"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." Confucius, <u>www.brainyquote.com</u>

"May your coffee be strong and your Monday be short." Unknown, www.quotelicious.com

## FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES

Good Job Award!!!



During the week of January 26-30, 2015 the Brush Crew really outdid itself. This crew already has a "can-do" reputation within the City of Kingsville by helping out other departments, but the work and professionalism showcased this week was something to behold. Four extremely large demolitions were accomplished in just over three days. On 1801 and 1803 N 20<sup>th</sup> street three large houses and a metal barn were removed, at 611 E Alice a house was removed, and two structures were removed at 303 W General Cavazos and two more at 915 E. Yoakum. A total of nine large structures were demolished safely, quickly and professionally. Your efforts and desire to be the best at what you do have not gone unnoticed. Your willingness to help others and do whatever is asked of you have made the entire department look good to people in the city. Thank you for your professionalism and work ethic. Because of these efforts we have built a team in Public works that is second to none. – Charlie Cardenas



Danny Navejar, Emilio Solis, Noe Zamora, Jose Flores and Salvador Garcia

Sanitation Department Employees

## Let's Remember Our Award Winners!!!

2014 Safety & Recognition Awards.....

Theresa Cavazos, Planning and Development Services Department-Employee of the Year Landfill Division, Public Works Department- Injury Free Award Gary Munoz, Landfill Division, Public Works Department- Safety Hero Award

### 2015 Good Job Awards.....

Jose "BJ" Basaldu	Garage Division	2/9/15	Restoring water service to residents
Adela Barrientes	Planning Dept.	1/26/15	Dedication to duty
Teresa Cavazos	Planning Dept.	1/26/15	Dedication to duty
Daniel Ramirez	Planning Dept.	1/26/15	Dedication to duty
Manuel Buentello	Planning Dept.	1/26/15	Dedication to duty
David Garza	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Kevin Martinez	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Felix Reyna	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Tony Cervantes	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate
Ted Figueroa	Police Department	1/12/15	Doing for those less fortunate

## Human Resources Department (Courtesy of Diana Gonzalez, Director)

### Did you know?

On a website essentiallifeskills.net Communication is defined as the process by which we exchange information between individuals or groups of people. It is a process where we try as clearly and accurately as we can, to convey our thoughts, intentions and objectives.

### **Current Employment Opportunities**

Fire - Firefighter Golf Course – Manager Police - Officers Police - Telecommunication's Operator Public Works - Garage – Maintenance Technician Public Works - Sanitation – Recycling Technician Public Works - Street – Maintenance Worker Public Works - Wastewater – Plant Helper

### New Employees - 0

#### **Separations**

Henry Cantu – Police Officer Herman Cantu- Police Officer Chuck Jennings – Recycling Technician Ramiro Morales – Maintenance Worker

#### **Promotions:**

Roque Correa, Maintenance Worker in the Parks and Recreation Department, accepted the position of Equipment Operator I in the Street Division of the Public Works Department on February 10, 2015.

The HR Director is scheduled to attend the 2015 Texas Public Employer Labor Relations Association Annual Workshop and the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil Service Workshop on February 11<sup>th</sup> – February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Sugar Land, Texas.

The laserfiche program is continuing. With the additional help from Library staff the last 3 years of previous employees and all current employee information has been laserfiched. Scanned documents are in the process of being verified.

#### <u>Civil Service Corner</u> Fire Department Promotions effective February 3, 2015

Terry Valentine promoted to Fire Captain David Guerra promoted to Fire Lieutenant Steve Palacios promoted to Fire Engineer

The next regular Civil Service Commission meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2015 at 12 noon.

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

## **Mold Remediation Continues**

The mold remediation project enters its third week at the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library. Gerloff Company, Inc. of San Antonio, Texas, is making fast progress in



its efforts to have the library reopened in a timely manner. The remediation technicians have already filled 2,000 out of the 3,000 boxes being used to store the sanitized library materials. The technicians will continue with the next phase by removing the library's furniture and computers, cleaning these items, and storing them offsite. In addition to the mold remediation, Kleberg County has awarded the

air conditioning and heating equipment installation contract to Ramos Refrigeration of Kingsville, Texas. This installation is anticipated to begin the later part of February or the beginning of March. City and County officials are projecting the library to reopen early April 2015. The library will notify the public of the reopening.

### Kenedy County Residents Eligible for Free Library Card

The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library is once again pleased to extend an invitation to all Kenedy County residents to come by and pick up their **FREE** library cards. For calendar year 2015, the Kenedy County Commissioners Court has underwritten the annual non-resident fee for Kenedy



County residents. Kenedy County residents can renew their existing or expired library cards. Both new and well-established residents are encouraged to apply. Patrons will receive a new library card during their visit. The first card is **FREE** and is valid for one year from the date of renewal or sign-up. With a library card, Kenedy County residents can enjoy various services, whether in person or from the library's website at <u>www.kleberglibrary.com</u>. For more information, residents can call the library at (361) 592-6381 or (361) 219-5560. The

library's regular hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For patrons who cannot come to Kingsville for their **FREE** card, the library will be hosting a *Library Card Registration Drive* in Sarita on March 11, 2015, from 12 noon -4 p.m. on the Kenedy Courty Courthouse grounds.

### **Celebrating Black History Month**

During the month of February, the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library recognizes Black History Month. "A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture" is this year's national theme as communities across the nation, including Kingsville, celebrate the contributions of African



Americans. Even though the library is temporarily closed, patrons can glimpse into a little known piece of black history by checking out the eBook, *Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers* by Tanya Lee Stone. To check out eBooks, visit the library's website and click on the "Enjoy eBooks" banner to access this collection. Patrons will need an active library card

account to check out eBooks. If patrons need assistance with this electronic service, they can call the library during regular business hours. The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library encourages local citizens to celebrate Black History Month by participating in various community events.

-I have a dream.....

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

### **Training and Professional Development**

<u>Training</u> – Station crews conducted individual training on various tasks during the last two weeks.

### Planning

<u>Community Project Development Meetings</u> – The fire chief and fire marshal attended one planning development committee meeting with other department heads.

<u>Fire Prevention Program Design</u> – Work still continues on developing a proposal for the City Commission on improving fire life safety inspections and plan review of new and existing buildings within the City.

<u>Gov QA Program Planning Meeting</u> – The fire chief attended a second meeting with the City Manager, Health Department Director, Purchasing Director, Planning Department Director, and the I.T. Department to discuss implementation of GovQA in the fire department. The layout of forms that will be used on laptop computers in the field were discussed in detail.

<u>Exhaust Removal System</u> – The Purchasing Department hosted a pre-bid conference for vendors wishing to bid on the installation of vehicle exhaust removal systems for both fire stations. The Fire Department has received a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant for up to \$98,000 to install exhaust removal systems because the diesel fumes from fire apparatus are spread throughout the building where firefighters sleep and eat. Two contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid conference and toured both fire stations. The bids for the project are due on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Department Activities**

<u>Uniform Issue</u> – New station uniforms are still being issued out.

<u>Performance Evaluations</u> – The fire chief is reviewing annual employee performance evaluations.

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

### **Committee Meetings:**

<u>Officers Meeting</u> – January 30<sup>th</sup>, an officers meeting was held to discuss operations, recent incidents, probationary personnel, and review of policies and proposed policies.

## New Policies or Policy Revisions:

• Animal attack response policy

## **Equipment and Facilities:**

<u>Fire Station 2</u> - The new fence around the back porch of fire station 2 has been completed.





Fire Station 2 Street Widening and Improvements -

City crews have begun clearing to widen the street beside fire station 2. A new sidewalk has been installed to allow handicap access from the back parking area.

<u>Medic units</u> – Some mechanical problems with ambulances during the period. Repairs were made and returned to service quickly.

<u>Brush 1</u> – Overheated and began smoking from exhaust. Was towed to the warehouse for inspection by City mechanics.

### 2014-15 Projects:

<u>Thermal Imager:</u> New thermal imager has been ordered. Some accessories have arrived. Expected shipping date is now February 19.

New Fire Marshal Vehicle: Truck has been ordered.

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

<u>Replacement Skid Unit for the Brush Truck:</u> Preparing specifications for Purchasing Department.

<u>Intercom System for Fire Apparatus</u>: Have tested sample equipment that has been provided by a vendor. Requesting additional quotes for DIR purchasing options.

<u>Fire Station 1 Improvements</u>: Still in review. Gathering list of needed improvements with detailed specifications to be provided to contractors.

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

Computer Aided Dispatch System: Continuing to review CAD options.

<u>Computer Server, Terminal, and Software</u>: Still having computer access and email access problems within the Fire Department.

<u>Radio System Improvements:</u> Preparing document on radio system recommendations for review.

Station Lettering Project: New lettering has been installed on both fire stations.

# Fire Department Response Statistics for the period of: 08:00 hrs on January 30th, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on February 13th, 2015.

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	22
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	106
Total Emergency Responses -	128

**Major Events during the period:** Major Vehicle Accident with persons trapped, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Ailsie: Two engine companies and two ambulances responded to a traffic accident that involved two vehicles. One SUV was found to be overturned with an occupant trapped. Firefighters stabilized the vehicle and extricated the patient in about 15 minutes.

## CITY COUNTRY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Emilio Garcia, Director)

### **Administration Division**

### City-County Health Department/Animal Control Division yearly inspection

The City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center was recently inspected by the Texas Department of State Health Services-Zoonosis Control. This inspection is done yearly as we are a Rabies Quarantine Facilities and Impoundment/Shelter Facilities. The inspection was done by Stephanie Johnston a Zoonosis Control Specialist from Health Service Region 11, Harlingen, Texas. Ms. Johnston toured our facility, inspected our dog kennels, the cat room and cages, our dog bite quarantine kennels, inspected our storage building (animal food), reviewed our procedures and policies for impoundments & quarantine, and reviewed our Animal Control Specialist continuing education unit's certifications. I am pleased to announce that our facility rated **Satisfactory**. We will receive our 2015 certificate by mail in a couple of days. This is our second year in a row that we have earned a satisfactory rating. Thanks to our Animal Control Division Employees for keeping our facility cleaned, sanitary, and structurally sound.

#### City-County Health Department Monthly Revenues

Below is a table showing the Health Department income revenue on a monthly basis for Consumer Health and Animal Control.

Fees collected	<b>Consumer Health</b>	<b>Animal Control</b>
Oct 2014	\$1,090.00	\$1,884.00
Nov 2014	\$623.00	\$1,470.00
Dec 2014	\$1,390.00	\$1,940.00
Jan 2015	\$1,538.00	\$2405.00

#### **Statistics-Revenues**

### **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.

Dixie Cream Donuts-97	Nutricion-97	Dollar General/N. 14 <sup>TH</sup> -96	
Kwik Pantry/W. Corral-89	Subway/N. 14 <sup>TH</sup> -97	HM King High School Cafeteria-	
		97	
Love's Truck Stop-94	Arby's-97	Subway/Armstrong-97	
Harrel School Cafeteria-	Gillett School Cafeteria-97	Little Caesar's Pizza-90	
100			
Grannys Tamales Mobile-	Brink's Seafood Mobile-84	HEB/Deli-93	
95			
HEB/Sushiya-97	HEB/Seafood Market-100	HEB/Grocery-93	
HEB/Bakery-100	Big House Burgers-88	Gregg's Short Stop-97	
Sara Simacek Fish Truck-	Amigo Food Mart-88	Kleberg County Jail Kitchen-93	
93			
IHOP-93			

## Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Classes February 2 thru February 13

Food Handler Class	9 Students	Regular Food Handler Class- KISD Staff	
Food Handler Class	10 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class-Kleberg County Sheriff's Office	

Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events				
South Texas Elite	Temporary Food Event-BBQ Chicken legs, sausage wrap & sales			
Knights of Columbus #3389	Temporary Food Event-Concession stand for Rodeo at JK			
Gabe Quinones Fundraiser	Temporary Food Event-Carne Guisada plate sale			
Kleberg County Sheriff's Office	Temporary Food Event-BBQ burger sale			
HM King Mariachi	Temporary Food Event-Tamales, rice & beans			

Consumer	Food	Restroom	Food Handler	Day Care &	Temp. Food
Health	Establishment	Insp.	Attendees	Foster Homes	Event
	Insp.			Insp.	Permits
Oct 2014	72	116	50	0	10
Nov 2014	59	85	69	6	7
Dec 2014	44	67	14	2	0
Jan 2015	65	102	57	2	14

City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Consumer Health

### **Animal Control Center Division**

#### More Javelina's

This large Javelina was captured on the 1300 Block of West Santa Gertrudis. This is the seventh Javelina that the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Division has captured. All the Javelinas that have been captured have been relocated to the North of the City of Kingsville on the King Ranch.









### 13 Lucky Cats Rescued

Debbie Patterson, with the Kitten House Rescue of Houston, Texas rescued 13 cats from the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center. The rescue is a 501c3 that rescues cats and kittens all over the Great State of Texas. Mrs. Patterson took kittens and cats of all sizes, shapes and colors. The cats will be taken to Houston to be vetted and placed in foster houses and then be adopted out into a forever home. Pictured below is Mrs. Patterson with some of the cats. Teresa Orr Animal Care Attendant is helping load the cats in their own pet carrier. Thank you Debbie Patterson for rescuing cats from our Animal Control Center!









#### Food Donation

Our Local Tractor Supply Company donated 185 pounds of dry dog food, 16 pounds of dry cat food, 40 cans of cat food and 25 cans of dog food. Thanks to Tractor Supply Company for your continuous food donation to our Animal Control Center.



### Monthly Pet Adoption Day

The City-County Health Department/Animal Control Division held their first of the year monthly pet adoption day at the Health Department. The Health Department was open Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Two dogs were rescued and one dog was adopted. See below for our next monthly pet adoption day.

City-County Health Depa	rtment	Monthly	y Statist	ics-Ani	mal Control
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
<b>Animal Control</b>	2014	2014	2014	2015	
Dogs impounded	191	126	121	127	
Dogs adopted	28	22	26	27	
Dogs released	24	26	21	30	
Dogs Rescue (Groups)	41	12	28	26	
Cats impounded	159	97	70	98	
Cats adopted	6	6	12	11	
Cats released	1	0	0	1	
Cats rescued (Groups)	3	0	1	0	
Opossum in traps	72	51	71	56	
Other animals	6	0	2	1	
impounded					
Other animals adopted	0	0	1	1	
# of humans bitten	5	5	6	5	
Animals obs. 10 days	5	4	5	3	
Warnings issued	0	1	0	0	
Citation issued	75	41	67	28	

City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center

## **MONTHLY PET ADOPTION DAY**

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

### Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

3421 North Farm Market 1355 Kingsville, Texas 78363 2 miles north of the Javelina Football Stadium Adoption fee is \$20.00 and a \$15.00 refundable vaccination fee



Adopters and rescue groups wanted to save a life!

Vector Control	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	2014	2014	2014	2015
Calls pertaining to bees	18	1	4	4
Removal of swarms	7	1	1	1
Site unable to abate	11	0	3	3
Mosquito surveillance	0	1	0	0
Larvacide applications	0	0	0	0
(Blocks)				
Adulticide Application	3	0	0	0
(Days of Mosquito				
Spraying at night)				

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



The Risk Manager received a visit from TML Loss Prevention Representative Art Alvarez on Tuesday February 10th. The Discovery Team visited the City of Kingsville on February 2014 to assist the City in implementing an active accident prevention plan and loss prevention process that will decrease the frequency and cost of workers compensation claims. The Discovery Team visited 8 + departments to include Fire, Police, Water Production and Maintenance, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill, Street and Management Staff. Departments were given Potential Action Item Plan recommendations for their departments. Art Alvarez is checking on the status of those action items

and ensuring the City is in the right track. This is a process that will be on-going and will benefit the City long term. City Supervisors and Managers are currently responding to these recommendations. The Discovery Team will be visiting the city again in June or July of this year.

### Risk Manager attends "Ebola Tabletop" in Nueces County



City Risk Manager Melissa Perez and Tomas Sanchez attended "Responding to Ebola" Tabletop in Nueces County. Nicole Pointsanos also attended the Tabletop Training. The Purpose of the Tabletop is to provide participants an opportunity to evaluate current response concepts, plans and capabilities in response to a possible outbreak of a viral disease with high mortality. Objectives were: test screening, triage and follow-up, isolation requirements, planning for patient surge, discuss patient, staff, and visitor safety and notification practices.

> Risk Manager receives a visit from Workers Compensation Specialist Hermelinda Cruz



Risk Manager Melissa Perez received a visit from TML Workers Compensation Representative Hermelinda Cruz on Thursday February 10th. Hermelinda along with Art Alvarez visit their respective Risk Managers to discuss current open and closed injuries and if any employees are receiving temporary income benefits while out on a workers comp injury. It is also a time to discuss any current or upcoming changes to documentation or policies and training. Ms. Cruz will be coming back to visit next week to conduct training for the Parks and Golf course employees and supervisors.

Risk Manager to conduct Parks and Golf Course Training



The Risk Manager along with TML Workers Comp Specialist Hermelinda Cruz will be planning training for all Parks and Golf Course employees. Training is important to an employee because it creates a positive reinforcement of the City's expectations. Training demonstrates that the City is sensitive to their needs, which can lead to a greater level of comfort. Employees can gain the sense that the City is professional, well-managed organization that pays close attention to detail and is willing to assist employees during the sometimes-difficult transition period. It can also increase the employee's comfort level with their job and tasks.

## KINGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief of Police)

## Administration 01/28/2015 to 2/11/2015

The Kingsville Police Department has been using NIXLE, Twitter and Facebook in order to become a more transparent organization. We are attempting to send out useful information on a daily basis to keep our audience connected. During the last week information about different topics has been provided to the public on things such as crime prevention as the examples below will show:

## Advisory: Helpful tips to prevent burglars and thieves from getting your property.

Dear Nixle User, To help prevent burglars from getting your property by doing the following:

Do not leave lawn mowers, ice chests or any other property outside your home or on your porch Make sure that all doors & windows are locked to your home and vehicles Do not leave any personal belongings inside your vehicle Do not leave any valuable items in the bed of your pickup trucks For full details, view this message on the web.

Another example is shown below:

### Advisory: Scam Alert -- Someone Ordered Your Background Check? It's a Scam.

Dear Nixle User, A message from the Better Business Bureau

How the Scam Works:

You receive an email with the subject line: "Someone recently viewed your background-information." Curious, you open it. The message claims to be an automatically-generated notification that someone "has just recently ordered the results of your background-check."

Interested in who requested information about you? At the bottom of the message is a link to "find out more about this new-scan." You may be curious, but don't click the link! This email is a scam, and the link will download malware to your computer. How to Spot a Scam Email:

In general, it's best not to click on links that come in unsolicited emails. Here are some more ways to spot a malicious email just in case your spam filter doesn't catch it.

1. The email claims to have information about you, but you never signed up for it. Scams often pretend to be personalized for you, but they are actually blast emails. Don't fall for this! If you never signed up for custom email alerts, you shouldn't be receiving them.

2. Check out the "From" field: Scammers have the ability to mask email addresses, making the message appear to come from a legitimate source. But they don't always use it. Look out for email addresses that don't match the brand used in the email message.

3. Watch for typos, strange phrasing and bad grammar. Scammers can easily copy a brand's logo and email format, but awkward wording and poor grammar are typically a give away that the message is a scam. In the example above, the strange hyphens in "background-information" and "new-scan" are a telltale sign.

4. Hover over URLs to reveal their true destination. Typically, the hyperlinked text will say one thing, but the link will point somewhere else. Scammers either set up fake websites or hack into third-party sites and use them to host malware. For More Information

To find out more about other scams, check out BBB Scam Stopper (bbb.org/scam).

This Scam Alert has been sponsored by Western Union, a BBB National Partner.

For full details, view this message on the web.

Not only does it provide information on issues such as those shown above but KPD sends out weather information, information on citizens with warrants, information on subjects that commit crimes to utilize our citizens as force multipliers in order to capture more criminals.

If you are familiar with social media then you have heard of Twitter where we can be followed @Kingsville\_PD and FACEBOOK at <u>www.facebook.com/kingsvillepd</u> where information sent out by NIXLE is also passed on to citizens.

Please continue to follow the Kingsville Police Department so that you can get real time information about what occurs in our city and to get crime prevention as well as other information.

## Patrol Division Activity January 28 – February 11, 2015

Patrol officers responded to hundreds of calls for service. There were 139 citations issued and 38 written warnings given. Patrol Division responded to 29 minor accidents, one major accident, five "hit and run" collisions and 11 private property collisions. One arrest was made for Driving While License Invalid.

Officers responded to nine assaults and one sexual assault. One report was made for Violation of a Protective Order. Officers responded to five residential burglaries and five vehicle burglaries. There were 15 reports of Criminal Mischief and six reports of trespassing.

Two arrests were made for Consumption of Alcohol by Minors and one for Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. Two reports were made for Runaways, six people arrested for Public Intoxication and one Unattended Death investigation. Two reports were made for Credit Card Abuse and one for Identity Theft. Ten offense reports were made for Harassment.

Patrol officers responded to 35 business alarms and 16 residential alarms, 16 civil matters and 12 civil stand-bys. Officers took reports for seven counts of Damaged Property and responded to 11 loud parties. Officers responded to 52 disturbances and 19 welfare concerns.

On January 29, officers and an ambulance were dispatched to a business parking lot on General Cavazos Blvd. An arriving officer attempted to wake an unresponsive male who was passed out in the driver's seat of a vehicle. As EMS arrived and was assisting the male, the officer saw a smoking pipe and smelled synthetic marijuana. The male awoke and refused medical attention. In his pocket was found Xanax and Hydrocodone, which he did not have a prescription for. A search of the vehicle revealed a prescription bottle with the name scratched off. The male was placed under arrest for the drug paraphernalia, synthetic marijuana, Xanax and Hydrocodone. Two days later, it was determined that the Hydrocodone bottle was stolen in Bishop the day before.

On January 31, an officer was monitoring traffic in the parking lot of a busy nightclub. An intoxicated male walked outside. Having difficulty standing, the officer approached the male, who said that he was waiting for a taxi. Minutes later, the officer saw the same male walking on the access road to Highway 77. The officer drove over to the male, who was unaware that he had left the parking lot. He was arrested for Public Intoxication.

On January 31, a male in the 1200 block of East Ella looked out the window and observed somebody inside his father's pickup. Going outside, the male recognized the 53 year-old female as being a drug addict who lives nearby. After the female left the area, he observed that loose change had been removed from the ashtray. Responding officers found the female nearby carrying a flashlight. As the officer began cuffing her, she fell to the ground, yelling that she needed medical attention. She was transported to the local hospital then transported to the jail for Burglary of Vehicle and Possession of a Criminal Instrument.

On February 2, an officer was dispatched to a local used car business. The owner reported that he had been called by a Deputy Constable in Nueces County, who had located a stripped vehicle abandoned on a county road. The registration came back to the car lot. When the owner began checking for that vehicle in his lot, he realized that a vehicle was missing. It was unknown when the vehicle had been stolen from the lot, but probably within the past few days.

On February 4, an officer responded to a home on East Santa Gertrudis in reference to a male with several cuts on his abdomen and right arm. The cuts appeared to be self-inflicted. The male showed signs of depression. He was hospitalized.

On February 6, an officer observed a motorcycle speeding on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. As the officer turned around to stop the motorcycle, the motorcycle began evading the officer, running at least two stop signs and driving out into a field, where the bike was wrecked. The male driver fled on foot. A tracking dog was called in but the male was not located. The owner of the motorcycle was contacted and advised that he had loaned the bike to a co-worker and gave the name of the male.

On February 6, an officer walked into the restroom of a night club. He arrested a male who was using cocaine in the restroom.

On February 8, an officer was dispatched to a home in the 1200 block of East Yoakum in reference to a burglary. The resident told the officer that he observed a female enter his home, take ten wine coolers out of his refrigerator, several towels and the resident's wallet. The resident advised that he did not try to stop the female. The resident said that he had not given the female permission to be in his home. He was able to give her first name and say that she was a prostitute who had recently been released from prison.

Patrol officers assigned to SWAT participated in SWAT training.

Lieutenant Lile attended the "Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Convention" in McAllen. Officer DeLaRosa took "Spanish for Law Enforcement" through an on-line program with Classen-Buck Seminars.

Herman Cantu and Henry Cantu have both resigned from KPD. They are now bailiffs for District Court Judges in Corpus Christi.

## Criminal Investigations Bureau Activity Report 1-28-2015 to 2-11-2015

Detectives Supervisor assigned 82 cases and inactivated 15 cases as of February 11, 2015<sup>th</sup>. Along with these cases there were also 3 DWI's and 8 Crash reports.

Detectives are investigating a case of two pit bulls attacking a small child.

Detectives are working a sexual assault of a child case that has possibly occurred in multiple jurisdictions.

Detectives are working a case of rape by a spouse that had occurred approx. a year ago.

Detectives detained a juvenile in reference to arson of a house burning down.

Detectives have had to conduct several interviews at the CAC (Child Advocacy Center) in Corpus in reference to crimes against children.

There are several scams going on at this time. People are calling stating they have one of your family members and to send money if you don't want them to get hurt. Another is for warrants that are in another state. Be aware of these scams and don't fall for something that is too good to be true.

Along with this there have been 1 evidentiary search warrant, and 1 juvenile directive issued and served in reference to pending cases.

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

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

### **Communications Division**



The Communications Division is now sending out daily messages to the public via Nixle. This system gives the department away to keep the community informed about many things at are occurring in our city. KPD will send out messages about weather, amber / silver alerts, wanted subjects, current crime information and so much more. You can get email and text about the information. If you have not signed up and would like to, please visit <u>www.nixle.com</u> or Text your ZIP CODE to 88877 to receive local alerts through SMS.

2-1-15-2-11-15, we have received <u>**1563**</u> incoming calls on our land lines.

40- Alarm calls

109 reports were taken

We had a total of **<u>920</u>** traffic stops

## <u>15 arrest</u> –

- 6 Drug related
- 6 Warrant Arrest
- 1 Driving Under the Influence
- 2 Public Intoxications

## Total of 84 -- 9-1-1 Calls

Transfer to:

- 4-Bishop PD
  1-Jim Wells
  53- Kingsville Fire & EMS
  20- KPD- Admin (for non emergency calls)
  2- Kleberg SO
- 1- UPD



## Neighborhood Improvement Officer 2015 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS

## WEEK 5

The following stats are from Week 5:

- Junk Vehicles 1
- Abandoned Vehicle-1
- Parking Citations –14
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -18
- Compliance 1

## WEEK 6

The following stats are from Week 6:

- Junk Vehicles-1
- Abandoned Vehicles-2
- Parking Citations –24
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -9
- Compliance 1

So far for the year of 2015, 13 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 10 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 70 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.



Street Level Operations Team (S.L.O.T.) Activity for Reporting Period 01/29/2015 – 02/11/2015 Work Log # 3- 2015

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

## **MURRAY:**

Case # 1400034205 – Completed a Directive to Apprehend for a Juvenile Subject. The Directive to Apprehend was served the same day it was obtained.

CASES FILED WITH COUNTY COURT: 6 CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT: 2 PROSECUTION CHARGE REPORT SUPPLMENTS: 5 TRAFFIC STOPS: 23 CITATIONS: 1

## **GONZALEZ:**

Case # 1500002747 – Inv. Gonzalez was working off duty security at the Texas Ranch Night Club where he arrested a male subject for Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor and another male subject for Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 37 CITATIONS: 0

**RUIZ:** 

Case # 1500003478 - Inv. Ruiz worked a minor traffic collision on US Highway 77.

## TRAFFIC STOPS: 18 CITATIONS: 1 PATROL ASSIST:

Case # 1500003809 – Inv. Gonzalez and Inv. Ruiz assisted Ptlm. Brown with a traffic stop that led to an arrest of a male subject for several felonies (Details not able to be disclosed at this time).

## Training Bureau Activity for Reporting Period

On February 2, 2015 Lieutenant Lile attended the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Campus Crimes Stoppers Conference in McAllen, Texas. Lt. Lile received 16 hours of TCOLE Credit for this course.

On February 10, 2015, Firearms Instructor R. Salinas held Firearms training. Officers were taught target acquisition and target discrimination. Officers were had to engage multiple targets, shoot on the move, and response to ambush training.

Officers that attended the training:

Sergeant Lobaugh

Detective H. Gonzalez

On February, 6, 2015 Detective R. Salinas taught a Defensive Driving Course. The course covered distracted driving, driving defensively in poor weather conditions, and proper vehicle maintenance. KPD personnel are required to attend Defensive Driving every three years.

Officers and Personnel that attended the training:

Sergeant Figueroa	Officer Macias	Lead Operator Munoz
Corporal Rodriguez	Officer Aleman	Operator Cavazos
Detective H. Gonzalez	Officer Fierova	Operator Ramirez
Investigator D. Gonzalez	Lead Operator Chap	a

### Systems Specialist Staff Report

1/28/15 - 2/10/15

New Coban user needed to be created and configured in Cobans BO Client for Javier Aleman as well as hard drive format <u>javieraleman@kingsvillepd.us</u>

Communications manager needed crimes installed on her laptop. comm2@kingsvillepd.us

Video needed to be pulled and posted on Facebook. rick@kingsvillepd.us

Communications managers computer video card went bad I removed it and hooked her monitor up to onboard video and seems to be working correctly will RMA a video card from dell.

Some detective's computers don't have KPD helpdesk; I found a few and continued to install the client for spice works tonycontreras@kingsvillepd.us

Assistance needed in a criminal investigation to obtain IP address from victims computer for evidence. greif@kingsvillepd.us

Setup a laptop briefing room for a presentation gabby@kingsvillepd.us

Office Phone isn't working in Rick Salinas office, I installed a new one his apparently stopped working. - megan.trevino@kingsvillepd.us

Change Badge number from 64 to 22 on the Coban Video System BO client patrol6@kingsvillepd.us

Emails are listed of the employees that requested work to be done via spice works.

Aside from the spice works requests our Systems Specialist has also been working on Kingsville Police Department's website. A completely different layout than the original page was constructed and he is currently awaiting raw data to upload to the hosting server from all divisions of the PD.

## KLEBERG PARKS AND RECREATION (Courtesy of Susan Ivy, Director)

The Kleberg Kenedy County Junior Livestock Show wrapped with the Annual Auction. Grand Champion Steer sold for \$20,000.00 and Reserve a penny less. Many animals were sold for a penny under Grand Champion thanks to the generosity of some great Business Leaders in our community.



After the Livestock Show it was clean up and put up and getting ready for the next event which is the National Professional Bull Riders event, Feb 13 & 14. This group has been coming to Kingsville for many years and puts on a great show. Minimal assistance is required from our staff. The event is the "Hottest 8 Seconds" around.

While staff are concentrating on making the rounds to the neighborhood parks and all of the other "spots" we maintain, we are also inventorying repairs to baseball/softball/soccer fields and playgrounds and parks to prepare for spring and summer playtimes.

Parks Manager, Susan Ivy, met with the College of Pharmacy students to discuss a proposal they presented for improvement projects to the Corral Street Park. The students applied for and were awarded a \$3,500.00 grant from Walmart, Inc. to do a community project that would include a health initiative for the community. Their proposal includes a walking trail, exercise equipment, pet cleanup stations, and other park amenities. Parks Manager met with City Engineer Charlie Cardenas and City Planner Tom

nights

Ginter to provide their expertise to the project. The project will kick off with a cleanup day at the park during "The Bigger Event" on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. The project will be presented to City Commission for approval.

We are waiting for confirmation that the contract with the Prison System has been approved and look forward to inmate assistance with work in Dick Kleberg Park which will be very helpful to our staff.

January Facility	
<u>Usage</u>	
Rec Hall	6 days
BBQ Building	1 day
Field Rentals	54.5hrs
Electricity	12hrs
RV Spots	78 nights
Coliseum	L/Show





## **TOURISM (Coutesy of Leo Alarcon, Director)**

**Bison Exhibit Opens at Conner Museum** 



The February 3<sup>rd</sup> opening reception for *The Bison: American Icon* exhibit brought in local residents, students and members of the Lipan Apache who performed native songs accompanied by drums. The exhibit will be at the Conner through March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Main House: 100 Year Legacy of Henrietta King Opens at King Ranch Museum



The Main House on the King Ranch is 100 years old. A special exhibit honoring this anniversary and the legacy of Henrietta King will on display at the King Ranch Museum for nearly an entire year – from now through January 17, 2016.

Al's Hair Design Gets a Facelift



Work including the uncovering and restoration of the historic transom windows and repair of the unique curved concrete canopy has been accomplished. Clean up and repair of the historic Vitrolite glass façade will complete the facelift.

## **Texas Theater Lights Up**

Drive by the Texas Theater at night and see the light display. Lights are on a timer and come on about 7 pm. A double row of neon, one red, one yellow, skirts the new soffit on the second story of the building.





## Courtyard Fence for the Salazar Building



A new stucco fence is being added to the Salazar Building to define a planned, landscaped courtyard on the east side of the building. In a strange twist of fate, the antique iron gate, seen here above, that opens to the courtyard was found right here in Kingsville after a state wide search by the building owners.

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

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

The City owns the building at this location and has previously leased it to the Border Patrol. Staff will be working with that agency on their desire to use it in the future. Edwin Jarvis, Project Manager came into town on Feb.10 to look over the building. The roof on the north building is in bad shape. They only have \$22,000 in the budget to work with. They believe that it will take over \$200,000 to replace. He stated that they will be discussing what they want to do next when he gets back to the office.

### **Torres Estates**

This is a 11 lot project for single family homes. It is located on the south side of Kenedy Street between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets. Since an initial rezone from R1 to R2, staff has had the opportunity to meet with the developer, Mark Dizdar. He has decided that he wants to rezone the property to RP-2. We should be able to get this item on the March 18<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning commission agenda.

### La Quinta Hotel

The Development Review Team (DRT) have reviewed the 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 an estimated value of \$4.6 million. The DRT agreed that a permit with conditions was acceptable and that action was taken. The permit will allow them to start foundation work. TXDOT has approved their plans, so the DRT reviewed the plans on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had recommendations for some changes which are being worked on at this time. The DRT will be meeting again on the 17<sup>th</sup> to possibly give them a full permit.

### Wells Apartments

Plans have been submitted for this apartment project located at 625 W. Avenue F. There will be seven 2 bedroom units. The DRT met with the owners this week and discussed issues concerning the plans that they submitted. The team was able to get answers and also the builder will be supplying us with additional information. The owners have since supplied the DRT with the additional information as requested and have been given a full permit in regards to construction of this project. The value of the project is approximately \$62,000 dollars.

### **FEMA Domes**

The City has issued a full permit to the contractor TB Commercial Construction for starting the work on this project. The project has a value of \$14.4 million. Expected completion date of this project is January 2016.

### Wildwood Trails

With the break in the weather the last couple of weeks, they have started on a number of houses in this development. City crews finished the street work this week that was a part of the agreement for this project. They have submitted an amended plat for the City Commission to approve at their February

23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The amendment reduces the front yard setback from 40 feet to 30 feet, which is still within the code for an R1 district.

### Lake View Villas

Not much has been happening at the job site. They have submitted a replat for this project. The replat cuts down the number of lot from 37 to 24. This will have to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission first for their review. It may be on the March 18<sup>th</sup> agenda.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Planting Project

Proposals were due to the City on Wednesday, January 7 by 1:30p.m. This project is about planting approximately 179 trees along the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor, from the north end to the south end. No requests for proposal were submitted for this project. Staff will be meeting with the Interim City Manager on this project in the next week.

### New City Hall

A Notice To Proceed has been given by the Foundation to the contractor Rusty Van Fleet Construction which will take effect, Monday, January 5, 2015. He will have 330 days to complete the project with an expected completion date of December 1, 2015. At the last team meeting, it was decided that we would have one meeting a month for construction items and one meeting a month for administrative issues such as pay, etc. The first meeting for construction will be January 20<sup>th</sup> and the first meeting for administrative issues will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the first meeting the work by the city crews for water, sewer and storm drainage was discussed. Right now it is the intent for city crews to start work on these items by the end of February. Work is progessing well on this project.

### Joint Airport Zoning Board

This board will start to meet regularly. The Board had a meeting on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. The County is expected to appoint Chuck Schulz to replace the vacancy Anse Windham, a County appoint to this joint board. That should become effective January 26<sup>th</sup>. The JAZB met on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and reviewed the lighting regulations and the Notice To Buyer form. They also discussed the Schubert pond project which has not been started. It was determined that the lighting regulation was previously passed and we now have a signed copy. Staff will be following up on the Notice To Buyer form and Schubert's pond issue. The JAZB will be meeting on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda is the selection by the board of the fifth member, who is also the chair. They will consider the selection of a vice chair and receive a status report on Schubert's pond (drainage) and the Notice To Buyer ordinance. The City Attorney will also be giving a power point presentation on the JAZB's organization and authority.

**TAMUK – Tree Planting**I have been working with Dr. Brent Hedquist on the planting of trees at Corral Park. The trees will be purchased by the TAMUK and planted by his students. We will water the trees for him. We are planning on doing this, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to plant 10 live oak trees. I have also been working with Susan Ivy and Charlie Cardenas on some other improvements by some pharmacy students. All of the improvements are planned for Corral Park. Dr. Hedquist may plant some more trees there on earth day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### TAMUK- GSC Building

Staff was approached by the folks there to assist them with an economic development grant application. The grant will be requesting money for the renovation costs of making and improving the office space for the incubator businesses that they hope originates from their research. Since the City owns the building, the City will be reponsible for submitting the grant application once City Commission approval is obtained.

#### **Building Services Division**

Permits Pulled:					
<b>Residential Remodel</b>	: 11	Commercial Remodel:	2	Electrical:	19
New Commercial:	0	Mechanical:	6	Moving:	1
New Residential:	5	Fire Inspection:	16	Gas Inspection:	7
Cert. of Occupancy:	2	Commercial Meter:	0	House Leveling:	1
Plumbing:	4	Residential Meter:	10	Re-roof:	4
Sprinkler:	0	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	3
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	0	Demolition:	1
Fence:	3	Driveway:	1		

Total Permits Pulled: 96

New Business:

*Weavers of Love Soup Kitchen* at 720 E Lee is now open and ready to serve the homeless. *Oak Tree Apartments* for Building 1, 2, 7 and 8 recieved final certificate of occupancy at 2511 Golf Course Rd.

*Tipsy Time* at 2730 S Brahma Blvd Ste 100 is now open for buisness. *Concrete Blonde Salon* at 223 E Santa Gertrudis is now open.

### **Community Appearance Division**

### Recent activity (January 29 – February 11) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:

Notices Sent:	60	Abatements:	27	Obsolete Sign Violatio	ons:
Inspections:	191	Court Cases:	3	Placards Posted:	6
Re-Inspections: Compliances:	34 21	Illegal Dumping Cases: Front/Side yard parking violations:	0 0		

### **Community Appearance: Billing**

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

through FY '15.

\$5304.61	APR
\$2943.01	MAY
\$4344.63	JUN
\$11263.96	JUL
	AUG
	SEPT
	\$2943.01 \$4344.63



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:

## 1602 E Santa Gertrudis – Property Owner Abated

#### BEFORE

### AFTER



900 E Caesar – Property Owner Abated

BEFORE

AFTER



103 S 2<sup>nd</sup> – Property Owner Abated

BEFORE

AFTER



### **Top Ten Priority Property Clean Ups:**

PHASE 34

Community Appearance Inspectors are following up on previous City abatements to ensure compliance since abatement. Additionally, inspectors have determined the properties, sent notices and obtained photos of those to be listed in the top ten clean ups for Phase 34 to be completed in February. 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:

I HASE 54	
Property Address:	Date of Compliance Deadline:
713 W Kleberg	2/27/15
828 W Kleberg	2/27/15
823 W Kleberg	2/27/15
719 W Yoakum	2/27/15
715 W Yoakum	2/27/15
421 W Johnston	2/27/15
1117 E Ave B	2/27/15
630 E Yoakum	2/27/15
714 E Santa Gertrudis	2/27/15
516 E Nettie	2/27/15

### Phase 33: 706 W Yoakum – Property Owner Abated

BEFORE

AFTER


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

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

Top Ten Phase#	#of Cleanups Conducted	Top Ten Phase#	#of Cleanups Conducted
	By property owner		By property owner
PHASE 1	0 out of 10	PHASE 21	7 out of 10
PHASE 2	2 out of 10	PHASE 22	4 out of 10
PHASE 3	2 out of 10	PHASE 23	7 out of 10
PHASE 4	3 out of 10	PHASE 24	8 out of 10
PHASE 5	3 out of 10	PHASE 25	8 out of 10
PHASE 6	3 out of 10	PHASE 26	6 out of 10
PHASE 7	4 out of 10	PHASE 27	10 out of 10
PHASE 8	7 out of 10	PHASE 28	8 out of 10
PHASE 9	5 out of 10	PHASE 29	8 out of 10
PHASE 10	8 out of 10	PHASE 30	7 out of 10
PHASE 11	7 out of 10	PHASE 31	7 out of 10
PHASE 12	8 out of 10	PHASE 32	7 out of 10
PHASE 13	9 out of 10	PHASE 33	8 out of 10
PHASE 14	6 out of 10	PHASE 34	(IN PROGRESS)
PHASE 15	9 out of 10		
PHASE 16	9 out of 10		
PHASE 17	8 out of 10		
PHASE 18	8 out of 10		
PHASE 19	8 out of 10		
PHASE 20	9 out of 10		

#### <u>Community Appearance</u>

Community Appearance Supervisor, Jennifer Bernal, attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Code Enforcement Association of Texas (C.E.A.T) conference in Beaumont TX. The 4-day conference covers an array of various code enforcement sessions which include *Demolition*, *Neighborhood Clean-up* and *Nuisance Abatement*. This is perfect timing as it ties in with this month's **Trash-Off Day** to be held on **Saturday**, **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. The C.E.A.T conference is a great opportunity to network and compare the successes and pitfalls of beautification projects taken on by other cities.

Inspectors are preparing for the first of two Trash-Off Days of the year. Loose ends are being tied as this

year we will hold the event in conjunction with volunteers from the University's Bigger Event.

#### **TAMUKs annual "Bigger Event" coordinates with City of Kingsville Trash-Off Day** CITY OF KINGSVILLE TRASH-OFF DAY The City of Kingsville will be hosting a Trash-Off Day Citizens can during their Trach for FREE! The Code Enforcement Association of Texas Sat., Feb. 28, 2015 from 8:30am-12:00pm Welcomes You to Located at 6th & East Ave B. Two blocks NORTH of Kleberg Elementary School You must provide proof of residency and utility bill Contact Community Appearance for more info 361.595.8093 NO Contractors, RESIDENTS ONLY We WILL Accept. We will NOT Accept · Brush Hazardou: Waste Furniture Concrete Household Garbage Appliances Tires (8 per vehicle) Rooting Scraps CEAT - Rich With Opportunit Volunteers Annual Business & Educational Confe Needed! February II-H, 2015 MCM Elegante Hotel 2355 [H-10 South Beaumont, Texas 77705 Christmas Tree Mulch will be available to residents at

Final projects have been submitted by various city entities for TAMUKs Bigger Event which is scheduled for *Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2015*.

**Trash-Off Day** will begin at **8:30am**. Residents are encouraged to bring their junk or debris to the site free of charge. This event is well known in our city. It is held twice a year with the help of terrific community volunteers. The City holds this event to help citizens do their part in the beautification of Kingsville. The City is doing its part to keep Kingsville beautiful, safe and clean, and we hope citizens do theirs.

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

### Over 25 Pounds of Synthetic Marijuana Seized in Kleberg County

On Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Tamez conducted a traffic stop on a black Ford F-150 pick-up near the intersection of U.S. Highway 77 and County Road 2160 for a traffic violation. Agent Tamez observed a male driver and male passenger inside the truck. While conducting the roadside interview Agent Tamez asked the driver several questions pertaining to their travel itinerary. According to the driver, they were traveling from Houston to McAllen for the sole purpose of taking the truck to a garage in McAllen. Agent Tamez observed a small refrigerator, still in the factory box, inside the truck's bed. Agent Tamez asked the driver for the purpose of having the refrigerator in the bed of the truck. According to the driver, they were delivering the refrigerator to an aunt of the truck's owner.

While speaking with the driver Agent Tamez observed many signs of physical unsettledness and heard many indicators of verbal deception. Agent Tamez contacted the passenger and asked for consent to ask him several questions. Agent Tamez posed the same questions he asked the driver. While speaking with the passenger Agent Tamez again observed many signs of physical unsettledness and heard many indicators of verbal deception. Based on the interviews with both occupants Agent Tamez asked for and received consent to search from each of the subjects.

Task Force Agent Loftin arrived on scene to assist Agent Tamez with the search. Agent Tamez also received assistance on the search from his Houston Police Department partner, Officer Garza. Agents began a search of the vehicle by starting with the refrigerator in the bed of the pick-up. Agents removed the refrigerator and opened the main door. Agent Tamez observed several large vacuum sealed bags containing a green leafy substance inside the refrigerator. Based on the substance's color and texture, Agent Tamez believed the substance was a form of synthetic marijuana.

Agents placed both subjects under arrest for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Both subjects and the truck were removed from the traffic stop location and were transported to the City of Kingsville Garage where a more detailed search and investigation could be conducted. Based on the totality of circumstances, both occupants were released pending lab results on the green leafy substance. Agent Tamez impounded the Ford F-150 with the intention to file a seizure also pending lab results for the substance.



# Task Force Agent Conducts Training on License Plate Reader (LPR) System

On Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Kirkpatrick conducted a 4 hour training course endorsed by the Houston High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) for use of their LPR database system. The class was attended by approximately 60 law enforcement officers/agents from throughout South Texas.

Local police officers, sheriff's deputies, and Customs and Border Protection Agents learned how to access the database system and how to operate the LPR equipment. Completion of the course will permit those law enforcement officers to utilize the LPR database to assist with their official law enforcement investigations.



### Task Force Agent Gives Presentation on Synthetic Marijuana to Local School

On Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Tamez visited with Gillette Middle School parents and staff. Gillette Middle School Administrators requested a presentation on the current illegal use of synthetic marijuana and its effects on those using the drug.

School administrators and student's parents were in attendance for the presentation and discussion. Agent Tamez's emphasis was to encourage parent and teacher involvement to curtail the use of this deadly substance.

"Popular belief is that synthetic marijuana is safe, non-toxic, and elicits a psychoactive (mindaltering) effect similar to <u>regular marijuana</u>. However, case reports and surveys have identified serious toxicities that occur with use of synthetic marijuana, and some users have required emergency room treatment.

Synthetic marijuana abusers who have been taken to Poison Control Centers report symptoms that include rapid heart rate, vomiting, agitation, profuse sweating, confusion, and hallucinations. Spice/K2 can also raise blood pressure and cause reduced blood supply to the heart (myocardial ischemia), and in a few cases it has been associated with heart attacks." Courtesy of www.drugs.com



### Task Force K-9 Agents assist Bishop High School Administrators

On Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Kingsville Task Force K-9 Agents Kirkpatrick and Villalobos were requested to assist administrative staff at Bishop High School with a drug search of selected areas within the school campus. The Agents and their K-9 drug detector dogs (Apollo and Nitro) searched the parking lot, several class rooms and the gymnasium but did not locate any contraband.



PURCHASING/TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of David Mason, Purchasing/Technology Director)



# **Purchasing Division**

**Purchase Orders** Purchasing issued 114 Purchase Orders valued at \$281,481.33.

# **Purchasing Card Statements**

105 Purchasing Cards Statements were reviewed with minor errors. If anyone

is still having trouble with the process or the P-Card form please contact the Purchasing Department for assistance. Please check to make sure you are not turning them in late or with taxes owed.

### **Purchasing Department**

Purchasing/Technology Director has been busy with the Pre-Bid meeting for the Fire Department Vehicle Exhaust System, with the actual BID opening on Tuesday February 17 at 1:30 pm in the Commission Chambers. The one for Dewatering Centrifuge System will be opened on Wednesday February 25 at 1:30 pm. Also out is RFP 15-06 Executive Search Firm. Purchasing, along with Collections Manager, Diana Medina, has been working with Architect David Brown on the design of the Collections Building and we believe we have a workable plan. Purchasing Director attended several Kleberg County Commissioners Court meetings on the City's behalf concerning mold remediation and HVAC system bids for the Kleberg Public Library. Police Department copier replacement is in the works and we have been working closely with Chief Torres to determine needs and costs. We received Commission approval for contractor for network wiring and telecom equipment for the new City Hall.

### 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. GovQA Assistance by Technology Staff

# Training

Technology staff has begun the document collection and information gathering for implementing GovQa within Health and Fire Departments. Currently, we are identifying the most optimal method for implementing within the Health Departments and Fire. Additionally, we are generating new methodology to utilize the system on the field that will include: the ability to search and disseminate ICC building codes. We created a field report inspection for inspectors to better allow them utilize their time on the field by being able to track issues that occur that might be in addition to normal inspection processes.

# 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 few departments to allow them to better.

### **Scanning Project**

Utilizing skills that where acquired from the empower conference we have utilized that to increase productivity of the Library staff that is currently working on the scanning project in the Human Resources Department. IT staff decreased human error by automating many of the filing task. This means that the staff whom may be unfamiliar with the system are able to just scan add a few fields and not worry if the data will be put into the proper locations. Needless to say this has created a quick and productive environment. Currently they have scanned in a total of 62053 files in under a month.

# Help Desk Operations

### Website

This week we had issues with the website that occurred as a result of back end updates. Those issues have been mostly resolved or worked around. It is important that when requesting changes to the website that Technology staff be properly notified. Currently, we are working on methods to increase the ability to notify Technology staff. This will take the form of a web help desk portal.

# Laserfiche Weblink and Public Information

Currently, the Help Desk Coordinator is working on a method to incorporate the existing website infastructure with the Laserfiche public portal. This would help a great deal because it would allow each department with Laserfiche to essentially post documents to the website with out the need to contact IT staff. It would be as simple as marking the document for public information where it would then run a process that would monitor the approval for such things and post to the website without the need to email files or load files to a flash drive. This would massively reduce the current workload required to post information to the website and increase effeciencies. Additionally, all files would be in a single searchable portal instead of scattered throughout the website. Additionally, the weblink software is customizable to allow it to blend in with the current website without need for specialized design.

# Office 365

Office 365Governement 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 processed 10521 email messages. We blocked 5539 spam and 4 malware messages. We processed 4978 'good' emails

### **Threating Emails**

It is very important that any harassment within the email system is properly reported to the correct authorities and to the Information Technology staff. It is unacceptable and against policy to be a recipient or sender of threating emails.

# FINANCE (Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Director)

Finance Administration Division

# **DID YOU KNOW?**



In 2014, the IRS reported more than 117 million tax returns were electronically filed. 46 million taxpayers prepared and e-filed their federal return themselves.

http://www.efile.com/efile-tax-return-direct-deposit-statistics/

### **Investment Report**

Finance Director, Deborah Balli presented the 2014-2015 First Quarter Investment Report to the Investment Committee on Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The investment report showed total cash and investments, a current CD listing, an investment summary comparison, summary statements and project descriptions. The investment report is scheduled to be presented to the City Commission at the next Commission meeting.

### Form 1099-Miscellaneous

Accounts Payable Specialist, Sally Saenz prepared and distributed 1099-Miscellaneous forms to qualifying City of Kingsville vendors on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

A form 1099-MISC is filed for each person who has been paid during the year:

- at least \$10 in royalties,
- at least \$600 in rents, services (including parts and materials), prizes and awards, other income payments, medical and health care payments, crop insurance proceeds, cash payments for fish (or other aquatic life) you purchase from anyone engaged in the trade or business of catching fish, or, generally, the cash paid from a notional principal contract to an individual, partnership, or estate,

- any fishing boat proceeds
- gross proceeds of \$600, or more paid to an attorney during the year, or
- withheld any federal income tax under the backup withholding rules regardless of the amount of the payment.

A copy of each form prepared will be filed with the IRS by March 2, 2015.

	VOID CORRE	CTED		
PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and telephone no.		1 Rents	омв №. 1545-0115 20 <b>14</b>	Miscellaneous
		2 Royalties	Form 1099-MISC	Income
		3 Other income \$	4 Federal income tax withheld \$	Copy 1
PAYER'S federal identification number	RECIPIENT'S identification number	5 Fishing boat proceeds	6 Medical and health care payments	For State Tax Department
		\$	\$	
RECIPIENT'S name Street address (including apt. no.) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		7 Nonemployee compensation	8 Substitute payments in lieu o dividends or interest	ν <del>έ</del>
		9 Payer made direct sales of \$5,000 or more of consumer products to a buyer (recipient) for resale >	Crop insurance proceeds	
		11	12	
Account number (see instructions)		13 Excess golden parachute payments	14 Gross proceeds paid to an attorney	1
15a Section 409A deferrals	15b Section 409A income	16 State tax withheld \$	17 State/Payer's state no.	18 State income \$
\$	\$	\$		\$

# **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Schedules**

Accounting Supervisor, David Bodiford, sent out a memo asking departments to update the statistical schedules that will be used in the 2014 CAFR. Departments were asked to update the schedules with information as of September 30, 2014. The Finance Department is asking departments to email the schedules back to the Finance Department by February 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the departments who have already turned in their information!



# **Utility Billing Division**

The WaterSense label:

By using water efficient products and practices, consumers save natural resources, reduce water consumption, and save money. In order to realize these savings, consumers need to be able to identify products and services that use less water while performing as well as or better than conventional models.

WaterSense makes it easy to find and select water efficient products and ensures consumer confidence in those products with a label backed by independent certification. WaterSense also labels professional certification programs and promotes professionals certified by a WaterSense labeled program.

What it Means



Products bearing the WaterSense label:

- Perform as well or better than their less efficient counterparts.
- Are 20 percent more water efficient than average products in that category.
- Realize water savings on a national level.
- Provide measurable water savings results.
- Achieve water efficiency through several technology options.
- Are effectively differentiated by the WaterSense label.
- Obtain independent, third-party certification.

For companies to use the label, they must sign a WaterSense partnership agreement. Among other things, the partnership agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of EPA and the partnering organization, as well as proper use of the label on products, on packaging, and in marketing and other promotional materials.

### Look for the Label

The WaterSense label can be found on products for the home, including:

- Bathroom sink faucets and accessories
- New homes
- Showerheads
- Toilets
- Urinals
- Weather-based Irrigation Controllers

WaterSense is continually working to expand the number of products and service programs that qualify for the label.

http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/about\_us/watersense\_label.html

Monthly Transaction Report – January 2015

Туре	Number	Amount
Adjustments	642	\$3,619.83
Bills	8,004	\$978,355.11
Late Charges	2,302	10,026.46
Payment	6,481	\$885,720.02
Bank Drafts	639	\$71,333.25
Web Payments	1,048	\$102,630.18
Deposits for water service	86	\$9,980.00

<u>Reminders:</u> Any payments dropped off in the night drop need to be in check, money order, or cashier check form. A utility bill stub should be included in order to process your payment to your account or a referenced service address and account number will suffice. If you are in jeopardy of having your services disconnected for non-payment on Tuesday and Thursday, then your payment in full, including penalties, needs to be dropped off before 8 a.m. that Tuesday or Thursday to avoid a disruption in water service as well as additional penalties. This information is also listed on the red notices. \*\*\*no temporary checks accepted\*\*\* All roll outs must be out by 7 a.m. for trash pickup. Once your roll out has been serviced, it must be removed immediately from the curb or street and moved out of public view. (1962 Code, § 8-5-13; Ord. 93005, passed 4-12-93; Ord. 2001-06, passed 2-26-01; Ord. 2006-18, passed 4-17-06; Ord. 2008-09, § I, passed 2-11-08)

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 Activity Report This report covers the court activity from January 30, 2015 thru February 12, 2015.

396 cases were filed with the court. These included State and Traffic laws, City and Parking Laws,<br/>and the Alcohol Beverage Law.Below is a list of new cases filed during this period.State Law54Traffic249City Ordinance1Parking83Municipal4Below is a list of cases resolved during this period.

Prior to Court Setting:	
Parking	13
Traffic	31
State Law	14
City Ordinance	1
Before Judge:	
Parking	26
Traffic	105
State Law	67
City Ordinance	9
Cases dismissed:	
Driving Safety Course	12
Deferred Disposition	4
Compliance	109
Trial-Not Guilty	1
Warrants:	
Issued	
Traffic	24
State Law	16

Cleared Parking Traffic State Law City Ordinance	2 90 60 4
<b>Collections</b> Collections during th	nis period totaled \$90,607.37 collected in fines.
<b>Court Dates</b> Pre-Trials	March 3 &17
Inmate Hearing	February 26, March 12 & 26
Regular Hearing	February 26, March 12 & 26
Bench Trial	February 26
Jury Trial	February 26

# PUBLIC WORKS (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, Director)

# **Engineering Division (1/29-2/9)**

Engineering and GIS Engineering and GIS are continuing with the street construction schedule. Engineering is surveying the drainage ditch along Carlos Truan Blvd. to mitigate ponding issues on Virginia and Lewis streets. Engineering is also working the sidewalks and street widening on Fire station #2.



# Street Division (1/26-2/8)

### Road Constructions

- Hot mixed at Wild Wood Trails and sprayed MC-30 along curbs, exits and entrances. Used 972.93 tons of hot mix and 60 gals MC-30.
- Hot mixed on Fordyce Project E108, seal coated, swept curbs, cut down blue tips, PSI tested, rolled with steel wheel and primed with MC-30. Used 175 tons hot mix, 8 tons 3 rock, 500 gal AC5 and 100 gal MC-30

### Mowing

• Hwy 77 Bypass from Corral Ave to Caesar Ave.

### <u>Gutter</u>

- Lee Ave. and Henrietta Ave.from Seale to University Blvd.
- Seale from Henrietta Ave. to Richard Ave.
- Richard Ave. from Seale to University Blvd.
- Ragland Ave. from Richard Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- All of the Santa Gertudis Estates
- Wanda

### Sweeping

- King Ave. from University Blvd. to Hwy 77
- Caesar Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St.to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to Hwy 428
- King Ave. from 15<sup>th</sup> St. to University Blvd.
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Kenedy Ave.
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Armstrong Ave. from Corral Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 10<sup>th</sup> St. from Ragland Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. & 16<sup>th</sup> St. from Huisache Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- Ave I & Ave H from Armstrong Ave.to Lantana

### <u>Round Up</u>

- $6^{th}$  St. from Corral Ave. to Carol
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Carol to Escondido
- All of Santa Gertrudis Estates

- Wells from King Ave. to Kenedy Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. from  $6^{th}$  St. to Armstrong Lott from  $5^{th}$  St. to  $2^{nd}$  St.
- Richard Ave. from 5<sup>th</sup> St. to Armstrong
- Alice Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Armstrong Lee Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

- Lee Ave. from 3<sup>rd</sup> St.to Armstrong Henrietta Ave. from 5<sup>th</sup> St. to Armstrong
- Yoakum Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Armstrong
- Kleberg Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup>St. to Armstrong
- Wells and  $1^{st}$  from King Ave. to Santa Gertrudis  $2^{nd}$ ,  $3^{rd}$ ,  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  St. from King Ave. to Santa Gertrudis

### **Drains**

• Cleaned all drains on the west side of town Hot Mix/Cold Patch

### Hot Mix

- Warren Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 19<sup>th</sup> St.
- 324 E Warren Ave.
- $2^{nd}$  St & Kenedy Ave.(Intersection)
- W Ave D
- Wildwood Trails
- 1716 20<sup>th</sup> St.
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. & Johnston Ave.
- Yard

# **Cold Mix**

- 6<sup>th</sup> St
- Johnston St
- 10<sup>th</sup> St. & King Ave.
- 10<sup>th</sup> St. between King Ave. and Caesar Ave.
- Lantana from Ave F to Ave I
- 2200 -1100 block E Kenedy Ave.
- S 19<sup>th</sup> from King Ave. to Henrietta Ave.
- 11<sup>th</sup> St. from Caesar Ave. to Ailsie Ave

# **Allev Maintenance**

900 E Corral



- 821 E Alice Ave
- 8<sup>th</sup> from Kenedy Ave. to Lott Ave.

### Miscellaneous Sign Shop

- Routine job: Fix leaning Stop sign on Alice Ave, & 6<sup>th</sup> St. and on Center Dr.
- Helped with Hot Mix on Wild Wood
- Took down Christmas tree at Train Depot
- Picked up portable signs on 6<sup>th</sup> St, & Escondido
- Set Mourning signs at 404 E Ave D
- Went to Landfill to dump trash from Yard
- Helped with hot mix on Armstrong between Kenedy Ave. & King Ave.
- Replaced pipe on No Parking sign on Wells & Ella
- Put new Stop sign on 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Richard Ave.
- Put back name signs on 15<sup>th</sup> St. & Fordyce Ave.
- Picked up barricades at Dick Kleberg park
- Replaced pipe on Stop sign anchor wetch on Armstrong & Ave I
- Repaired barricades that were broken outside the Barn
- Set Mourning signs at 1510 E Santa Gertrudis
- Put new No Parking signs on Escondido Rd

# Water Production (1/26 – 2/8)

Collected 12 routine Bacteriological Samples:

- 331 E. Ave B
- 714 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave
- 213 Pasadena Ave.
- 2020 Sherwood
- 1612 Shirley
- 4011 Allen Drive
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.



- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 E. Richard Ave.

Collected 14 daily chlorine residuals:

- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 4011 Allen Drive
- 312 W. Ave A
- 332 E. Ave B
- 714 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 1624 Shirley
- 2020 Sherwood
- 217 Pasadena
- 506 W. Fordyce
- 711 E. Ragland Ave.
- $315 \text{ S. } 24^{th} \text{ St.}$
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Delivered Ammonia to 6 sites; delivered Chlorine to 7 sites.

Water pumped to distribution (1/26 - 2/8) - Wells - 34,464,000 gallons; Surface - 3,369,00 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 37,832,000 gallons; Average -2,702,285.71 gals/day

# Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (1/26- 2/8)

<u>Wastewater Treatment North Plant</u> – Operators and Helpers cleaned primary and secondary clarifier troughs and weirs. Operators shoveled sludge from sand drying bed. Helpers and Operators are replacing and cleaning UV modules. We continue wasting in wedge and sand drying beds and wire drying beds. Operators and Helpers are mowing grass around plant and lift stations. Rabalais replaced software on new turblex blower and on 2 - 2" solenoids.

<u>Wastewater Treatment South Plant</u> – 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. Rabalais replaced  $2 - \frac{3}{4}$ " solenoids.

Wastewater Collection – Had 12 call outs for sewer backups

<ul> <li>622 W. Ella Ave.</li> <li>1112 E. Lee Ave.</li> <li>1312 E. Fordyce Ave.</li> <li>525 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St.</li> <li>1522 Maple</li> <li>829 W. Yoakum</li> <li>1220 E. Ella</li> <li>409 E. Kenedy Ave</li> <li>829 W. Henrietta Ave,</li> <li>929 W. King Ave.</li> <li>609 S, Lantana</li> <li>130 W. Corral Ave.</li> <li>5 - Sewer line repair at 320 General Cavazos Blvd, 414 E. Doddridge Ave., 618 Ave F, 326</li> <li>Birchwood 1312 E. Fordyce Ave.</li> <li>1 - sewer leak and repair at 1608 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.</li> <li>Inspected sewer line at HM King High School</li> <li>Backfilled area at 326 Birchwood</li> <li>Vacuumed I-Hop lift station and repaired clean out at 400 Jay Vee.</li> <li>Vacuumed and jet sludge pit at North Plant</li> <li>Vacuumed and jet sludge pit at North Plant</li> <li>Vacuumed manhole at 9<sup>th</sup> St. and Kenedy Ave. and at the Village Park</li> <li>Lowered sewer tap at 1127 E. Warren Ave.</li> <li>Repaired main line at 300 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St.</li> <li>3 - Line locates</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Scheduled work for the week</li> <li>Mowing and weed eating 1 MGD, 3MGD and Lift Stations</li> <li>Plant Helpers spraying weed killer along fence lines and drying beds and 1 &amp; 3 MGD</li> <li>Construction crews continue replacing line at 723 E. Miller.</li> <li>Loftin will be working on preventative maintenance on generators at the North and South Plant and Lift Stations.</li> <li>Cleaning sewer mains, curbs &amp; gutters.</li> <li>Clean troughs (Mon, Thurs, and Fri)</li> <li>Clean drying beds (Tues, Wed.)</li> <li>3 &amp; 1 MGD wasting on drying beds</li> <li>Mowing and weed eating 1MGD, 3MGD, and Lift stations</li> <li>Plant helpers spraying weed killer along fence lines &amp; drying beds at the 1 &amp; 3 MGD</li> <li>Construction crews ae lowering the service line at 1121 E. Warren Ave.</li> <li>Construction crews will be repairing clean out at 17<sup>th</sup> St and Santa Gertrudis Ave.</li> </ul>

### Water Distribution (1/26 – 2/8)

Repaired 0 Main Breaks and answered approximately 40- Service Calls

2" Main Break	215 E. Fairview
6" Main Break	322 Lemonwood

14 - Locates, 0-Service line leaks, 5– water leaks; 6- Meter Leaks, 7- Backfills, 6– valve repairs, 0– Customer Side Leaks; 2– No Water/Low Pressures; 0 – Fire Hydrant 0– Turn off Water, 0 - Turn on and 0 – Water Tap.

- Water crews installed repaired hydraulic cylinder on excavator.
- Crews installed 2" tap on Highway 77 for Water Production.
- The water department work on 2 20" water main breaks, crew repaired one at Santa Gertrudis Creek and are waiting on another clamp to repair the other one on E. Corral and Hwy 77.
- Water Dept. received new John Deere Backhoe
- Water crews continue to remove concrete from swimming pool at Dick Kleberg Park

# City Garage (1/26 – 2/8)

### Maintenance

14- Oil changes on preventive maintenance;29 Scheduled work orders; 47 Nonscheduled work;10 Service calls; 0 Call out; 11-New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 21 flat tire repairs and balances; 29 pending work orders. We will replace the piston and the seal on the valve body on Unit 335. We will repair the electrical short in the brakes on Unit 329.

### Welder

6received work order and 1 pending work orders

Welder repaired the floor and the overhead braces on the packer and he is expanding the metal on the welding utility trailer ramps.

# Solid Waste (1/26 – 2/8)

### Landfill - (1/26 - 2/8)

The approval letter from TCEQ regarding the General Operating Permit Authorization was emailed to Scott Collins. The first quarter Methane results for 2015 were mailed to Gulay Aki in Austin and the Annual Storm Water Benchmark Monitoring Report was mailed to

TCEQ. Holt mechanic was at landfill to trouble shoot Scraper. We have started new lift. The Street Department is blading the road. Mia Electric is preparing an estimate on replacing the outside ballasts. Preventative maintenance was done on the Landfill pickup, Unit 9317 and on the D6-T Dozer. An oil sample was taken from the D6-T Dozer and it was determined to be a cracked head. Holt Cat came out to pick up the Scraper to do the repairs to the head.

Brush – 60 tons; Garbage –903 tons; Litter –.03 tons; Construction/Demolition – 571 tons; Concrete -6.99 tons, metals - .05 tons; Sludge –0 tons; and Recycled tires -1.39 tons.

#### Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 1/26 - 2/8 - 620,980 pounds; Commercial waste collected 760,560 pounds; Brush collected 16,220 pounds and construction debris collected 187,300 pounds. The brush crew is collecting in Zone 4 now and White Goods pick up for Zone 3 was done on done Friday 2/6/15. Sanitation has been helping Community appearance finish small abatements as needed. Sanitation has also taken over watering new trees planted around the city and does this on Wednesdays. Sanitation completed a demolition of a house and shed at 611 E. Alice Ave., two small houses at 915 E. Yoakum Ave. three houses and a metal barn at 1801/3 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St. and a house and shed at 303 W. General Cavazos Blvd. Sanitation completed all required demolitions and worked on hauling loads from the City Golf Course. All demolitions were completed in as short an amount of time as possible and more loads were delivered to the landfill in one week than ever before. Recycling for the month of December totaled 27.09 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

# PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION (Courtesy of Bill Donnell, Director)

### Golf Division (1/31-2/13)

The course has been moderately dry but the Golf Division employees are constantly working on improving the playability and esthetics of the course through mowing of greens, collars, fairways, driving range where possible. Staff has replaced 20 unrepairable tires on the golf carts. The renovation of the interior of the club house floor continues with 100% old carpet glue removed. Sanitation staff will begin placing floor tiles and carpet in the club house within the next week. City staff from Wastewater Division has completed about 90% of the renovation repairs to the restroom facilities on the backside of the course. The interior is nearly complete but a water leak within the wall has slowed the progress. The roof is to be replaced in the coming week.

Players will notice clover is beginning to wilt as golf staff sprayed broadleaf herbicide on the fairways and areas in the rough.



The weather has been cool but dryer for golf activity with 631 rounds of golf played and 88 buckets of range balls used during January 30<sup>th</sup> thru February 13, 2015.

Scheduled tournaments at L.E. Ramey Golf Course: (Schedule your tournament call 361-592-1101)

District 29-3A Golf Tournament, February 16, 2015

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

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



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

Regular Commission Meetings (Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers)			
Monday, February 23, 2015	6:00 p.m.	,	
Monday, March 9, 2015	6:00 p.m.		
Monday, March 23, 2015	6:00 p.m.		
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Municipal Court Dates (Commissi	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Thursday, February 26, 2015	3:00 p.m.		
Board Meetings (Commission Cha	mbers)		
Planning and Zoning Board			
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, March 18, 201	-	
-	TBA	6:00 p.m.	
Civil Service Commission	TBA	11:00 a.m.	
Joint Airport Zoning Board	Thursday, March 19, 2015	6:00 p.m.	
Board Meetings (Respective Location)			
Library Board	TBA	4:00 p.m.	
City/County Health Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of every other mo	onth 5:30 p.m.	
Reminders:			
City Secretary requests Commission Member Nominations for the following Vacant Board			
Positions:			
Board Name	Vacancies	Recommendations	
Zoning Board of Adjustments	1	0	
Zoning Board of Adjustments (Alter	nates) 3	0	
Joint Airport Zoning Board	1	0	
	1	0	
Civil Service Commission	1 0	0 0	
Civil Service Commission Historic Development Board		-	