# Staff Report (A Publication of the City Manager's Office) Monday, September 14, 2015

"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." Vince Lombardi

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## FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES



## Good Job Award!!!

I would like to nominate Charlie Cardenas, City Engineer, for the Employee Good Job Award. Charlie is a member of the current Leadership Kingsville Class with the Chamber of Commerce and was one of a group of community members that started the idea of the Disc Golf Course in Dick Kleberg Park. When the group leader transferred to another community Charlie stepped in, the lead and led his group to get the course finished and held a very successful opening tournament recently. This course is a great asset to the Parks System and to our community.

Charlie works tirelessly at his job and leads a large City department and has a lot on his shoulders. He always has a smile and a pleasant word for everyone no matter what is going on behind the scenes. His professionalism is top notch and our community is fortunate to have him leading most all of the City's improvement projects and daily care. Thank you, Susan Ivy, Parks Manager



## Annual Training Conference Attended by KTF Agents

On Monday through Thursday, August 17 - 20, 2015, five (5) Kingsville Task Force (KTF) Agents attended the 2015 Texas Narcotic Officer's Association (TNOA) Conference in San Antonio, Texas. This annual training conference provides courses specifically designed for the law enforcement officers assigned to narcotics and drug interdiction. Training conference and travel expenses were provided by the Kleberg/Kenedy District Attorney's Office.

## Breakfast Event Featured Recovering Individuals Aided by PDAP

On Tuesday August 18, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Commander Vera attended the Palmer Drug Abuse Program's (PDAP) "Dignity Breakfast" at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas. Corpus Christi Mayor Nelda Martinez was the keynote speaker at the event. Testimonials from young teens and adults were given to show how they have reclaimed their lives through the assistance provided by PDAP.

## **KTF Agent Retires with Honor and Distinction**

On Monday August 24, 2015, during the City of Kingsville's Regular City Commission meeting, Senior Agent Joe Luna was presented his retirement plaque and watch by Mayor Sam Fugate. Senior Agent Luna served the City of Kingsville with loyalty and dedication for over 19 years. He will be sorely missed!



## KTF Agent Instructs Courses at MVCI Conference in Ohio

From Monday August 31 through Thursday September 3, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Mike Tamez served as an Instructor and assisted with teaching a Commercial Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction (MVCI) course in Cincinnati, Ohio. The course was conducted at the request of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and was attended by approximately 750 to 1,000 criminal interdiction experts from throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and Ireland.

Agent Tamez instructed classes to enhance a patrol officer's ability to conduct criminal highway interdiction emphasizing on The False, Hidden & Electronic Compartments of the Sophisticated Enemy. All of Agent Tamez's authorized travel expenses and per diems were assumed by the Motor Vehicle Criminal Association.

#### **Newsletter Features Local Boot Maker**

Downtown Kingsville has a renowned leather boot craftsman just around the corner from a well-known leather goods store. The September issue of the Centennial Newsletter featured Felipe Mejia who has been in the same location for the last 34 years doing what he loves. Felipe and his craft were highlighted in the Corpus Christi Caller times in the late eighties and in an Austin magazine about ten years ago among other publications. According to the Caller-Times article he has made boots for Tio and Janell Kleberg and for celebrities such as Larry Hagman, Patrick Duffy, Bum Phillips and Nolan Ryan's wife.





## Fresh Off the Press is the September Issue of The Centennial

Tourism office staff members George Delgado, Alexis Lakers and Alicia Tijerina are pictured here printing and folding the September issue of the Centennial Newsletter. All three served as proof readers for the articles written by Leo Alarcon and helped get the newsletters off and distributed in downtown Kingsville.





Tourism Department and King Ranch Visitor Center Hosts Texas Tropical Trail Event

City The of Kingsville Tourism Department partnered with the King Ranch Visitor Center to host the 118th monthly Texas Tropical Trail event. King Ranch General Manager Bob Kinnan presented the



history of the Main House as it celebrates its Centennial this year. The group initially met at the King Ranch museum in downtown Kingsville. The group was bused to the Main House grounds where the talk was given. After the tour the group met at La Hacienda restaurant for lunch.



**Javelina Club BBQ** 

Tourism staff participated at the Javelina BBQ serving the attendees and Javelina athletes. In attendance was Leo Alarcon, Alicia Tijerina and George Delgado.





#### **Tourism Van Spruced Up**

The van at the Tourism department is now sporting the new logos adopted by the City of Kingsville Commission last December. Macareno Signs and Graphics made the custom decals. Both designs were used on the van.





## Tourism Department Assists with Disc Golf Awards

The Tourism department assisted City Engineer Charlie Cardenas in preparing the awards that were given to the disc golf tournament winners. The recent opening of

Kingsville's first disc golf course was well attended during the ribbon cutting ceremony. Charlie recognized all the City officials and departments who assisted him during long the process in preparing for the opening. The project was part of Chamber the of Commerce leadership program.





## Downtown Merchants Welcome TAMUK Students Back



Downtown merchants offered discounts and freebies to Legends residents. Legends staff personally delivered goodie bags to each unit that included such student necessities as toothpaste and popcorn, energy drinks and pens along with the advertisements. The first units of the Legends apartment complex on West Santa Gertrudis Avenue across from the Texas A & M Kingsville campus opened to students and citizens alike on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## August 22<sup>nd</sup> Farmers Market



A local vendor offered back to school baskets aimed at college students at the August Farmers Market. Besides school supplies, the baskets held homemade jellies and jams and salsas and chips. While there, students could pick up a new best friend, one of several dogs offered for adoption that day by Animal Rescue Kleberg.

### Disc Golf Course Opens at Dick Kleberg Park



What college student wouldn't love disc golf? A nine-hole disc golf course opened August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Dick Kleberg Park. Master of Ceremonies and mastermind of the course, City Engineer Charlie Cardenas was on hand for the kick-off. Several teams formed for an informal tournament.



## TAMUK Engineering Students Pour Slab at Depot Museum

After a short break, a team of TAMUK engineering students returned to a project they started summer semester to pour a concrete slab on which to place a restored railroad maintenance vehicle for display behind the 1904 Train Depot Museum downtown. The students will return to add a short wall around the perimeter of the slab. The resulting cavity will be filled with ballasts then topped with rails, ties and the

cart. Assistant Professor James Glusing was on hand to supervise the efforts. It decided to rain heavily just when the concrete truck arrived but the students persevered and got the job done.

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

### Fun Fact Quote

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." ~ Margaret Fuller, an American journalist, critic, and women's rights advocate

## **Summer Reading Reward Party**



On August 6, 2015, the library hosted the *Reading Reward Party*, a reward for young readers who turned in their completed Summer Reading Program reading logs by August 1, 2015. For each completed reading log turned in, each child received a Whataburger coupon and a free book from the Prize Book Cart. The children played games and enjoyed a reward bag filled with goodies. The final number of completed reading logs was 79 for a total of 44,250 minutes read. The library congratulates all of the summer

participants, a new generation of readers and leaders.

## **Every Hero has a Story**

The theme for the summer program was "Every Hero Has a Story," and children were encouraged to look around them for heroes. Children had the opportunity to pick up a form, so they could write about their favorite hero. Seventeen children returned their forms, sharing who their hero was and why. Many children wrote about parents and teachers. In addition, the children honored local police officers, ambulance crews, and border patrol agents. It was a pleasure to see the children realize that not every hero



wears a cape and mask. The library would like to extend a special thanks to Chief Joey Reed, Kingsville Fire Department, for reading to the children on July 16, 2015. Chief Reed taught the young readers about fire safety through reading the book *No Dragons for Tea: Fire Safety for Kids (and Dragons.)* 

## Lego<sup>®</sup> Builders Club

This year, the library added a *Lego* Builders Club for ages 5 to 12 years old. The attendance grew each week with our largest group seeing 124 people attend the Lego Builders Club in one



morning. In total, over 1000 people attended the Builder's Club this summer. With the high popularity of this activity, the library will continue the Lego® Builder's Club on the second Saturday of each month. This monthly activity will



begin on September 12, 2015, and will take place in the children's area. The library hopes to see the children continue to cultivate their creativity and develop their STEM skills.

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

## Engineering (8/9 – 9/03)

Engineering and GIS – Engineering has partnered with Finance and Development Services to create a funding plan for the 20 year Street Maintenance Improvement Plan (SMIP). The funding plan consists of a residential and non-residential fee. The revenues collected will be earmarked specifically for the yearly construction costs. The SMIP has been presented to the city commission in special workshops on August 24<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.



### **Street Division (8/9 – 8/29)**

## Road Constructions – Henrietta St

- Cut down subgrade level to blue tops, watered, rolled and checked signs and barricades
- Hauled in limestone (951.31 tons), watered and mixed
- Mixed limestone with water and rolled for compaction
- Cut down to blue top level, watered, rolled and primed with MC30 (500 gals)
- Seal coated and cleaned curbs
- Ripped up Wilson St. between Ave A & Ella (30 Loads) and checked signs and barricades
- Ripped out asphalt and caliche from Vela St to Garcia St (27 Loads)
- Cut out caliche & dirt from intersection of Wilson & Vela. (4 Loads)

## Wilson St

- Cut around water valves and manholes and back filled with limestone (4-10 tons of limestone)
- Hauled in 398.66 tons of limestone
- Ramped up on Ave A & Wilson and hauled in 408.50 tons of limestone from Vela St. to Garcia St.
- Water and mix limestone from Ave A to Ella Ave.
- Watered and rolled from Ave A to Vela Ave.
- Watered and rolled limestone between Vela Ave. and Ella Ave.

## Mowing -

- Landfill
- Ditch from Caesar Ave. to Franklin Adams



- Caesar Ave. from Franklin Adams to Armstrong Ave.
- Hwy 141 King Ranch to Armstrong Ave.
- W Kenedy Ave. & Loop Ditch
- Corral Ave. from Caesar Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Estates
- Ailsie Ave. by Kings Way Church
- Ailsie Ave. from Loop 428 to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Shelly Dr. & Hwy 77 bypass
- Ailsie Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Franklin Adams- Curb
- Bypass at General Cavazos Blvd.
- Bypass at Corral Ave
- Bypass at Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Bypass at King Ave.
- Hwy 77 Underpass
- Dick Kleberg Park
- 17<sup>th</sup> from Bridge to Sidewalk
- Corral from Bypass to 14<sup>th</sup>
- North Y from Feed store on 6<sup>th</sup>
- Armstrong from 1355 to Ave I
- Young Dr. from Corral Ave. to Sage Rd.
- Hwy 141
- Franklin Adams from Caesar Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.

## **Gutters**

- 10<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- 13<sup>th</sup> St. from Caesar Ave. to Kenedy Ave.

## Round Up

- Ave B from Seale to Santa Rosa
- Stacie from Jamlie to Dead End
- Jamlie from Escondido to Dead End
- Allen from Escondido to Dead End
- Nelda from Allen to Dead End
- Samuels Place from Allen to Dead End
- Ash Creek from South Creek to Dead End
- Boxwood Creek from South Creek to Dead End
- Cypress from South Creek to Dead End
- South Creek from Ash Creek to Dead End
- South Creek from Ash Creek to Hwy 77
- Ave F from Armstrong to Lantana
- Dick Kleberg Park at Disc Golf Area
- Ave G from Armstrong to Lantana
- Ave H and Ave I from Lantana to Armstrong
- Wanda from Ave I to Corral
- Lantana from Corral to Dead End



- Ave F from 1<sup>st</sup> to Armstrong
- Wells from Corral Ave. to Ave F
- Ave G from 1<sup>st</sup> St. to Armstrong
- Ave H and Ave I from Dead End to Armstrong
- End of Armstrong from 1<sup>st</sup> to Corral
- Wells from Corral to Ave I
- Sage Rd from Young Dr. to West Dead End
- Young Dr. from Sage Rd to CR 1355
- Ave D from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to Armstrong
- Ella Ave. from Armstrong to 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Nettie Ave. from Dead End to Armstrong Ave.
- Ella Ave. from 5<sup>th</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- Ave A from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to Armstrong Ave.
- Ave A from 3<sup>rd</sup> to Dead End
- Ave B from Dead End to Armstrong Ave.
- Ave C from  $3^{rd}$  St. to Armstrong Ave.
- Ave C from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to Dead End
- Mesquite Ave. from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to Armstrong
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St. from Ave D to Mesquite Ave.
- Ave D from Railroad to Armstrong Ave.

## Hot Mix/Cold Patch

### Patching

- Brookshire
- 213 Candlewood
- Hoffman Ave. from Shelton Ave.to 11<sup>th</sup> St.
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. & Kenedy Ave. at intersection
- 500 block of W Kenedy Ave.
- 12<sup>th</sup> St. from Yoakum Ave. to Alice Ave.
- 1500 block of Wells
- Lott Ave. from 1<sup>st</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. & Lott Ave. at intersection
- 19<sup>th</sup> St. & Lott Ave. at intersection
- 19<sup>th</sup> St. & Warren Ave.
- 5<sup>th</sup> St. from Ave B to Creek
- 4<sup>th</sup> St. from Richard Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- Johnston Ave. and Kenedy Ave. from Armstrong to Dead End
- University Blvd. at the circle
- Lott Ave. from  $2^{nd}$  St. to  $3^{rd}$  St.
- Huisache Ave. from Lantana to Armstrong Ave.
- Lantana & Johnston Ave.
- Ragland Ave. & Armstrong



- Kenedy Ave. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 20<sup>th</sup> St.
- 19<sup>th</sup> St. from King Ave. to Kenedy Ave.
- 20<sup>th</sup> St. from Kenedy Ave. to Lott Ave.
- Lott Ave. from  $17^{\text{th}}$  St. to  $20^{\text{th}}$  St.
- Johnston Ave. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 18<sup>th</sup> St.
- Johnston Ave. from 19<sup>th</sup> St. to Lott Ave.
- Lott Ave- west side
- Johnston Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- Lott Ave. &  $19^{th}$  St.
- Oklahoma St.
- Escondido Rd
- Lott Ave. from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to 4<sup>th</sup> St.
- South Y from FM 1717 to Escondido
- Brookshire
- 726 E Ave B
- 729 E Henrietta Ave.
- 1221 E Henrietta Ave.
- 819 E King Ave.
- $509 \text{ S} 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ St}.$
- 702 W Lee Ave.
- 215 W Ella Ave.
- 607 W King Ave.
- 215 W Alice Ave.
- 524 ½ W Ave C
- 712 W Huisache Ave.
- Johnston from  $12^{\text{th}}$  to  $14^{\text{th}}$
- Kenedy, Fordyce, Huisache and Lott from 14<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St. from King Ave. to Doddridge Ave.
- Ragland Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 9<sup>th</sup> St.
- Warren Ave. and Doddridge Ave. from 9<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Johnston Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 12<sup>th</sup> St.
- Escondido Rd
- Jamlie
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. from Johnston Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Lott Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Hall St
- Police Department Parking Lot

## Miscellaneous

- Put new storm drains at New City Hall
- Helped Jaime with hot mix on 19<sup>th</sup> St and seal coat on Brookshire
- Turned school lights on at Santa Rosa
- Put cement on storm drains pipes
- Put new name signs on Escondido and Jamlie
- Checked all school lights to make sure they are working
- Took batteries to school lights for Kleberg school
- Helped Mike with hot mix on 4<sup>th</sup> St. & Ave B
- Put back Children Crossing and Speed limit signs on 19<sup>th</sup> St

- Picked up old couch on Franklin Adams and hauled it to Landfill
- Cut street on 19<sup>th</sup> St. & Henrietta Ave.
- Trimmed tree on blind corner on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Huisache Ave. and on University Blvd.
- Picked up Mourning signs on Kleberg Ave. & 16<sup>th</sup> St. and on Kleberg Ave. & 17<sup>th</sup> St.
- Picked up trash and branches on Franklin Adams
- Helped Ramon clean curbs on Brookshire
- Put new batteries in school lights at Kleberg School
- Put flyers on Wilson & Vela & Garcia for construction
- Picked up broken glass on 17<sup>th</sup> St. & Lee Ave.
- Cut branches at 17<sup>th</sup> St. & Henrietta Ave. for Stop sign
- Trim trees on University Blvd. from King Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave,
- Hot mix on Henrietta Ave. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 19<sup>th</sup> St.
- Put two new Arrow signs on 19<sup>th</sup> St. & Henrietta Ave.
- Moved timers on School lights on Kenedy Ave. & Lott Ave.
- Checked all school lights
- Picked up barricades on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. between King Ave. & Kenedy Ave.
- Cut tree on Nettie Ave.
- Fixed Stop sign on 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Johnston Ave.
- Took down orange mesh from Farmer's Market
- Cut branches on 9<sup>th</sup> St. between Nettie Ave. & Ave A and 17<sup>th</sup> St. between Nettie Ave. & Ave A
- Put two new Handicap signs at Police Department
- Fixed school lights at Kleberg School
- Did inventory in Sign shop
- Cut down L.E. Ramey sign on Barn

#### Water Production (8/9 – 8/29)

Alsay Drilling completed drilling the well (new well #25) located at Tranquitas creek and Armstrong. The well is over 800' deep. The well will be able to produce 1,000,000 gallons of water a day. The well will be connected to a waterline located on Armstrong street. Huebert Construction has started the oump house and ground storage tank. Construction should be completed by January 2016 and water service should be provided by February 2016.





Collected 25 routine Bacterial Samples:

- 1121 E Ave A
- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd.
- 916 W. Ave I
- 620 E. Mesquite Ave.
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 428 W. Nettie Ave.
- 1630 Santa Fe
- 1142 W. Yoakum Ave.
- 329 E. Doddridge Ave
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave.
- 318 Briarwood
- 209 Reidda
- 711 E. Ragland Ave.
- 1113 Kathleen
- $315 \text{ S. } 24^{\text{th}} \text{ St.}$
- 332 E. Ave B
- 714 W. Mesquite Ave
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave.
- 221 Pasadena
- 2020 Sherwood
- 1612 Shirley

Collected 21 daily chlorine residuals:

- 1113 Kathleen
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave.
- 318 Briarwood
- 321 E. Doddridge Ave.
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 620 E. Mesquite Ave.
- 1630 Santa Fe.
- 428 W. Nettie Ave.
- 1142 W. Yoakum Ave.
- 312 W. King Ave.
- 3303 S. Brahma Blvd.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 707 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 1121 E. Ave. A
- 511 College Place
- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 417 E. Nettie Ave
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.

• 4011 Allen Drive

Delivered Ammonia to 10 sites; delivered Chlorine to10 sites.

Water pumped to distribution (8/9 – 8/22) - Wells – 74,013,000 gallons; Surface –12,164,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 86,177,000 gallons; Average 4,103,666 gals/day

## Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (8/9 – 8/29)

<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 troubleshot Carlos Truan Blvd. Lift Station. JMF Repair installed submersible pump at Carlos Truan Blvd. Lift Station.

<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. Wasting sludge into drying bed. Mendez Contracting sand blasted and painted crane for UV system. Rabalais troubleshoot South Creek lift station. JMF pulled out pump from South Creek Lift Station.

Wastewater Collection - Had 8 call outs for sewer backups:

506 E. Henrietta Ave. 927 W. King Ave. 515 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. 317 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St. 2701 US Hwy 77 King Ave. and 5<sup>th</sup> St. 521 E. Kenedy Ave. 609 E. King Ave. 418 W. Nettie Ave. 517 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. 10 – Line Locates 2 - Backfills 3 - Manhole repairs, at 11<sup>th</sup> St. and Fordyce Ave., 19<sup>th</sup> St. and Henrietta Ave. and the field between Master Drive and 1MGD Plant. Repaired sewer line at 506 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Wilson and Vela and at 515 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Crews repaired service line at 516 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Installed new connection at 227 E. Johnston Ave. installed sewer tap at 1989 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and installed a clean out at 713 Hall. Disconnected 5 sewers at 907 E. Ave A., 614 W. Ragland Ave., 315 E. Lee Ave., 324 E. Ailsie Ave. and 816 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Vacuumed water at Wilson and Ella Ave., South Creek Lift Station and vacuumed sludge from the South Plant. Took care of 3 cave in's. Covered and picked up debris at 515 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Installed 8" cast iron tee and valve for Centrifuge at 2801 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave. Located lines for Center Point from 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> between Doddridge Ave and Johnston Ave. Helped the Water Department with water leaks at 314 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> St and at 812 S. 19<sup>th</sup> St.

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 work on sewer line repairs at 713 Hall St., 1113 Gillette and Wilson & Vela. Rabalias is installing control panels for thickeners at the North Plant. Construction crews are working on sewer line repairs at 2701 US Hwy 77. Construction crews are installing a new tap at 227 E. Johnston Ave. Construction crews are videoing the storm drain at Armstrong Ave. and Yoakum Ave. Construction crews will be disconnecting sewer service at 313 E. Lee Ave. Construction crews will be working on manhole repair at Pasadena and Business 77. Construction crews will be cleaning sewer main lines. Construction crews will work on hauling sludge from South Plant. Construction crews will vacuum center well at South Plant.

Rabalais is installing control boxes for thickeners at North Plant.

#### Water Distribution (8/9 – 8/29)

Repaired 27 Main Breaks and answered approximately 83- Service Calls

6" Main Break	312 W. Lott Ave.
2" Main Break	King Ave. and 8 <sup>th</sup> St.
18" Main Break	Sage Road.
2" Main Break	509 E. King Ave.
6" Main Break	Los Cabos
6" Main Break	507 Warren Ave.
4" Main Break	617 W. Huisache Ave.
6" Main Break	210 Birchwood
2" Main Break	916 W. Ave G.
8" Main Break	503 W. Ave C
6" Main Break	1203 E. Henrietta Ave.
4" Main Break	King Ave.
6" Main Break	Elizabeth and 11 <sup>th</sup> St.
6" Main Break	$2^{nd}$ St and Warren Ave.
6" Main Break	17 <sup>th</sup> St. and Ave D
6" Main Break	Wilson and Ella Ave.
6: Main Break	217 Billy Evans
6" Main Break	E. Alice Ave.
6" Main Break	Ave B and 17 <sup>th</sup> St.
6" Main Break	Nettie Ave. and 10 <sup>th</sup> St.
6" Main Break	409 Elizabeth
6" Main Break	1402 Ailsie Ave.
6" Main Break	2033 S. $2^{nd}$ St.
6" Main Break	Retama/ Richard Ave.
3" Main Break	801 S. 23 <sup>rd</sup> St
6" Main Break	7 <sup>th</sup> St and Miller Ave.
6" Main Break	2600 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.

8" Main Break	530 W. Ave B
6" Main Break	314 S. 23 <sup>rd</sup> St.
8" Main Break	Johnston Ave. / Armstrong
6" Main Break	1723 Santa Monica Blvd
6" Main Break	Ave D
6" Main Break	Cypher
8" Main Break	Vela and 12 <sup>th</sup> St.
8" Main Break	1 <sup>st</sup> St and Mesquite Ave.
6" Main Break	421 Wanda
4" Main Break	910 S. 23 <sup>rd</sup> St.
6" Main Break	Wilson and Garcia
6" Main Break	2120 W. Johnston Ave.
8" Main Break	2101 E. Trant Rd.
4" Main Break	1305 E. Fordyce Ave.
2" Main Break	120 Fairview Ave.
8" Main Break	1355 Quail Ridge Apt.
12" Main Break	Armstrong and Lee Ave.
6" Main Break	507 W. Warren Ave. and 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.
6" Main Break	7 <sup>th</sup> St. and Armstrong Ave.

9- Locates, 4- water leaks; 10- Meter Leaks, 27 Backfills, **3**- valve repairs, 10 - service line leaks 10- Customer Side Leaks; 0 - No Water/Low Pressures; 0- Fire Hydrant; 7 - Turn off or on and; 1- Water Tap and 0 - Meter Lid Repair; 2 - Replace cut offs; 0 - Locate Meter; 0 - Raise Meter-; 0 - Remove Meter; 0 - Expose line; and 0 - Sinkhole

Water crews repaired 10 ft. of 6" pipe on 10<sup>th</sup> St. and Nettie Ave.

## City Garage (8/9 -8/29)

#### Maintenance

17- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 21-Scheduled work orders; 38 -Nonscheduled work; 16-Service calls; 0- Call out; 13 -New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 20-flat tire repairs and balances; 39-pending work orders.

Repaired water system and the A/C on Unit 545. Mechanics also replaced the brooms on Unit 526. Welder

5- Received work order and 2 pending work orders

City welder welded rear floor on Unit 337 and 338. City Welder fabricated rebar for park engineering department and cut pipe on Wilson St.

## Solid Waste (8/9 – 8/29)

## Landfill - (8/9 - 8/29)

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. Street department is mowing the storm water ditch area with slope mower. James Rios came out to install A/C compressor on the Bobcat. UTW brought out a tire trailer. Anderson Machinery performed 500 hours preventative maintenance and installing Turbo on Contractor. Picked up Peterbilt dump truck from the City Garage. Holt-Cat came by to check the undercarriage of the D6-T Dozer. The hour meter was repaired on the Trench Burner. Munoz

Trucking is hauling asphalt and the Street Dept. is hauling dirt. The Loader is back in service at the Landfill. The line on the excavator is broken. Sent Transportation Study for the Landfill to Naismith. Brush -252.18 tons; Garbage -1,319 tons; Litter -6.04 tons; Construction/Demolition -346 tons; Concrete -49.16 tons, Asphalt -1,172.77 tons; Metals -.91 tons; Dirt -0 tons; Recycled metals-0 tons; Sludge -94.91 tons; Ash -60 tons; Tires -1.52 tons; and Recycled tires -6.2 tons.

## **Sanitation**

Residential waste collected from 8/9 - 8/29 Residential Waste collected for the previous week was **<u>948,969</u>** pounds; Commercial waste collected for the previous week was **<u>964,120</u>** pounds. Brush collected **<u>730,640</u>** pounds and construction debris collected **<u>79,660</u>** pounds. The brush crew is finished collecting in Zone1 and White Good pick up was on Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>. We are now collecting in Zone 2. 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. Due to extreme temperatures and lack of rain, the department has begun to water trees recently planted thrice per week. Recycling for the month of July totaled 9.75 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

## Kingsville Police Department ( Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Police Chief)

Chief Ricardo Torres attended the Texas School Emergency Planning Workshops, High Quality Emergency Planning, Developing High Quality Operations Plans for Schools on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at the Region 2 Educations Center in Corpus Christi. Chief Torres was joined by Superintendent of Schools for KISD, Dr. Carol Perez, KISD Asst. Superintendent Romaldo Pena, KISD Transportation/Maintenance Director, Mr. Rey Suarez, City of Kingsville EMC, Melissa Perez, County of Kleberg EMC Tomas Sanchez, and Sgt. Mark Frost from KPD's Office of Professional Standards.

Students were given information on the 6 principals to create an Emergency Operations Plan for Schools. Those 6 principals consisted of:

- Supported by Leadership
- Use Assessments to Customize
- Take and All-Hazards Approach
- Provides for Whole School Community
- Considers All Settings & All Times
- Collaborative Process

The training also provided information on the difference between Strategic Planning that deals with policy objectives, program empowerment and overall guidance. Operational, that provides specific roles and responsibilities, tasks, integrations and actions, tactical, deals with personnel, equipment and resources on the ground level during an incident.

This training and collaboration will assist KISD in coming up with a great Emergency Operations Plan that will work well with community partners such as the City of Kingsville and County of Kleberg.

Community Extravaganza Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Members of the Kingsville Police Department SWAT Unit attended the Community Extravaganza held at the Elks Lodge 1926 and provided demonstrations of equipment as well as information regarding SWAT.

The theme of the event was:

## "ALL FOR ONE NAME BEHIND THE BADGE"

## In light of the events that have occurred across our nation with law enforcement agents this will give us an opportunity as a community to ensure our residents that our agencies will work uniformly with us. We would like to take this opportunity to Thank You for your time.

Sgt. Jorge Flores, Team Leader, answered questions posed by citizens as they demonstrated their equipment. The officers also provided snow cones at no cost after their demonstration.

Big thanks go out to Ed Williams who coordinated getting the event together and we hope that this event will continue on an annual basis and get bigger and bigger.

## Criminal Investigation Bureau Period Activity

Detectives Supervisor assigned 135 cases and inactivated 70 cases as of September 02, 2015. Along with these cases there were also 5 DWI's and 27 Crash reports.

Detectives are working a case of several checks being forged and cashed. The checks are copies of actual checks that have been issued. The two subjects are traveling throughout the state cashing these checks. There have actually been warrants issued in other counties on these subjects.

Detectives are investigating a case involving students at the local high school.

Detectives have had several CAC interviews with kids possibly being inappropriately touched.

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

At this time there are no other major events going on.

For the last couple of weeks there have been no major events to report. Burglaries have dropped the past few months.

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 101 cases during this period. There were 31 cases filed in District Court, 63 cases filed in County Court, 4 cases filed in City Court, and 3 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.

Communications Bureau Period Activity



Communication Division has been not only busy handling the daily telecommunication duties but have but active out in the public as well. We recently participated in the KISD Community Fair by setting up a booth and handing out popcorn and snow cones to the kids.

Calls-For-Service By Type		Primary
ABANDONED VEHICLE	_	5
ACCIDENT-BLUE FORM/PRIVATE PROPERTY	-	20
ACCIDENT-FAIL TO STOP AND LEAVE INFO	-	13
ACCIDENT-MAJOR	-	4
ACCIDENT-MINOR	-	40
AGENCY ASSIST-FIELD EVENT	-	103
ALARM-BUSINESS	-	92
ALARM-RESIDENCE	-	54
ANIMAL CONTROL CALL OUT	-	33
ASSAULT	-	41
ASSAULT-SEXUAL	-	1
ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	-	13
BAR CHECK	-	16
BOLO INFORMATION	-	2
BUILDING CHECK	-	7
BURGLARY BUILDING	-	6
BURGLARY HABITATION	-	12
BURGLARY VEHICLE	-	6
CID FOLLOW-UP	-	19
CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATION	-	11
CIVIL MATTER	-	39
CIVIL STANDBY	-	23
CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR	-	1
CREDIT CARD ABUSE	-	5
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	-	24
CRIMINAL TRESPASS-		
RESIDENCE/BUSINESS/CTW ISSUED	-	13
CURFEW VIOLATION	-	1
DAMAGED PROPERTY	-	17
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	-	1
DISTURBANCE	-	132
DUI-DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	-	3
DWI-DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	-	8
DWLI/DWLS	-	2
ESCORT	-	9
EVADING	-	4
FIRE	-	4
FIREWORKS	-	1
FLAG DOWN	-	8
FORGERY	-	2
FOUND PROPERTY	-	14
FRAUD	-	3
HARASSMENT LETTER/PHONE/TEXT	-	23
INFOLOG	-	23
INJURED PERSON	-	2
JUNK VEHICLE	-	1

LIGHTS-MALFUNCTIONING	-	4
LOST/STOLEN PROPERTY	-	6
LOUD PARTY/DOG/OTHER	-	33
MISSING PERSON	-	1
OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	-	5
PARKING VIOLATION	-	8
POCS-POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED		
SUBSTANCE	-	12
POM-POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	-	10
PUBLIC ASSIST	-	15
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	-	9
PUBLIC UTILITIES	-	42
RECKLESS DRIVER	-	32
RESISTING ARREST	-	2
ROUTINE PATROL	-	27
RUNAWAY	-	8
SECURITY CHECK	-	3
SHOTS FIRED	-	8
SIGNAL 500-UNATTENDED DEATH	-	6
STABBING	-	1
STALLED VEHICLE	-	17
SUICIDE-ATTEMPT	-	5
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	-	262
TERMINATED 911 CALL	-	6
TERRORISTIC THREAT	-	6
THEFT	-	74
TRAFFIC HAZARD	-	25
UUMV-UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR		
VEHICLE	-	5
WARRANT MUNICIPAL/COUNTY/TCIC/NCIC	-	126
WELFARE CONCERN	-	74
		, 1

## 911- Call Transfer

Bishop PD	-9
CC Metro	-5
	U
Hidalgo SO	-3
Kingsville Fire	-174
Kleberg SO	-30
UPD	-4

We have been getting a lot of 911 calls that are non emergency calls. We have parents that allow their young children play with old phones that are no longer in service. Parents do not realize that cell phones that are no longer in service can still dial 911 for emergency use. Some do not realize that they have even dialed 911 since they have their phones in their pocket. At times, we get



## multiple calls from the same number due to the phone not being locked. Street Level Operations Team (S.L.O.T.) Period Activity

### **MURRAY:**

**Case #1500022353** – Dispatched to the area of 800 E Trant in reference to a male subject kneeling down in front of vehicles in the middle of the roadway. Contact was made with the male subject who was found to be a mental health individual. The male subject was taken into custody for his own safety after he tried to hurt himself. Male subject was later transported to the hospital and MHMR was contacted due to the mental health crisis.

**Case #1500022814** – Patrol responded to a disturbance at 5151 S Highway 77 and was granted consent to search the trailer. A usable amount of synthetic marijuana was located in the trailer and collected as Found Property (Case #1500022810). During the investigation was determined a female had been assaulted. The female gave a statement and an arrest warrant was later served on the male subject for Continuous Family Violence.

CASES FILED WITH COUNTY COURT: 0 CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT: 1 PROSECUTION CHARGE REPORT SUPPLMENTS: 0 TRAFFIC STOPS: 20 CITATIONS: 1

GONZALEZ: TRAFFIC STOPS: 29 CITATIONS: 1

RUIZ: TRAFFIC STOPS: 18 CITATIONS: 0

## NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS / PURCHASES CONDUCTED:

Case #1500022621 Case #1500022720 Case #1500023800

## Training Bureau Period Activity

On August 6, 2015, Detective C. Garcia completed a 16 hour Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) Course that will assist her in her DWI investigations. Detective Garcia is also a Certified Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Instructor and this training will also be used teach other officers. Detective Garcia received 16 hours of TCOLE credit.

On August 18, 2015, Texas Municipal Police Association held a Fundamentals of DWI Investigation & Enforcement Course. The course will assist officers in administer and investigate DWI offenses. Detective H. Gonzalez and Patrolman G. Vega received 8 hours of TCOLE credit for attending the course.

On August 26, 2015, Patrolman G. Vega attended the Law Enforcement Response to Resistance training. Patrolman Vega received 7 hours of TCOLE credit.

On August 27, 2015, Patrolman G. Vega attended the Tactical Emergency Vehicle Operations course that was presented by TML. Patrolman Vega received 3 hours of TCOLE credit.

On September 1, 2015, The SWAT Team performed brush training. The Swat Team performed officer down drills and practiced moving through the brush. The team also trained on vehicle assaults.



Sgt. Flores provides instruction to the team to reduce cross fire.



The team practices their approach to the vehicle.



Senior SWAT Operator R. Salinas and Pittman act as Safety Officers as the team conducts a vehicle assault drill.



Risk Manager Attends Texas School Emergency Planning Workshop in Corpus Christi, TX

Risk Manager Melissa Perez attended the Texas School Emergency Planning Workshops in Corpus Christi, Texas on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd.</sup> The Texas School Safety Center in collaboration with the Texas Education Agency, will present Texas School Emergency Planning workshops in each of the 20 Education Service Center Regions between April 2015 and February 2016. The Interactive workshops are designed to help schools refine and develop comprehensive high-quality emergency management plans and processes. The goal of each two-day session is to allow schools and local partners to work collaboratively to strengthen preparedness; support safe, secure learning environments; and to respond efficiently and effectively during emergencies.

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



The Risk Manager attended the TML Region 11 Meeting at Aransas Pass Civic Center on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> 2015. The Theme was "Drop your Anchor in Aransas Pass". Festivities started at 5:00pm with a Water Rights Presentation from Steve Clouse, COO, SAWS. Social Hour started from 530pm to 630 pm sponsored by Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, & Sampson Ericksen & Jensen. Dinner was from 630pm to 730pm with a TML Region Meeting from 730pm to 800pm.

#### **Risk Manager Holds Active Shooter Training for all City Employees**

The Risk Manager conducted Active Shooter Training for all City employees on August 19<sup>th</sup> and for all Public Works employees on August 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## Risk Manager Attends "Getting It Right" Workshop in Houston, TX



Port light Strategies and the Southwest ADA Center at ILRU, the Independent Living Research Utilization program, have teamed up to co-host a Houston Getting It Right" Workshop, which provides a forum to review and establish procedures for accessibility challenges during relief and evacuation efforts. The Getting It Right workshop took place August 27-28, 2015, at the Holiday Inn Houston NRG/Medical Center Area, in Houston, Texas. The objective of the forum was to unite the disability community with emergency responders and local officials to facilitate discussions on the evacuation process, review short-term sheltering and sheltering-in-place processes, as well as dispel false information. By the conclusion of the workshop, attendees left informed and empowered with their understanding of disaster relief procedures, as well as how to work together within their respective communities.

#### **Flood and Flash Flood Facts**



During recent years, floods and flash floods have caused billions of dollars in damage each year. They are among the most common and widespread of all natural hazards. Even more importantly, they're the number one weatherrelated killer. A flood can happen anywhere along the Mississippi, in New England, even in the desert. A Flood (commonly called river flood) is a high flow or overflow of water from a river or similar body of water, occurring over a period of time too long to be considered a flash

flood. Flooding is caused in a variety of ways. Winter or spring rains, coupled with melting snows, can fill river basins too quickly. Torrential rains from decaying hurricanes or other tropical systems can also produce river flooding. Coastal Flooding occurs when strong onshore winds push water from an ocean, bay or inlet onto land. This can take the form of storm surges associated with tropical storms and hurricanes, or can be associated with non-tropical storms such as "nor'easters."

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



**Purchasing Division** 

Purchasing issued 117 Purchase Orders valued at \$302,398.28. We are nearing the end of the fiscal year and have started our Purchase Order review of all outstanding and partially received Purchase Orders. A list of your Department's Outstanding and Partially

received Purchase Orders has been sent to all supervisors to be reviewed and updated. 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. If you have any questions or are unsure please don't hesitate to contact Purchasing Department for assistance. Please remember you have a deadline to turn in Purchase Orders that you want paid. Anything turned in by Wednesday noon will be paid that Friday, anything after Wednesday noon will not be paid until the following week. Please keep this in mind when you inform the vendors about payment.

## **Purchasing Card Statements**

Purchasing Card statements are currently coming in. If you had a pending credit please ensure a copy of this month's statement is included so we know what account to credit. Also, remember that you will have two Purchasing Card Reconciliations to do for the Month of September, one for each fiscal year.

## **Technology Division**

**Wireless Project** 

**Overview of the project** 



Remote locations needing City owned network access

12 unique locations across the City

Need for cost effective solution that allows for flexibility

Cost savings needed

Over individual internet connections

Over a fiber ring connecting the sites

Possible savings of and ability to provide Shore tel phone service to city sites to reduce dependence on ATT POTS.

Ease of management needed through joining all sites into one network and one domain ideally under one pane of glass.

Site Survey Walk through- Project Begin	Target Dates
	8/31/15 at 8;00 am
Equipment Installation	
Physical Building Install of Bridges and testing	
(Need to define exact date)	8/31/159/8/15
Facility Cabling and AP/Antenna Installation	
Water Tower Installs-Cable /AP/Labeling	
Building Installs-Cable /AP/Labeling	8/31/159/4/15
	9/04/159/08/15
CUT-Over and Testing	
Building Testing-AP/Antenna-	
Water TowerAP/Antenna	09/08/1509/11/15
CONTROL PHASE	09/08/1509/11/15
Punch-list created by Customer	
Onsite post-cut support / punch-list resolution-	9/10/15
Equipment	9/10/159/11/15
Onsite post-cut support / punch-list resolution-	
Cabling	9/10/159/11/15
Knowledge Transfer Meeting	
Project Deliverables/Project Close	9/16/15
CLOSEOUT PHASE	9/11/15
Project Deliverables/Project Close	
Customer Certificate of Acceptance signed by	9/11/15
Customer	9/11/15

## OVERALL DIAGRAM





## **HM King Project**

We have begun the wiring process for the HM King Project. Currently we are on schedule to complete this within the allotted timeline. Additionally, we are looking into additional storage devices to accommodate any future storage needs as well as providing backup for user's files. We are in the deployment phase of the phone system for public works with a tentative cut over date for early September 2015. For anyone wishing to see a test phone, we currently have them in the IT offices.

## Office 365



## **E-Mail Flow Report**

The City of Kingsville over the past two weeks processed 19,186 email messages. We blocked 7,388 spam and 17 malware messages. We processed 11,781 'good' emails.

## **Skype for Business**

## **Collaboration Tools**

As part of the Office 365 package, we are going to include Skype for Business. Many people are familiar with the commercial versions of the product but the business application is new and was formerly called Lync. This product allows communication and collaboration directly from your business PC. Skype for Business can do anything from video, voice, IM, to secure document sharing. Again this is part of the standard office package for desktop users and everyone is encouraged to download and try it out. During the month of September, we are going to have training sessions for some of the newer features including the Office 365 software and how they can best fit individual departmental needs

All your communication requirements are in the Skype for Business desktop client – IM, voice, video, presence and location, and compatibility with Lync 2013 and 2010 servers. With a Skype inspired UI, familiarity and adoption happen much faster. Skype federation opens B2C scenarios that enable you to contact consumers, partners, and small businesses in a keystroke the rich meeting experience on the desktop client with H.264 video, content sharing, and collaboration enables people to experience each other and work together better Office integration creates easier transitions and fewer interruptions. Sharing applications, PowerPoint presentations, and OneNote notebooks increases productivity







#### **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 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 single family residential 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 received the revisions at this time. A permit has been issued for \$10,301.00 with the property value at \$3.5 million.

#### Wells Apartments

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

#### **FEMA Domes**

KISD's contractor has an estimated completion date of 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 garden home 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

Ken Moses has been voted as the 5<sup>th</sup> member and Chair of the Joint Airport Zoning Board. The City Commission will need to appoint another member to the JAZB to fill a vacancy.

#### **Cayetano Villages of Kingsville**

The developer was recently notified that they were not awarded the tax credits they were hoping for in in order to develop their project. Staff has been told that the project ahead of theirs is in Gregory and there are some challenges which could cause the credits to come back to Cayetano before December. The developer 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 purposed 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

On Saturday, August 22, 2015, Legends was allowed to move in residents into buildings 1, 2 and 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors only), the General Contractor since then has been working on finishing buildings 3,4 and the first floor of 5.

#### 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. They have broken ground for the new building. This Domino's will have some limited inside dining. They plan to be done in November of 2015.

#### **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 on Armstrong, facing Santa Gertrudis. He doesn't know at this time what the 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 was 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 we have 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.

#### **Neessen 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 Community Action Dental Clinic**

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. A permit has been issued. They started construction they should be completed by mid-October.

#### Nuevo Santa Gertrudis Apartments

These apartments will be located at 1414 W. Santa Gertrudis. There 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**

Staff heard back from them and was 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 Commission had discussions regarding fence regulations, accessory buildings and carports. The Commission determined that they did not want to make any changes for those three items as they relate to the code of ordinances.

#### **Building Services Division**

Permits Pulled:					
Residential Remodel:	11	Commercial Remodel:	2	Electrical:	24
New Commercial:	1	Mechanical:	12	Moving:	0
New Residential:	6	Fire Inspection:	16	Gas Inspection:	6
Cert. of Occupancy:	3	Commercial Meter:	5	House Leveling:	0
Plumbing:	9	Residential Meter:	17	Re-roof:	11
Sprinkler:	1	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	1
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	0	Demolition:	0
Fence:	3	Driveway:	4		

#### **Total Permits Pulled: 132**

#### **New Business:**

Washwork Express( old Hurricane Car Wash) at 601 E King now open for buisness

NAPA at 1018 E Lott waiting for final inspection Angel Italian Ice & S'Mores at 634 E King waiting for inspection. The Legend Apartment at 1331 W Santa Gertrudis got certify of occupany for building one and building two.

**New Lakeview Homes: Laurel Street** 



Manuel Buentuello, Building Inspector checking the drip irrigation system at the island along Yoakum Street



#### **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**

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

#### Violations

#### 615 W. Santa Gertrudis



325 W. Corral



109 N. Armstrong





**Unfinished Siding/Roof** 

Property location 428 W. Lee 528 S. 18<sup>th</sup> 516 E. Alice <u>Status</u> Letter mailed 2/16/15 Letter mailed 2/16/15 Letter mailed 2/16/15

Violations

**Comments** 

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







#### **516 E. Alice**



#### **Multiple Violations:**

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

Cleared by city Property owner working on violation

New property owner Property owner complied

#### **Community Appearance Division**

## Recent activity (August 12<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:

Notices Sent: 40 Placards Posted: 10 Compliances: 44 Inspections: 100 Illegal Dumping Case: 1 Re-Inspections: 85 Complaints call-ins/walk-ins: 60 Abatements: 16 Front/Side Yard Parking: 0 Obsolete Sign Violations: 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.

OCT	\$5304.61	APR	\$8,185.47
NOV	\$2943.01	MAY	\$7,301.97
DEC	\$4344.63	JUN	\$18,119.48
JAN	\$11263.96	JUL	\$6497.56
FEB	\$8389.71	AUG	
MAR	\$18,116.99	SEPT	



#### **<u>Priority Property Clean Ups</u>**:

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 37 to be completed in September. As in the past, owners or occupants of the properties have failed to abate these nuisances after being noticed. The current top ten properties are as follows:

PHASE 37	
Property Address:	Date of Compliance Deadline:
604 W FORDYCE	9/25/15
$622 \text{ S } 6^{\text{TH}}$	9/25/15
103 N 2 <sup>ND</sup>	9/25/15
N ARMSTRONG	9/25/15
523 W ELLA	9/25/15
907 E AVE A	9/25/15
516 E NETTIE	9/25/15
208 E HENRIETTA	9/25/15
714 E SANTA GERTRUDIS	9/25/15
500 BLK E RICHARD	9/25/15

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.

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	7 out of 10
PHASE 15	9 out of 10	PHASE 35	7 out of 10
PHASE 16	9 out of 10	PHASE 36	7 out of 10
PHASE 17	8 out of 10	PHASE 37	(IN PROGRESS)
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:
# 426 E Alice – City Abated

BEFORE

AFTER



BEFORE

430 E Alice – City Abated







730 E Santa Gertrudis – Property Owner Abated



300 General Cavazos – Property Owner Abated





#### 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 <u>jbernal@cityofkingsville.com</u> for more information.





# Parks & Recreation (Courtesy of Susan Ivy, Parks Manager)

Our last event of the summer in the J.K.Northway is always the South Texas Quail Coalition Fundraiser Banquet. As you can see from the photos below, they bring a large crowd and raise big money through Silent and Live Auctions and ticket sales for the conservation efforts to maintain the quail population in South Texas. Quail are a big hunting attraction for ranches. Staff will be moving dirt back in the JK very soon to get ready for the fall and winter show and rodeo season.





Balmore Mejia, equipment operator for Parks tilling the outdoor arena to get ready for the first roping we have had in a while at this facility. With some work on the lights and we will be ready for Team Roping and rodeo season.

Park Foreman Marty Flores met with Hebert Irrigation at the Xeriscape Garden to get assistance in getting the watering system running again. They are also quoting installation of watering system for the grassy area around the Pavilion.





Big thanks to City Engineer Charlie Cardenas and the Leadership Kingsville group for obtaining funding for and installing our new Disc Golf Course in Dick Kleberg Park. Public Works also helped in getting the area cleared for a beautiful new facility for our community to enjoy.

We are so grateful for the new (to us) truck we received on loan from the Kingsville Task Force. Commander Willie Vera is turning over the keys to our 2006 Double Cab Dodge Ram truck to Park Foreman Marty Flores. This will make our jobs much easier to get staffing and supplies around.

# Golf Division (Courtesy of Jimmy Saenz, Golf Manager)

# Veteran's Day Tournament

The Kingsville Golf Association will be hosting a Veterans Day tournament on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The association is currently selling tee box sponsorships for \$75. All sponsorship signs will be displayed



for the entire week in honor of all veterans. If anyone would like to be part of this event please contact Larry Lee @ (361) 219 – 8452.

# **Irrigation System**

We are in hopes that our irrigation parts will start arriving in the next few days. Once that happens, staff will begin working on putting everything together and should have the system running at full capacity by mid-October.

# **Golf Scrambles**

As the sun is starting to go down earlier that will also mean that we only have a few more Wednesday scrambles left for the season. Staff plans to continue the weekly scrambles in the fall. Staff will have full details of days and times posted soon.

# Miscellaneous

We have created a special rate for all city employees. Any day of the week come out and play for \$15 and that includes the cart. A very special thanks to all the law enforcement guys and gals who have been coming out to play and supporting us. It is a very exciting time for the course and we welcome everyone to drop by for a round or just to visit.





# Scheduled Events at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:

September 12<sup>th</sup> – College of Business tournament September 19<sup>th</sup> – Kingsville A&M cross country meet September 26<sup>th</sup>- St. Gertrude tournament Wednesday Night Scramble – 5:30 pm For tournament contacts or to schedule your tournament please call L.E. Ramey Golf Course @ 361-592-1101.

# **Administration Division**

#### City of Kingsville Employees-Safety Training

City of Kingsville, Risk Manager, Mrs. Melissa Perez recently offered a Safety Training for all City of Kingsville Employees. The training occurred on Friday, August 21, 2015 at City Hall, Commissioner Chamber. The training was divided into two sessions at 9: 30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. City-County Health Employees attended at their assigned times. The training topic was the "Active Shooter Awareness" with a short video and a brief discussion afterwards. Attending the training was Health Inspector Connie Allen. Thanks to Mrs. Perez for the training opportunity. We look forward to next month's training.



# **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.

#### August 14-September 2, 2015

Hampton Inn	100	Holiday Inn
Rodeway Inn	100	Snappy's (Field Investigation)
Speedy Stop #53	96	Stripes
El Tapatio (Ricardo,Tx)	100	Agave Jalisco (Riviera)
Aspire to Lead Academy	100	Dairy Queen (Riviera)
Kings Inn (Riviera)	96	Brown's Convenience Store (Riviera)
IHOP	95	Riviera ISD
TAMUK - Pizza Hut	100	Pan Am School Café
TAMUK - P.O.D.	100	Big House Burgers
TAMUK - Sushic, LLC	100	Brink's Seafood Mobile
Greg's Short Stop	94	Domino's Pizza
Ricardo ISD	93	TAMUK - Jernigan Library
TAMUK - Turner Bishop Café	93	The Cherry Tree
Wing Stop	94	Young's Pizza
St. Gertrude's School Café	100	Kingsville Head-start Kitchen
KISD - Gillett School	100	KISD - HM King High School

KISD - Harrel School	100	KISD - Harvey School	100
La Famosa Tortilla Factory	100	V&J's Food Mart	87

#### **Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Class:**

Jesus is the Rock Church	20 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class
City-County Health Unit	8 Students	Regular Food Handler Class
Santa Gertrudis Cemetery	6 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class
St. Martin's Church	23 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class
Templo Bethel Church	13 Students	Fundraiser Food Handler Class

# Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events:

## *Cottage Food Production Operation Rule's* What is a cottage food production operation?

A cottage food production operation is defined as an individual, operating out of the individual's home, who:

- Produces a baked good, candy, coated and uncoated nuts, unroasted nut butters, fruit butters, a canned jam or jelly, a fruit pie, dehydrated fruit or vegetables, including dried beans, popcorn and popcorn snacks, cereal, including granola, dry mix, vinegar, pickles, mustard, roasted coffee or dry tea, or a dried herb or dried herb mix.
- Has an annual gross income of \$50,000 or less from the sale of the described foods.
  - Sells the foods produced directly to consumers at the individual's home, a farmers' market, a farm stand, or a municipal, county, or nonprofit fair, festival or event; and
  - Delivers products to the consumer at the point of sale or another location designated by the consumer.

For information and complete details about the Cottage Food Production Operations please call the City-County Health Department @ 361-592-3324 or visit the Texas Department of State Health Services website at



<u>www.dshs.state.tx.us</u>. Pictured is City-County Health Inspector I, Connie Allen writing down some of the bake goods (foods) that can be prepared at a cottage food production operations, plus other important information.

# **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, October 3, 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

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

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

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City-County Health Department

Animal Control Division

Pet Adoption Event



September19, 2015 (Saturday)

Tractor Supply Co.

2405 S. Brahma Blvd.

10:00 am-2:00 pm

Several cats and dogs to choose from

For more information call @592-3324

# New Animal Control Vehicle

The City-County Health Department recently received their second Ford F-250 pick-up truck for animal control services that will be unit #954. Jason Torres, Health Inspector II took unit 954 to Woodson, Texas to have a 6 stall slide-in animal control unit installed at Jones Trailer Company. The installation took about 2 hours. This new animal control unit was purchased by Kleberg County.









# 20 Lucky Kittens and Cats Rescued

The Kitten House Rescue of Houston, Texas rescued 20 cats and kittens from the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center. The rescue is a 501(c)3 that rescues cats and kittens all over 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 the cats securely packed and ready for their journey. **Big Thanks** to the Kitten House Rescue of Houston, Texas for rescuing cats and kittens from our Animal Control Center!



# Training

<u>Emergency Medical Protocols Training</u> – All personnel reviewed changes to the new EMS Protocols that were approved by the Medical Director and the State of Texas. Changes in medications and applications were the focus of the training. The protocols themselves were also updated and improved. The training was provided by Firefighter/Paramedic Ruben Basaldu. Thanks to all the personnel that assisted in making changes and updates to the EMS protocols.

<u>Wildland Firefighting Briefings</u> – 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. Members of the KVFD attended evening training where the Texas Forest Service training video called "It's only a grass fire" was reviewed.

# **Planning Activities**

<u>Developmental Review Team Meetings</u> – The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal attended two meetings during the period to discuss various building projects including Legends Apartments Phase 2, LaQuinta Inn, FEMA Domes at high school, and others.

<u>Multi-Agency Mutual Aid Discussions</u> – On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Chief met with Chiefs from Annaville, Alice, and Naval Air Station Kingsville Fire Department to discuss options for coverage and command/coordination of large or multiple emergency incidents.

<u>Certificate of Obligations Planning</u> – The Fire Chief attended a meeting at City Hall to discuss possible major items needed by departments that might be able to be purchased using certificate of obligations. Department heads were instructed to compile a list with substantiation and costs and submit by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

# **Other Department Activities**

<u>Labor Management Meeting</u> – Discussions were held regarding the evaluation and utilization of probationary firefighter/paramedics.

<u>KISD Community Fair and Parade</u> – Fire Department personnel participated in the KISD Community Fair events on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Family Fun Day Event</u> – Fire Department personnel attended the family fun day event that took place at the J.K. Northway Red Barn on August  $22^{nd}$ .

<u>Fire Department Budget Presentation</u> – The Fire Chief presented the City Manager's approved budget for the Fire Department at the budget workshop held on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Chief also attended other budget workshops during the period.

<u>Civil Service Commission Meeting</u> – The Fire Chief, union president, and members of the Fire Department attended a Civil Service Commission meeting held on August 18<sup>th</sup> to review and update Commission rules.



<u>Inspections of Legends Apartments Project</u> – The Fire Marshal worked with contractors and building representatives at the Legends Apartments on West Santa Gertrudis Blvd. to complete fire safety inspections for their new buildings. Due to short project deadlines and projected move-in dates, the ownership was requesting a rush on inspections. The Fire Marshal worked at the site for at least eight days during the period. In the past week, engine 2 crew has also assisted the Fire Marshal in conducting inspections which are still ongoing. The Fire Department is responsible to ensure that new apartment buildings have a working sprinkler system, an alarm system that will alert occupants and call electronically for help, emergency lighting and exit signs, interconnected smoke detectors in each unit, no breaks in the fire walls, safe electrical panels, fire extinguishers that are properly tagged and hung, and several other safety requirements. These requirements are based on local ordinances, state law, and standard practices. Thank you to the Fire Marshal and assisting crews for the long hours spent on these inspections.

## New Policies and Memorandums:

OM15-16, Radio Terminology

OM15-17, Physical Training

OM15-18, Outdoor Activities in Hot Weather

OM15-19, Response to Emergencies

#### **Facilities and Equipment:**

Medic Units: Medic 3 at Chevrolet dealer for 2 weeks.

Medic 1 brake lights and reverse lights repaired. Rear A/C in patient compartment was out due to thermostat possibly.

Medic 2 emergency lights turning off intermittently.

Engine 1: Thermal Imaging camera charger has broken prong needs repair or replacement. Generator broken. Vibrations at around 25 mph.

<u>Engine 2:</u> 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. Officers seat bracket repaired.

Rescue 1: Class A foam system check valve inoperable and needs to be replaced.

Brush 1: Needs new front tires, rear reflectors, and some body repairs.

Tower 1: Air Conditioning problems.

<u>Station 1:</u> 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. Some radio issues one weekend. Unsure what problem was, is working now.

Station 2: Generator still needs repair.

#### 2014-15 Projects:

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

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

<u>Intercom System for Fire Apparatus</u>: Primary funding for radio/intercom systems in emergency apparatus reallocated 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. Equipment has been ordered and another extension of the FEMA grant was approved.

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

<u>Computer Server, Terminal, and Software</u>: I.T. Department has been updating software and computer configurations. Software and laptop computers still need to be ordered.

<u>Fire Station 2 Street Project:</u> 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.

<u>Vehicle Exhaust Removal Systems</u> - 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 August 14th, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on September 2nd, 2015.

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	34
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	140
Total Emergency Responses -	174

**Major Events during the period:** Mobile Home Fire, East Santa Gertrudis Blvd, August 15<sup>th</sup> mid-morning: The first engine arrived and found smoke coming from a mobile home at the rear of the park. The fire was on the stove and had spread into the cabinets above the range. The homeowners had used fire extinguishers to contain the fire. Firefighters used blower fans to remove smoke from the structure and a hose line to finish extinguishing the fire. The thermal imaging camera was used to check for hot spots in the walls and ceiling areas.

House Fire, East Avenue "A", August 23<sup>rd</sup>, late evening: The first engine company arrived to find fire showing from two windows on the side of the home and heavy smoke could be seen from several blocks away. The engine laid a supply line from a fire hydrant and requested the second engine to hook up to the hydrant and open it. The first engine deployed hose lines to the side of the house where fire was coming out and also another line to the front door. It was reported to arriving personnel that all the occupants were out of the home. Firefighters directed hose lines through the windows to knock down the main fire in the bedroom and also through the front door. Utilities were cut to the building as crews entered to knock down the rest of the fire. A ventilation fan was used to move smoke from the house. Crews were brought outside for rehabilitation and later returned to conduct mop up and look for hot spots using the thermal imager. Mutual aid was received from an engine company from the Kingsville Naval Air Station Fire Department and KVFD volunteers. A second fire call was received while this incident was in mop-up phase. The Navy engine that had already been released was dispatched to respond mutual aid while one engine at the scene was preparing to respond.

# Finance Department (Courtesy of Deborah Balli, Director of Finance)

# **Finance Administration Division**



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**



September 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> is National Payroll Week! National Payroll Week celebrates the hard work by America's 156 million wage earners and the payroll professionals who pay them. Together through the payroll withholding system, they contribute, collect, report and deposit approximately \$2.08 trillion, or 68% of the annual revenue of the U.S. Treasury. (http://www.nationalpayrollweek.com/)

Sally Saenz go above and beyond every two weeks to ensure the City of Kingsville's payroll is processed correctly and on time. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!

#### FY15-16 Budget Workshops

Finance Director, Deborah Balli, presented the Finance Division, City Special and CO budgets during the FY 15-16 Budget Workshops. These workshops were held over 4 days and allowed department directors to present their department's proposed budget for FY15-16. The City Commission will now hold public hearings on the budget before the final budget is scheduled to be adopted on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

# September 10<sup>th</sup> Payroll

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the September 10<sup>th</sup> payroll will be processed in a shortened time frame. This means payroll for over 300 employees must be processed within 2 days instead of the normal 3 days. The Finance department asked all departments to process and approve all time in the TimeClock system by 10am Monday morning. Reminder: no changes should be made after payroll has been turned in without notifying the payroll department first.

#### Sales and Use Tax

The City of Kingsville received \$413,275.18 in sales tax allocations in the month of August. This is a 1.33% increase over August 2014. Sales Tax is applied on all retail sales, leases, rentals and taxable services at a percentage rate of 8.25 % in Kingsville.



# **Utility Billing Division**

Water Efficiency: Our Responsibility

Earth may be known as the "water planet" but even though about 70 percent of its surface is covered

bywater, less than 1 percent is available for human use. Water supplies are finite, and we can all help protect this critical and precious resource.

Learn more about why a program like <u>WaterSense is important</u> and how you can do your part to <u>help save</u> water every day.



Look for the label

The <u>WaterSense label</u> will help you identify high-efficiency products, homes and programs. These water efficient options provide the same performance and quality you've come to expect, but with the added benefit of water savings.

<u>WaterSense labeled products</u> are backed by independent third party certification and meet EPA's specifications for water efficiency and performance. So, when you use WaterSense labeled products in your home or business, you can be confident you'll be saving water without sacrifice.

# **Start Saving**

Everything from fixing the leaks in your house to changing the watering patterns of your lawn can add up to big water savings. Looking for ways to take water efficiency into your own hands?

Here are some helpful tips:

Dreaming of a better bathroom?

Give It a Mini-Makeover with WaterSense

Bathrooms are by far the largest water users in the home, accounting for more than half of all the water that families use indoors. If you are planning to remodel your bathroom, did you know plumbing fixtures are available in a wide variety of colors, models, and prices to help you save water and money?

Advances in plumbing technology and design mean that faucets, showers, and toilets can use significantly less water than standard models while still delivering the rinse, spray, and flush you expect. Just look for the <u>WaterSense label</u> to <u>find products at retailers nationwide</u>.

# The Big Picture



Why save water? Because it's our most precious natural resource, and because at least two-thirds of the United States have experienced or are bracing for local, regional, or statewide water shortages. With populations continuing to rise, using water wisely helps save this vital resource for future generations.

Changes we make at home will add up quickly in neighborhoods across the country. If one in every 10 American homes upgrades a full bathroom with WaterSense labeled fixtures, we could save about **74** billion gallons of water and about **\$1.6** billion on our utility bills nationwide per year.

Giving your bathroom a high-efficiency makeover by replacing older, inefficient bathroom fixtures with a WaterSense labeled toilet, faucet, and showerhead can help your household save in more ways than one.

For more information on saving water and money see the following website: http://www.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/bathroom.html

## New Hire

The Meter Readers division has filled the meter tech position. Please welcome back, Bisente Zamora. Mr. Zamora was working with the same department for quite some time a while back and left to pursue another journey however he came back to work for the City as an equipment operator in the Sanitation Department a few months ago and he will be transferred over to the Utility Billing Department on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He has the knowledge and experience that the position entails. We look forward to working with Mr. Zamora.



#### Thank you

The Utility Billing Department would like to thank the Public Works department for assisting the Meter Reader Division while they were short-staffed. Public Works has also been experiencing being short-staffed and they were kind enough to assist when needed.



#### Labor Day Holiday

City hall will be closed Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

<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.

# **Municipal Court Activity Report**



August 12-26, 2015

#### New Cases:

These past few weeks have seen an increase in new cases including the following:

Parking	52
Traffic	130
State Law	58
City Ordinance	21
Total	261

## **Cases Disposed:**

Parking	15
Traffic	114
State Law	37
City Ordinance	12
Total	178

## Warrants

There were 112 warrants served during this period which is a slight increase from last periods report. To avoid being arrested, please stop by the city municipal court office to inquire information on how to release an active warrant order. You may also visit the city website to inquire if you have any active warrants with the City of Kingsville: www.cityofkingsville.com

#### Collections

Collections have shown a dramatic increase this period, from last reports \$25,509.74 to \$40,496.98.

Court Sessions – August 2015			
Inmate Session	8/27	2:00 p.m.	
Jury Session	8/27	2:30 p.m.	
Civil Hearing	8/27	2:45 p.m.	
Juvenile Hearing	8/27	3:00 p.m.	
Criminal Court Hearing	8/27	3:00 p.m.	
Court Sessions – September 2015			
Contempt of Court	9/3 & 9/17	9:00 a.m.	
Inmate Session	9/10 & 9/24	2:00 p.m.	
Civil Hearing	9/10 & 9/24	2:30 p.m.	
Juvenile Hearing	9/10 & 9/24	3:00 p.m.	
Criminal Court Hearing	9/10 & 9/24	3:00 p.m.	
Trial Hearings – September/October 2015			

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Trial-Bench	9/10	4:00 p.m.
Jury Trials	10/6 & 10/13	1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

# Level II Court Clerk Certification

We would like to extend our congratulations to our deputy court clerk, Victoria Cavazos, for reaching her level II certification. All your hard work and studying has paid off, and we are both glad and proud to have you working at the municipal court.

## Appreciation

The staff and I would like to extend our gratitude to the officers who work alongside with the court helping the hearings run smoothly. In addition, providing protection for the all the people who make their court appearance.

The court would like to acknowledge these officers who work past their regular schedule to assist the court:

Officer Chavana, Badge 73; Officer Martinez, Badge 91; Officer Vega, Badge 83; and Officer Perez, Badge 71

# Human Resources (Courtesy of Diana Gonzalez, Director)

*Employees --- Do You Know?* City of Kingsville Employee Insurance Open Enrollment 2015 has been completed. Employees who attended received information of a non-monetary change to the Health insurance plan. On October 1, 2015 the tele-medicine vendor Ameridoc will change to Healthiestyou.

Information is to be distributed to employees by September 10<sup>th</sup> so employees will have the information on Healthiestyou available by the effective date of October 1, 2015.

# **CITY OF KINGSVILLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Fire	Firefighter Fire Telecommunications Operator
Health	Animal Control Specialist
Library	Maintenance Worker Part-Time (2 vacancies)
Parks & Recreation	Customer Service Representative Part-Time Maintenance Worker Full-Time Maintenance Worker Part-Time
Planning – Community App	earance Administrative Assistant I Equipment Operator I
Public Works Sanitation Division	Equipment Operator II
Street Division	Maintenance Worker (2 vacancies)
Water Division	Water Supervisor
Wastewater Division	Equipment Operator III

# **New Employees**



Noel Pena Equipment Operator II Sanitation Division Public Works Department



Steven Molina Equipment Operator II Sanitation Division Public Works Department

# **Anniversaries:**



Luis Bautista Equipment Operator II Water Division Public Works Department



Daniel Guerra Part-Time Library Assistant Library

Name	Job Title	Division / Department	Years
Jose Flores	Equipment Operator II	Sanitation – Public Works	36
Steve Palacios	Fire Engineer	Fire	25
Jerry Trevino	Foreman	Collections - Finance	25
Jose Garcia	Utility Worker	Water - Public Works	23
Elvia Rodriguez	Customer Service Rep.	Collections - Finance	18
Ruben Guajardo	City Marshal	Task Force	16
Benito Figueroa	Police Sergeant	Police	15
Michael Tamez	City Marshal	Task Force	14
Maria Bruce	Billing Specialist	Collections - Finance	6
Celena Longoria	Admin. Assistant II	Fire	6
Jessica Montalvo	Customer Service Rep.	Health	6
Sam Smithwick	Firefighter	Fire	5
Guillermo Vera	Commander	Task Force	5
Trinidad Rawlinson	Utility Worker	Water - Public Works	4
Aileen Escamilla	Billing Specialist	Collections - Finance	3
David Garcia	Telecomm. Operator	Police Communications	3
Christopher Louden	Firefighter	Fire	3
Markos Duron	Equipment Operator II	Street - Public Works	2
LaTonya Johnson	Telecomm. Operator	Police Communications	2
Jorge Delgado	Services Technician	Tourism	1
Alicia Tijerina	Admin. Assistant II	Tourism	1

## Separations:

Noel Pena – Equipment Operator II – Sanitation Division - Public Works Department Robert Everett – Maintenance Worker – Parks & Recreation Department

# **Transfers/Promotions**

Allen Martinez: Equipment Operator I in Community Appearance Division-Planning Department to Equipment Operator II in Sanitation Division-Public Works Department

Bisente Zamora: Equipment Operator II in Sanitation Division-Public Works Department to Meter Reader Technician in Collections Division-Finance Department

Jesse Rivera: Equipment Operator II in Water Division-Public Works Department to Equipment Operator II in Street Division-Public Works Department

# **Retirements**

Mr. Joe Luna was presented with his retirement watch and plaque at the August 24<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting. Mr. Luna retired after 19 years with the City of Kingsville.



# Workforce Solutions Program

The City has partnered with Workforce Solutions in the "Choices" program. This program pays for individuals to receive training at a workplace for a period of 4 - 6 weeks. This training opportunity gives individuals a chance to learn skills which can be applied when searching for full-time employment.

Ms. Marina Amador will assist the City during her 4 weeks of allotted training time. Ms. Amador is temporarily assigned to the HR office to assist with the ongoing laserfische project.



## **Civil Service Corner**

Civil Service Commission Meetings

Civil Service Commission Members:

Nick Harrel - Chairperson Dora Martinez - Vice-Chairperson Alonzo Lopez

The Civil Service Commission continues to review the draft rules and regulations at their monthly scheduled meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2015 at 12 noon.

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

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

Monday, September 28, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 12, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 9, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 23, 2015	6:00 p.m.

#### **Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)**

Thursday, September 24, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 8, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 22, 2015	3:00 p.m.

#### **Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)**

Planning and Zoning Commission	Wednesday, September 16, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, September 16, 2015	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Thursday, October 8, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Joint Airport Zoning Board	Thursday, October 15, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month	12:00 p.m.

#### **Board Meetings (Respective Locations)**

Library Board	TBA	
City/County Health Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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>	<b>Vacancies</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
Zoning Board of Adjustments	0	0
Zoning Board of Adjustments (Alternates)	3	0
Joint Airport Zoning Board	1	0
Civil Service Commission	0	0
Historic Development Board	1	0
Planning & Zoning Commission	1	0