crew is wasting in wedge wires and sand drying bed. Operators and helpers mowed grass around Plant and Lift Stations. Crews are wasting sludge into drying beds. The 2nd Quarter Bio Monitoring Samples were run.

Wastewater Collection – Had 4 call outs for sewer backups

2600 Young Drive

524 Helen Marie

Crews extended main and installed tap at 3902 Brahma Blvd.

Repaired 4 service lines

Crew raised 3 manholes one on Young Drive, another at Loves Truck Stop and one on Lee Ave.

Crew did 11 utility locates.

Crews replaced water sprinkler, picked up dirt and cleaned up area at Jay Vee and Chandler.

Crews installed new sewer line on 1206 W. King Ave. and fixed damaged fence at 328 E. Doddridge.

Crews cut invert on Ave D and on 10th St

Crew replaced manhole ring and cover on 12th St and Ave D.

They also pulled out motor at the 17th and Lee Lift Station and cut grass at the 3MGD North Plant.

Crew repaired main line at 1117 E. Fordyce Ave.

Crews replaced manhole ring and cover at Flores Park and fixed broken clean out tap at 801 S. 14th St.

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Crews changed grease fitting and added pin on the tractor at 3MGD.



Scheduled work for the week

Plant helper will be spraying week killer along fence lines and drying beds at 1 & 3 MGD

JAH-Con scheduled to calibrate flow meters at 3MGD and 1MGD plants.

Mendez Contractor will be installing a 2" airline in contact chamber of 1MGD plant.

Construction crews will be raising manholes for street repair on 12th St and they will also be vacuuming grease in line with vactor for El Corral Restaurant.

They continue to repair broken main at 1117 E. Fordyce and they will repair sewer service at 4300 Master's Drive.

We have Rabalais working on North Plant blower control.

Water Distribution (6/9 – 6/29)

Repaired 19 Main Breaks and answered approximately 58- Service Calls, 13 - Locates, 13 -Service line leaks, 7- Meter Leaks, 15- Backfills, 3 – Customer Side Leaks; 1– No Water Calls; 2– Turn off Water, 2 -Turn on and 1 – Low Pressure Calls

6"	Main Break	604 W. Johnston Ave.
6"	Main Break	234 W. Alice Ave.
8"	Main Break	431 Seale
3"	Main Break	813 Vela
6"	Main Break	328 W. Lee
4"	Main Break	502 W. Ella
3"	Main Break	1016 E. Nettie



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6"	Main Break	213 Candlewood
2"	Main Break	502 S. Wanda
6"	Main Break	Dick Kleberg Park
8"	Main Break	Mesquite and 2 nd St.
8"	Main Break	216 W. Henrietta Ave.
6"	Main Break	2 nd St and Santa Gertrudis Ave.
6"	Main Break	717 Santa Elena
4"	Main Break	1502 E. Huisache Ave
2"	Main Break	1100 Block E. King and 15 th St.
2"	Main Break	Feed Store on 6 th St.
2"	Main Break	302 Lemonwood
2"	Main Break	2801 Trant Rd.

Water crews completed 2" line on the 1200 block of E. Huisache Ave.

Crews completed cleanup of Richard Ave and 6th St. Water crews completed 6" water line for Caesar Silva on W. King Ave.

Water crews completed 8" water line replacement on N. 12th St.

Water crew has called in locates for the 600 block of W. Hoffman to replace old galvanized main.

Water crews will be working on the west side of town, isolating 18" water main to replace the last 2 transmission valves.

City Garage Division (6/9 – 6/29)

Maintenance - 19 Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 58 scheduled work orders; 57 nonscheduled work; 28 Service calls; 1 Call out; 7 New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 32 flat tire repairs and balances; 43 pending work orders. Unit 337 has a hydraulic leak and pistons replaced Unit 338 has a valve body leak. The garage needs to replace the boom on Unit 523 and fix the hydraulic leak on Unit 334.

Welder - 7 received work order and 5 pending work orders

Welder is remanufacturing Wastewater screens and the shaft on patching truck.

Solid Waste Division (6/9 – 6/29)

Landfill - (6/9 – 6/29) - Henry's Glass is repairing the D6-T dozers windshield. The Landfill Compactor will not start; we think it may be the battery. The teeth on the Scraper were replaced and now the hydraulic hose is leaking. The Scraper was back in service on June 16th. The Landfill Supervisor checked local landfills to find out what their tire disposal rates are. Rivera Cellular came out to set up new internet service. The Landfill Supervisor has been working on the budget. The Street Dept. has been hauling asphalt and caliche to the Landfill. The County has been hauling dirt from Carlos Truan Blvd. and the General Cavazos Blvd. ditch. The Landfill Supervisor met with Bill Donnell Assistant Public Works

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Director and Naismith Engineering regarding invoicing. Tim Butkay from Holt Cat came out to check out the condition of our scraper. We also had Fox Nursery come out to draft out some landscaping possibilities for the entrance of the Landfill.

313.6 tons; Litter – 1.64; Sludge – tons; Metals –.06 tons; Tires – 1.18 tons and Recycled Tires – 15.59 tons.

Sanitation - Residential waste collected from 6/9 – 6/29 – **930,680** pounds; Commercial waste collected **992,965** pounds; Brush collected **174,720** pounds and construction debris collected **103,380** pounds. The brush crew completed picking up brush in Zone 3 and they picked up White Goods in this zone on Friday June 27, 2014. The brush crew is in Zone 4 at this time. Crews are also working on abatements and demos when possible. Sanitation is also helping with the enclosure suggestions in the City for the dumpsters used in commercial collections. The phase III of the project has now been released for bid submittal and bids have been received and the bid was awarded. Work to erect enclosures has begun. Sanitation has also been helping the Library enhance their new garden area by lining it with bricks. Sanitation has also been cleaning the small braches off of trees on North 6th St and removing dead limbs and tree in the same area. Sanitation has been helping the Street Dept. with one mower on Wednesday and Thursday for the past 3 weeks. Sanitation has now taken over watering new trees planted around the city and does this on Wednesdays; Recycling for the month of May totaled 24.85 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

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

Purchasing Division



Purchase Orders

Purchasing issued 160 Purchase Orders valued at \$576,989.93.

P-Card Statements

P-Card reviews have begun. We have also begun implementing the new electronic version of the P-Card. We have begun with one department and hope to have it to every department for next month's P-Card Statements.

P-Card Purchases – Do's and Don'ts

Always check to make sure you were not charged taxes. Taxes are **only** allowed on hotel stays and prepared foods.

If you are using your P-Card for same day travel make sure you stay within your allotted limit or you will have to pay back the difference. Receipts and itemized receipts are to be included.

If it is same day travel but with multiple days to the same location, ask for a travel advance.

If you use your P-Card anywhere outside the City limits, make sure you include back-up paperwork as to where you went and why.

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Technology Division

IT staff completed a wizard style form that should easily convert to Incode and provide more detailed approach to filling out and correctly completing p-card statements. The new method has all expense account codes preloaded into the system and has form based data as opposed to entering data into a cell with no validation

Purchasing Card Record					
CARD HOLDER NAME/ SIGNATURE			CARD NUMBER		
DEPARTMENT NAME / NUMBER			SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE		
PHONE NUMBER			CITY MANAGER'S SIGNATURE		
<p>By signing above, I attest to the accuracy of the account coding and that the purchases are for a necessary and authorized public purpose and not for private use. You are also verifying that all receipts for charges and credits are attached.</p> <p><small>Attach ALL receipts for each purchase and return on the current billing statement. Include ALL transactions, including charges and credits for returns, sales tax, etc..</small></p>					
			BILLING PERIOD		
			FROM	TO	
ACCOUNT NUMBER	RECEIPT NUM	TRANS DATE	DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT

P-Card Form

View / Print Receipts

Clear Cells

P-Card Form

Employee Name	Last Four Card #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	Department Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Department Name	
<input type="text"/>	
Next>>	

Item Entry Form

Department	Item Amount
<input type="text" value="IT"/>	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Credit
Subaccount	Item Description
<input type="text" value="Minor Eq/Furniture"/>	<input type="text"/>
Account Number	Add Item
<input type="text" value="001-5-1902-21700"/>	
<<Back	Cancel
New Receipt	

Also, using this method will allow finance to better track in Incode the purchases made through the P-card program.

Technology Budget

IT staff is working with Finance to ensure the quality of the changes that we are going to make to the budgeting process this year. Currently, we are looking at ways to streamline both the purchasing, acquisition and deployment of computer and software related assets. The most challenging task will be to

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organize prior to the beginning of the fiscal year the needs for the entire year. In order to accomplish this IT staff will set out to replace only a set number of computers, switches, servers and software a year. This number will be determined by a business case which includes: age of the machine, effectiveness, mission necessity, issues with current machine. Therefore, it is imperative that all staff requesting new computer equipment meet with me prior to the completion of the budgeting process. This will increase efficiencies and purchasing power of the IT staff, and will reduce wait time for staff to receive machines.

Website

Technology staff migrated all data on the old FAQ sections to the new GovQa site. This was a labor intensive project as we had multiple sites on the FAQ with little to no information. However, now all of the FAQ information is conveniently held in the GovQA sections of the website. We hope that this will encourage users to update and check data on a regular basis.

Exchange 365

Technology staff has made the initial investments to upgrade the current email system to the Exchange 365 platform. This will increase both the availability and size of email boxes from 2GB to 50GB. In addition, users will be able to share large files online across different networks. We will begin the migration as soon as the final paperwork is submitted. This change will cause emails to be down 24-48 hours staff will be notified before this occurs.

Rachetx Integration

Technology staff has worked with Finance to finalize the integration.

RISK MANAGEMENT (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Risk Manager)

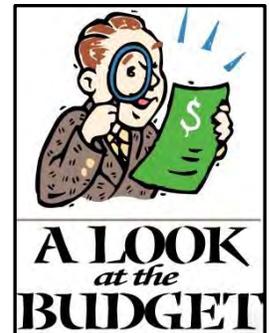
Risk Manager & Jonathan Swindle discuss City of Kingsville website improvements

Jonathan Swindle (Web Developer) and Melissa Perez Risk Manager met on Wednesday July 2nd to discuss improvements to the Risk Management page on the City of Kingsville website. One of the new items that will be on the main page of the website will be an (Emergency Alert Warning Bar) public alert and warning tools are essential to save lives and protect property during times of national, state, regional, and local emergencies. An emergency alert warning is used to alert and inform citizens of any local weather alerts, road closures, chemical spills etc. Other improvements are being made to the website and a soft launch is scheduled for Thursday July 3, 2014.



Working on Risk Management Budget for Approval

A budget helps to aid the planning of actual operations by forcing managers to consider how the conditions might change and what steps should be taken now and by encouraging managers to consider problems before they arise. It also helps co-ordinate the activities of the organization by compelling managers to examine relationships between their own operation and those of other departments. Other essentials of budget



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include: Controlling resources, communicating plans to various responsibility center managers, motivate managers to strive to achieve budget goals, evaluate the performance of managers, and provide visibility into the company's performance and accountability.

Employee Recognition & Safety Committee continue to plan for 2014 Christmas Banquet

the **Employee Recognition and Safety Committee** has been hard at work planning the 2014 Christmas Banquet which will be held at the Henrietta Memorial Center (Ice house) on December 5, 2014. The theme of the evening will have western flair and the menu will be Texas Barbecue with all the fixings. Every year the City of Kingsville recognizes all employees by having an employee appreciation

safety week. At the end of the safety week on Friday city employees can kick up their boots to a celebration of music- food-entertainment and recognition.



Risk Manager completes TML Rerate Exposure Summary for 2014

The rerate exposure summary advises TML (Texas Intergovernmental Risk Pool) about changes to the city's operations on an annual basis. The Interlocal agreement requires each member to provide updated information to the Pool annually. The information provided in the rerate exposure summary is used to determine the member's contribution. It also alerts the Pool of changes in operations and exposures that might require additional risk management assistance. Prompt submission ensures that the Pool can provide the new contributions in time for budget preparation.



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What comes with a Hurricane?

Hurricane is a severe tropical storm, that forms in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico or in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Hurricanes need warm tropical oceans, moisture and light winds above them. In the right conditions a hurricane can produce violent winds, incredible waves, torrential rains and floods. Hurricanes rotate in a counterclockwise direction around an "eye." And have winds at least 74 miles per hour. There are on average six Atlantic hurricanes each year; over a 3-year period, approximately five hurricanes strike the United States coastline from Texas to Maine. When hurricanes move onto land, the heavy rain, strong winds and heavy waves can damage buildings, trees and cars. The heavy waves are called a storm surge. Storm surge is very dangerous and a major reason why you MUST stay away from the ocean during a hurricane warning or hurricane.



Heavy Equipment Inspections and Training

City of Kingsville public works employees work diligently on streets everyday with heavy motorized equipment. Employees are trained and supervised on the job on how to operate small and large equipment.



Risk Manager continues to conduct safety training; department supervisors also conduct specialized trainings to their staff on a monthly basis. The Risk Manager oversees all training conducted and conducts regular inspections of work sites.

Risk Manager & Staff Attend Celanese Tour & Luncheon

In the past one hundred years, Celanese has transformed into a global technology and specialty materials

company with leading businesses in key geographic regions. With a focus on safety, innovation, productivity, performance and results, Bishop Celanese is positioned to achieve significant future growth and deliver exceptional results for everyone. The Risk Manager



and staff were invited to attend a tour of the Celanese Bishop Plant and Luncheon on June 16th 2014.

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

Fun Fact

Having quality landscaping and vegetation in and around the places where people work and study is a good investment. Both visual access and being within green space helps to restore the mind's ability to focus. This can improve job and school performance, and help alleviate mental stress and illness.—
http://depts.washington.edu/hhwb/Thm_Mental.html

Landscaping Projects Beautify Library

Patrons visiting the library will notice some new color around the grounds as two recent landscaping projects took aim at beautifying the library by offering more appealing landscaping for visitors and



passersby. The courtyard area underwent a complete transformation thanks to the efforts of Poetry Café founder Mrs. Natalie Arispe. Mrs. Arispe initiated the idea for the poetry garden, tilled the soil, planted the wildflowers, and decorated the garden. A special thanks to Mr. Luke Stevens and his crew, Mr. Daniel Rios and Mr. Emilio Soliz, from the city's

Sanitation Department, who built the beautiful walkway. The Poetry Garden, which was once just an open, grassy area, now invites patrons to take a small stroll and enjoy the view of seasonal flora. While strolling in the garden, patrons and visitors are encouraged to read poetry by local poets displayed on the garden's walls. The currently featured poems are from *Views from the Saddle* by Ray A. Twist. Mrs. Arispe will display the works of other local poets in the future. In addition to the Poetry Garden, a brick planter also located in the courtyard is now thriving with seasonal wildflowers. Garden visitors can enjoy watching various native birds partake of the seasonal foliage and the wild seed bird feeder. Drop by the library at 440 N. 4th Street, and relax in this tranquil environment.

In addition, landscaping improvements to the front entrance of the library were accomplished thanks to joint efforts from various entities that included Keep Kingsville Beautiful, City of Kingsville Sanitation Department, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, and NAS Kingsville. Luke Stevens and his crew



prepared the ground for planting, and the organizations planted the flowers and hedges. The highlight of all of the landscaping projects was the brickwork installed in the front and on the side of the library by Daniel Rios and

Emilio Soliz. The library has received many compliments about the new landscaping from patrons,

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neighbors, and passersby. Residents have stated that the grounds' new appearance has brought some outdoor life to a building that services so many, day in and day out. The Library is extremely grateful for the outstanding job of all those who participated in beautifying the library's landscape. Now, the library's exterior is more lively and inviting. These landscaping projects advance the city's efforts to "improve the appearance of our community." Come by and enjoy the beauty of nature at your library.

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

Four Ordered to Prison in Firearms Trafficking Conspiracy

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Four people residing in Houston have been ordered to prison for their roles in a conspiracy to traffic dozens of AK-47 variant rifles from the Houston area to Mexico, announced United States Attorney Kenneth Magidson along with Robert Elder, special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Mexican nationals Abel Lopez, 35, and Arturo Garcia, 31; and Roberto Santana Mears, 22, and Martha Gonzales, 41, all pleaded guilty at varying times earlier this year as did Javier Resendez, 29, Angel Aquino-Pineda, 28, and Mary Bel Deanda, 39. All reside in Houston.

U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos handed Lopez, who was also convicted of being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm, to a total of 180 months in federal prison, while Mears, Garcia and Gonzalez were ordered to serve respective terms of 36, 46 and 36 months. In handing down the sentence, Judge Ramos admonished Lopez that he was just fueling the violence in his very own country. Earlier this month, Aquino-Pineda was ordered to serve 100 months in federal prison. Resendez and Bel Deanda will be sentenced July 18, 2014.

In 2013, the Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force conducted a traffic stop on a truck driven by Aquino-Pineda in Kingsville and located 35 AK-47 variant rifles and \$26,000 concealed in a false compartment. Seven of the rifles had obliterated serial numbers. Aquino-Pineda admitted his role was to transport the firearms from Houston to McAllen. The firearms would then be transported to Mexico.

ATF agents traced the firearms to Houston purchasers Deanda, Gonzales and Mears, who admitted they were "straw purchasers" for Resendez. Resendez indicated Garcia recruited him to purchase firearms for Lopez and that the firearms would be taken to Mexico. Resendez then recruited Deanda and Gonzales to "straw purchase" the firearms on his behalf. Mears admitted he was also a "straw purchaser" for Lopez.



On January 24, 2014, agents executed a warrant at Lopez's residence and located two Norinco, Model MAK90, 7,62x39mm AK-47 style rifles; one Baretta, Model 3032, Tomcat .32 caliber pistol; and \$955.

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Lopez told agents that Garcia and Mears had purchased several firearms for him and that the firearms were to be sent to Mexico.

ATF investigated with the assistance of the Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Hugo R. Martinez and Jeffrey D. Preston are prosecuting the case.

Two Subjects Detained and Turned Over to Border Patrol

On Wednesday June 25, 2014 at approximately 11:50 AM Kingsville Task Force Agent Jason McGee conducted a traffic stop on a Gold in color 2006 Chevy Trail Blazer for a traffic violation. During the roadside interview with the driver who identified himself as Celso Rios, Agent McGee noticed the driver appeared to be overly nervous. During a consensual search of his wallet, Agent McGee located a Federal Prison Card that was issued to an Arturo Gamboa. The picture appeared to be an exact match of the driver Rios. McGee called for back up and ran the name and date of birth located on the ID card. The return stated Gamboa had been arrested before for Re-Entry into the United States without having proper status. Other Kingsville Task Force Agents back up units arrived and detained Gamboa and the passenger Garcia for the U.S. Border Patrol. Both subjects were later turned over to U.S. Border Patrol Agents and the Trail Blazer was impounded by a local wrecker service.

Destruction Burn of Narcotics and Paraphernalia

On Monday June 30, 2014 the Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force completed a successful destruction of over 800 pounds of marijuana and numerous other types of narcotics and paraphernalia from cases dating back to 1994 thru 2003. The burn was the result of hard work by Task Force Agents verifying that these old cases were disposed of and the destruction orders had been properly issued. The Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force would like to thank the Kenedy County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with this burn.

Two Arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana

Also on Monday June 30, 2014 at approximately 8:26 AM Kingsville Task Force Agent Jason McGee conducted a traffic stop on a 2014 Chevy Silverado pick-up for a traffic violation. During the roadside interview Agent McGee noticed the driver and passenger appeared to be overly nervous and both had conflicting stories. A minor child was also traveling with the two front seat occupants.



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During a consensual search of the pick-up Kingsville Task Force Agents recovered 1.3 grams of methamphetamine, .5 grams of marijuana, and 22 pills of Xanax. The driver and passenger were both transported to the Kleberg County Jail where they were booked in for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana, and Endangering a Child.

TOURISM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Cynthia Martin, Interim Director)

Flag Day, June 14th



Flags lined East Kleberg on Flag Day

4th of July bunting goes up at the Pavilion

Victor Fuentes and Israel Elizondo, King Ranch employees, assisted with the installation of the bunting at the pavilion and the Centennial Bandstand. Thank you, King Ranch,



for the use of your bunting and providing two people to install it!



Kingsville Historic Downtown District Association

**Downtown Kingsville
4th of July Window Decorating Contest**



If you own a business in Downtown Kingsville, you don't want to miss our store Window Decorating Contest for the 4th of July! Help draw attention to your storefront with a spectacular window display. The more festive our Downtown is, the more inviting we are to the community to come shop.

*The winning business will receive a free 1/2 page ad in the Kingsville Record**

Add to that shop windows decorated for the holiday, thanks to a promotion by the KHDDA, and flags up and down Main Street the downtown looked great for the community parade and celebration. Thanks to also to Public Works for making sure the downtown streets were freshly cleaned and the grass mowed at the park.

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City Team in June 14th Pitmasters' Shootout BBQ Cookoff at Dick Kleberg Park

The Texas Gamblers barbeque team of **Bill Donnell**, **Frank Garcia** and **Joe Casillas** of the city's Public Works department cooked up some mighty good 'que for the cookoff. They didn't take home any prizes but their brisket they shared with hungry co-workers was a winner in my book! Sixty five teams signed up from all over Texas so the competition was stiff.



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Kids Get into the Cookoff Action

Kids got into the cookoff action as well with the first ever Kids Que Shootout BBQ Cookoff organized by Susan Ivy, Director Kingsville/Kleberg County Parks and Recreation Department.



The Cook Off is Good for Others Too

Vendors set up a market inside the JK Northway Expo Center escaping the hot day selling everything from pottery to produce. Tommie Sue Reeves of the downtown shop, TaZoChel, is shown waiting on a couple of customers. Tourism had a table where they promoted the upcoming Ranch Hand Festival handing out free raffle tickets to win one of five packages containing a festival t-shirt plus other goodies.



DIVA Scholarship Pageant June 21st

The Kingsville DIVA Association held their annual pageant on Saturday, June 21st at Jones Auditorium. Ms. Mary Lou Pena was crowned 2014 Ms. DIVA and Miss Lauren Chacon was crowned 2014 Miss Jr. DIVA. Ms. Pena single handedly raised over \$8,000 for the scholarships. Mr. Pena is well-known in the community for her volunteerism and gentle spirit. Eighteen scholarships to local students planning to attend a variety of colleges and universities were presented at the event.

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TACVB Seminar in San Antonio

2015 Texas State Guide- Kingsville Pages - TxDOT is putting together their annual Texas State Guide – the Kingsville pages are shown below.

Listing in the Guide is free to qualifying attractions i.e. a cultural, historical, or recreational destination that appeals to a broad spectrum of tourists and highlights the assets of the state of Texas. They do not accept routine businesses.



Cynthia Martin, Interim Tourism Director, attended a Fundamentals Seminar sponsored by the Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus in San Antonio June 23rd. The seminar included sessions on destination marketing fundamentals, economic development and visitor spending, and an in-depth look at the proper and legal ways a community can utilize city and county hotel occupancy taxes. John Osborne of the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance spoke on ways to demonstrate that tourism is an important component of a community's economic development strategy. Scott Joslove, Texas Hotel Lodging Association, ran an informative question and answer session on use of hotel occupancy taxes. Shown is David Dwyer, Executive Director, TACVB.

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daily; closed Thanksgiving Day and Dec. 25.
215 Kipp Ave. From I-45, take NASA Road 1 east to Texas 146; south on Texas 146. 281/535-8100.
www.kemahboardwalk.com.

KINGSVILLE
POP. 26,376 ALT. 66 MAP V-17

Kingsville Visitor Center: Open 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Mon.–Fri. and 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Sat. 1501 U.S. 77. 800/333-5032 or 361/592-8516. www.kingsvilletexas.com.

GENERAL—Located in the Wild Horse Desert, just west of the Gulf of Mexico, this is the birthplace of the American ranching industry. It originated as a town along the railroad built by the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railway Company. Henrietta King, of the famous King Ranch, donated land for the railway. On July 4, 1904, the first passenger train pulled through town. Kingsville became the Kleberg County seat in 1913.

Today, the city is a birding and wildlife hotspot, with more than 1 million acres of habitat. Kingsville is home to the King Ranch, Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas A&M-Kingsville, and agricultural and ranching industries. An array of shops and restaurants—Western wear, leather goods, crafts, antiques and jewelry—are nestled in the historic downtown.

DEPOT TRAIN MUSEUM—Restored 1904 Depot Museum in downtown Kingsville displays artifacts and history highlighting the railroads' impact on the city. A reproduction of the original 1904 bandstand sits next to the museum to offer a shady respite for visitors. Open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Mon.–Sat. Free. 104 E. Kleberg St. 351/592-8516.

JOHN E. CONNER MUSEUM—*The Hall of South Texas History* has displays of Native American, Mexican and pioneer Texan cultures, plus ranching and agriculture equipment. *The Hall of Natural History* features plants and animals of South Texas shown in natural habitats. The *Graves Peeler Hall of Horns* features animal mounts. The *Discovery Area* has specimens for hands-on examination. Exhibits are rotated throughout the year. Open 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Mon.–Fri. and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Sat.; closed University holidays. Free admission; donations accepted. 905 W. Santa Gertrudis Ave. on the campus of Texas A&M-Kingsville. 361/593-2810.

KING RANCH—This National Historic Landmark was established in 1853 when Capt. Richard King bought 68,500 acres of Spanish and Mexican land grants. Today, King Ranch sprawls across 825,000 acres of South Texas land. It is a working ranch.

King Ranch Visitor Center is open 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Mon.–Sat. and noon–5 p.m. Sun. Historical and guided tours are offered daily. Nature tours showcase the ranch's abundant wildlife and birds. Available by reservation. Special group tours also are available. Admission charge. Entrance is immediately west of Kingsville off Texas 141. Tour information and reservations: 361/592-8055.

KING RANCH MUSEUM—In a renovated downtown ice plant, the museum features ranch photos by award-winning photographer Toni Frissell. It also has collections of antique coaches, vintage cars, saddles and other historic ranch items. Open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Mon.–Sat. and 1–5 p.m. Sun. Admission charge. 405 N. Sixth St. 361/595-1881.

KING RANCH SADDLE SHOP—Unsuccessful in finding quality saddles and leather goods, Capt. Richard King began operating his own saddlery shop more than 150 years ago. Through the years, the shop has outfitted governors, presidents and foreign heads



WILL VAN OVERBEEK /TXDOT

The famous King Ranch has its own saddle shop, which offers boots and leather items to the public.

of state. Open 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Mon.–Sat. 201 E. Kleberg. 361/595-5761 or 800/282-KING.

PARKS—*Riviera Beach* and *Loyola Beach* are salt-water recreational areas on the upper reaches of Baffin Bay, southeast of Kingsville. Baffin Bay off Laguna Madre, is known for saltwater trout and red drum fishing. *Kauffer-Hubert Memorial Park & Sea Wind RV Resort* has a boat ramp, campground, swimming beach, picnic areas, playground, fishing pier and other amenities. 361/297-5738. Fishing pier and bait-tackle shop also are available at Riviera Beach Park. From U.S. 77 south, access to parks via F.M. 628 and F.M. 771.

LA MARQUE
POP. 14,930 ALT. 12 MAP R-22/VV-18

Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce: 9702 E.F. Lowry Expressway. 409/935-1408. www.texascitychamber.com.

GENERAL—This city was originally known as Highlands, probably for its location near Highland Creek. It was renamed in the 1890s when residents learned of another mainland community of the same name. Madam St. Ambrose, postmistress, chose the name, which means "the mark" in French. During the Civil War, the town was known as Buttermilk Station after

the soldiers' practice of purchasing buttermilk there on the trip between Galveston and Houston. In 1867, the town had six families and its residents raised cattle or grew rice. By 1914, four railroads reached the community—the International and Great Northern; the Galveston, Houston and Henderson; the Missouri, Kansas and Texas; and the Interurban.

GULF GREYHOUND PARK—The complex features three levels, each with dining and viewing options. Other unique features include 318 teller windows and more than 1,100 closed-circuit televisions. Tables in the Terrace Clubhouse (reservations recommended) overlook the track. Evening races begin at 7 p.m. Tue. and Thu.–Sat. Matinee races are at noon Wed. and 1:30 p.m. Sun. One block west of I-45 South at Exit 15. 409/986-9500 or 800/ASK-2WIN.

HIGHLAND BAYOU PARK—Offers volleyball, tennis, basketball and horseshoe areas, plus fishing ponds and picnic tables. Open dawn–dusk. I-45 south at Exit 10. 409/938-9200.

LA PORTE
POP. 34,421 ALT. 28 MAP Q-22/SS-17

La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce: 281/471-1123. www.laportechamber.org. 281/471-5020. www.laportetx.gov.

Gateway to Texas' Independence

While in La Porte, also visit...

- ★ Sylvan Beach and the Annual Sylvan Beach Festival in April
- ★ Historic Sylvan Beach Pavilion
- ★ Historic Main Street
- ★ Battleship Texas
- ★ Armand Bayou Nature Center
- ★ Houston Bayport Cruise Terminal

"Home of the San Jacinto Battleground and Monument" ★ 281.471.5020 ★ www.laportetx.gov

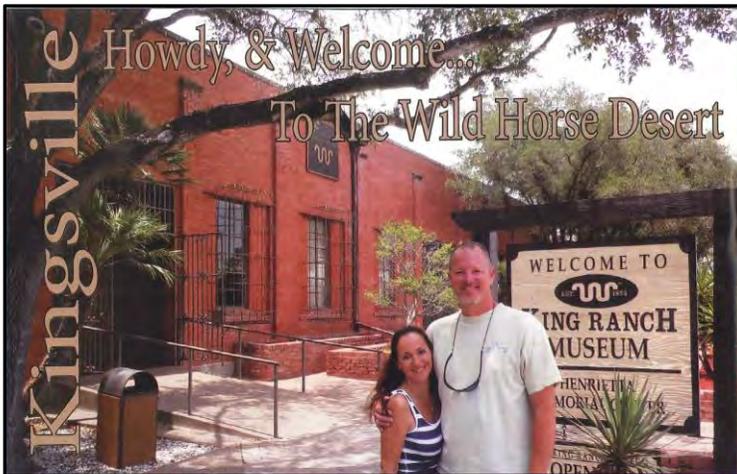
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Included are the Visitor Center, the Depot Museum, the Conner Museum, King Ranch, King Ranch Museum, King Ranch Saddle Shop, Kaufer-Hubert Memorial Park and Baffin Bay.

The *Texas State Travel Guide* is included in the travel information packets (along with the *Texas Official Travel Map*) provided to individuals interested in traveling to and within the Lone Star State. It is distributed through www.TravelTex.com, at the 12 Texas Travel Information Centers and to requestors in response to advertising by the Office of the Governor—Economic Development and Tourism



Summer travel to Kingsville promoted in Texas Now Magazine



Families were invited to include Kingsville in their summer vacation plans in the July edition of Texas Now magazine. They were invited to visit our museums, shop in our historic downtown, tour the King Ranch and visit the university campus. Stay a second day and drive down to Baffin Bay or down to Sarita to see the Kenedy Ranch Museum.

Texas Now magazine besides being distributed to south Texas towns is available at all twelve Texas Travel Centers and online at texasnowmag.com. Each issue is dropped at several locations in each town and is free to the reader.

Local Businesses Market on-line via Shop Across Texas.com

This website not only promotes businesses that join their service but it includes promotion of their city. Businesses from 44 different cities in Texas promote themselves on shopacrosstexas.com from Dallas to Salado to Austin to West and in between. Another means to bring visitors to the city.

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The screenshot shows the 'Shop Across Texas' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site logo, a search bar, a 'SUBSCRIBE' button, and a 'BLOGS' button. Below the navigation bar, there are several menu items: 'BROWSE BY CITY', 'BROWSE BY CATEGORY', '2014 HIT LIST', 'DISCOUNTS', 'BEST IN TEXAS', and 'SHOPPING TRIPS'. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'home > browse by city > kingsville'. On the left side, there is a 'KINGSVILLE HIT LIST' section with the tagline 'Stores you can't miss!' and a 'SHOP KINGSVILLE BY CATEGORY' section listing 'western wear'. The main article is titled 'Kingsville Shoe Repair - Kingsville' and includes a photograph of the shop's sign. The article text describes the shop as a 'little gem' and mentions Felipe Mejia, who has been working there for 25 years. At the bottom of the article, there are 'Map' and 'Share' buttons. On the right side, there are social media sharing options and a 'Quick Links' section with a link to 'Kingsville's Best in Texas'.

SHOP ACROSS TEXAS DOT COM

WHERE TO SHOP WHEN YOU TRAVEL. WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE HERE.

Search

SUBSCRIBE »

BLOGS

BROWSE BY CITY BROWSE BY CATEGORY 2014 HIT LIST DISCOUNTS BEST IN TEXAS SHOPPING TRIPS

home > browse by city > kingsville

My Page 0 Items Tell Us

Share your Kingsville favorites with us!

Quick Links:

Kingsville's Best in Texas

KINGSVILLE HIT LIST
Stores you can't miss!

SHOP KINGSVILLE BY CATEGORY
western wear

King Ranch Saddle Shop

Kingsville Shoe Repair

What is the HIT LIST?



Kingsville Shoe Repair - Kingsville

We know that you're thinking: a shoe repair place? Stay with us, because you might just want to keep this little gem to yourself after realizing how affordable a pair of their custom cowboy boots can be. Felipe Mejia is the man you'll want to see, whose counters are piled high with photo albums of his finished works—he has been at this location for 25 years and has been making boots since he was nine years old.

Map Share

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MORE TO DO IN KINGSVILLE



Kingsville



What We Love Right Now



Kingsville

Kingsville is a big deal because it's home to the famous King Ranch. That's the actual ranch, not the casserole. That came later. King Ranch is registered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as the birthplace of the American Ranching Industry, and the ranch itself happens to be larger than the state of Rhode Island. The King Ranch Saddle Shop is one of our favorites and carries all the ranch gear you could possibly imagine, plus the entire line of King Ranch-branded items.

Promoting Birding in the Area

Thomas Langscheid and Jim Sinclair, King Ranch birding tour guides, are graciously lending their expertise to update and make corrections to Tourism's current list of local birding spots and species that can be expected to be seen there. There are two regional birding festivals coming in the next few months – the HummerBird Celebration in Rockport-Fulton, an “area is known for is abundance of birds of all types, most notably the multitude of hummingbirds that fly through every year as they migrate to Mexico for the winter” according to USA Today (see their website under Travel) in mid-September and the Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival in early November. These festivals represent a good venue to promote area birding and our Ranch Hand Festival in late November.



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Postcards to Poland

Apparently our Tourism website is far-reaching. On July 2nd we received a request from Poland sent through our Contact Us form to howdy@kingsvilletexas.com for postcards of our 'charming city.' We will be sending a collection of Kingsville postcards to Poland.



*Dear Sir/Madam,
My name is Lukasz and I live in a small town in southern Poland. I am a postcard collector. I would be very glad if you could advise me how I can get a postcard from such charming city as Kingsville. I look forward to hearing from you.*

*Yours sincerely,
Lukasz*

New Business Downtown– Trendsetter T's at 611 E Kleberg

Jackie & John Guerrero moved their business to a vacant building in the 600 block of East Kleberg about two months ago. Their three year old t-shirt business had outgrown their last location. They are also happy to have retail space as up to this point all their business has been done through orders placed via phone or email. The retail shop just opened. The making of the t-shirts is done in the rear of the building and they continue to take large orders for custom t-shirts



Downtown Improvements

Obsolete Sign Removed - The obsolete sign at 322 E Kleberg (shown down the street on the photo on the left) has been taken down and other obsolete signs on downtown buildings are slated for removal as well. An obsolete sign, according to code, is one which, for at least 90 consecutive days, has not identified or advertised a bona fide business. Community Appearance has been citing building owners for obsolete and abandoned signs downtown.



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Upcoming Art Exhibits in Kingsville

Ben Bailey Art Gallery Exhibit July 1 – August 28, 2014 – An exhibit of the paintings of Rigoberto A Gonzalez merges historic folklore and contemporary border issues. Mr. Gonzalez lives in Harlingen and is an Adjunct Professor at Texas Pan American.



Rigoberto Gonzalez. La Guia (The Guide). Courtesy of the Artist.

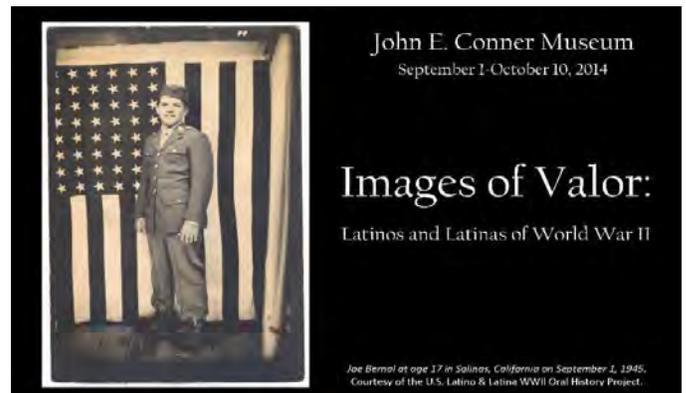
KINGSVILLE — The latest art exhibit at the Ben Bailey Art Gallery on the Texas A&M University-Kingsville campus is both historic and thought-provoking.

Tierra de Nadie (Nobody's Land) by Rigoberto A. Gonzalez brings his theme of merging historic folklore and contemporary border issues to light in this show that runs from Tues., July 1 through Thurs., Aug. 28.

Gonzalez will give an artist talk at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 28 in The Little Theatre. A closing reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 28 in the Bailey Art Gallery.

Conner Museum Seeks Photos of Area WWII Latino & Latina Veterans for Exhibit September 1 – October 10, 2014

A photographic and oral history exhibit from the U.S. Latino & Latina WWII Oral History Project, the exhibit will focus on individual stories delving into the themes of citizenship and civil rights. The Museum will also display photographs of area WWII Latino & Latina veterans brought in by family members. As always admission is free.



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

Regular Commission Meetings (Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers)

Monday, July 14, 2014 6:00 p.m.
 Monday, July 28, 2014 6:00 p.m.
 Monday, August 11, 2014 6:00 p.m.
 Monday, August 25, 2014 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)

Thursday, July 17, 2014 3:00 p.m.
 Thursday, July 31, 2014 3:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)

Planning and Zoning Board	Wednesday, July 16, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, July 16, 2014	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	TBA	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	TBA	11:00 a.m.

Board Meetings (Respective Location)

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

Reminders:

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

Board Name	Vacancies	Recommendations
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