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*"Talk is cheap, except when Congress does it."* Cullen Hightower, [www.quotegarden.com](http://www.quotegarden.com)

*"Everybody wants to eat at the government's table, but nobody wants to do the dishes."* Werner Fink, [www.quotegarden.com](http://www.quotegarden.com)

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

**Good Job Award!!!**

On 10-31-14 several Kingsville Police Officers participated in the City of Kingsville Halloween Festival that took place in downtown Kingsville.

**Patrolman Ernesto Martinez #81** came dressed as Robocop and assisted his fellow officers with building community relations with the public. He assisted in passing out Halloween candy and helped the winners who won the raffle pick out their bicycles. He also took several photographs with children and spoke to them



about Halloween Safety. He was very popular amongst the crowd that attended the event. I recommend



**Ernesto Martinez, Patrolman  
Kingsville Police Department**

he be recognized for his dedication to the Kingsville Police Department and continued service to his community. Thank you for considering Ernesto Martinez for the Good Job Award.

**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*

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**2014 Good Job Awards**

Ernesto Martinez	Police/Patrol	11/24/14	Community Service to our kids
Jennifer Bernal	Planning/Community Appear	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
MaryAnn Trejo	Planning/Community Appear	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Kristina Phillips	Planning/Community Appear	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Mary Jane Lopez	Planning/Community Appear	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Allen Martinez	Planning/Community Appear	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Eric Ovideo	Planning/Community Appear	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Mary Valenzuela	City Manager's Office	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Carol Rogers	Engineering/Public Works.	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Theresa Cavazos	Planning/Permits	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Sharam Santillan	Engineering	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Daniella Herrera	Engineering	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Austin Jurica	Engineering	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Arnoldo Castillo	Engineering	11/10/14	Assisting the Fall Festival
Mike Tamez	Kingsville Task Force	10/27/14	High initiative / interagency cooperation.
Cynthia Martin	Tourism Dept.	10/13/14	Helping when help was needed
Beth Greenwell	Human Resources Dept.	9/22/14	Dedicated service to all
Arturo Cruz	Water Const. Division	9/8/14	Good work valued by customer
Manuel Acuna	Water Const. Division	9/8/14	Good work valued by customer
Jesse Rivera	Water Const. Division	9/8/14	Good work valued by customer
Jose Garcia	Water Const. Division	9/8/14	Good work valued by customer
Maryann Trejo	Planning/City Appearance	8/25/14	Gaining cooperation from customers
Kristina Gomez	Planning/City Appearance	8/25/14	Gaining cooperation from customers
Mary Valenzuela	City Secretary	8/11/14	Professional recognition by peers
Ernest Espinosa	City County Health Dept.	7/28/14	Caring and compassionate service
Timothy Flores	Public Works/ Landfill	7/14/14	Helpful advice/good customer service
City Streets Crews	Public Works / Streets	6/23/14	Doing more than is required
Jerry Trevino	Utility 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

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

**Administration Division**

**Economic Forum & Luncheon**

The Texas A&M University Kingsville, College of Business Administration, sponsored their Fall 2014 Economic Forum and luncheon. The event was on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Memorial Student Union Building Ballrooms A & B. Featured speakers were Ms. Barbara Canales, J.D.-Commissioner, Port of Corpus Christi and Attorney at Law. Ms. Canales topic was the Global Economic Prosperity Begins Here! Dr. Thomas Krueger, Professor at Texas A&M University-Kingsville spoke about the Eagle Ford Shale's Impact on Kleberg County in comparison to Jim Wells and Live Oak Counties. The Economic Forum was well attended by Business owners, Community and Civic Leaders, Elected Officials, City of Kingsville Department Directors and staff. The Economic Forum served as one of our Professional Development Programs for all Department Heads, supervisor and staff. We are looking forward to next year's Economic Forum. Below are a few pictures of the Economic Forum Luncheon.



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**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.

October 31-November 14

Whataburger/14 <sup>th</sup> -94	Lydia's-93	Valerio Corner Store-97
Harrell Elementary -95	HEB/Meat Market-96	HEB/Sushiya-87
HEB/Grocery Store-90	HEB/Seafood Market-89	HEB/Bakery-100
Subway/Armstrong-100	Santa Gertrudis School-95	Methodist Dev.Cntr-100
Taiwan Family Rest - 88	JC3 Mart-97	Sirloin Stackade-72
HM King High School-92	Academy High School-100	Gillette School Cafeteria-100
A&J Super Stop-92	Elk's Lodge-100	Aspire to Lead Academy-100
Butch's-96	Pizza Parlor-91	TAMUK/Sushic,-93
TAMUK/Turner Bishop Café-93	TAMUK/Pizza Hut-100	TAMUK/POD Mkt-100

**Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Classes**

		Regular Food Handler Class/Health Department
Food Handler Class	12 Students	
Kingsway Church	17 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class
Kleberg County Human Services	6 Students	Regular Food Handler Class
St. Gertrude's Church	15 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class

**Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events**

Benefit Fundraiser-Anna Gomez	Temp Food Event-Brisket sandwich, Chips and Soda
Lone Star Hawaiian Ice	Temporary Food Event-Mobile Concession

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**Animal Control Center Division**

**Animal Control-Pet Adoption Day**

The City-County Health Department-Animal Control Division recently held their monthly Pet Adoption Day at our local Tractor Supply Company. The event was on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Several dogs and kittens were displayed for the public to see and pet. Unfortunately no dogs or cats were adopted. A big thanks to Animal Care Attendant, Teresa Orr and Jessica Montalvo, Customer Service Representative for all that you do in helping get sheltered animals adopted. The City-County Health Department would like to thank Tractor Supply Company and Tammy Mungia, Tractor Supply Company Store Manager for there year round support and allowing us to have a monthly pet adoption day at their store. It's through your continuous generosity and support that many dogs and cats have had a second chance in life and taken to a forever home. Below are a few pictures of the dogs and cats taken to the monthly pet adoption day! The last picture is Jessica and Teresa waiting to adopt out our animals.



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**Animal Control Center-Next Monthly Pet Adoption Day**

Please join us at our next Pet Adoption Day

Saturday, December 13, 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?**



Financial information needs to be relevant, reliable and consistent. Relevant information will help users make decisions about the organization. Reliable information is objective and can be verified. Consistent information refers to the fact that the information was produced using the same methods. This allows

the information to be compared to previous years.

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**End of Month Financials**

The Finance Department is preparing to send out End of Month Financials to all Department Directors. Directors can expect an email from the Finance Department around the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month that will include the Budget Report and an Open Encumbrance Report. Departments will need to review these reports for any negative line item balances and turn in any budget transfers to the Finance Department by December 1<sup>st</sup>. A sample Budget Report is presented below.

		<b>Budget Report</b>					
		<b>Account Summary</b>					
		FY 14-15 For Fiscal: 10/2014-09/2015 Period Ending: 10/31/2014					
		Commission Approved					
		YTD Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) Percent Used					
		Original Total Budget	Current Total Budget	Period Activity	Fiscal Activity	YTD Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Used
<b>Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND</b>							
Department : 180 - Finance							
Division: 1801 - Finance Admin.							
Category: 10 - Personnel Services							
<a href="#">001-5-1801-11100</a>	Salaries & Wages	296,985.00	296,985.00	14,407.29	14,407.29	282,577.71	4.85%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-11200</a>	Overtime	1,493.00	1,493.00	58.99	58.99	1,434.01	3.95%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-11400</a>	Retirement - TMRS	29,848.00	29,848.00	1,430.69	1,430.69	28,417.31	4.79%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-11500</a>	FICA	22,834.00	22,834.00	1,077.08	1,077.08	21,756.92	4.72%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-11600</a>	Group Health Insurance	57,836.00	57,836.00	2,770.22	2,770.22	55,065.78	4.79%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-11700</a>	Workers' Compensation	825.00	825.00	0.00	0.00	825.00	0.00%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-11800</a>	Unemployment Compensation	1,350.00	1,350.00	54.45	54.45	1,295.55	4.03%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-12300</a>	Life Insurance	447.00	447.00	44.37	44.37	402.63	9.93%
<b>Category: 10 - Personnel Services Total:</b>		<b>411,618.00</b>	<b>411,618.00</b>	<b>19,843.09</b>	<b>19,843.09</b>	<b>391,774.91</b>	<b>4.82 %</b>
Category: 20 - Supplies							
<a href="#">001-5-1801-21100</a>	Supplies	5,000.00	5,000.00	133.66	133.66	4,866.34	2.67%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-21700</a>	Minor Eq/Furniture	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00%
<b>Category: 20 - Supplies Total:</b>		<b>6,100.00</b>	<b>6,100.00</b>	<b>133.66</b>	<b>133.66</b>	<b>5,966.34</b>	<b>2.19 %</b>
Category: 30 - Services							
<a href="#">001-5-1801-31100</a>	Communications	1,695.00	1,695.00	0.00	0.00	1,695.00	0.00%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-31400</a>	Professional Services	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-31470</a>	Prof Svcs - Audit Services	86,500.00	86,500.00	360.00	360.00	86,140.00	0.42%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-31500</a>	Printing & Publishing	4,400.00	4,400.00	0.00	0.00	4,400.00	0.00%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-31600</a>	Training & Travel	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-31700</a>	Memberships & Dues	1,302.00	1,302.00	225.00	225.00	1,077.00	17.28%
<a href="#">001-5-1801-31900</a>	Catering	122.00	122.00	0.00	0.00	122.00	0.00%
<b>Category: 30 - Services Total:</b>		<b>103,519.00</b>	<b>103,519.00</b>	<b>585.00</b>	<b>585.00</b>	<b>102,934.00</b>	<b>0.57 %</b>
<b>Division: 1801 - Finance Admin. Total:</b>		<b>521,237.00</b>	<b>521,237.00</b>	<b>20,561.75</b>	<b>20,561.75</b>	<b>500,675.25</b>	<b>3.94 %</b>

**Payroll Reports**

Payroll Leave Reports were sent out to departments at the end of the pay period. Please check department mail boxes at City Hall for this report. The Payroll Leave Report will show how much leave time like sick and vacation employees have available. Please remember employees will start accruing sick and vacation time from the date of hire but are not able to use sick time until 90 days from the date of hire. Vacation is not available to use until 180 days from the date of hire.

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

With the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday, please remember to enter Holiday hours into Time Clock Plus.



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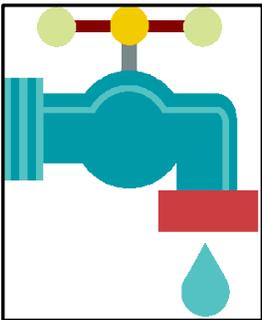
**Utility Billing Division**

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

City Hall will be closed Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The staff at Utility Billing wants to wish everyone a ....

**Utility Bills**

A comment on the Thanksgiving Holiday closing is included in the month's bill as well as the 2014-2015 Upcoming Holiday Garbage Service Schedule



**Brush Truck Rentals**

Brush trucks will be unavailable on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 due to the Holidays. A reminder that the trucks are rented out on a first come first service basis and they are great tool the City offers at an affordable price. For more details regarding this option contact Sanitation at 361-595-8094 or Utility Billing at 361-592-5281.

**Have a water efficient H<sub>2</sub>Ooliday!**

Preparing for and cleaning up after holiday meals and parties can use much more water than ordinary, everyday use. Running your tap continuously while preparing food or washing dishes wastes water and can use more than two gallons of water every minute your tap is running. That's a lot when you're cooking a big meal for extended family members and friends! Find ways to reduce your water and energy use, for example: Scrape dirty dishes clean, instead of using water to rinse them before you put them in the dishwasher.

If you don't use a dishwasher, fill the sink with a few gallons of soapy wash water, clean your dishes, and put them aside. Then rinse them all together afterward. Either of these simple practices could save 10 gallons of water. If every American household reduced their water use by 10 gallons on just Thanksgiving Day, it would save more than 1 billion gallons of water, as well as save any energy or materials used to pump or treat tap water. <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/h1-winter.htm#reducewaste>

**Reminders**

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

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

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(1962 Code, § 8-5-13; Ord. 93005, passed 4-12-93; Ord. 2001-06, passed 2-26-01; Ord. 2006-18, passed 4-17-06; Ord. 2008-09, § I, passed 2-11-08)  
 For all Sanitation Related Issues please call 361-595-8094.

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

**Municipal Court Division**

**Court Activity** - October 29 to November 12, 2014

There were 428 new cases recorded. Of these new records:

State & City offenses	Records
Traffic Citations	320
Parking Citations	51
City Ordinance Citation	0
Alcohol/Misdemeanor Charges	33
Failure to Appear-Bail jumping Charges	24

November 3, 2014, Pre-Trial Session

There were 11 people. The list below encompasses the disposition for each case:

Disposition of Cases	Number Of Cases Resolved
No show-Warrants to be activated	3
Further Review by State Attorney	4
Forward to Judge for State Plea Bargain Review	11
Trial	1

November 6, 2014, Inmate Session

There were 9 Inmates. The list below encompasses the disposition for each case:

Disposition of Cases	Number Of Cases Resolved
Cases Closed-Due to Jail Time Credit	4
Payment plan Order ( 3 people)	13
30 day Extension Order	0
Commitment Order ( 5 people)	26
Resets	0

November 6, 2014 Court Hearing

The 3 o'clock regular session, with a court summons of 133 people, consisted of 204 cases. Below are the dispositions for these cases:

Disposition	Number Of Cases
Payment Plans Orders	55

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Extensions Orders	0
Motions for Trial	4
Clean Record Orders: DSC & Deferrals	2
Compliance Dismissals	10
Alcohol Awareness Class & Community Service Orders & DI Suspensions (only for Minor's in Possession of Alcohol Offenses)	3
New warrant orders-Non Appearance	66
New Court Date-reset	10
Cases settled out of Court-Full payment	0
Omni-DI suspension orders	12
Case dismissed-Not Guilty	0
Warrant Orders Issued-Contempt of Court**	0
Pending-Motions Filed for Judge to Rule	19
Cases Closed	21
Not Guilty-Acquitted	2

**Thank You Police Personnel**

Many thanks to the Kingsville Police department for the security provided during the month of November court sessions! Special thanks to Officers J. Dodd, Officer S. Flores, and Officer D. Garza.



**Court Collections**

Aside from the new cases, 259 cases were resolved with 135 warrants executed with \$39,829.15 dollars collected.

**November Court Dates**

Court Hearings	Date	Time
PRE-TRIAL SESSION	11/18/2014	9 am
INMATE SESSION	11/20/2014	2pm
REGULAR COURT	11/20/2014	3pm
TRIAL HEARING	11/20/2014	4pm
CONTEMPT OF COURT	11/25/2014	9am

**December Court Dates**

Court Hearings	Date	Time
CONTEMPT OF COURT	12/2/2014	9am
INMATE SESSION	12/11/2014	2pm

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REGULAR COURT	12/11/2014	3pm
PRE-TRIAL SESSION	12/9/2014	9am
CONTEMPT OF COURT	12/15/2014	9am
PRE-TRIAL SESSION	12/16/2014	9am
INMATE SESSION	12/18/2014	2pm
REGULAR COURT	12/18/2014	3pm
TRIAL HEARING	12/18/2014	4pm

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

**Training and Professional Development**

Ebola Awareness Presentation – EMS Coordinator Camarillo and the fire chief attended a presentation on Ebola presented by the Kleberg County Emergency Management Coordinator's office on November 7th. The presentation was given by a physician from the TAMUK and included general discussion on the subject.

Executive Development/Economic Development Luncheon – The fire chief and captains attended an Economic Forum held at TAMUK on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The primary speakers provided information on the Corpus Christi Port Authority and economic changes due to natural gas production in the region.

Station Alerting System Training – Personnel on all shifts received basic training on using the new station alerting system to speed up notification of crews when an emergency call is received. The dispatcher can now click on one button to alert the appropriate station(s) of an emergency call and announce the address and other information over the radio all at once instead of having to make an announcement over the public address system, make a phone call to station 2, and notify other units over the radio.

Training on Fire Pump Operations – Personnel on the C-shift participated in a class to discuss pumping operations, hose configurations, and pre-determined pump pressures.

Station Training – Crews conducted various training at the shift level during the period.

**Planning**

Communications Systems Meetings- On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the fire chief met with the police chief to discuss communications systems and possible improvements needed. A meeting was held at City Hall on November 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss public safety communications with the City Manager, purchasing, information technology, police, and fire departments.



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Community Project Development Meetings – The fire chief attended 2 meetings with personnel from Planning and Engineering departments. There was discussion on several building projects including: new city hall, High School Sports Complex domes project, Domino's Pizza, LaQuinta Inn, Texas Theater, Legends Apartments, and others.

**Other Department Activities**

Fire Engine Visit – A fire engine visited young children at the Community Action Center on General Cavazos Blvd on Halloween.

Civil Service Commission Meeting – On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Kingsville Civil Service Commission met to discuss a tie-breaker for the recent Fire Captain's promotional examination process.

Tent Setup for Employee Appreciation Day at TAMUK – Fire department personnel set up and took down large tent for the employee appreciation activities that were held at TAMUK stadium on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Practice Physical Agility for Entrance Examination – A practice physical agility examination was given for one candidate on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The physical agility course was set up and then demonstrated for the candidate. The candidate was then allowed to practice the individual parts of the examination with instructors present. At the completion of the practice, the candidate is allowed to attempt the examination in its entirety.

Girl Scout Tour of Fire Station 1 – On November 5<sup>th</sup>, the Girl Scouts toured fire station 1 and were given a brief class on fire safety.

Veterans Day Parade – Tower 1 participated in the annual Veterans Day Parade downtown Kingsville on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Captain Carrion Serving as Acting Fire Marshal – Because the fire marshal has been off for an extended period of time, Captain Carrion has been filling in and handling certificate of occupancy inspections and annual sprinkler and alarm inspections each week.

Swiftwater Rescue Equipment Inventory – Personnel on the A-shift conducted an inventory of all department swiftwater equipment. They marked and numbered all equipment and re-packed the equipment on board the Emergency Response Trailer. They also mounted a tool box on the utility trailer.

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

New Hose Inventory – New fire house was inventoried and labeled.

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**New Policies or Policy Revisions**

- Interim Radio Alert Procedures • New Dispatch Computers and Rules

**Apparatus, Equipment, Facility Status**

Medic Units – 2 units having axle problems. M1 brakes checked, but still having brake problems. coolant leak. 2 power stretchers were pulled from service due to needed repairs. M1 has high/low headlight problem. M1 flat tire.

Tower 1 – Water leak from pump is affecting drive train below. Turn switch and remote mirror repaired by warehouse. Open compartment light problem repaired by fire personnel. PPV fan sent to small engine repair shop due to leaks.

Rescue 1 – Foam proportioner not working. Possible short in dash.

Engine 1 – Waiting on water valve parts. Light box problems. Passenger brake light intermittent again, but has been repaired. Small leak at discharge gate. Air leak in air system making engine lean to driver side. Also small air leak in air seat.

Engine 2 – More new tires purchased for Engine 2. Tires were rotted and cracking on the sides. Radiator replaced.

Fire Station 1 – A water leak from new plumbing is now occurring over copier room. Has been reported to construction company. Roof repairs over apparatus room/stairs area continues to leak during rains. The company has returned 3 times and will be returning again to work on the problem. Wifi has not worked in station 1 for over a month. Several members of the Department are not able to log into computers or email.

Fire Station 2 – Plumbers returned to look at odor in station and found that the old drainpipes from the remodeled restroom to the street are clogging up and will need to be replaced eventually. In the mean time, it appears that all plumbing is vented into the attic instead of out of the building. This is causing the sewer odor in the station. Will be requesting new quotes for fence for back porch of fire station 2.

Fire Station Signage – Preparing to order lettering for stations.

**2014-15 Projects:**

Thermal Imager: Specifications submitted to Purchasing Department.

New Fire Marshal Vehicle: Truck with camper shell, specs sent to Purchasing Dept. and approved by Commission.



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New Vehicle to Tow Emergency Response Trailer and Personnel: Specifications for utility service body sent to Purchasing Dept. and approved by Commission.

Replacement Skid Unit for the Brush Truck: Preparing specifications for Purchasing Department. Meetings held with personnel to discuss needs and specifications.



Intercom System for Fire Apparatus - Updating specs for Purchasing Department. Receiving updated information from vendors.

Fire Station 1 Improvements - Working on breakdown for Purchasing Department to request quotes. Painting, electrical, floors, mold, sleep area subdivisions, roof leaks.

Fire Station 1 Termite Remediation - Three exterminator companies have toured the facilities and one has provided a quote for remediation. Awaiting quotes from other two companies.

Computer Aided Dispatch System - Meeting with CAD vendors to finalize specifications for an inexpensive CAD system for fire dispatch that will serve the Department's needs.

Computer Server, Terminal, and Software - I.T. Department has gone out for quotes on some of these items.

Radio System Improvements - Working with radio consultants to finalize specifications for radio system improvements.

**Fire Department Response Statistics for the period of: 08:00 hrs on October 31st, to 08:00 hrs on November 14th, 2014.**

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	27
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	91
Total Emergency Responses -	118

**Major Events During the Period**

Event 1 - House Fire, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, E. Lott Avenue- Call was received at 8:18 p.m. with a report of house on fire with persons trapped inside. At the time the call was received, 2 ambulances were out on a full arrest EMS incident leaving a total of 5 fire personnel available to respond. Because there were so few persons available, no dispatcher was left at the station and all personnel responded to the



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fire. First arriving crews found the house with heavy smoke coming from several locations. The main fire was knocked down in under 15 minutes. One occupant was treated for smoke and burns and transported to the hospital.

Event 2 - Vehicle Fire, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Hwy 77 and Ceasar- A tractor trailer fire occurred on the access road of Hwy 77. It took several minutes for crews to get the fire under control.



***HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Diana Gonzales, Director)***

**Did you know?**

City of Kingsville employees and their dependents that are enrolled with the Entrust Medical Plan have access to a new benefit with AmeriDOC \$0 copay. 24/7 Access to a US Physician. Consultations telephonically with board certified physicians for medical advice or diagnosis. If needed, medication is prescribed and available at your preferred pharmacy. Call to speak with a AmeriDoc representative for assistance. (877) 556-3669



**Current Employment Opportunities**

Fire – Firefighter / Garage – Lead Maintenance Technician / Planning – Administrative Assist. II  
Police – Telecommunication's Operator / Street – Maintenance Worker / Wastewater – Wastewater Operator / Water – Equipment Operator II

**New Employees**



Edwin K. Benson  
Help Desk  
Purchasing and  
Technology Dept.



Kevin Martinez  
Police Officer  
Kingsville Police Dept.

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**Promotions/Job Changes**



Jessica Storck changed from Administrative II – Planning Dept. to Legal Assistant – Legal Department.



Monica Flores changed from Lead Telecommunications Operator to Communications Supervisor in the Communications Division of the Police Department.

**Separations**

Jeremy Bishop-Maintenance Worker Parks and Recreation

**Employee of the Year Nominations Due!!!!**

Please remember to complete your Employee of the Year 2014 Nomination form and return to the Human Resources Office. City of Kingsville wants to recognize the efforts of employees who perform with a superior level of commitment, partnership, accountability, positive attitude and ability to embrace change.

***PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Vince Capell, Acting Director)***

**Parks & Recreation Division**

**Holiday Decorations**

Park employee Tommy Riojas joined the team that is placing the holiday décor downtown.

**Water Storage Tank Demo**

The old water storage tank in Dick Kleberg Park has been demolished and the debris removed.



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**Old Swimming Pool Demo**

Demolition of the old swimming pool at Dick Kleberg Park has begun. Thanks to all the City Departments assisting with these cleanup projects.



**Steers, Pigs, Lambs and Goats at J.K. Northway**

South Texas Show Series Prospect Show 2 of 3 at J.K. Northway Expo Center Nov. 8&9 brought in another great crowd to our community. 80 steers , 77 pigs, 108 lambs, 90 goats were exhibited by families from Wichita Falls, Midland, North Houston and all around the State of Texas buying gas and eating out in Kingsville. The last in the series of these shows is Dec. 20 & 21.

**Randy Rogers Concert**

November 15<sup>th</sup> brings popular Texas Country talent Randy Rogers and his band along with locals Beau Walker Band and the Vidal Brothers to J.K. Northway.

**CPRA Heritage Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off**

November 21 and 22 Kingsville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their first CPRA Heritage Rodeo and BBQ Cook off event. Only a part of all Ranch Hand Weekend events going on. Soccer and baseball fields still used daily. Due to time change light rentals increasing.

**Keeping the Grass Mowed**

Weather has slowed mowing progress. Tree trimming project started in Dick Kleberg and will be soliciting volunteers to assist with completing this in all parks.

**Parks Facebook Page Changes to City of Kingsville**

Our Facebook page has officially been changed to “Kingsville Parks & Recreation. A great tool for communicating “what’s going on” in Parks and Community to the public. We are proud to share information from other City Departments. Just email your info to us at [sivy@cityofkingsville.com](mailto:sivy@cityofkingsville.com). Encourage your family and friends to “like” us.

**Golf Division**

**Welcome Aboard to Our New Staff at L. E. Ramey**

Introducing the Golf Division staff Left to Right: Yolanda Barbour, Donald Jones, Jacob Davila, Cesar Robledo, Jonathon Rodriguez, Alan Whitefield and Sarah DeLaPaz



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**Golf Employees Working Hard**

Golf Division employees are constantly working on improving the playability and esthetics of the course through mowing of greens, collars, fairways, driving range and renovations. Staff is working on trimming tree sprouts and grass at the bases of the many mesquite trees throughout the course.

**Removal of Non Load-bearing (Red) Wall**

Staff removed a no-load bearing wall to create a larger, more modern space. The renovation of the interior of the club house is underway utilizing City employees.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**Removal of Old Clubhouse Carpeting**

and removed the old carpet and is in the process of removing the floor glue.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



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**Other Improvements Coming Soon**

City staff has begun sizing up the renovations for the repairs to the restroom facilities on the backside of the course. Golf Division staff continue working with Professional Turf Products Pump Technician on the operation of the golf course sprinkler system and will continue in order to correct automated system problems.



**Cold and Wet Weather Slow Golf Play**

The weather has been cold and wet for golf activity with 268 rounds of golf played and 38 buckets of range balls used during November 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Scheduled tournaments at L.E. Ramey Golf Course**

November 15, 2014 The American Legion Tournament, Contact Gonzlao “Brucho” Ruiz @ 361-595-9950 or 361-522-5573

November 29, 2014 Christ United Methodist Church Tournament, Contact Cindy Moody @ 361-675-0676 or 361-592-7711

Javelinas Baseball Team Tournament, November 1, 2014

***PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Tom Ginter, Director)***

**Planning and Administration Division**

**Projects in Process**

GSC Building - On Friday, October 17, the City of Kingsville gave the keys over to TAMUK for operating the GSC building as a facility for research, training and an incubator for businesses to work on ideas for the marketplace. Jessica Storck of the Planning and Development Service sDepartment did a great job on this project and is to be commended for her work. The City hopes that this is the first of many projects that we work together in the economic development arena. On December 11, 2014 at 10#0am there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony.

5<sup>th</sup> and Henrietta Property Lease with Border Patrol - The City which owns this building and has a lease with the Border Patrol will be working with that agency on their desire to use it in the future. It is tentatively planned that they will be in Kingsville next month to look at the building and determine what needs to be done for their use.

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Torres Estates - The Planning and Zoning Commission will be reviewing preliminary and final plats at its November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for this development. This will be a 11 lot project for single family homes. It is located on the south side of Kenedy between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

La Quinta Hotel - The DRT are reviewing plans for this project. It is located at the Highway 77 bypass and Sen. Carlos Truan Blvd. It will be an 80 room hotel with a value of \$4.6 million. A conference call with the engineer has been set up for Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to discuss issues concerning the plans.

Wells Apartments - Plans have been submitted for this apartment project located at 625 W. Avenue F. There will be 7- 2 bedroom units. The DRT has reviewed them and the next step could likely be a meeting with the contractor on the plans.

FEMA Domes - The City has issued a temporary permit to the contractor TB Commercial Construction for starting the work on this project. This permit covers the work needed for the piers, laying of underground utility lines and the slab. The project will take approximately 14 months with a value of 14.4 million.

Wildwood Trails - The money has been received but unfortunately the weather has not been cooperating. Hopefully before Thanksgiving we will be able to do some street work there.

Franklin Welding - Their plans have been approved by the DRT. They are wanting to put an addition on their building.

Lake View Villas - Not much has been happening at the job site.

6<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Planting Project - Dave Mason and the Tom Ginter have met with the City Manager regarding a timeline for this project. Currently we are putting together an RFP for tree planting services. We are also trying to determine the amount of railroad right of way. The goal is to have the Commission approve a contract in January.

**Community Appearance Division**

**Recent Inpection and Abatement Activity (October 29–November 12)**

Notices Sent:	35	Abatements:	37	Obsolete Sign Violations:	2
Inspections:	80	Court Cases:	0	Placards Posted:	13
Re-Inspections:	54	Illegal Dumping Cases:	1		
Compliances:	31	Front/Side yard parking	1		

**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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**1518 PARKER – Community Appearance Abated**  
**BEFORE** **AFTER**



**327 E NETTIE - Property Owner Abated**



**921 E KING – Signage Improvement Property Owner Complied**



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**324 W SANTA GERTRUDIS – Community Appearance Abated**  
**BEFORE** **AFTER**



**Community Appearance Looking Around Every Corner**

Community Appearance Inspectors have been catching up on inspections of nuisance violations throughout the city. They have expanded their “view finders” from just high weeds and junk to include obsolete or dilapidated poles and fences. These violations are not only eye sores throughout our community but could also present a danger to citizens. Fences that are dilapidated are weak and could fall on passersby. They could also lose wood planks that fall onto city right-of-ways and hinder smooth and safe passage. The same scenario goes for dilapidated poles. Most are unsightly and do not serve a purpose while others pose a safety concern because of the condition the pole may be in. They could become rusted and easily pushed over onto city right-of-ways, some are tripping hazards too close to the streets. We will continue to work with property owners to remove these poles and fences by following procedures, offering assistance (when available) and giving extensions (when appropriate).

**6th Annual Fall Festival**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival was a great success. Over 250 kids of all ages attended the event. Various groups from the university helped run booths and games. Downtown Merchants also passed out treats and enjoyed the spooky occasion. The theme for this event was to provide a safe trick or treating event for children as well educate them, along with their parents, to recycle and do their part in keeping Kingsville beautiful. Many of the games were aimed at the idea of mowing spooky high grass, children would ring the “bad guy” like Garbage Gretchen and Brush Pile Bob to give them a face or idea of not having a junky yard. A big thanks to all the participating Downtown Merchants and city staff as well as Chi Beta Delta sorority, Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity and Gillette Middle school. Everyone did a great job and we had lots of fun.

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**Billing**

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

OCT	\$5304.61	APR
NOV		MAY
DEC		JUN
JAN		JUL
FEB		AUG
MAR		SEPT



**Demolitions**

The Building Department will be presenting dilapidated structure cases to City Commissioners for review on the last meeting of each month. No condemnations have been presented to commission for review since October 2014. As part of our building structure evaluations, 5 notices have resulted in property owner agreements to voluntarily allow the city to demolish the unsafe buildings.

As always, Community Appearance would like to thank all those involved with all the efforts towards the beautification of our legendary city

**Top Ten Private Property Cleanups**

Community Appearance Inspectors are following up on previous City abatements to ensure compliance since abatement. Additionally, inspectors have determined the properties, sent notices and obtained photos of those to be listed in the top ten clean ups for the Phase 31 to be completed in November. As in the past, owners or occupants of the properties have failed to abate these nuisances after being noticed. The current top ten properties are as follows:

PHASE 31

**Property Address:**

608 Huisache	11/26/14 / 600 W Fordyce	11/26/14
604 W Fordyce	11/26/14 / 616 S Wanda	11/26/14
719 E Miller	11/26/14 / 430 W Lott	11/26/14
730 E Ave B	11/26/14 / 614 E Ave D	11/26/14
414 E Ave B	11/26/14 / 521 W Lott	11/26/14

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**1302 E RICHARD – Property Owner Abated**  
**BEFORE** **AFTER**



**1025 E KING – Property Owner Abated**  
**BEFORE** **AFTER**



**How Many Properties are Cleaned up by Property Owners?**

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. The average number of cleanups performed by the property owner during the last several months has been between 7 and 8 of every 10 cleanups.

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***POLICE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief)***

**Police Administration Division**

**Community Involvement**

On 10-31-14 Sgt. M. Frost, Sgt. B. Allen, Cpl. G. Rodriguez, Cpl. V. Murray, Inv. D. Gonzalez, Inv. A. Ruiz, Det. J. Gonzalez, Det. A. Contreras, and Ptlm. E. Martinez all participated in the City of Kingsville Halloween Festival that took place in Downtown Kingsville. Four bicycles were raffled out and Halloween candy was distributed to the children from within the community.



**Patrol Division**

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**October 29 – November 12, 2014**

Patrol officers responded to hundreds of calls and wrote at least 170 reports. Patrol officers issued 152 citations and 56 written warnings. Officers responded to seven vehicle collisions and four “hit and run” collisions. There were 12 burglaries reported, 25 thefts reported, 23 assaults reported and nine criminal mischief reports taken.

On October 31, a male reported that he had been scammed. The male responded to a job posting of a cleaning job in Kingsville. The local male called a male who said that he was going to open a cleaning business in Kingsville and needed to purchase supplies for the local business. The local man was sent a check with instructions to cash the check and send the balance to a female in Florida. The check was no good and the local male is now out over \$1300.

On October 31, officers were dispatched to the Boat-N-Net parking lot in reference to a male with a gun who was pointing it at vehicles. Since it was Halloween, it was unknown if it was part of a costume. As the first officer arrived, the male threw packages of synthetic marijuana. The gun was an Air-Soft gun and nobody reported being threatened with it. Due to the amount of synthetic marijuana, he was charged with Manufacture/Delivery of Controlled Substance and for Tampering with Physical Evidence.



On October 31, officers were walking through a night club when a drunk male intentionally pushed an officer on the chest. The male was taken to jail for Public Intoxication.

On November 3, patrol officers were advised of two girls that had left Memorial Middle School without permission. Officers found the two in the 400 block of S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. One was arrested for Possession of Marijuana and the other was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance (Synthetic Marijuana). Both were transported to the PD, processed and released to relatives.

On November 3, several people called in a swerving SUV on Highway 141, heading into Kingsville. A patrol officer stopped the vehicle at Armstrong and Avenue I. The 24 year-old female was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. Inside the vehicle was her 6 year-old, 1 year-old and 5 week old children. Her charge was upgraded to a felony. Another officer drove the vehicle to the PD (children were in child seats) until a family member from Falfurrias arrived to pick up the children.

On November 9, a male reported that he had been robbed while changing a tire at 3<sup>rd</sup> and King. Victim reported that a purple Malibu had stopped. While one occupant gave assistance to the victim, the second male came out and robbed the victim. The victim reported two Hispanic males, one with a handgun. They left with the victim's cell phone and wallet. Hours later, patrol officers were standing outside of a local night club just before closing time. A purple Malibu pulled up and the occupants went inside. The officers went inside to speak to the males. While speaking with them, a

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bartender informed the officers that one of the males had ordered many drinks and had attempted to pay with somebody else's credit card, which was declined. The officers realized it was the victim's credit card. The two males were taken into custody. After speaking with detectives, the two males were booked for Aggravated Robbery and Credit Card Abuse. The wallet and cell phone was recovered. A gun was not located, but a pair of brass knuckles were.

On November 9, patrol officers were looking for a white van which had been called in, by numerous callers, regarding the van swerving all over the road. While in the area, officers were summoned to Church's Chicken, where the white van had just struck the building. There were no injuries and the 54 year-old female was taken to jail for DWI.



On November 9, officers were dispatched to the 1900 block of Louisiana in reference to an unknown male repeatedly ringing a female's doorbell. Officers could not locate the male. One officer stayed behind, in the dark, and waited for the male to emerge from between houses, where he began ringing the doorbell again. The highly-intoxicated male was unable to speak clearly and did not make sense. He had a DVD player, two cell phones and some speakers in his possession, which he could not explain. He was taken to jail for Public Intoxication. The property was kept at the PD for safekeeping.

On November 11, officers responded to a suspicious vehicle call at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Caesar. Officers found a couple inside the car. The male had outstanding municipal court warrants and was taken to jail.

On November 11, a traffic stop was made in the 900 block of W. Johnston. After citing the driver, officers arrested a male passenger for an outstanding probation warrant. A female passenger was then arrested for having outstanding municipal court warrants.

Patrol officers participated in the Zombie Walk, TAMUK Homecoming Parade and Veteran's Day Parade.

On November 5, Officer Webb, Corporal Pittman and Sergeant Flores attended "Self-Aid/Buddy-Aid", an emergency first aid course in Aransas Pass.

From November 9 through November 14, Corporal Ochoa attended the "Leadership Inventory for Female Executives" a free course in Huntsville.

**Criminal Investigations Bureau**

Detectives Supervisor assigned 131 cases and inactivated 31 cases as of November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Along with these cases there were also 4 DWI's and 12 Crash reports one being a fatality.

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Detectives are working two cases of aggravated robbery where two subjects were robbed at gunpoint. Two subjects were arrested after being located attempting to use subjects credit card.

Detectives have filed 56 cases during this period. There were 12 cases filed in District Court, 34 cases filed in County Court, 6 cases filed in City Court, and 4 filed in Juvenile Court.

Along with this there have also been 1 search warrant typed and executed, and several arrest warrants have been obtained in reference to pending cases.

Each Detective is currently working a case load of about 50 to 70 active cases.

Now that school and college are back in session two detectives are working nights to assist in cases that may arise from the higher volume of traffic in late hours.

The new chairs for the CIB Division have arrived and are being placed into each office.



The detectives have been attending several trainings. The training has ranged from Officer Involved Shootings to Civil Service updates and Driver Safety.



Detectives have also been assisting in the cleaning of the outside area of the Police Department.

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

Team Work is what all the Detectives have strived for and is doing an outstanding job of this.

**Communications Bureau**

A technician from Simplex Grinnell came out to the police station and made the following repairs on our alarm system. He replaced and tested the duct sensor M1-15 to the equipment room. He removed the smoke detector in the crime lab and replaced it with a heat detector and a base. This replacement was done because of the constant alarms from the smoke detector in the lab do to particles in the air. The new device is working properly with no problems. The technician also had to reprogram the alarm system but everything is working properly.

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Lead dispatcher Mr. Ricky Chapa completed a check for the PSAP 911 radio system. He contacted the following agencies Brooks County Sheriff's Office, Kleberg County Sheriff's Office and Jim Wells County Sheriffs Office

Congratulations to Ms. Stephanie Ramos for successfully completing her telecommunication operation training.

Working on two background investigations for potential applicant.

Received five-hundred and ninety-three 911 calls.

Received two thousand three hundred fifty nine regular calls to the station.

The communication department also completed ten citizens records check.

**Neighborhood Improvement Officer**

**2014 Abandoned and Junk Vehicles**

Week 44

The following stats are from Week 44:Junk Vehicles – 1

- Abandoned Vehicles -5
- Parking Citations –21
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -8
- Compliance - 9

Week 45

- Parking Citations –16
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -9
- Compliance – 5

2014 Summary - So far for the year of 2014, 141 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 128 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 1069 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year.

The following are photos of citizens who have complied.



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200 W. Alice Ave.



400 W Lee Ave. 2<sup>ND</sup> Violations

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

**MURRAY**

Cases Filed with County Court 14 / Cases Files with District Court 6 / Prosecution Charge Report Supplements 12 / Traffic Stops 29 / Citations 2

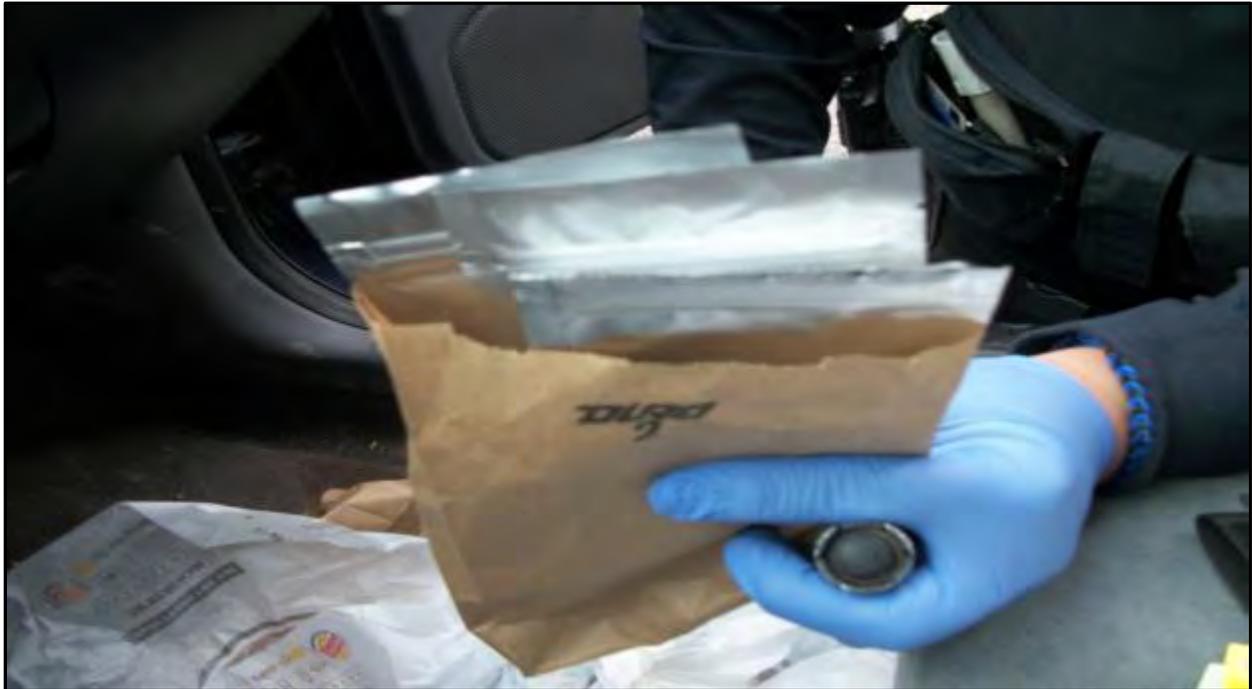
**RUIZ**

Case #1400030050 – Inv. Ruiz conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at US Highway 77 southbound and E Caesar Ave. Upon contacting the driver a strong odor of synthetic marijuana was detected by Inv. Ruiz. The driver of the vehicle was taken into custody for Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 2A less than two ounces after three packages of synthetic marijuana were located in the vehicle. The driver was also charged with Tampering with Physical Evidence after he attempted to destroy several synthetic marijuana cigarettes by throwing them into a tea can.



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Case #1400030984 – Inv. Ruiz conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at US Highway 77 southbound and E King Ave. Upon contacting the driver a strong odor of synthetic marijuana was detected by Inv. Ruiz. The driver of the vehicle was taken into custody for Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 2A less than two ounces after three unmarked packages of synthetic marijuana were located in the vehicle.



**Traffic Stops 57**  
**Citations 5**

**GONZALEZ:**  
**Traffic Stops 37**  
**Citations 15**

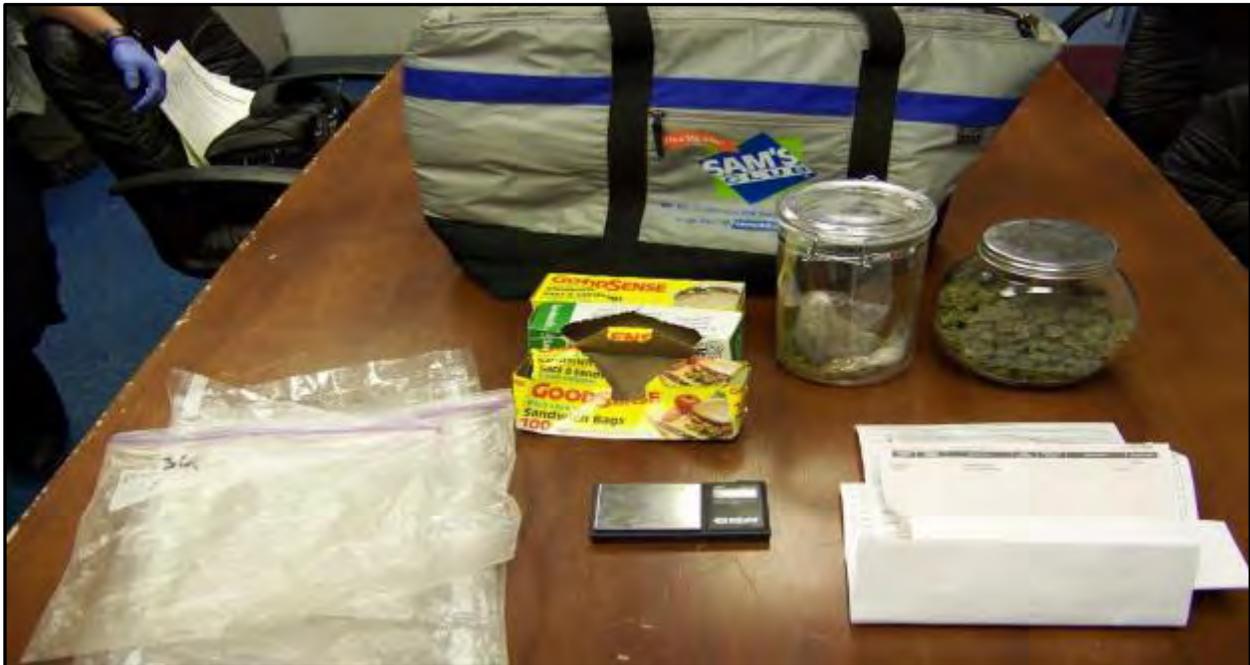
**NARCOTICIS INVESTIGATION**

Case #1400030672 – Search Warrant was conducted at 600 E General Cavazos (Courts of Las Palomas) Apartment #1301. Two subjects were taken into custody for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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**Case #1400031539** – Search Warrant was conducted at 800 E General Cavazos (Casa Del Rey) Apartment #601. Over five ounces of hydroponic marijuana was seized during the search. One male subject was taken into custody for Possession of Marijuana greater than 4 ounces but less than 5 pounds in a Drug Free Zone.



**Seizure Cases**

Case #1400029928 – 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche involved in Human Trafficking

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**Narcotics Investigations / Purchases Conducted**

- Case #1400029892 – Purchased Cocaine
- Case #1400029963 – Purchased Cocaine
- Case #1400030355 – Purchased Marijuana
- Case #1400030560 – Purchased Marijuana
- Case #1400030807 – Purchased Marijuana

**Training Bureau**

On October 14, 2014 Cpl. Ochoa attended a class on the “Aftermath of a Critical Incident” in San Antonio, Texas

On November 5, 2014 Sgt. Flores, Cpl. Pittman, S/O R. Webb and Officer Aleman attended a Self-Aid/ Buddy-Aid (SABA) Course in Aransas Pass. This course covered patient assessment, Treatment of Blunt Trauma, Treatment for Penetrating Trauma, Treatment of External Bleeding, Airway Compromise, Signs and Symptoms of Airway Problems, proper application of a tourniquet and life saving treatment. The officers that attended this course will now begin teaching this course for the Kingsville Police Department.



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***PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, Director)***

**Engineering/GIS (10/27 – 11/9)**

Road Construction - Engineering inspected 900 Linear feet of curb and gutter and 6 driveways on 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Ave A to Ave C. Engineering is working on updating the pavement model for presentation purposes.



**Street Division (10/27 – 11/9)**

Road Constructions

- Started Project #31- Used 605.74 Tons of Hot Mix and 300 Gals of MC-30

Mowing

- General Cavazos Blvd. from Hwy 77 Bypass to NAS
- Carlos Truan Blvd from Hwy 77 Bypass to NAS
- Carlos Truan Blvd from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Hwy 77 Bypass

Gutters

- 1<sup>st</sup> St. from Richard Ave. to Alice Ave
- Armstrong St.
- Sage Rd
- Ave B from 14<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>
- Ave A from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>

Round up Spraying

- Brookshire from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to Fairview
- Gillette from Brookshire to Dead End
- Fairview from Brookshire to Santa Gertrudis
- W Fairview from N Fairview to Loop N Fairview
- E Fairview from N Fairview to Loop N Fairview
- Kleberg from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 19<sup>th</sup> St.
- Yoakum from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Dead End



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Hot Mix/Cold Patching

Cold Mix

- 100 block S 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- 600 block of 10<sup>th</sup> St, from Henrietta Ave. to Lee Ave
- 8<sup>th</sup> St. & Shelton St.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St. from Henrietta Ave. to Lee Ave.

Hot Mix

- Worked on Project #31
- Intersection of Henrietta Ave. & 13<sup>th</sup> St.
- Lee Ave. from 9<sup>th</sup> St. to 12<sup>th</sup> St.
- Intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> St. & Lee Ave
- 4<sup>th</sup> St. & Richard Ave.
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. to King Ave.
- Intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Trant Rd
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Y to Corral Ave.
- Santa Rosa
- Brookshire from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to Fairview
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. to Dip at TAMUK
- 16<sup>th</sup> St. & Kenedy Ave.
- Pasadena Area
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. & Huisache Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. & 1<sup>st</sup> St.
- 8<sup>th</sup> St. from Caesar Ave to Miller St.

Alley Maintenance

- 300 W Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 400 W Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 200 W Richard Ave.
- 1<sup>st</sup> St between Santa Gertrudis Ave. & King Ave.

Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Replaced Stop sign on 17<sup>th</sup> St. & Caesar Ave.
- Picked up mourning signs on Lott Ave. & 13<sup>th</sup> St. and on 17<sup>th</sup> St. & Ave D
- Picked up barricades on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. & Johnston Ave. and set barricades on Kleberg St. for Zombie Walk
- Finished painting poles on Kleberg Ave.



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- Put steel trash cans on Kleberg Ave.
- Picked up trash bags on 6<sup>th</sup> and took them to Landfill
- Put batteries on school lights at Kleberg Elementary
- Took Metal plate to Waste Water
- Hot mixed on 1<sup>st</sup> St.
- Hot mixed from Henrietta Ave. to King Ave Cleaned storm drain on 17<sup>th</sup> from Corral to Santa Gertrudis and on 10<sup>th</sup> from Kenedy to Lott
- Fixed Dead End on Richard St
- Put Dead End sign on Wilson
- Worked on Christmas tree at train depot
- Put name sign on Huisache Ave.
- Put up barricades on Yoakum Ave.
- Worked on school lights on 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Ailsie

**Water Production (10/27 – 11/09)**

Routine job:

Collected 6 routine Bacteriological Samples:

- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 511 College Place
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave
- 4011 Allen Drive

Collected 14 daily chlorine residuals:

- 417 E. Nettie Ave
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 4011 Allen Drive
- 312 W. Ave A
- 332 E. Ave B
- 721 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 1612 Shirley
- 2020 Sherwood
- 217 Pasadena
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave.
- 711 E. Ragland Ave
- 315 S. 24<sup>th</sup> St.
- 209 Reidda

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Delivered Ammonia to 7 sites; delivered Chlorine to 9 sites.

Water pumped to distribution 10/27 – 11/09 - Wells – 40,435,000 gallons; Surface –4,279,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 44,714,000 gallons; Average –3,193,858 gals/day

### **Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (10/27 – 11/09)**

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. Jah-Con is installing auto alarms at 1717 and 17<sup>th</sup> St. and at Lee Lift Station. We received estimates from Mendez Welding on the UV shed. Rabalais completed work on the equipment shed.

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.

Wastewater Collection – Had 5 call outs for sewer backups

719 E. Miller Ave

3920 Allen Drive

1601 E. Corral Ave.

916 S. 24<sup>th</sup> St.

106 E. Ave A

2 cave-ins one on Shelton Ave and 13<sup>th</sup> St. and the other at 106 E. Ave A

Crew disconnected sewer line at 1409 E. Alice Ave.

Crews vacuumed septic tank at the landfill, vacuumed water at 5<sup>th</sup> St and Birchwood and 1<sup>st</sup> St. and Ave B.

### **Water Distribution Division (10/27 – 11/09)**

Repaired 6 Main Breaks and answered approximately 43- Service Calls, 1 - Locates, 3-Service line leaks, 6- water leaks 16- Meter Leaks 5- Backfills, 0- valve repairs, 7- Customer Side Leaks; – Vacuum water; – No Water/Low Pressures; 0- Turn off Water, 0 - Turn on and 3 –Water Taps and 1 -water line leak

8” Main Break                      Sage Rd. and Business 77

8” Main Break                      4<sup>th</sup> St. and Yoakum Ave.

2” Main Break                      21 St. and Nancy

Water crews completed demolition of the old water tank at Dick Kleberg Park.



Water crews have started the demolition of the old swimming pool at Dick Kleberg Park Crews have completed demolition at 1030 E. Ave A.

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**City Garage Division (11/27 –11/09)**

Maintenance - 12- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 27 scheduled work orders; 41 nonscheduled work; 9 Service calls; 2 Call out; 5-New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 7 flat tire repairs and balances; 43 pending work orders. Unit 545 is still at Allison Transmission and we need to fix the brakes on Unit 540.. Unit 544 has an electrical short at this time.

Welder - 3 received work order and 2 pending work orders

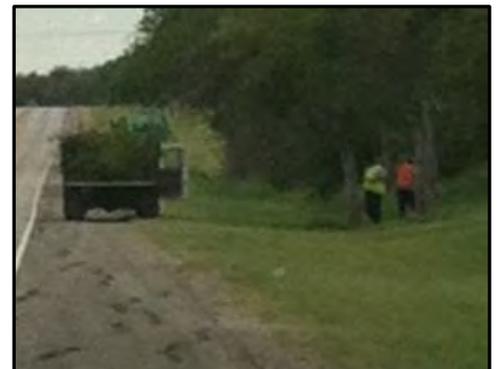
Welder welded a plate on garbage truck, Unit 334 and is working on the patching truck, unit 540.

**Solid Waste Division (10/27 – 11/09)**

Landfill - (10/27 – 11/09) - We received the Type IV blueprints from J. Roy. Wastewater is hauling sludge from the South Plant. The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Methane Monitoring results were sent to Corpus Christi. Unit 1105 was sent to the City Garage to work on the leaf springs. The Street Dept. brought Sweeper to the landfill to clean the entrance road and scale. The Scraper is down so we had to borrow the Street Dept. Scraper. Landfill Supervisor met with Charlie Cardenas, Bill Donnell and Glean Jones (NAS) regarding the Landfill expansion. Holt Cat worked on worked on the Scraper's fuel line and repaired the A/C and brakes on the D-6T Dozer. The Street Dept. brought in 2 loads of mud and the Water Dept. brought in 3 loads of concrete. We continue to work on the roads to allow the public access to dispose of their loads.

Brush – 56 tons; Garbage –883.91 tons Litter –.29 tons; Construction/Demolition – 290 tons; Concrete -45 tons, metals -.14 tons; Sludge –62 tons; and Recycled tires -0 tons.

Sanitation - Residential waste collected from 10/27 – 11/09 – **692,040** pounds; Commercial waste collected **742,900** pounds; Brush collected **4,080** pounds and construction debris collected **72,780** pounds. The brush crew completed collecting in Zone 1 and working on abatements and demos when possible. Sanitation has been helping Community appearance finish small abatements as needed. Sanitation has also taken over watering



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new trees planted around the city and does this on Wednesdays. A demolition was completed at 408 E. Huisache Ave. Recycling for the month of October totaled 27.03 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

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

**Purchasing Division**

**Purchase Orders**

Purchasing issued 73 Purchase Orders valued at \$1,308,774.57. There are still a few open PO's from FY 14. We ask that you get with Finance Department if you have special request or reasons for keeping them open, if not please let us know so that we may VOID them out of the system and thus be able to close out the fiscal year Purchase Orders. We show a total of 25 Purchase Orders still open. A report will be going out to all Department Heads showing the outstanding Purchase Orders.



**Procurement Card Statements**

129 P-Cards were used this month with some personnel having 2 statements, due to the end of fiscal year and beginning of the next being on the same statement. P-Card statement reviews are currently underway. Minor issues have been identified. More to follow.

**Purchases Initiated and Approved**

Purchasing Director, David Mason has been busy purchasing multiple vehicles for various departments and working on specifications for RFQ's, RFP's, and ITB's for the current fiscal year. In conjunction with many of these projects, Purchasing/Technology Director attended a two day training session on the Basics of Construction Purchasing provide by the LBJ School of Public Affairs in Austin. Topics included: fundamentals, current issues, the purchasing construction plan, bottom line contributions, advanced areas of purchasing involvement and skills, contracting for project success, and contract review and analysis. The next training session, Construction Project Management is scheduled for January.

The City of Kingsville received a rebate check from our credit card company, First Bankcard. On this year's volume of \$727,473.29, the City's rebate was \$3,273.63.

**Technology Division**

**GovQA (Work Order) Software**

GovQA is a network based work order processing software system that allows users to track and share work activities and project status by property address. The GovQA system is a single software system that replaces three separate stand-alone systems previously used by various groups of City employees. GovQA creates work place efficiencies through the sharing of information.

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**Gov QATraining**

Technology staff is making progress by providing support and training for Planning and Permits end-users. The permitting clerk now has the ability to take payments on permitting. Additionally, we have successfully created a digital format of the Field Inspection Report. This report aids staffs whom handle building inspection allowing them to better disseminate information on the field. They will be able to print and issue building corrections right on the spot. Currently, this process requires resource intensive commuting to and from City Hall building. The ultimate goal of this project is to improve the city’s response time in handling building inspections. We have also have successfully broken down the plan review process into components. The reason for doing this will allow us to create a framework for the future of plan reviewing. Currently Technology staff is working out how to notify external customers the status on their cases. This will increase the availability of information to external users. We are still awaiting equipment purchases that have been placed on back log. *Sample Field Inspection report*

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**CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION REPORT**  
*24 Hour Notice Required on All Inspections*  
**LEAVE COPY OF DISAPPROVALS ONLY ON SITE**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property use: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Inspection

Plumbing	Mechanical	Building	Electrical

REQUIRED CORRECTIONS

ASSIGNED STAFF: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Owner or Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

**LaserFiche**

LaserFiche is document management and retention software that allows users to track and archive city related business for the purpose of quick retrieval and legal compliance. This system replaces a slew of legacy filing and documents systems. Laserfiche is currently being developed for several personnel having a high need for this software. More users will follow.

**Training**

The City Commission approved for two city staff members Mary Valenzuela and Tony Verdin to attend the laserfiche conference in Anaheim CA. The conference will include a wealth of knowledge as well as on-site labs and networking opportunities.

**Web link**

Laserfiche Web Link is designed to be more accessible to external users who might be unfamiliar with Laserfiche or your organization’s naming conventions and filing methodologies. It acts as a customizable, searchable portal for public access to important information—while still keeping sensitive information secure.

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**Office 365**

Office 365 Government provides secure email and office applications to government entities as well as complying with most national security standards. Additionally it's a pay as you grow *software that allows smaller cities to fully take advantage of the cloud offerings.*

**E-Mail Flow Report**



The city of Kingsville over the past week 11/7 – 11/14 processed 7818 email messages, blocked 5526 spam and 8 malware messages. We processed 2284 ‘good’ emails. The increase in spam messages is common around this time of year as always we encourage users to make sure they trust the emails they are receiving and never to disclose Personal Information in email format.

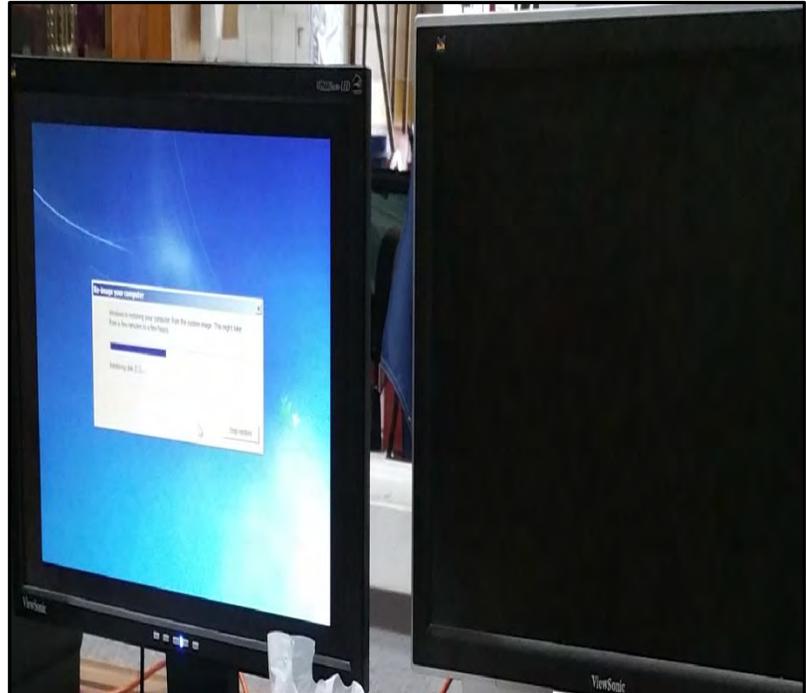
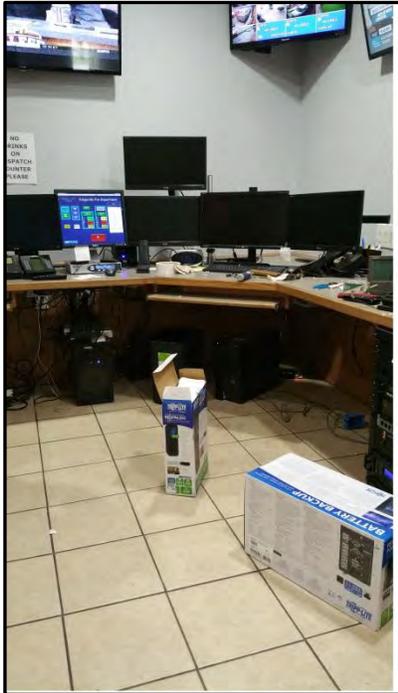
**Group emails**

We have made considerable changes to the emailing system including the inclusion of email groups. Before these groups existed as part of a static server setting that was very difficult to change this has been adjusted so now “Team Leaders” can access the groups from outlook and make system wide changes that include creating and deleting members.

**Kyle Benson Hired for Help Desk**

Congratulations, to Kyle Benson the final selected candidate for the Technology Division Help Desk position. Kyle comes to the city with a wealth of knowledge and having previous experience in the IT field make him an invaluable addition to the Purchasing/Technology Department. In addition to the required duties he has taken over as the main contact for the website.

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**Fire Department Dispatching and Emergency Response Room.**

Technology staff installed five machines at the fire department including three for dispatch, one for the training area and one at fire station 2. These machines are to replace the aging hardware located in the dispatch room as well as provide necessary upgrades to other computers in the department. We also added a front desk computer to be used for other personal while the dispatching room is fully occupied.

During the installation we found that further expansions to the system wide networking must also take place. In order to facilitate the needs of the fire department we are going to make the necessary networking upgrades and replacements this is estimated to cost around \$5000. Also, we are working with the fire chief to provide him with the logical and physical security that he has requested. This upgrade will facilitate those requests.

**Parks and Recreation**

We have finally received and are deploying equipment to the parks department. This equipment included some additional networking capabilities as well as added new user emails and setup cellular equipment. This equipment will be issued in the coming week. Computer equipment is currently being ordered to replace the XP machines that are no longer supported by Microsoft. This along with several other orders will be placed in the coming week.

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**Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Training**

Technology staff including representatives from the police department attended the CJIS update training in Corpus Christi on 11/14. Everyone in attendance found the information to be helpful and useful in furthering knowledge of the CJIS security documentation. There was an abundance of information on things that will be improved upon in the future and essential information on the uses of Cloud Computing on along with providing the necessary security.

**Mobile Device Management**

With current technology trends and always 'on' mentality mobile devices are increasingly used in the workplace. These device have come a long way from luxury to necessity Mobile devices cover any range of devices including: 'smart phones', 'tablets', to 'laptops' and even hybrids of one or more of these devices.

The city has made substantial investment in the application and deployment of a Mobile Device Manager. This investment is to better protect the often overlooked mobile device. The added security features also add a layer of simplicity for issuing and tracking mobile devices. Kyle has lead the charge on this he has implemented policies and rules sets that will allow Technology staff to better secure these devices and provide quick remediation if and when a device is lost. In addition Mr. Benson has ensured that the devices are reflected correctly on both the information provided by the Verizon side and the Mobile Device Manager are correct. Additionally, it takes the burden of securing a device away from the end user. All City employees will be mandated to setup the MDM prior to January 15 2015. Failure to do so may result in intermitted service.

**H.M. King High School Project - Fiber and Telecommunications**

Technology staff is in charge of projecting that all necessary site preparation in regards to ensuring internet connectivity as well as telecommunications. We along with Mrs. Alvarez have begun looking into finalizing a contract for a prospective fiber provider. Currently, the contract is under review with the vendor. Additionally, we are contacting prospective network installers within the coming weeks.

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

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the library will be closed from Thursday, November 27, 2014, to Saturday, November 29, 2014. The library is normally closed on Sundays and Mondays. The library will reopen on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 8 a.m. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed November 26 as a national Thanksgiving Day, to be observed every year on the fourth Thursday of November. ([www.SI.edu/Encyclopedia\\_SI](http://www.SI.edu/Encyclopedia_SI)). The library wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday weekend.



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### **Yuletide Library Tunes**

For the third year in a row, the library will provide holiday tunes through a custom-made playlist. This holiday music is available through GrooveShark, who will host a 45+ holiday song playlist that includes the 50's, country, religious, and modern styles of music. The public can access this FREE online service by visiting the library's website at [www.kleberglibrary.com](http://www.kleberglibrary.com), and clicking on the holiday tunes banner. Patrons need only an internet-connected computer and speakers to stream this holiday playlist. The playlist will be available December 2-30, 2014. Deck the halls of your home or office with a festive selection of holiday tunes.



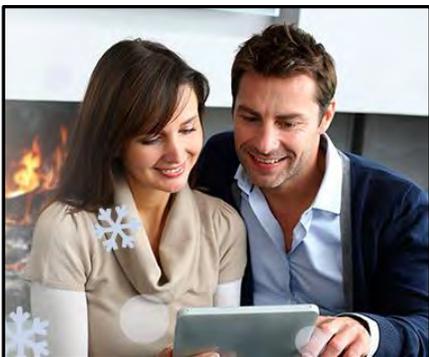
### **La Posada Storytime**

An annual family tradition returns. The library will host its sixth annual La Posada Storytime on Saturday, December 13, 2014, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The library's Storytime, in conjunction with the city's La Posada activities, is an opportunity for the community to celebrate the holiday season with their families. The La Posada Storytime will feature holiday stories and songs for all ages, door prizes, refreshments, and a FREE book to the first 40 families. This event is free and open to the public. Come join the library at the Community Life Center, 123 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street on December 13. For more information about this event, call the library at 592-6381 or visit the library's website and click on the "Upcoming Events" menu tab.



### **Happy Holidays at Your Library**

As patrons prepare for the holiday season, the library is making preparations as well, so patrons stay connected to their library. For the patron staying at home, the library will showcase on its seasonal display cart Christmas books that offer craft ideas and holiday stories to share with your family. The library's Christmas collection, for all ages, will inspire many holiday ideas from cooking to making and wrapping gifts. For the travelling patron or those choosing to stay at home, the library offers an additional option to enjoy that good read during the holiday season. OverDrive®, the library's eBook platform, has many great eBook titles for leisure reading. For more information about available services during the holiday season, call the library during regular business hours.



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

#### **Risk Manager attends Texas Prima Conference in San Antonio Texas**

Risk Manager Melissa Perez attended the Annual Texas Prima Conference from November 9-12, 2014 in San Antonio Texas. The Texas PRIMA's annual conference offers: Four educational tracks with many sessions offering continuing education credits. Topics include insurance and other risk financing mechanisms, safety and loss prevention, workers' compensation, employee benefits and legal updates. Prima offers certificates documenting your attendance at sessions for your employer. This continuing education certificate may be accepted by other entities and organizations to be evaluated for credit. One example is the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) who accepts Texas PRIMA's CEUs. Eligible tracks are also submitted to the Texas Department of Insurance and the State Bar of Texas for CEU credit. Networking events to get to know peers and affiliates from across the state. Through partnership with sponsors Prima is able to offer an excellent value in educational programming.



#### **Risk Manager Attends Economic Forum - Professional Development**

Risk Manager and several supervisors, managers and directors attended this year's Annual Economic Forum located at Texas A&M University Ballroom. Texas A&M University Kingsville College of Business Administration will be hosted a Fall 2014 Economic Forum & Luncheon sponsored by Kleberg Bank on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 @ 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Memorial Student Union Building Ballrooms A&B. The City will be utilizing the Economic Forum as part of our Professional Development Program. The topic was Eagle Ford Shale on the Region. Speaker was Barbara Canales; Commissioner Port of Corpus Christi; Attorney at Law.



#### **Massive Cold Front hits South Texas**

Parts of South Texas were hit by a massive cold front November 13, 2014. Kingsville Texas received its share of it with degrees in the lower 30's and 40's. Freeze Warning were in effect much of the evening. The threat of severe thunderstorms will remained at a minimum, as a plunge of cold, Arctic air moved south over much of the country. The cold air stifled the atmospheric instability needed to fuel thunderstorms.



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**City of Kingsville Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet Activities**

The Employee Recognition and Safety Committee has been meeting on a regular basis to discuss this years upcoming Employee Recognition and Safety week and Banquet scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> 2014. The committee had a successful Game Night Event and is now focused on



this years Employee Recognition Festivities- Events and Banquet. Members are hard at work finalizing last minute details. There may even be some unexpected surprises.

**Game Night 2014 – City of Kingsville Appreciation Event “A Success”**

The City of Kingsville had a very successful Employee Appreciation Game Night Event on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. The City had an amazing turnout of employees and their families. Committee members arrived early to prepare to barbecue, set up tables anything that was needed. Texas A&M



University sponsored a large tent with tables for employees to relax and enjoy. Beef - Chicken fajitas- sausage and tortillas with all the fixins was served. The food was delicious and everyone had a Great time. Thank you Employee Recognition & Committee Members for your hard work in making the event happen and a special Thank you to Texas A&M University for allowing us to make our event so special. See you next time.

***TASK FORCE (Courtesy of Guillermo “Willie” Vera, Commander)***

**Kingsville Task Force K-9 at Work Assisting Agents**

On Monday November 3, 2014 at approximately 10:07 AM Kingsville Task Force Agent Jason McGee conducted a traffic stop on a silver in color Chevrolet Malibu for a traffic violation. The traffic stop occurred on U.S. Highway 77 south bound at FM 1118. During the traffic stop Agent McGee noticed a black male driver and a black male passenger, both appeared to be overly nervous and had conflicting stories in regards for their reasons of travel. After a narcotic K-9 sniff search alerted to the vehicle, Kingsville Task Force Agents conducted a vehicle search that resulted in the

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discovery of U.S. Currency inside a child's lunch box. Several bundles of currency that were wrapped with rubber bands were located inside the lunch box. Both subjects were interviewed by Task Force Interdiction Agents at the City of Kingsville garage. Both subjects were arrested and transported to Kleberg County Jail where they were booked in for Money Laundering. The U.S. Currency of \$6,270.00 and the vehicle were taken to the Task Force Office for safe-keeping.



**Kingsville Task Force Agent's Acute Observations**

On Monday November 03, 2014 at approximately 12:00 PM Kingsville Task Force Agent Ruben Villalobos conducted a traffic stop on a Jeep SUV for a traffic violation. Agent Villalobos made contact with the driver who identified himself with a Texas Driver's License. While Agent Villalobos was conducting his traffic enforcement, Agent Villalobos asked the driver some questions. Agent Villalobos noticed some deception within his answers and also noticed him to be extremely nervous even when Agent Villalobos informed him that he was only going to receive a warning for the traffic violation. Agent Villalobos asked the driver for consent to search the vehicle. Agent Villalobos was granted consent to search the vehicle. Agent Villalobos opened the hood to the engine compartment and observed fresh tamper marks and finger prints on top of the intake manifold. Agent Mike Tamez arrived to assist with the search. Agent Villalobos scoped the throttle body into the intake manifold and observed an inconsistency inside the intake manifold. Agent Tamez and Agent Villalobos escorted the Jeep SUV to the City of Kingsville Garage. At the



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garage approximately 12 pounds (approximately 5.5 kilos) of Crystal Meth was extracted from the intake manifold. The driver was taken to the Kleberg County Jail where he was booked and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. The Jeep and contraband were taken to the Kingsville Task Force office for safe keeping.

**Substantial Amount of Liquid Meth Removed from Street Distribution**

On Thursday November 14, 2014 at 4:30 PM Kingsville Task Force Agent Richard Kirkpatrick was working criminal patrol on U.S. Hwy 77 when he observed a white recreational vehicle traveling north on U.S. Hwy 77. Agent Kirkpatrick observed the vehicle's right side stop lamps were not working. In addition, the driver of the vehicle appeared to have difficulty traveling within the inside lane of travel. Agent Kirkpatrick conducted a traffic stop on U.S. Hwy 77 and FM 1717. The driver was identified as a Hispanic male by a Georgia driver's license. Based on the traffic stop, Agent Kirkpatrick received verbal consent to search the vehicle. As a result of the search, Kingsville Task Force Agents located an undetermined amount of liquid methamphetamine concealed within the recreational vehicles liquid propane tank (24 gallon capacity) located under the vehicle. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Kleberg County jail where he was booked in for Possession of a Controlled Substance. The LP tank containing the liquid meth was removed from the recreational vehicle and placed in the Task Force's evidence vault for further investigation. The RV was seized and stored for safe keeping.



**Administrative Assistant Keynote Speaker at Mother/Daughter, Father/Daughter Dinner**

On Friday November 7, 2014 Kingsville Task Force Administrative Assistant II, Kathy Rios, gave the keynote speech for the Mother/Daughter, Father/Daughter Dinner at the Fredrick Douglass Youth Center. 13 young women ranging from 8-18 years of age, were present along with their families and fellow volunteers. Her speech centered on the workings of the Kingsville Task Force, women in Law Enforcement, and how to get involved in Law Enforcement. The speech was well-

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received and several individuals requested more information at the end the speech. Here is some history on the youth center:

*Fredrick Douglass School History*

*Historically, the Douglass Center has served as a venue for educational and civic activities. In 1909, the School District established the Douglass School for African American students during the era of segregation. The school continued to operate until 1969 when its doors were closed due to the school district's desegregation efforts. Shortly after closing, Mr. Woodrow Horn and Mr. L. C. Mack were instrumental in re-opening the school as a community center. In 1996 Mr. Henry Jones was instrumental in the incorporation of the renamed Douglass Youth Center, Inc. to host meetings, civic activities, educational, and enrichment programs. The Center offers programs and services designed to provide the community with an organized and safe environment to encourage lifelong learning with special emphasis placed upon improving performance of area students.*



**Emcee at Miss Kingsville, Junior Miss, and Little Miss Princess Pageant**

On Sunday November 9, 2014 Kingsville Task Force Administrative Assistant II Kathy Rios, continued her duties with the Douglass Youth Center by emceeing for the 2014 Miss Kingsville, Junior Miss Kingsville, and Little Miss Princess Pageant held at Texas A&M University – Kingsville in Ballroom A. Ms. Rios' duties included presenting each contestant with their back stories in both casual and evening wear, presenting each contestant and their talents, as well as presenting the winners and awards. The Miss Kingsville and Junior Miss Kingsville Committee was organized in March 2013 by the Douglass Youth Center Board of Directors. The goal of the committee is to create a Kingsville tradition. The committee wanted this to be an unforgettable experience for all contestants and their families. Their objective is to promote community involvement, leadership skills, staying drug free, and positive interactions between the contestants and their peers. All contestants can and will excel academically and socially in order to become productive citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



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***TOURISM SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Leo Alarcon, Director)***

**Stay Tuned – The City of Kingsville To Be Featured on The Daytripper**



The five-time Emmy-award winner show, The Daytripper will have a story on Kingsville and will air on KEDT as soon as the production is complete. The crew for the show was in town last week for two days filming in the historic

downtown and having lunch at Harrell's. Also they filmed while taking a tour on the King Ranch and later traveled to Baffin Bay and had dinner at the famous King's Inn. While at King's Inn the main cast member Chet Garner forgot his famous Cowboy hat due to the fact that King's Inn does not allow patrons to wear hats in house. Tourism Director Leo Alarcon did the honors of picking up the hat and had it Fed Exed to the television celebrity.

**City Staff Hosts Tailgating Event at Javelina Stadium**

Personnel from the City of Kingsville were on hand to host a tailgating event during the last home football game for the Texas A&M University Kingsville Javelinas. The menu consisted on fajitas, beef and chicken, sausages, jalapenos wraps, tortillas, pico de gallo, guacamole and an assortment of drinks. After the tailgate closed down the staff was entertained with the talent of the Javelina Football team on the field.

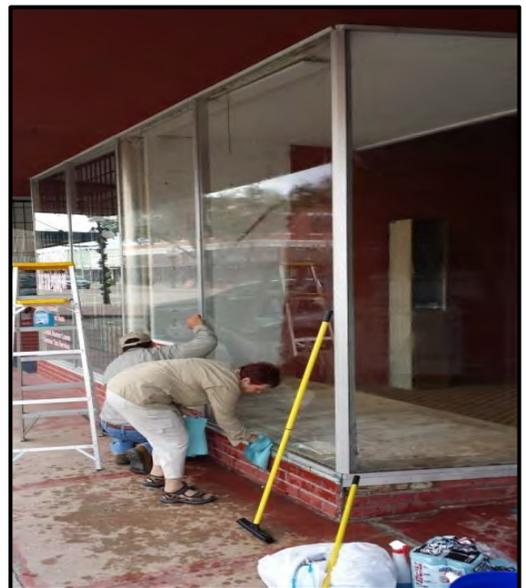


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**Third in a Series – Tourism Assists in an Effort to Beautify Historic Downtown Kingsville**

Tourism Services personnel are assisting to help keep the appearance of downtown Kingsville in ship-shape condition. The following are before and after pictures in an effort to beautify the historic area.

**Window Cleaning Day at Historic Downtown on Veteran's Day**  
**BEFORE** **AFTER**



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**Window's Decorated For The Holiday Season In An Effort To Shop Downtown Kingsville**



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**King Ranch Prepares For Large Attendance at Annual Breakfast**



The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual King Ranch Ranch Hand Breakfast is preparing for a large attendance to be on hand after last year's disappointing weather which did not cooperate. This year's poster invites everyone to "Come enjoy an authentic, hearty cowboy breakfast, cooked and served outdoors on historic King Ranch. Local volunteers will be serving up heaping plates of eggs, refried beans, biscuits and gravy, sausage, tortillas, coffee and juice." Tickets are on sale at the Kingsville Visitors Center, the King Ranch Saddle Shop and the King Ranch Visitor Center. Shuttles will be available in downtown Kingsville and tickets will be available at the Depot Museum beginning at 6:30 a.m. Saturday.



**Large Christmas Tree Becomes A Reality For Historic Downtown Kingsville**

The City of Kingsville Tourism department partnered with the Keep Kingsville Beautiful to have a large Christmas tree situated at the Historic Depot Museum. Pictured are Public Works staff members who constructed the 21 foot tall Christmas tree prior to the Ranch Hand Weekend Festivities. The Christmas tree and downtown lighting event has been scheduled for Friday, November 21 at 6 p.m. at the Depot Museum. The public is invited to attend.

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**Tourism Personnel Partners With King Ranch in Birders Bazaar Trade Show**

The City of Harlingen hosted a Birders Bazaar Trade Show recently at the Municipal Auditorium Complex. While there Jonathan Wood and his collection of eagles, hawks and owls attracted a large audience to his presentation. Many of these birds appear on national TV. Wood is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.



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**Conner Museum now offering visitors merchandise and information**



The Conner Museum recently added merchandise sales to their front area along with a new brochure rack with an area to display event posters that matches their new display cabinets. Tourism was able to place its whole suite of Kingsville brochures in the rack. Both efforts are a great plus for visitors to the museum and to our town.

**Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Zombie Walk**

Tourism promoted this year's (second annual) Zombie Walk in Texas Coop Power magazine and, the best thing is, the listing was free. Tourism is looking at other sources for getting the word out about local events at that may be of interest to out of town visitors at no or little cost. Brush Country CASA hopes to grow this event as has CASA in Corpus who earlier this year had hundreds of participants and more folks lining the streets to watch. The event started and ended at the pavilion downtown which is also being promoted as a place to have events downtown.

**Veteran's Day Parade 2014**

Large military vehicles rolled through the streets this Veteran's Day as well as a marching band, groups of school children, military folks marching in time, Veterans of past wars, City officials, NASK officers and many others in what was an impressive Veteran's Day parade. There were quite a few people lining the streets to watch and a cameraman from Channel 3 caught it all on tape where it was broadcast live.



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**Texas Theater renovation featured in *Main Street Matters***

The renovation of the Texas Theater in Kingsville was featured along with the Palace Theater in Georgetown, the Fair Theater in Plainview, the Lynn Theater in Gonzales and the Simon Theater in Brenham in a six page spread entitled *Showstoppers: Historic Theater Restoration on Texas Main Streets*.

*“When visiting Main Streets throughout Texas, one icon is prevalent in most downtowns – a historic theater. Some of these theaters are architectural masterpieces, while others fit into the streetscape as a modest storefront with a marquee. . . .the value of historic theaters is now realized and many communities are fighting hard to save and restore these treasured buildings”* so states the article. Based on data from the Texas Office of the

Governor,  
Economic

Development and Tourism non-profit arts and cultural industries generate \$2.46 billion in tourism spending. States and local governments received \$158.5 million in tax revenue from these visitors. Restoration on Kingsville’s remaining historic theater is continuing with reconstruction of the original ticket booth. Work is continuing inside as well with a preview of the new seats to be installed in the theatre mixed in with a holiday display in the theater windows that face Kleberg Avenue.



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**Progress being made on the historic V Salazar Building**

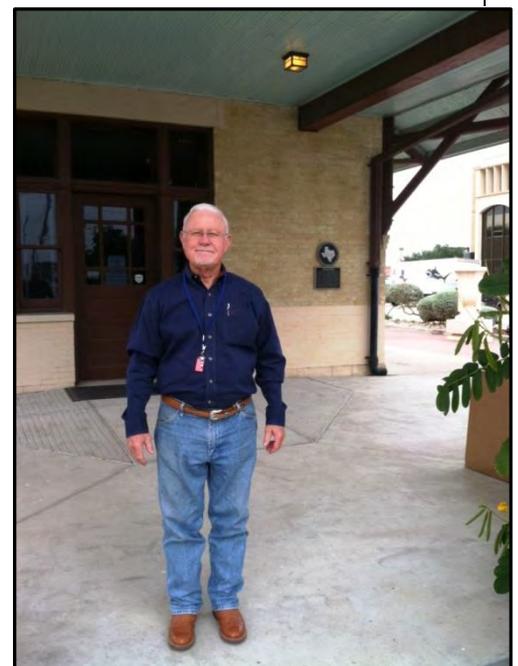
Building owner, David Thibodeaux and City Planning and Development Services Director, Tom Ginter, check out the condition of the alleyway to the rear of the Salazar Building. Off alley parking for the building is planned. Most of the original glass in the transom windows was saved and is being reinstalled in new frames.

The historic canopy is being reconstructed.



**New Volunteer at the Train Depot Museum**

Local resident and newly retired, Tommy Pollard is our latest volunteer at the 1909 Depot Museum. Tommy said he feels right at home at the Depot. His mother used to volunteer there and many times he would ride to the Depot on his bike after school. Tommy is a local historian, collector of vintage cars and sign memorabilia. He along with like minded folks will provide a car show at this year's Ranch Hand Festival downtown. Stop in on Wednesday morning and visit with him awhile and learn about Kingsville's past.



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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas downtown



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

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

Monday, November 24, 2014           6:00 p.m.  
Monday, December 8, 2014           6:00 p.m.  
Monday, December 22, 2014        6:00 p.m.

**Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)**

Thursday, November 20, 2014       3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, December 4, 2014        3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, December 18, 2014       3:00 p.m.

**Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)**

Planning and Zoning Board	Wednesday, December 17, 2014	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, December 17, 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	Wednesday, January 28, 2015	4:00 p.m.
City/County Health Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of every other month	5:30 p.m.

**Upcoming Holidays:**

Thanksgiving Holiday – November 27-28, 2014  
City Departments will be closed in observance for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Christmas Holiday – December 25-26, 2014  
City Departments will be closed in observance for the Christmas Holiday

New Year's Day – January 1, 2015  
City Departments will be closed in observance for the New Year Holiday

**Reminders:**

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

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