

Staff Report

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“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure”- Colin Powell

www.brainyquote.com

FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES

Good Job Award!!!

I would like to nominate the Engineering Technician team for the upcoming “Good Job Award”. These “kids” have become our unsung heroes! I really consider them to be “Charlie’s Angels”.

There are a lot of details and work that the team performs that really go unnoticed or taken for granted. Their customer service is outstanding. They have grown in project management skills and have administered the “concrete street contract and curb and gutter contract” completely independently. **NO JOB IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL!** These guys take care of everything. The team has been instrumental in the City’s Street Maintenance Improvement Program (SMIP). The SMIP program is a 20 year street construction/rehab project totaling over \$25 million dollars. They work on complex engineering projects as well as help operating departments do their functions. They survey and mark elevations for the Street Department. They shoot grade elevations for water/wastewater lines. They help with drainage and mark residential property lines. They maintain city hall and other city owned facilities. The list is endless. Recently, the team has been instrumental in the construction of “Leadership Kingsville’s” disc golf course located at Dick Kleberg Park. The team’s motto is : “**AT YOUR SERVICE!**” And the guys do it with a smile. They never deny a challenge or refuse to help. Whenever there is a light bulb at city hall to be changed? Whenever a bathroom is backed up? If the AC is not working or its too hot? Leaking ceiling? Watering trees? Mowing grass? Drawing up and designing concrete slabs for the tourism relocation? Drawing an animated rendering of the future Richard Street project? Coming up with a complex 20 year street construction plan (and funding)? **THE THREE AMIGOS WILL BE THERE!** I am very proud to have Sharam Santillan, Austin “**GI JOE**” Jurica and Arnoldo “**Arnie**” Castillo on the Engineering Team, as they bring “fun” as well as technical expertise to our City’s Mission and work environment.



Thank You for your consideration, Charlie Cardenas

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

Purchasing Division



Purchase Orders

Purchasing issued 106 Purchase Orders valued at \$366,650.00. We are nearing the end of the fiscal year and have started our Purchase Order review of all outstanding and partially received Purchase Orders. If you have some that need to be voided please **send an e-mail** to Purchasing with the **PO number** and the **reason for Voiding** the Purchase Order. A list of your department's open Purchase Orders will be sent to all supervisors' to be reviewed and updated. If you have any questions or are unsure please don't hesitate to contact Purchasing Department for assistance.

Purchasing Card Statements

Purchasing Card statements have been reviewed with only minor errors. If you had a pending credit please ensure a copy of this month's statement is included so we know what account to credit.

Technology Division

Wireless Project

The wireless connectivity project is finally have a starting date of August 24. The installation services team will be here for about a week. They are schedule to have a short presentation for commission Tue August 25. The wireless will mesh together our current networks providing a greater range of support.

HM King Project

While changes are being made to the configuration of the current building, Technology staff has already begun the purchasing process to begin deployment of the phone system into public works. Since this system works on a distributed hybrid model, it will allow us to place the phones in the building while not affecting the final product. This will improve their current phone system while allowing us the flexibility to begin making calls as soon as the infrastructure in the new building is completed. Actual cabling is going to begin Monday, August 17th.

Upgrades to Antivirus and Configuration Changes to Mobile Devices

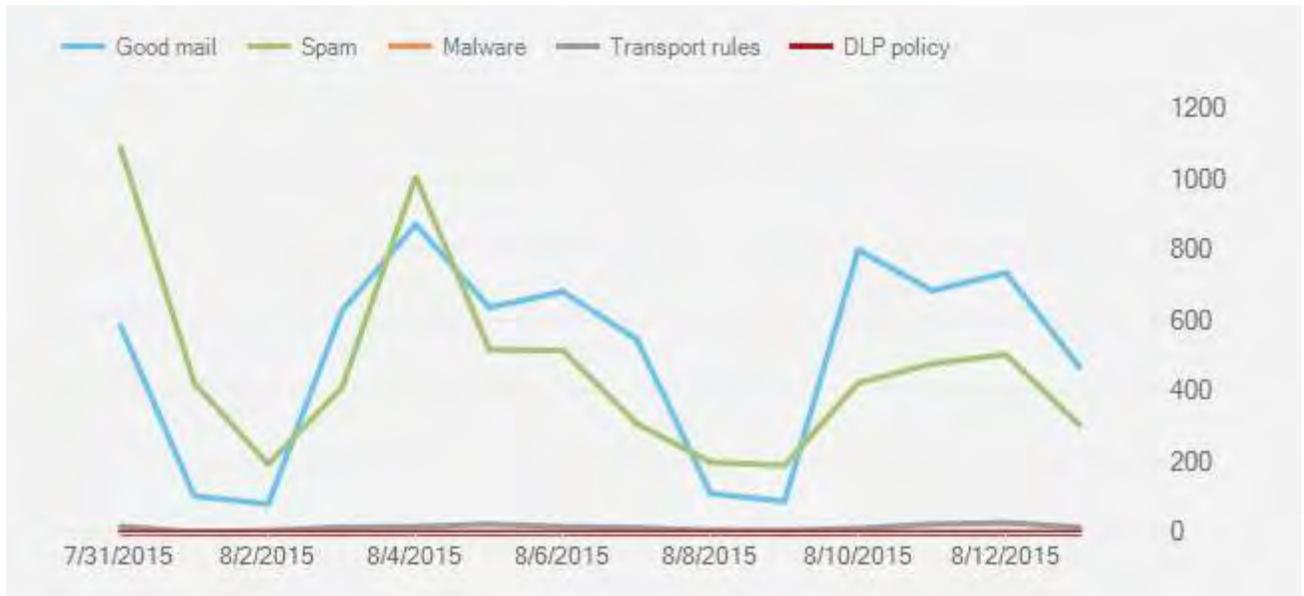
Technology staff has identified the need to upgrade some of the mobile devices. The upgrades include the current antivirus and deploying a more secure faster connection model. It is imperative that everyone working out of the office bring in their device within the next few weeks for upgrading.

Meeting with City of Corpus Christi

Kyle and Tony from the Technology Division went to view the layout and structure of the City of Corpus Christi's technology infrastructure. Corpus Christi is also trying to consolidate and pare down their current network infrastructure. It was beneficial for staff to see how a professional data center is put together. Additionally, they are currently using many of the same types of technology and hard ware equipment that we are currently reviewing as a possible solution for our system.

Office 365

E-Mail Flow Report



The City of Kingsville over the past two weeks processed 13,146 email messages. We blocked 6,096 spam and 15 malware messages. We processed 7,035 ‘good’ emails.

Technology Staff Continues To Implement New Security Software

In order to provide the best possible security for City of Kingsville networks and computers, Technology Staff has deployed a new endpoint security solution from Sophos, Ltd. This security solution will provide protection for servers, virtual machines, physical workstations, and mobile devices while also allowing for detailed analysis of network traffic and blocking of non-work appropriate sites.

Website Analytics



Parks & Recreation (Courtesy of Susan Ivy, Manager)

As the summer activities start to end, Parks staff has been working on getting the exercise stations installed at Corral Park. These are a few of the 6 stations that will be along the trail. They will have a soft mulch surface under them and signage giving instruction on the proper use. We will be finalizing the project with the installation of the water fountain, pet clean up station, and signage very soon.



Parks is also taking this opportunity to squeeze in some important staff training. Dana Sams coordinated a staff safety training on Personal Protective Equipment and Hazardous Waste and Chemical usage. Susan Ivy and Robert Everett are also attending a series of Friday afternoon Arborist classes at the CC Botanical Gardens to learn proper identification, planting, caring and trimming of trees in our community.



Families enjoyed our last "Movie in the Park" on the evening of Friday, August 14th at Dick Kleberg Park. Our Cinema Summer series is a great way to spend a summer evening. Our feature was Guardians of the Galaxy.

While part of our staff is tending to the neighborhood parks and equipment installation, others are working ball fields for Adult Softball League, preparing for the upcoming Grand Opening on August 22 of our new Disc Golf Course donated by Leadership Kingsville under the direction of Charlie Cardenas, City Engineer/Public Works Director. Great Job Charlie and gang!

Staff has also been prepping the JK Northway for the Annual TAMUK Javelina Club introduction of Athletes Banquet.



Upcoming events include:

August 22nd: The Summer Olympics at Brookshire Pool on our last open day.

August 22nd: Grand Opening of Disc Golf Course.

August 29th: Quail Coalition Banquet in JK Northway.

Staff will be working on transitioning dirt back into JK Northway after the Quail event to prepare for the fall "Show" and Rodeo Season.

Thunder Girls Softball League Directors were awarded the Keep Kingsville Beautiful "Because You Care" award for their work in improving and maintaining the Girls Softball Complex this year. They have worked hard and staff wanted to mention Gina and George Benitez that have been great leaders along with the entire Thunder Girls organization. The Girls 6u team was also recognized for their 1st place win at the Pony World Series this summer.



Golf Division (Courtesy of Jimmy Saenz, Manager)

We are very happy to announce that the County approved providing the funding needed to upgrade the golf course irrigation system. The plan is for us to have everything installed and running by the middle to end of October.

A new special we are currently running is 2 for \$30. Price does include the cart fee and runs only Monday – Friday.

I have enjoyed all the ladies who have come out and supported the Saturday morning clinics. August 29th will be the last clinic for the summer.

Our Saturdays are filling up fast with private outings and tournaments. We are currently booked every Saturday morning from September 5th – November 14th.

Don't forget there are only a couple of more weeks left to sign up for our current membership special. For any and all information of upcoming events, please feel free to drop by the course or call the pro shop at 592-1101.

Longtime resident of Kingsville Van Melton celebrated his 92nd birthday and was presented with a 60 year certificate from the Chamberlain Lodge No. 913.





Scheduled tournaments at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:

Wednesday Night Scramble – 5:30 pm

Ladies Clinic – Saturday's @ 10 am

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

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

5th and Henrietta

The City owns this building and has a lease with the Border Patrol. Staff has been working with that agency on their desire to use it in the future. They have been in town to visit the site and submitted a scope of work that they would like to have done to the building. A quote was obtained from Maltby Construction and the Border Patrol is willing to go ahead with the quote.

Torres Estates

The City Commission has approved all of the necessary administrative tasks for developer Mark Dizdar to start his development project.

La Quinta Hotel

The Development Review Team reviewed the revised plans which reduced the number of hotel rooms from 80 to 72. It is designed for a four story hotel. Staff learned that the owner of the hotel was able to obtain financing for the project. The engineer stated that they hope to break ground by the end of the year. A conditional permit was given to them for the purpose of their commitment to the area that the lender was wanting. Once the revisions are submitted and approved by the Development Review Team they will be given a full permit. We have not at this time received the revisions.

Wells Apartments

They have been granted a Certificate of Occupancy and are ready to go into business. This is an 11-unit 2-bedroom development at 625 W. Avenue F.

FEMA Domes

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

Wildwood Trails

A number of homes have been started in the subdivision. In the last month the City has issued 10 permits. Three builders have submitted plans for homes in this subdivision.

Lake View Villas

A number of homes have been started in the subdivision. In the last month the City issued 3 permits.

New City Hall

Things are going well. It is on budget and on schedule.

Joint Airport Zoning Board

The Joint Airport Zoning Board will be meeting on August 20th.

Cayetano Villages of Kingsville

The developer was recently notified that they were not awarded the tax credits they were hoping for in order to develop their project. They did say that the project that received the credits is in Gregory and there are some challenges which could cause the credits to come back to Cayetano before December. They will let us know if anything changes.

Flato School Project

In the Kingsville Record recently, there was an article about the Flato Building. The issue of the clause regarding the use of the property for educational purposes seems to be a sticking point slowing the transfer of the land. Whether or not this issue gets worked out is hard to tell from reading the article. While staff hasn't been in contact with the architect or the Zaragosa family lately, we will monitor the situation and assist if asked.

Legends of Kingsville

They are 100% leased for the up-coming school year and are planning on Saturday, August 22, 2015 as the move in date. As of August 11th, they felt that they will be able to move residents into buildings 1, 2, 4 and 5 with building 3 opening a couple of weeks later. They do have a plan for buildings 3 and even 4 if they aren't ready. Staff will help them accomplish that goal. Staff has allowed them to put furniture in the rooms, no people but furniture. It is also expected that the landscaping will not be done by August 22nd. The main criteria in making these decisions is whether it is a life safety issue. Staff does not feel that the two things that we have allowed them (to speed up the process pertaining to furniture and landscaping) are a matter of life safety. Staff will have to watch construction activity while classes are being conducted and students are living in some of the buildings that are completed. Staff is working with them on a plan to eliminate any chance of an accident or injury.

Legends II of Kingsville

They have been issued a building permit for Phase II. It will be 486 beds with 207 units. The permit was approximately \$55,000.

Domino's

Domino's submitted a development plan in September of 2014 and they have broken ground for the new building. This Domino's will have some limited inside dining. They plan to be done in October of 2015. Because of the rains that we have had this year, it has delayed the work on this project. Construction has started back up again.

University Center

Ali Samadi who owns all of the Subways in town has submitted a development titled University Center. This will be a three tenant commercial building located at 702 W. Santa Gertrudis. One of the tenants will be a Subway. This is the vacant lot east of the IBC Bank, at the corner of Wells and Santa Gertrudis. He plans to close the Subway that is around the corner facing Santa Gertrudis. He doesn't know at this time what other two tenants will be in the building. The project is valued as \$420,000 dollars. He hopes to have it done by the end of the year. He has been granted a permit to start construction. A change in contractor and the rains have also delayed the work on the project.

Advance Auto Parts

A third party doing pre site work has been inquiring about codes and other information pertaining to the building of an Advance Auto Parts store. The location being looked at is the ground next to the O'Reilly Auto Parts store. At this time, staff has not received a special use permit application from them to build a store there.

Christus Spohn Hospital

They have submitted a development plan to turn the second floor of the Colston Occupational Building into a wellness center. The Development Review Team has reviewed the plans and has authorized them to obtain a building permit. A permit has been issued.

Neesen Chevrolet

They have submitted a development plan to remodel a part of the building and to add a freestanding Chevrolet tower. The Development Review Team has reviewed the plans and has authorized them to obtain a building permit. A permit has been issued.

Christus Spohn Hospital

They have submitted a development plan to remodel suite c into a Community Action Dental Clinic. The Development Review Team has distributed the plans to all the members for review. They have been approved for a building permit. A permit has been issued.

Café 5

Ramy Nassar, owner of Café 5, has submitted plans to move his restaurant Café 5 from the current location of 634 E. King to 1106 N. Armstrong. They have been authorized to obtain a building permit.

Nuevo Santa Gertrudis Apartments

These apartments will be located at 1414 W. Santa Gertrudis. They are 56 efficiency units in the development. Plans have been reviewed and there is still a point to discuss with them concerning the location of a driveway. Staff hopes to talk to them this week to resolve that issue. It is also staff's understanding that the apartments next door and this development could be purchased by another company. That company is doing their due diligence regarding this transaction.

Enterprise Rent a Car

We heard back from them and were informed that the sale of the ground went through, so they plan to pursue a special use permit. The land they purchased is on the west side of US 77 and the north of Caesar Blvd.

Planning and Zoning Commission

At the past meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the agenda had discussions regarding fence regulations and carports. Due to feedback that staff received from builders, citizens and our own observations, staff wanted to start a dialogue on their opinion of our current fence regulations. While there are many points to the City fence regulations the one that has come to my attention is the limit on the height of the fence. While staff is open on this issue, any changes do have to start with the board. While they weren't ready to make any changes some of them stated that maybe the regulations had gotten too restrictive. This discussion was the same concerning carports. So at the next meeting, we will be discussing fence regulations, carports and accessory buildings.

Building Services Division

Permits	Pulled:				
Residential Remodel:	9	Commercial Remodel:	1	Electrical:	12
New Commercial:	0	Mechanical:	11	Moving:	0
New Residential:	2	Fire Inspection:	5	Gas Inspection:	5
Cert. of Occupancy:	3	Commercial Meter:	2	House Leveling:	0
Plumbing:	9	Residential Meter:	20	Re-roof:	11
Sprinkler:	1	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	1
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:		Demolition:	0
Fence:	4	Driveway:			

Total Permits Pulled: 96

New Business:

The WaterTree Store at 1600 S 6th St # 2 – is now open for business.
King Street Barber Shop at 929 W King Street now open for business.
Mr. Smoothie at 620 N Armstrong is waiting for final inspections.
Downtown Divas Boutique and Salon at 318 E Kleberg waiting for final inspections.

Top 30 Initiative

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

Dilapidated or Non-existent Parking Lots

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

Violations

615 W. Santa Gertrudis



729 W. Ave C



712 W. Ave F



629 W. Nettie



Unfinished Siding/Roof

Property location

428 W. Lee
528 S. 18th
516 E. Alice

Status

Letter mailed 2/16/15
Letter mailed 2/16/15
Letter mailed 2/16/15

Comments

Municipal Court on 6/18/15
Homeowner did not show up

Violations

428 W. Lee



528 S. 18th



516 E. Alice



Multiple Violations:

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comment</u>
430/426 E Alice	Pending Cleanup	Court ordered extension-July 2
400 E Corral	Court scheduled 3/26/15	Pending Cleanup
1808 Kelly	Variance granted	
1420 Sen. Carlos Truan	Notice sent 6/24/14	Cleared by city
1202 W King	Notice sent 2/26/14	Property owner working on violation
1950 E Corral	Pending notice of violation	
2151 N. Hwy 77 Byp	Pending notice of violation	
223 S 6 th	Pending notice of violation	New property owner
109 S Hwy 77	Notice sent 6/14/14	Property owner complied
E Henrietta & 19 th St.	Notice sent 3/23/15	

Community Appearance Division**Recent activity (July 30th – August 12th) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:**

Notices Sent:	58
Placards Posted:	7
Compliances:	139
Inspections:	80
Illegal Dumping Case:	0
Re-Inspections:	193
Complaints call-ins/walk-ins:	68
Abatements:	27
Front/Side Yard Parking:	0
Obsolete Sign Violations:	

Community Appearance: Billing**Community**

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

OCT	\$5,304.61	APR	\$8,185.47
NOV	\$2,943.01	MAY	\$7,301.97
DEC	\$4,344.63	JUN	\$18,119.48
JAN	\$11,263.96	JUL	\$6,497.56
FEB	\$8,389.71	AUG	
MAR	\$18,116.99	SEPT	

**Priority Property Clean Ups:**

Community Appearance Inspectors are following up on previous City abatements to ensure compliance since abatement. Additionally, inspectors have determined the properties, sent notices and obtained photos of those to be listed in the top ten clean ups for Phase 36 to be completed in August. 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 36

Property Address:	Date of Compliance Deadline:
310 W Yoakum	8/28/15
525 W Nettie	8/28/15
525 W Huisache	8/28/15
1115 S 11 th	8/28/15
1006 Gillett	8/28/15
807 E Ave A	8/28/15
426 & 430 E Alice	8/28/15
225 W Fairview	8/28/15
1014 Gillett	8/28/15
641 E Ave D	8/28/15

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

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

<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u>#of Cleanups Conducted</u> <u>By property owner</u>	<u>Top Ten Phase#</u>	<u>#of Cleanups Conducted</u> <u>By property owner</u>
PHASE 1	0 out of 10	PHASE 21	7 out of 10
PHASE 2	2 out of 10	PHASE 22	4 out of 10
PHASE 3	2 out of 10	PHASE 23	7 out of 10
PHASE 4	3 out of 10	PHASE 24	8 out of 10
PHASE 5	3 out of 10	PHASE 25	8 out of 10
PHASE 6	3 out of 10	PHASE 26	6 out of 10
PHASE 7	4 out of 10	PHASE 27	10 out of 10
PHASE 8	7 out of 10	PHASE 28	8 out of 10
PHASE 9	5 out of 10	PHASE 29	8 out of 10
PHASE 10	8 out of 10	PHASE 30	7 out of 10
PHASE 11	7 out of 10	PHASE 31	7 out of 10
PHASE 12	8 out of 10	PHASE 32	7 out of 10
PHASE 13	9 out of 10	PHASE 33	8 out of 10
PHASE 14	6 out of 10	PHASE 34	7 out of 10
PHASE 15	9 out of 10	PHASE 35	7 out of 10
PHASE 16	9 out of 10	PHASE 36	(IN PROGRESS)
PHASE 17	8 out of 10		
PHASE 18	8 out of 10		
PHASE 19	8 out of 10		
PHASE 20	9 out of 10		

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:

527 E Richard – City Abated

BEFORE



AFTER



1009 Gillett – City Abated
BEFORE



AFTER



513 W Lott – City Abated
BEFORE



AFTER



204 W Richard – Property Owner Abated
BEFORE



AFTER



Keep Kingsville Beautiful

KKB is looking for volunteers to help with an upcoming gardening project that will be located at the Kleberg County Court House. Please contact Jennifer Bernal at 361-595-8093 or email jbernal@cityofkingsville.com for more information.



CITY OF KINGSVILLE TRASH-OFF DAY



The **City of Kingsville** will be hosting a **Trash-Off Day**
Citizens can dump their Trash for **FREE!**

Sat., Sept. 19, 2015 from 8:30am-12:00pm

Weather Permitting

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:

- * Brush
- * Furniture
- * Appliances
- * Tires (8 per vehicle)



We will **NOT** Accept:

- * Hazardous Waste
- * Concrete
- * Household Garbage
- * Roofing Scraps

Volunteers Needed!!



**Trash bags and gloves
will be provided**



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

Library Goes Green



Since the grand reopening on July 1, 2015, the library has been busy implementing some energy efficient improvements to help reduce its electric bill and lower the overall temperature inside the building. Employees from TJ Electric have spent the last four weeks making some much-needed upgrades to the building's interior lighting system. The existing fixtures were originally installed in 1958, and the light fixtures in the new addition were installed in 1968. The old lighting system used a considerable amount of electricity, with some sections requiring between 40 to 60 fluorescent light bulbs. The renovated areas include the Children's, the Juvenile, and the Young Adult areas. With the installation of new fixtures and energy efficient lighting, the library hopes to see immediate and long-term benefits. The upgraded lighting system will allow the library to cut its energy costs in half and reduce the number of bulbs being purchased. The technicians are also replacing the outdated grid panels with new matching ceiling tiles. These grid panels, which are open and part of the original lighting system, were designed so that the maximum amount of lighting would illuminate the library's interior. Aesthetically, the new ceiling tiles not only gives the library a more professional look, but they also help keep the library's interior air much cooler. The library has received positive feedback about these improvements, with many patrons appreciative of the cooler temperatures and increased lighting.

Makerspace Lab Launched for Community

The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library recently launched a new service for patrons and residents to use. The Maker's ZONE, a hands-on, three-station makerspace or lab, offers users the opportunity to explore different aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The lab will help patrons learn various skills through 3D printing, photo editing, movie making, basic computer coding, basic PC game designing, and basic robotics, just to name a few. The inception of the Maker's ZONE was inspired by a collective response to a library survey. Several respondents voiced a desire for a digital media lab, and more activities for children and teens. The library paid the initial cost for the Maker's ZONE equipment. Fortunately, because the library has participated in the Edge Initiative, the library was able to participate in the Edge Reimbursement Program and recoup those expenses. The Edge Coalition, the group behind the Initiative and the Reimbursement Program, is an organization that supports each participating library's path towards continuous growth and development of public technology services. The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library joins hundreds of libraries across the United States that have become a part of the makerspace movement. Come by the library and experience the Maker's ZONE.



Human Resource Department (Courtesy of Diana Gonzalez, Director)

Do You Know? Every year the City of Kingsville has an OPEN ENROLLMENT for employee benefits. Insurance providers are coordinated and meet with employees over several days. The door is open for employees to review, add, and/or delete coverages.



2015 EMPLOYEE OPEN ENROLLMENT is scheduled from August 17th – August 19th, 2015

CITY OF KINGSVILLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fire	Firefighter Fire Telecommunications Operator
Health	Animal Control Specialist
Public Works	
Sanitation Division	Equipment Operator II
Street Division	Equipment Operator II Maintenance Worker
Water Division	Water Supervisor Equipment Operator III Temporary Utility Worker
Wastewater Division	Equipment Operator III-Internal

New Employees - 0

Separations:

Marco Jimenez – Water Supervisor – Public Works

Mary Jane Lopez – Administrative Assistant I – Community Appearance – Planning Department

Dana Sams – Part-Time Customer Service Representative – Parks & Recreation Department

Miguel Sandoval – Meter Reader Technician – Collections – Finance Department

Retirements:

August 2015

Mr. Joe Luna – Senior City Marshal (Task Force) retiring after 19 years of City of Kingsville Service.

Mr. Oscar Luera – Maintenance Worker (Street Division) retiring after 35 years of City of Kingsville Service.

City Commission is scheduled to make retirement presentations to Rudy Mendez and Joe Luna on August 24, 2015 during the 6 p.m. City Commission Meeting.

Mr. Luera's presentation is to be determined - subject to scheduling.

Employee Insurance Open Enrollments

It is that time of year again. The HR office is coordinating with insurance vendors for the 2015 Open Enrollments. The enrollment dates are August 17th – 19th. Twelve (12) meetings are scheduled over the three (3) day period to allow employees the opportunity to attend at a time that is convenient for both the employee and their division/department.

Laserfische Project

Work is commencing again. There was a delay in completing the laserfische project when personnel temporarily assigned to the HR office from the Library were moved back to their original positions when the Library went back into service. With the assistance of a returning employee (Krystin Torres) working on a temporary/part-time basis, the laserfische project is scheduled to be completed within 2-3 weeks.



Pictured is Krystin diligently working away at scanning documents.



The HR office also had some technology issues and pictured here is Kyle Benson, Help Desk Coordinator figuring out the issue and getting the Administrative Assistant's computer and printer back online. HOORAH !!!! to Klye ☺

Civil Service Corner

Police Officer Entry Level Testing

The Human Resource Department administered an Entry-Level Police Officer test to create an eligibility list for the next 12 months. Approximately 40 indicated an interest in taking the exam and a total of 28 actually sat for the exam on August 14, 2015

Civil Service Commission Meetings

Civil Service Commission Members:

Nick Harrel - Chairperson

Dora Martinez - Vice-Chairperson

Alonzo Lopez

The special workshop scheduled of August 4, 2015 at 12 noon was cancelled.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2015 at 12 noon.

Task Force (Courtesy of Guillermo “Willie” Vera, Commander)

2015 National Night Out at TAMUK

On Tuesday August 4, 2015, Texas A&M University Kingsville hosted its Annual National Night Out event at their Javelina Stadium parking lot. The event’s theme was “Help build a stronger, safer community by giving crime a going away party.”

Members of the Kingsville Task Force attended the community event and educated attendees on drug and alcohol awareness. Also 200 goody bags were given to kids attending the block party.



Kingsville Task Force Hosts Retirement Luncheon for Sr. Agent Joe Luna

On Thursday August 6, 2015, the Kingsville Task Force hosted a retirement luncheon for Senior Agent Joe Luna at the Dick Kleberg Park Recreation Building. Agent Luna spent the last 20 years serving this community with dedication and commitment against the war on drugs. His 37 years in law enforcement was evident with the variety of law enforcement agencies in attendance for his retirement celebration.

The meal, award presentations and Joe's career reflections were enjoyed by all the attendees. We ALL wish Joe a wonderful new chapter in his life. Agent Luna, you will be sorely missed!!



Local and Federal Agency Assisted by KTF Agents

On Monday August 10, 2015, the Kleberg County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) requested assistance at the Padre Island National Seashore (PINS). Intelligence had been received that possibly 2 vessels carrying undocumented aliens and contraband were utilizing the PINS for further entry into the United States.

Kingsville Task Force Agents Salinas and Guajardo were called out to provide assistance to the KCSO and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Air and Marine Section with surveillance activities at the PINS. HSI Air & Marine captured 1 vessel with 11 illegal aliens and 10 bundles of marijuana.

KTF Agent McGee Locates Unique Engine Compartment

On Wednesday August 12, 2015, at approximately 9:55 AM, Kingsville Task Force Agent McGee conducted a traffic stop on a white in color Ford F-150 pick-up for an equipment violation and the vehicle's insurance was unconfirmed when a registration check was run before the traffic stop was conducted. The traffic stop was conducted on U.S. Highway 77 at CR 2210 in Ricardo, Texas. During the traffic stop, Agent McGee learned the male driver, a Mexican citizen, did not have a driver's license. While Agent McGee was writing a written warning to the driver, McGee noticed he was overly nervous and displaying deceptive behavior when asked about his trip and the vehicle. During a consensual search of the Ford F-150 pick-up, Agent McGee located a false compartment in the oil pan. The subject was detained. After a positive K-9 alert to the F-150, it was taken to the Kingsville City Garage for further inspection. At the City Garage Agent McGee located five bundles of currency inside the oil pan compartment. The bundles contained U.S. Currency wrapped in rubber bands within vacuum sealed bags that were then wrapped in grey tape. The currency was counted and totaled to \$48,400.00. The driver was interviewed by Task Force Agents and he explained he was hired to drive the vehicle to and from Houston and back to Brownsville smuggling contraband. In exchange he was being paid \$3,000.00 per trip. The U.S. Currency and Ford F-150 were seized pending investigation and the driver was booked into the Kleberg County Jail for Money Laundering and Unlawful Use of a Criminal Instrument.



KINGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief)

National Night Out

The Kingsville Police Department participated with Texas A&M University Police Department on Tuesday, August 4th, 2015 at Javelina Stadium. Kingsville PD Officers, Dispatchers and other staff participated by providing information on Crime Prevention as well as providing popcorn and snowcones free of charge as part of Chief Ricardo Torres, "Operation K.I.D.Z." KPD's Initiatives for Drug-free Zones.

Patrol Division Activity

Period Activity

Patrol officers have been working in very hot conditions for the past few weeks. During this time period, officers responded to hundreds of calls: offenses, civil matters, civil standbys and disturbances. Officers wrote 62 traffic citations.

On July 30, officers responded to a fight at a bar on 6th Street. As officers arrived, it was learned that a female and male had exited the club and an unknown male began assaulting the first male, probably with the female's prior knowledge. The unknown male and the female were not on scene when officers arrived.



On July 30, officers responded to an overturned vehicle in the 1100 block of N. 14th Street. Officers arrived and found a male suspected to be very intoxicated. He had just left a bar on 14th Street and encountered a pile of hot asphalt mix, which he struck. An offense report for DWI was completed, though the male was transported to the local hospital.

On August 4, an officer made a traffic stop on S. 2nd

Street. The female passenger had an outstanding municipal court warrant and was taken into custody. Officers saw nervous behavior and continued questioning the female, who advised that the male driver had made her hide a "crack" cocaine rock in her bra. A female officer retrieved the evidence. The male was patted down and was discovered to be wearing a ballistic vest. He was cuffed and a loaded pistol was found under his seat. The female was charged with the city warrant and Possession of a Controlled Substance. The male was charged with Possession of Body Armor by a Felon and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.



On August 5, a vehicle was stopped for speeding on West Corral Avenue. The driver had an outstanding Assault warrant out of Brooks County. She was arrested. The vehicle was released to a passenger.

On August 6, officers were dispatched to a local retail store where employees had watched a customer load many items into a box and then calmly walk out the door. She was detained by store employees

and it was determined that she had stolen over \$256 worth of merchandise. She was issued a criminal trespassing warning and arrested for the Class B Misdemeanor Theft charge. It was then determined that she had been convicted of theft at least twice previously and was charged with a Felony Theft due to the previous convictions.

On August 6, officers were dispatched to a local store in reference to a female that had shoplifted more than \$250 worth of meat. She was detained. It was learned that she had previous theft convictions so she was charged with Felony Theft.

On August 9, an officer made a traffic stop for traffic violations. It was determined that the driver had a suspended driver license and no insurance. The officer located a marijuana pipe and several pills for which the driver did not have a prescription for. He was charged with Driving While License Invalid, Possession of a Dangerous Drug and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.



On August 10, officers contacted a mentally ill man at a local store. Family members advised that the male had not left his bedroom for four years until this day. Incoherent and delusional, he was hospitalized.

On August 11, ten year-old Taisay Ninuma of Yokohama, Japan, visited KPD. In town to visit relatives, he wanted to see American police officers. He was given a tour of the PD, he tried on tactical equipment, sat inside a police car, got his fingerprints taken and took many photos. Since he had such a good time, he asked his aunt if he could return to KPD the following day.

Criminal Investigation Bureau Period Activity

Detectives Supervisor assigned 95 cases and inactivated 19 cases as of August 13, 2015. Along with these cases there were also 5 DWI's and 13 Crash reports.

Cpl. Rodriguez has been working a case where two male subjects stole credit cards from a vehicle. After they obtained the credit cards they went on a full shopping spree buying gas, merchandise from Wal-Mart, Tractor Supply, and during this they worked up an appetite and went and bought fried chicken from Kentucky Fried Chicken. Cpl. Rodriguez was able to obtain video from all locations and place their photos on social media. Within a short time the subjects were identified. Cpl. Rodriguez obtained arrest warrants for both subjects, and with the assistance with Jim Wells County Sheriff's Office the warrants have been served in Orange Grove. With the assistance of social media Cpl. Rodriguez was able to link these subject to theft in Nueces County as well.

Detectives Salinas is working a case involving a local female that has scammed the bank of over \$5000 dollars. She has done this by using other closed checking accounts from other banks as well as pay roll checks.

Detectives Michalski is handling another case to where a female was seen going into a dressing room at one of the local department stores and taking money from a customers' purse. The offender had a lot of cash on her person. It is unknown if she has been doing this on more occasions. So be aware of your property if leaving it unattended.

Other Detectives are working several other smaller theft and different assaults that have occurred.

For the last couple of weeks there have been no major events to report. Though there are still an overwhelming number of burglaries.

If you see anything or anyone out of place in your neighborhood please call in. With everyone's assistance we can get more of these types of people off the street. This will make everyone feel safer in their own homes.

Detectives have filed 54 cases during this period. There were 18 cases filed in District Court, 24 cases filed in County Court, 6 cases filed in City Court, and 6 filed in Juvenile Court.

The last couple of weeks have actually been mild. Each Detective is currently working a case load of about 50 to 60 active cases.

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

STREET LEVEL OPERATIONS TEAM PERIOD ACTIVITY

MURRAY:

Case #1500021403 – Crash at Highway 77 south bound access road and E Caesar.

CASES FILED WITH COUNTY COURT: 13

CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT: 2

PROSECUTION CHARGE REPORT SUPPLMENTS: 7

TRAFFIC STOPS: 11

GONZALEZ:

TRAFFIC STOPS: 29

RUIZ:

TRAFFIC STOPS: 17

2015 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS

WEEK 31

The following stats are from Week 31:

- Junk Vehicles-3
- Abandoned Vehicles-2
- Traffic Citations-4
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -22
- Reports Completed-11

WEEK 32

The following stats are from Week 32:

- Junk Vehicles-5
- Abandoned Vehicles-2

- Parking Citations –14
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -14
- Reports Completed-1

So far for the year of 2015, 129 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 76 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 290 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year and 169 Traffic Citations.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.



800 E. Kleberg Ave.



1300 E. Kleberg Ave.



1323 N. 10th St.-2nd Citation

FIRE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Joey Reed, Fire Chief)

Training

Driver Training Program – The Fire Chief and consultants worked on the new driver training program that will be started next week. The program will ensure that all persons have received the same training on all apparatus and will operate in a standard format.



Wildland Firefighting Briefings – The Fire Chief held short briefings with personnel to refresh some basic wildland firefighter skills and safety measures. Things such as proper personal protective equipment being carried at all times, water bottles filled each morning, knowledge of tools, and discussion of fighting fire from the burned area of a safe location out of flame length reach.

Planning Activities

Developmental Review Team Meetings – The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal attended one meeting during the period to discuss various building projects.

Multi-Agency Wildland Firefighting Planning – The Fire Chief met with Chiefs from Annaville and Corpus Christi to discuss options for coverage and command/coordination of large or multiple wildland incidents.

Apparatus Committee Meeting – A meeting was held with representatives from fire engine manufacturing company Spartan ERV. We discussed a stock engine specification and what options are available for that model. The Department is finalizing a draft specification for a new fire engine in case we receive a federal grant to purchase one.

Other Department Activities

Staff Meeting – Discussions were held regarding the recent adoption of new Sick Leave policy.

Fire Safety Presentation – On August 4th, Engine 2 crew provided a safety presentation to children at the Youth Center on West Corral.

Firefighter Graduation – On August 12th, the Fire Chief attended Firefighter Zachary Cox's recruit graduation from Del Mar College Fire Academy. The chief pinned on Firefighter Cox's badge and welcomed him to the Kingsville Fire Department team.

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

Facilities and Equipment:

Medic Units: Medic 1 problem with headlight assembly. Medic 3 had a power shutdown due to DEF system. Ambulance had to be taken to auto dealer to have problem corrected on computer. Medic 1 front turn signal repaired.

Engine 1: Pump throttle broken, spring replaced by personnel. Thermal Imaging camera charger has broken prong needs repair or replacement.

Engine 2: Generator leaking. Was removed and taken to the warehouse for inspection. A reserve generator was put in service. Trying to determine if it might be more cost effective to purchase a small portable generator instead of repairing the large fixed generator.

Rescue 1: Class A foam system check valve inoperable and needs to be replaced. Taken to Ford dealer for recall repairs. Replaced leaking foam hose.

Brush 1: Electrical connections, charger, and inverter installed on Brush 1.

Station 1: I.T. Department has been working on updating computers and networks. Several problems have arisen and several persons are unable to use computers at this time. TNT rescue tool had a leak and was repaired by private company.

Station 2: Generator still needs repair. Air Conditioning system filters replaced in both stations.

2014-15 Projects:

Thermal Imager: New thermal imager delivered, setup, and in service. Truck charging station has broken connector.

New Fire Marshal Vehicle, New Ford F350 ERT Tow Vehicle, New Skid Unit for Brush Truck: All vehicles and skid units now in service.

Intercom System for Fire Apparatus: Primary funding for radio/intercom systems in emergency apparatus re-allocated to City general fund excess account. Engine 1 intercom system was included in regular budget and is pending. Excess funds from other projects have been moved to this account to help start project. The City Commission has approved the Fire Department requesting excess funds from another FEMA grant to also assist on this project. FEMA has approved up to \$10,000 in extra funds from the Exhaust Removal system grant to be used for intercom radio interface systems in apparatus.

Fire Station 1 Improvements and Computer Aided Dispatch System: Funding re-allocated to City general fund.

Computer Server, Terminal, and Software: I.T. Department has installed new server system for the fire department. Software and laptop computers still need to be ordered.

Fire Station 2 Street Project: The street to the south of station 2 has been widened and looks great. Steps from front porch to street sidewalk desirable in the future. Requesting quotes for railing along Alice street sidewalk and signage regarding skateboarding. Street to west of station has had concrete poured where fire engine turns into station to reduce wear on street.

Vehicle Exhaust Removal Systems - The vehicle exhaust removal systems at both fire stations has been completed. Waiting for FEMA funding to occur and then request amendment for use of excess funds saved on the project.

Fire Department Response Statistics for the period of:

08:00 hrs on July 31st, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on August 14th, 2015.

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	14
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	112
Total Emergency Responses -	126

Major Events during the period: No major events occurred during the period.

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

Administration Division

Mosquito Borne Diseases Presentation

Dr. Ronald Tyler Jr., DVM, MS, Zoonosis Control Veterinarian and Leticia Tamayo, Zoonosis Control Technician from Health Service Region 11, Harlingen, Texas were recently in Kingsville, Texas presenting a short public health awareness presentation titled “**Mosquito Borne Diseases**”. The event took place on Thursday, August 6, 2015 from 10:30 am to 12 noon. The presentation was open to the public and was held at the Dick Kleberg Park, J.K. Northway Coliseum meeting room. The presentation covered diseases transmitted by mosquitos, techniques for prevention and control. Those in attendances were Commissioner Roy Cantu, Pct. 3; Daniel Saldana, Kleberg County Employee Pct.3; Ramiro Utley, Kleberg County Employee Pct.4; Emilio H. Garcia, City-County Health Director; and, Tim Acosta with the Kingsville-Bishop News Paper. Pictured are Dr. Tyler and the attendees.



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.

Statistics-Revenues

Fees collected	Consumer Health	Animal Control
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	\$2,405.00
Feb 2015	\$1,013.64	\$2,650.00
Mar 2015	\$1,621.00	\$1,980.00
April 2015	\$1,395.00	\$1,780.00
May 2015	\$1,344.07	\$1,490.00
June 2015	\$1,429.00	\$1,166.00
July 2015	\$1,453.45	\$2,563.00

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.

July 31- August 13, 2015

Los Cabos (re-inspection)	82	Subway (N. 14th)	100
Burger King	71	Subway (Armstrong)	97
Walgreens	96	JC3 Mart	95
Little Caesar's Pizza	86	Kwik Pantry (W. Corral)	100
Granny's Tamales	100	La Hacienda	91
77 One Stop	89	HEB Grocery	93
HEB Seafood Market	100	HEB Meat Market	100
HEB Deli	87	HEB Sushiya	92
HEB Bakery	100		
Arby's	100	Love's Truck Stop	97
A&J Super Store	96	Harrel Drug Store	100
Dairy Queen - Kingsville	88	Casa de Tacos	96
Kingsville Quality Inn	100	Sunny Mini Mart	93
Valero Corner Store	100	Amigo Food Mart	90
Kleberg County Jail	86	Best Western	100
Academy High School	100	Santa Gertrudis School	96
Epiphany Episcopal School	100	Church's Fried Chicken	91
Taco Bell	100		

Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Class:

City-County Health Unit	15 Students	Regular food handler class
La Hermosa Church	8 Students	Fundraiser food handler class

Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events:

Project Community Care	Temporary Food Event	Burger Sale
Ms. Wilhelm-Food Vendor	Temporary Food Event	Frito pies and nachos sales; Art Show
Norma Whittington-Food Vendor	Temporary Food Event	Brisket sandwiches sales; Art Show
Gabriel Cavazos-Food Vendor	Temporary Food Event	Pull Pork sandwiches; Art Show
Benefit for Joe Mendez	Temporary Food Event	Brisket Sandwiches, chips, soda sale
Casa of Kleberg County	Temporary Food Event	Hamburger, chips, drink sale

Consumer Health	Food Establishment Insp.	Restroom Insp.	Food Handler Attendees	Day Care & Foster Homes Insp.	Temp. Food Event 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
Feb 2015	57	69	54	4	7
Mar 2015	48	87	43	2	6
Apr 2015	65	101	41	0	4
May 2015	64	66	64	0	10
June 2015	42	81	24	2	0
July 2015	61	98	61	4	12

Animal Control Center Division

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, September 5, 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 \$25.00 for dogs & \$20.00 for cats and a \$20.00 refundable vaccination fee



Adopters and rescue groups are invited to save a life!

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

The City-County Health Department-Animal Control Division reminds you to:

**Protect your pets have them
Vaccinated, Sterilized and Microchip
The City-County Health Department
Animal Control Division**

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

City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Animal Control

Animal Control	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015
Dogs impounded	191	126	121	127	107	128	139	125	139	133
Dogs adopted	28	22	26	27	18	23	25	14	12	30
Dogs released	24	26	21	30	42	34	26	21	17	19
<i>Dogs Rescue (Groups)</i>	41	12	28	26	19	14	13	32	29	35
Cats impounded	159	97	70	98	96	108	173	165	126	123
Cats adopted	6	6	12	11	6	3	11	12	3	9
Cats released	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cats rescued (Groups)	3	0	1	0	20	12	30	5	1	0
Opossum in traps	72	51	71	56	57	62	74	66	36	61
Other animals impounded	6	0	2	1	12	9	2	5	7	10
Other animals adopted	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
# of humans bitten	5	5	6	5	7	4	4	4	6	7
Animals obs. 10 days	5	4	5	3	5	4	2	3	4	5
Warnings issued	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Citation issued	75	41	67	28	26	25	25	25	17	35

Vector Control Division

Mosquito Control Division-(Vector)

The City-County Health Department responded to 64 bee calls for the month of July in the city. The calls have ranged from bees on trees, fence lines, water meter, and in the eaves of houses. So if you plan to mow, weed-eating, clean or do any other chores around your property make sure to check for honey bees. Please remember that loud noises can provoke bees to attack. **SO BEE CAUTIOUS!** Also please keep in mind that the City-County Health Department will not spray bees inside of a structure due to any damages that might occur. Therefore, property owner are advised to contact a Professional Pest Control Company to abate the bees at the location.

10 Fascinating Facts about Honey Bees

1. **Honey bees can fly at speeds of up to 15 miles per hour.**
2. **[A honey bee colony](#) can contain up to 60,000 bees at its peak.**
3. **A single honey bee worker produces about 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.**
4. **A queen honey bee stores a lifetime supply of sperm.**
5. **[The queen honey bee](#) lays up to 1,500 eggs per day, and may lay up to 1 million in her lifetime**
6. **The honey bee uses the most complex symbolic language of any animal on earth, outside of the primate family.**
7. **Drones, the only male honey bees, die immediately after mating.**
8. **Honey bees maintain a constant temperature of about 93° F within the hive year-round.**
9. **Honey bees produce beeswax from special glands on their abdomens.**
10. **An industrious worker bee may visit 2,000 flowers per day.**

Sources:

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- *Tribeeal Pursuits*, Carl Hayden Bee Research Center (article no longer online)
- [The Honey Bee: Amazing Facts and Feats](#), Illinois State University

- *Social Honeybee Shares Genetic Secrets*, Scientific American, October 25, 2006

City-County Health Department Monthly Statistics-Vector Control

Vector Control	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015
Calls pertaining to bees	18	1	4	4	6	7	23	23	28	64
Removal of swarms	7	1	1	1	6	5	15	16	20	38
Site unable to abate	11	0	3	3	0	2	8	7	8	26
Mosquito surveillance	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larvacide applications (Blocks)	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Adulticide Application (Days of Mosquito Spraying at night)	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	4	0

Risk Management (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Manager)

Employee Recognition and Safety Committee Meets to discuss December 2015 Employee Recognition and Safety Week Festivities

The Employee Committee met on 3:00pm to get a head start December Employee Festivities. The Risk



each of the members. Theresa Cavazos and Mary Valenzuela will be in charge of decorations. Joey Garcia will be in charge of entertainment & MC duties. Jennifer Bernal will be in charge of the Photo Booth. Leo Alarcon will be in charge of desserts and serving. Carol Rogers will be in charge of Donations. The Annual Christmas Banquet this year will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 14th Street. The dinner will be catered by Premont Catering in Robstown Texas. There is so much to do but it is always nice to get a head start on everything. The Committee members do a great job assisting with reviewing injuries and claims and assisting to prepare for all City recognition events and celebrations.

Recognition and Safety Thursday, August 13, 2015 at and discuss upcoming Recognition and Safety Manager assigned tasks for

Employee Recognition and Safety Committee Meets to Review Accidents and Claims

The Employee Recognition and Safety Committee met on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 in the Conference Room at City Hall. Twelve employee injuries and claims were reviewed by the committee. Out of the twelve incidents only one was found to be preventable. When an employee accident or injury occurs, supervisors complete accident



forms and forward them to the Risk Manager's office with pictures of the injuries or accident. These forms have all the facts: Who, What, Where, When, and How the incident occurred. These facts and pictures are then reviewed by the Safety Committee members. Committee Members are comprised

from several departments: Public Works, Administration, Health, Library etc., Committee members while reviewing the facts find the employee to have either a preventable or unpreventable incident. Employees have 60 days to appeal the decision made by the committee.

Risk Manager Attends TML Region 11 Meeting in Aransas Pass, Texas



The Risk Manager will be attending the TML Region 11 Meeting at Aransas Pass Civic Center on Friday, August 14, 2015. The theme will be “Drop your Anchor in Aransas Pass”. Festivities will start at 5:00pm with a Water Rights Presentation from Steve Clouse, COO, SAWS. Social Hour will start from 5:30pm to 6:30 pm sponsored by Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, & Sampson Ericksen & Jensen. Dinner will be from 6:30pm to 7:30pm with a TML Region Meeting from 7:30pm to 8:00pm.

Risk Manager Planning Active Shooter Training for All City Employees



The Risk Manager is planning Active Shooter Training for City employees on August 19th for all Public Works employees and August 21st for rest of City department employees. An Active Shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. These situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims. Because active shooter situations are often over within 10 to 15 minutes individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.

What to Include in Your Emergency Supply Kit?



Help protect your family against

potential weather disasters and emergency situations by compiling an emergency supply kit. The kit can be assembled over a five-month period on a weekly basis. Perishable items should be changed or replaced every six months. The essentials: 1)water &

food, 2)first aid kit, 3)non-prescription drugs, 4)tools and supplies , 5)sanitation products, 6) clothing and bedding, 7) baby items, 8)pet items, 9) important family documents, 10) family medical needs, and 11) books etc.

Engineering & Public Works (Courtesy of Charlie Cardenas, City Engineer/ Public Works Director)

Engineering Division (7/26 – 8/8)

Engineering and GIS

Engineering has been assisting installing the “sponsor signs”, “tee boxes” and “baskets” for the disc golf course. They are using GPS coordinates to mark the locations. Engineering has been working on the Pavilion Fence, GCS Building roofing work and Utility permits from TXDOT to perform water line work on 14th Street. Engineering has been assisting with ceiling repairs at City Hall. More importantly Engineering has been preparing for the Street Improvement Maintenance Program funding source. They have been calculating trip generations for the “funding” equation.



Street Division (7/26 – 8/8)

Road Constructions – Gillette & Brookshire

- Hot mixed (172.77 tons)
- Checked signs and barricades
- Cut out asphalt and caliche and set signs and barricades
- Placed blue tops on sub grade, cut down from King St to Academy school
- Cut down to blue top level from Kleberg to Henrietta
- Sub grade ready for limestone
- Hauled in 500.66 tons of limestone
- Water and rolled sub grade
- Hauled in 395.62 tons of limestone
- Rolled in with pneumatic roller

19th Street

- Mixed limestone with water, rolled in with sheep foot and pneumatic roller
- Seal coated and checked signs and barricades
- Cut down tops to level base and primed with MC30
- Hot mixed



Henrietta St-

- Hauled out 14 loads of caliche and dirt
- Ripped out asphalt and caliche

Brookshire St-

- Seal coated and set #3 and #4 rock

Mowing –

- Trant Rd. from Business 77 to Cemetery
- Escondido Rd
- Brahma Blvd from General Cavazos Blvd. to Dick Kleberg Park
- FM 1717
- 1030 from General Cavazos to Trant Rd
- Lots on Armstrong
- L.E. Ramey Park

Round Up

- 14th St, from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd. 6th St. from Ave D to Alice Ave.
- 6th St. from Alice Ave. to Loop 428
- Armstrong from Ave I to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Armstrong Ave. from Caesar Ave. to Santa Gertrudis
- General Cavazos Blvd. from Hwy 77 overpass to Brahma Blvd
- Shelly from Ailsie to General Cavazos Blvd.
- Ailsie Ave. from 14th St. to Elizabeth & Ailsie Ave. from Lisa Dr. to Elizabeth
- Ailsie Ave. from 14th St. to South Park
- Ailsie Ave. from 6th St. to Franklin Adams
- Caesar Ave. from 6th St. to 17th St.
- Huisache Ave. from 5th St. to Covert section
- Huisache Ave. from 4th to Covert section
- Ave D from 4th St. to Creek crossover
- Ave B from 7th St. and Creek crossover
- Corral Ave. from 2nd to Creek crossover
- Ave B from 9th St. to Creek crossover
- Nettie Ave. from 12th St. to Creek crossover
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from Wilson to Creek crossover
- Alice Ave. from 17th St. to Creek crossover
- Caesar Ave. from Hwy 77 Bypass to 21st St.
- Caesar Ave. from 21st St. to 17th St.
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from 14th St. to Virginia
- Brookshire from 17th St. to Fairview
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from Virginia to Hwy 77 Bypass
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to 14th St.



Hot Mix/Cold Patch

Patching – Kingsville Blitz

- Ailsie Ave. & 14th St. Intersection
- Jerome & Ailsie Ave. Intersection
- Michael St.- all
- Elizabeth St.-all
- Lewis St.- all
- Parker St.- all
- Virginia St.- all
- Circle Dr. – all
- Ave A from 14th St. to 17th St.
- Wells from Huisache Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Ragland Ave. Warren Ave., Doddridge Ave. , Johnston Ave. and Fordyce Ave. from Armstrong Ave. to 3rd St.
- Lott Ave. from 1st St. to 2nd St.
- Ave G from Lantana to Armstrong Ave.
- Ave K from Armstrong to Wells
- Wells from Ave K to Corral Ave.
- Yoakum Ave. from 6th St. to 4th St.
- Warren Ave. from 2nd St. to Armstrong Ave.
- 1st St. from Warren Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Pasadena Circle- all
- Kleberg Ave. & 14th St. Intersection
- 13th St. from Caesar Ave. to Hoffman Ave.
- Armstrong & Ave D
- Armstrong- in front of school
- Armstrong Ave. & Doddridge Ave.
- Corral Ave. & Santa Rosa Dr.
- Armstrong Ave.- in front of fire station #2
- Lott intersection at Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Caesar Ave. from 15th St. to 14th St.
- Corral Ave. from Seale St. to Santa Rosa Dr.
- FM 1717 & Bridge
- 17th St. & Kenedy Ave. intersection
- Doddridge Ave. & 15th St.



- Louisiana St. & Johnston Ave.
- 13th St. behind Mexican Grill
- 13th St. & Fordyce Ave.
- Otis St
- Carol St.
- Martin St.
- 7th St.
- Ave A from 11th St. to 14th St.
- Ave C from 10th St. to 14th St.
- 8th St. & Lee Ave.
- 1st St. & Ave D
- Lantana St. from Corral Ave. to Ave I
- 5th St., 4th St. and 1st St. from King Ave. to Huisache Ave.
- 1st St. from King Ave. to Warren Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. from 6th St. to Armstrong Ave.
- Frances, Wanda and Williams Streets from Kenedy Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- Lantana St.
- Kenedy Ave. & 16th St.- Intersection
- 2nd St. & Caesar Ave.- Intersection
- Bilvan & Ailsie Ave.
- 300 block E Lee Ave.- Water patch
- Lawndale & Elizabeth Streets
- Elizabeth from Lawndale to Annette
- Armstrong Ave. & Caesar Ave.
- Rettye & Christy Streets
- King Ave. & 15th St. – Intersection
- Fordyce Ave - In front of Sonic

Alley Maintenance

- 800 E. Santa Gertrudis
- Behind Tapatio
- Between Alice Ave. & Ragland Ave.
- Between Nettie & Ella
- 1214 E. King Ave.
- Between 12th St. & 10th St.
- Between Mesquite & Ave B
- Alley behind O' Reilly's Auto Parts

Miscellaneous

- Put new Stop sign on 16th St. & Nettie Ave.
- Hot mixed on Brookshire with Jaime's crew
- Cut branches that were blocking Stop sign on 600 block of E Kenedy Ave.
- Took Type 3 barricades to 19th St. & Henrietta Ave., 19th St. & Kleberg Ave. and 19th St. & King Ave.
- Cut branches on Doddridge Ave., 700 block E Warren, 10th & 16th St, Johnston & 10th St. between Santa Gertrudis Ave. & Ella Ave.
- Picked up Bobcat at Landfill to cut with Kelly's crew on General Cavazos Blvd.

- Helped with hot mix on Caesar Ave. & 14th St.
- Put 3 Stop signs on Santa Gertrudis Ave. & 10th St., 10th St. & Richard Ave. and 10th St. & Alice Ave.
- Put orange mesh on 6th St. & Railroad
- Picked up tire on 14th St.
- Helped with hot mix on Henrietta Ave. and Ailsie Ave.
- Cut street with walk behind on King Ave. & 19th St.
- Cold mix on Ella Ave. & Ave C
- Took 6 barricades and 8 cones to 628 E. Richard Ave.
- Cold mix on 6th St.

Water Production (7/26 – 8/8)

Collected 8 routine Bacterial Samples:

- 714 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 1612 Shirley St.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 4011 Allen Drive
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 511 College Place

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 A
- 714 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 1624 Shirley St.
- 2020 Sherwood
- 223 Pasadena
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave.
- 711 E. Ragland Ave.
- 315 S. 24th St.
- 209 Riedda

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

Water pumped to distribution (7/26 – 8/8) - Wells – 43,795,000 gallons; Surface – 9,818,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 53,613,000 gallons; Average 3,829,500 gals/day

Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (7/26 – 8/8)

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.

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. Wasting sludge into drying bed.

Wastewater Collection – Had 4 call outs for sewer backups:

521 E. Kenedy Ave.

609 E. King Ave.

418 W. Nettie Ave.

517 N. 3rd St.

4 – Line Locates

2 - Backfills

1 – Manhole repair at 19th St. and Henrietta Ave.

Replaced main line on the 600 – 700 block of E. Miller St.

Jetted and videoed storm drain on Henrietta Ave. and Armstrong Ave..

Hauled sand to the South Plant.

Hauled sludge from South Plant and North Plant to Landfill.

Installed clean out on 521 E. Kenedy Ave.

Fixed broken clean out at 707 E. Lott Ave.

Scheduled work for the week

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

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

Cleaning sewer mains, curbs & gutters.

Clean troughs (Mon. Thurs. and Fri.)

Clean drying beds (Tues. Wed.)

3 & 1 MGD wasting on drying beds

Construction crews continue to replace sewer main line at the 600 – 700 block of E. Miller St..

Construction crews will be repairing manhole at 11th St. and Huisache Ave.

Construction crews will install a cleanout at 506 S. 12th St.

Construction crews will be videoing storm drain on Armstrong Ave. and Yoakum Ave.

Construction crews installing new sewer tap at 1989 S. 2nd St.

Construction crews repairing manholes on 11th St. and Huisache Ave. and 19th St. and Huisache Ave.

Water Distribution (7/26 – 8/8)

Repaired 19 Main Breaks and answered approximately 28- Service Calls

6" Main Break	1420 E. King Ave.
2" Main Break	709 W. Fordyce Ave.
8" Main Break	Ave B and 5 th St.
6" Main Break	1 st St. and Huisache Ave.
8" Main Break	1021 E. Ave B
2" Main Break	New City Hall
8" Main Break	200 block of E. Yoakum Ave.
6" Main Break	Next to Coastal Bend College
8" Main Break	809 E. Lott Ave.
8" Main Break	7 th St. and Yoakum Ave.
4" Main Break	321 E. Lee Ave.

6" Main Break	331 S. 9 th St.
2" Main Break	201 E. Fairview Ave.
6" Main Break	200 E. Yoakum Ave.
4" Main Break	322 E. Lee Ave.
3" Main Break	Vela St. and 12 th St.
4: Main Break	1327 E. Lott Ave.
6" Main Break	807 E. Hoffman Ave.
6" Main Break	825 E. Lee Ave.
4" Main Break	609 E. Kleberg Ave.
6" Main Break	10 th St. and Nettie Ave.

8- Locates, 6- water leaks; 2- Meter Leaks, 8 Backfills, 2- valve repairs, 2 - service line leaks 5- Customer Side Leaks; 6 - No Water/Low Pressures; 0- Fire Hydrant; 2 - Turn off or on and; 1 - Water Tap and 0 - Meter Lid Repair; 0 - Locate Meter; 1 - Raise Meter; 1 - Remove Meter; 0 - Expose line; and 0 - Sink hole

Water crews finished up the 18" water main repair on Lott Ave. and Huisache Ave.

Water crews are repairing leak on FM 1717.

Water crews are backfilling holes from leaks that were fixed on Ave B at 10th St. and Nettie Ave.

City Garage (7/26 -8/8)

Maintenance

14- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 27 Scheduled work orders; 42-Nonscheduled work;11 Service calls; 2 - Call out; 14-New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 23 flat tire repairs and balances; 35 pending work orders.

Repaired hydraulic leak on Unit 3005 did a valve job on Unit 726. There is a coolant leak on Unit 337 and Unit 3003 was taken to Rush Truck Center for regen.

Welder

2- Received work order and 0 pending work orders.

City welder welded rear plate on Unit 3005 and a case for the water department. City Welder welded a handle on unit 540 and cut ears on trash truck Unit 334.

Solid Waste (7/26 - 8/8)

Landfill - (7/26 - 8/8)

Daily litter clean-up continues in and around the facility. The magnet trailer is also being used to pick up nails around the facility and surrounding roads leading to the landfill. NPE picked up the loader. A/C Compressor was ordered for the Bobcat. The 550K dozer is down. John Deere was called out to inspect it. John Deere will also be performing 1,000 hour maintenance. James Rios installed dryer on the D^-T Dozer and belts on the Trench Burner. Landfill workers Gary Munoz and Gilbert Chavez helped the Street Dept. with potholes during the "Street Blitz". Waste-Screening was conducted for all Landfill employees. Anderson Machinery performed 500 hour preventative maintenance on

Compactor. Naismith-performed Opacity test on Trench Burner. The Scag is being worked on by James Rios.

Brush – 165 tons; Garbage –827 tons; Litter –7.11 tons; Construction/Demolition – 387 tons; Concrete -42 tons, Asphalt – 799 tons; Metals -0 tons; Dirt – 0 tons; Recycled metals-0 tons; Sludge – 210 tons; Ash – 57 tons; Tires - .77 tons; and Recycled tires – 0 tons.

Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 7/26 – 8/8 –Residential Waste collected for the previous week was **638,420** pounds; Commercial waste collected for the previous week was 571,640 pounds. Brush collected **156,340** pounds and construction debris collected **119,740** pounds. The brush crew is finished collecting in Zone 4 and White Good pick up was on Friday, August 7, 2015. We are now collecting in Zone 1. We are also working on abatements and demos when possible. Sanitation has been helping Community Appearance finish small abatements as needed. All zones have been cleared of storm debris. The next pass over the zones will be heavy, just not as heavy as this round of collection was. Demolitions were finished 2 weeks ago at 525 W. Lott Ave., 614 W. Ragland Ave., 620 W. Santa Gertrudis Ave., 1029 N. 9th St. and the house was demolished at 128 W. Ave A. This week we did finish the small house in the rear of 128 W. Ave A, 409 E. Nettie Ave and the house at 324 E. Ailsie Ave. The only structure remaining is the small house at 907 E. Ave A. Recycling for the month of July totaled 9.75 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

Tourism (Courtesy of Leo Alarcon, Director)

Main Street Training in San Marcos





Main Street Program Managers, Board Members and stakeholders from all over the state descended upon Downtown San Marcos for a week of training. Workshop topics ranged from the impact of good signage on a historic downtown district to placemaking to filling vacant buildings to next gen marketing hacks and staying relevant. Norma Ramirez de Meiss from the National Main Street Center in Washington, D.C. spoke on the new direction Main Street is taking and Sheila Mota Casper from the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Houston office spoke on the preservation of Latina/o sites across the nation. Daily sessions ended with tours of downtown San Marcos - a neon sign tour, a mural tour and tours of rehabbed buildings.

Shop Local Campaign Started in Kingsville



Shop local campaigns are nothing new to Main Streets as the sign from San Marcos shows. The owner of TaZoChel Hidden Treasures, 220 E Kleberg #A, has stepped forward to kick off a shop local campaign right here in Kingsville.

TAMUK Women's Volleyball Team Dines Downtown



After being invited to speak at the Noon Rotary Club that meets every Tuesday at the Cherry Tree Tea Room downtown, the women's volleyball coach decided to treat the team to lunch there and stated that, going forward, he plans to patronize locally owned downtown restaurants to the future.

Tourism Staff Printing August Newsletter

Kingsville Visitors Center volunteer Reinhardt Schmidt assisted Tourism office staff members Alexis Lakers, Alicia Tijerina and Leo Alarcon in producing the August issue of the Centennial Newsletter. Reinhardt served as a proof reader for the articles written by Leo and helped get the newsletters off from the copier. Seen at right are staff members Alexis and Alicia while they fold the newsletter before distribution. Pictured at bottom is Amanda Cherry while she decorates a cookie. Amanda is the August featured merchant.



TxDot Surveying Grounds at the Kingsville Visitors Center

The Texas Department of Transportation has been surveying the grounds of the Kingsville Visitors Center this week. Seen on the pictures below are TxDot staff members doing surveying in preparation of the new frontage road that will run to the intersection at Corral Street and Highway 77.



Judge Rudy Madrid to Include Country Singer for Ranch Hand Weekend Festivities



Ranch Hand Weekend festivities are being planned for the weekend before Thanksgiving and Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid has decided to incorporate big-name country artist Kevin Fowler in the mix. The festivities will run Friday through Sunday, November 20, 21 and 22. The concert will be held on Saturday evening at the J K Northway Expo Center and will coincide with the day of the breakfast at the King Ranch, the festival at downtown Kingsville, and the Heritage Rodeo also at the J K Northway Expo Center. The proceeds from the concert will go into a foundation for the restoration of the 1913 Kleberg County Courthouse. Some Kleberg County employees along with the Chamber of Commerce and City of Kingsville staff members were in attendance at the meeting.

Visitors Center Welcomes Students and Parents to Kingsville

Tourism staff member George Delgado prepares to hang the welcoming sign; greeting students back after a long hot summer. The banner in front of the Kingsville Visitors Center is an effort to be part of the welcoming team located along the gateway to Javelina Country on Corral Street.



Center Prepares for Javelina Football BBQ Auction

As part of the Javelina Club, Alicia Tijerina is shown here preparing a gift basket for the silent auction at the upcoming Javelina BBQ. Shown at bottom is Tourism director Leo Alarcon presenting the gift basket to Monica Ramirez, the executive assistant of Javelina Athletics.



Finance Administration Division



City Manager's Proposed Annual Budget FY15-16

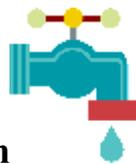


The City Manager's Proposed Annual Budget for FY15-16 was delivered to the City Commission and Department Directors. The proposed FY 15-16 budget includes introductory documents like the budget calendar and budget workshop agendas. The Budget Discussion section of the FY15-16 budget includes the budget message along with exhibits presenting the supplemental requests submitted by departments along with two new exhibits showing department changes and the proposed employee pay adjustments for FY15-16. Also included, are charts and graphs that summarize the FY15-16 budget. Department budgets are presented by Funds starting with General Funds, General Fund Capital Improvements, GO Debt Service, Utility Funds, Asset Seizure Funds, Tourism Funds, Insurance Fund and Grant Funds. The FY15-16 budget closes with a budget listing showing the budget notes and detail for all revenues and expenditures. A total of 33

books were created for members of the City Commission, department directors, the media and public viewing.

Budget Workshops

The City of Kingsville Budget Workshops for FY15-16 will begin on Thursday, August 20th at 4pm in the Honorable Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers. The City Commission will hear presentations from Department Directors on August 20th, 24th, 25th, and 26th. Presentations from City Administration will be begin on August 20th, City Operations will present on Monday, August 24th, Public Works will present on Tuesday, August 25th, and Public Safety will present on Wednesday, August 26th.



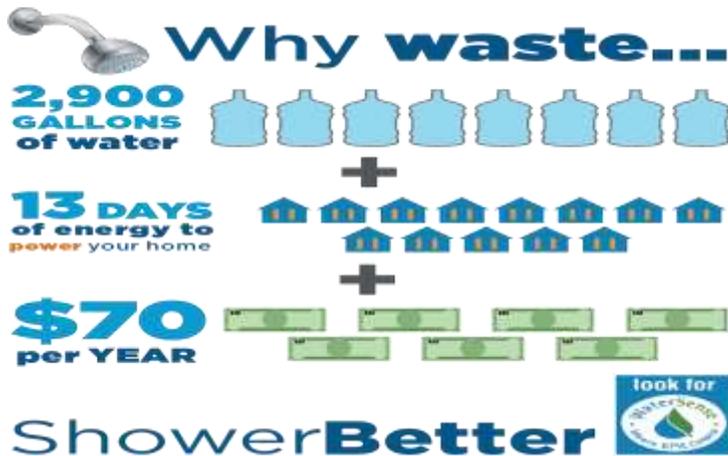
Utility Billing Division

The team at Utility Billing wants you to save money so remember to check, twist and replace. That's all it takes to start saving water around the house. Whether you're replacing a plumbing fixture with a

WaterSense labeled one, or trying a new water-saving behavior, it's as easy as 1-2-3. Encourage your family and friends to take the pledge to save water.

Shower Better

Showering is an important part of the day, helping us wake up in the morning or unwind in the evening. Every time you take a shower, you also use energy to heat and deliver the water to your showerhead. But you can shower better by replacing you old showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model and save water, energy and money



Fix-A-Leak



Did you know that an American home can waste, on average, more than 11,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks? Nationwide, more than 1 trillion gallons of water leak from U.S. homes each year. That's why WaterSense reminds Americans to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems.

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

Customer Service Refresher

Recently all the staff at Utility Billing took an online refresher course on customer service. This type of training helps to keep our customer service representatives up to date on new and innovative information regarding customer service.

Labor Day Holiday

City hall will be closed Monday, September 7th, 2015 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

All arrangement payments must be dropped off in the night drop by the same date to avoid a disruption of service on Tuesday, August 8th, 2015.

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.

Municipal Court Activity Report

August 1- 11, 2015

New Cases: 195

22 Parking, 107 Traffic, 51 State Law, 15 City Ordinances

Cases Disposed: 133

5 Parking, 91 Traffic, 25 State Law, 12 City Ordinances



Warrants

There were 105 warrants served during this period. To avoid of being arrested please stop by the city court office to inquire information on how to release any active warrant(s). You may also visit the city website to [inquire](http://www.cityofkingsville.com) if you have any active warrant: www.cityofkingsville.com

Collections

The collections during this period came to \$25,509.74 dollars.

Court Sessions – August 2015

Contempt of Court	8/20	9:00 a.m.
Inmate Session	8/13 & 8/27	1:30 p.m.
Juvenile Hearing	8/13 & 8/27	2:00 p.m.
Civil Hearing	8/13 & 8/27	2:30 p.m.
Criminal Court Hearing	8/13 & 8/27	3:00 p.m.
Trial-Bench	8/13 & 8/27	4:00 p.m.

Court Sessions – September 2015

Contempt of Court	9/3 & 9/17	9:00 a.m.
Inmate Session	9/10 & 9/24	1:30 p.m.
Juvenile Hearing	9/10 & 9/24	2:00 p.m.
Civil Hearing	9/10 & 9/24	2:30 p.m.
Criminal Court Hearing	9/10 & 9/24	3:00 p.m.
Trial-Bench	9/10 & 9/24	4:00 p.m.

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

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

Monday, August 24, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 14, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 12, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26, 2015	6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)

Thursday, August 13, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 27, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 10, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 24, 2015	3:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)

Planning and Zoning Commission	Wednesday, August 19, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, August 19, 2015	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Thursday, August 13, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Joint Airport Zoning Board	Thursday, August 13, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	3 rd Tuesday of every month	12:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Respective Locations)

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

Reminders:

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

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