# **Staff Report**

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"I like to encourage people to realize that any action is a good action if it's proactive and there is positive intent behind it."-Michael J. Fox

# www.brainyquote.com

#### **FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES**

Good Job Award!!!



The City of Kingsville Trash Off event held on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> brought in nearly 45 tons of junk, debris, brush & tires. It was all done to beautify the city through the support and dedication of volunteers and city staff. They made this even so successful. Please take this note as my nomination for all those who helped with the event for the good job award. I would even say GREAT Job Award! "It was a very streamlined process, quick and easy", were some of the statements made by our citizens. Thank you city staff (and community volunteers) for the great work. It was a very safe and fun event for everyone.

Jennifer Bernal, Community Appearance Supervisor

## Risk Management (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Manager)

#### Risk Manager Participates at City Trash Off

The Risk Manager Kingsville Trash Off on The City of Kingsville's enhance the community health, safety and welfare Kingsville. The Community provides both reactive and



participated in the City of Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>. goal for Trash Offs is to appearance and ensure the for all residents of Appearance department proactive code

enforcement by performing Inspections, Nuisance Abatement and Programs to assist in neighborhood clean ups. These programs are designed to ensure compliance with the City's Property Maintenance and Nuisance codes.

#### Risk Manager Conducts "Active Shooter Awareness Training" with Parks Employees

The Risk Manager conducted Active Shooter awareness training to all Parks staff on September 22, 2015. Several parks employees attended the training. Some areas that were discussed were: How to respond when an active shooter is in your vicinity, Evacuate, Hide Out, Take action against the active shooter and How to respond when Law Enforcement arrives. Staff was also given indicators of potential violence by an employee. In an active shooter situation, you should



quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. You should: Run: If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises, Hide: If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you and Fight: As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter.

# **Employee Recognition and Safety Committee Plan Employee Appreciation Tailgate Event for Oct** 10<sup>th</sup>



The Employee Recognition and Safety Committee met on Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup> in the City Hall Conference room. Members of the committee: Carol Rogers, Mary Valenzuela, Emilio Garcia, Leo Alarcon, Jennifer Berna and Theresa Cavazos. Committee members met to plan an upcoming Employee Appreciation Tail gate event for Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> at Texas A&M

University. The event is for all City employees. Committee members will be serving beef hotdogs, with all the fixings, chips and drinks. This is just one way we show our employees how awesome we think they are!!

# Employee Recognition & Safety Committee Meet Regularly to Plan Upcoming "Safety Week & Christmas Banquet"

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The Employee Recognition and Safety Committee have

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been meeting on a regular basis to discuss upcoming Employee Recognition Safety week and Annual Safety Banquet. December is only two months away which does not give the committee too much time to start preparing. Every year the City of Kingsville shows its appreciation to all its employees by having a Safety and Employee Recognition Week. The week is filled with Years of Service recognition awards, Safety and Health Speakers, door giveaways, prizes, lots of food and fun. The Friday of that week employees attend the Annual Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet again, employees and their dependent family can enjoy an evening filled with dancing, dinner, prizes and lots of fun for the whole family.

#### Is It a Cold or Fall Allergies?



Fall allergy season arrives just before blasts of cooler weather start to blanket the country. Not long after, cold and flu season hits in earnest, and indoor winter allergies kick in. With these synonymous cold-weather sniffles going on, it can be hard to tell which one is ailing you — particularly if you have never had allergies before. But seasonal allergies can strike anytime throughout your life, so it is important to pay attention

to your symptoms. Fall is really a key point in the allergy season, mostly because of ragweed allergy, which affects most of North America. Dr. Nadim Bikhazi, an ear, nose and throat specialist in Ogden, Utah, told weather.com. "Each plant produces a billion grains of pollen, which can travel hundreds of miles and have a tremendous impact on the whole nation. "Meanwhile, common colds are caused by viruses. "A lot of times, people misdiagnose themselves; they just grab one medication to treat themselves when they're really suffering from something else," Dr. Bikhazi warned and encouraged individuals to get tested.

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



#### **Fall Soccer Season**

Nothing makes us happier than a park full of families. Soccer Season is in full swing and opening day brought hundreds of families out to Dick Kleberg Park to enjoy a beautiful day of recreation.



#### **Prospect Show**

"Show" Business (Livestock Show) starts young. Little kids handling big livestock is always amazing. The South Texas Prospect Show Series returned to the J.K. Northway for the first of three Prospect (Livestock) shows this fall open to participation from all over the State. Over 300 families came from around the State showing lambs, goats, pigs, steers, heifers to compete for buckles and Texas Junior Livestock Show Points. Participants show to collect points for scholarships awarded at the Annual TJLSA banquet. We are the largest sanctioned "Jackpot" show that is not a County Fair or Texas major show in the State of Texas.

#### **Beautification**

Thank you Keep Kingsville Beautiful for providing some additional landscaping and signage in Corral Park. The landscaping project will be completed in the 2016 fiscal year



Corral Park Improvements
& PATH Fitness Trail

A community partnership between:

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along with other park improvements.



Another "thank you" to Keep Kingsville Beautiful/City of Kingsville for the repair/renovation of the irrigation system at the Xeriscape Garden downtown. Everything is up and running again and working well. This garden will be included as a volunteer project during our "Make a Difference Day" volunteer Park Cleanup on Saturday, October, 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information on MADD projects here in Kingsville contact the Park office at 595-8591.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Other upcoming events include:

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>- National Night Out at the JK Northway,

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>- Big House Bash featuring Siggno at the JK Northway, and

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>- Run for Your Life Halloween 5k Run and movie night at Dick Kleberg Park.

Run for Your Life is a City Parks event and we are looking for volunteers and sponsors to assist. The run will be a 5k for runners and a shorter fun run for kids. The kids run will include some fun Halloween activities and the 5k for older runners will include some scary goblins and activities. The run will be followed by a movie in the park – Hotel Transylvania on the big screen in the playground area.

#### Parks Survey-Public Input Needed

While our maintenance staff has spent most of the last few weeks cleaning up JK Northway from moving the dirt back in for Show and Rodeo Season and catching up on general park cleanup the Parks Manager has spent a great deal of time evaluating the parks and facilities to prioritize needs for planning and grant writing. In order to qualify for grant funding from Texas Parks & Wildlife, which is where most of our grant funding comes from, our Parks Master Plan needs to be updated. We will be soliciting public participation in a community survey by both adults and kids to be scored and used in prioritizing the needs assessment for our community. Watch for the survey on the City of Kingsville/departments/Parks website, newspaper, facebook, schools and events. The public plays a very important part of Park Planning and you must complete the survey for your opinions to be heard.

#### Fall Park Hours

Starting October 5<sup>th</sup> through February 29<sup>th</sup>, Dick Kleberg Park will close daily at 9:30p.m., with the exception of the J.K. Northway Fairgrounds area during special events; the remainder of the park will still close daily at 9:30p.m.

#### **Holiday Hours**

The Parks will be open from 7am-6p.m. and the Parks Office will be closed on the following days:

November 11<sup>th</sup>- Veteran's Day

November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving

December 24<sup>th</sup> –January 1<sup>st</sup>- Christmas & New Year's Day

# Golf Division (Courtesy of Jimmy Saenz, Manager)

#### **Cross Country Meet at the Course**

Congratulations to all the staff and volunteers from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. The cross country meet they hosted recently at the golf course was one of the biggest of the season as they had over 1,100 participants.

#### **Tournaments**

St. Gertrude Church held their annual golf tournament recently and where able to raise some money. Thank you everyone who has supported all of the events we have had over the past month.

We will keep the tournaments rolling into October. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will hosting the Chamberlin Masonic Lodge tournament. The Boys and Girls Club golf tournament will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup>, followed by the American Legion tournament on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Irrigation System**

The Golf Course Manager and his staff have installed the new irrigation system to the tees and greens. They will begin working on installing the irrigation system on the fairways the week of October 5<sup>th</sup> and look to be done with the installation phase of this project by the 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Specials**

We are still offering 2 for \$30 Monday – Friday after 1:00 pm and that includes a cart.





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

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chamberlin Masonic Lodge tournament

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Boys & Girls Club Tournament

October 31<sup>st</sup> – American Legion Golf Tournament

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

# Fire Department (Courtesy of Joey Reed, Fire Chief)

#### **Planning Activities**

<u>Certificate of Obligation Requests</u> – The fire chief compiled a list of major fire department needs for the next 8 years. These were items that cost over \$5000 and will



need replacement or purchase within 8 years. Items that were submitted for consideration included:

No	AMOUNT	PROJECT	TIME FRAME NEEDED	COSTS
1	1	New Fire Station	Now	\$1,600,000
2	1	Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)	Now	\$45,000
3	Most	New Radio Equipment and Expansion of Radio	Now	\$200,000
		Console		
4	3	Ambulances, Larger box for compartments	1-3 Years	\$630,000
5	1	Fire Station 1 Remodel	As soon as possible	\$150,000
6	30	Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	3-5 Years	\$200,000
7	1	New Fire Engine	5+ Years	\$400,000

There may be other items over \$5000 that are needed in the next 8 years that are not on this list.

EMS Training and Evaluation Plan – Members of the fire department have been working on a new evaluation system for paramedics. They system is needed to adequately evaluate both new employees and regular employees. The system will include a schedule for new hire evaluation criteria and testing.

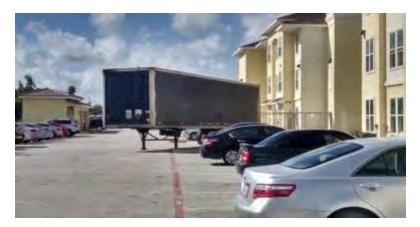
<u>Fire Engine Design Meeting</u> – Members of the department met with a representative from Metro-Fire and Spartan ERV Fire Apparatus to discuss options for a new fire engine. Design options and costs were discussed.

#### **Other Department Activities**

National Night Out – A national night out event was held at LULAC Manor on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Engine 2 crew attended the event.



Inspections of Legends Apartments Project – The Fire Marshal and Engine 2 crew completed final fire safety inspections on the last building of the Legends of Kingsville Apartment project phase 1. Issues such as fire lane obstructions were corrected.



<u>King High School Homecoming Parade</u> – Fire Engine 1 crew participated in the KHS homecoming parade downtown Kingsville on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Policies and Memorandums:**

OM15-22: Parking of Fire Department Vehicles

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

Medic Units: Medic 3 radio microphone stopped working. Headlight problems.

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

Medic 2 emergency lights turning off intermittently.

<u>Engine 1:</u> Thermal Imaging camera charger has broken prong needs repair or replacement. Generator broken. Vibrates 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.

Rescue 1: Class A foam system check valve inoperable and needs to be replaced. Vehicle wouldn't start on October

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

<u>Tower 1:</u> Air Conditioning problems.

<u>Station 1:</u> I.T. Department has been working on updating computers and networks. Still working on small problems, work is progressing nicely. Shower leaking from upstairs into lower restrooms. Plumber notified us that the showers were not installed properly so we have contacted the construction company to request repairs and corrections to all 3 upstairs showers. Air conditioning problems in the gymnasium. Smoke detectors for bedrooms, exit signs, and door bells, purchased.

Station 2: Generator still needs repair.

#### 2014-15 Projects: (Last Report from fiscal year)

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

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

<u>Intercom System for Fire Apparatus</u>: Intercom equipment has been delivered and installed in 3 ambulances, 2 engines, and 1 ladder truck.

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. New Adobe software loaded into 2 admin computers. 2 new semi-tough laptops have been delivered for installation in fire apparatus.

Fire Station 2 Street Project: The street to the south of station 2 has been widened and looks great.

<u>Vehicle Exhaust Removal Systems</u> - The vehicle exhaust removal systems at both fire stations has been completed. Exhaust system at fire station 1 stopped working this week. There were some problems with the motor that are being repaired by the vendor.

#### Fire Department Response Statistics for the period of:

08:00 hrs on September 16th, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on October 1st, 2015.

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls - 32

Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) - 116

Total Emergency Responses - 148

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

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

Finance Administration Division



#### City of Kingsville Adopted Budget FY15-16



The Finance Department printed and assembled updated hard copies of the City of Kingsville FY 15-16 Adopted budget for the City Commissioners and Department Directors. The Adopted Budget was also published on the City's Website. On the website you will find all 557 pages that consist of the required cover page, budget ordinance, tax rate ordinance, budget message, updated exhibits, updated reports, and an updated budget listing. A copy of the budget was also sent to the County, Library, and the City Secretary's office for public viewing.

#### **Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 marked the last day of fiscal year 2014-2015. As part of the necessary end of year closing procedures the Finance Department conducted cash audits of all cash handling departments, conducted a materials and supplies inventory and ran the necessary end of year back up reports.

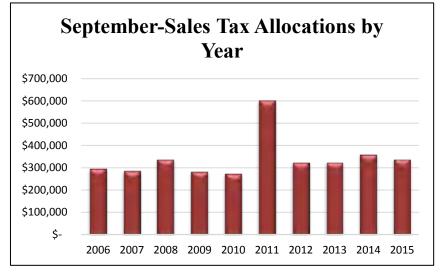
#### **Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 marked the beginning of Fiscal Year 2015-2016. As part of the necessary procedures for a new fiscal year the Finance Department updated all pay schedules to reflect the FY 15-16 compensation plan, updated the purchase order numbering system, and installed the FY 15-16 Commission Adopted budget.

#### Sales and Use Tax

The City of Kingsville received \$338,910.54 in sales tax allocations in the month of September. This is a 5.96% decrease over September 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 saving tips

#### Laundry:

Each load of laundry uses between 27 and 54 gallons of water. Purchase a high-efficiency washing machine to reduce water and energy use up to 50 percent. Try to wash only full loads.

When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.

Washing clothes in cold water saves water and energy, and helps your clothes retain their color.

Have a plumber reroute your greywater to trees and plants rather than the sewer line. Check with your city and county for local codes.

When shopping for a new washing machine, compare resource savings among **Energy Star** models. Some can save up to 20 gallons of water per load.

#### General tips:

Winterize outdoor spigots when temperatures dip below freezing to prevent pipes from leaking or bursting.

Insulate hot water pipes for more immediate hot water and energy savings.

Use a commercial car wash that recycles water. Or, wash your car on the lawn and water your grass at the same time.

Use a hose nozzle or turn off the water while you wash your car. You can save up to 100 gallons every time you wash.

Wash your pets outdoors in an area of your lawn that needs water.

When cleaningfish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your nonedible plants.

When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your trees or shrubs.

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks and driveways, and save water every time.

Set water softeners for a minimum number of refills to save water, chemicals and energy.

Report broken pipes, leaky hydrants and errant sprinklers to property owners or your local water provider. Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. If a pipe bursts, this could save gallons of water and prevent damage.

Consider harvesting rainwater to take advantage of an alternative water source that benefits plants more than chemically treated water, limits <u>storm water pollution</u> and is easier on your plumbing. <a href="http://www.lcra.org/water/save-water/watersmart/Pages/WaterSmart-Tips">http://www.lcra.org/water/save-water/watersmart/Pages/WaterSmart-Tips</a>

Fiscal year-end stats: Utility Billing Collections

Payments: \$10,041,140.31

Drafts: \$821,394.70

Web Payment: \$1,227,534.54

#### **Brush Trucks**

A reminder that brush truck rental applications are located at Utility Billing. Any interested water utility account holder must apply in person at the Utility Billing Department. All rentals are on a first-come first –serve basis. For additional information call this department at 361-592-5281.

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

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



Municipal Court Activity Report September 15, 2015-September 29, 2015

New Cases: 173

52 Parking, 80 Traffic, 30 State Law, 11 City Ordinances

Cases Disposed: 224

41 Parking, 129 Traffic, 47 State Law, 7 City Ordinances

#### Warrants:

There were 73 warrants served during this period. To avoid the chance of being arrested please stop by the city court office to inquire about information on how to release any active warrant(s). You may also visit the city website to inquire if you have any active warrant(s): www.cityofkingsville.com

#### **Collections:**

The collections during this period came to \$45,844.20.

#### **Court Sessions – October 2015**

Contempt of Court	10/15 & 10/29	9:00 a.m.
Inmate Session	10/08 & 10/22	2:00 p.m.
Bond Hearing	10/08 & 10/22	3:00 p.m.
Jury Trial	10/06	1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Bench Trial	10/08 & 10/22	4:00 p.m.

#### **Court Sessions – November 2015**

Contempt of Court	11/12 & 11/26	9:00 a.m.
Inmate Session	11/5 & 11/19	2:00 p.m.
Juvenile Hearing	11/5 & 11/19	2:30 p.m.
Criminal Court Hearing	11/5 & 11/19	3:00 p.m.
Bench Trial	11/5 & 11/19	4:00 p.m.
Jury Trial	Pending	-

#### **Court Sessions – December 2015**

Contempt of Court	12/10 & 12/24	9:00 a.m.
Inmate Session	12/03 & 12/17	2:00 p.m.
Juvenile Hearing	12/03 & 12/17	2:30 p.m.
Criminal Court Hearing	12/03 & 12/17	3:00 p.m.
Bench Trial	12/03 & 12/17	4:00 p.m.
Jury Trial	Pending	-

#### **Acknowledgments**

Many thanks to the Kingsville Police Department for the security provided during the court sessions throughout the Fiscal Year of 2014/2015! They have made a substantial difference in allowing this department to run as efficiently as possible. Special thanks to Officer Chavana #73, Officer Martinez #91, Officer Perez # 71 & Officer Fonseca #86 for this past court hearing, September 10, 2015.

The court would also like to acknowledge Warrant Officer Thomas Davis for an outstanding job. Officer Davis has made a great difference in this department by executing warrants in a timely manner and going above and beyond his duties to this department.

#### The End of Fiscal Year 2014-2015

This has been an amazing year for City of Kingsville Municipal Court! New staff members have joined the court team, and dearly appreciated staff members have moved on to other adventures. We also have staff members who have received the second level of the clerical certifications program. In addition, a relationship with the Kleberg County Court office was developed to provide assistance in the prosecution of municipal court cases.

This year the court has been able to increase production of dispositions and increase the education that is provided to the public in understanding the importance of deadlines. This mutual understanding between the court and the public has allowed a better understanding of options when receiving a traffic citation, city

citation, parking citation, and/or a Class C-misdemeanor case with the Kingsville Municipal Court. These new steps have increased the production of closed cases through the working of many programs that our court office has available.

For the end of the fiscal year 2014-2015, there were a total of 7,613 new cases filed and a grand total of 7,313 cases disposed of. Of the total, 2,899 warrant orders were executed. Finally, \$1,314,600.87 dollars in fines, fees, and court costs were collected.

Reminders: The municipal court office doors are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of holidays, to assist any person who is needing to take care of traffic citations, parking citations, city citations, class C misdemeanor offenses, and/or the clearance of an active warrant order for your arrest.



## City-County Health Department (Courtesy of Emilio H. Garcia, Director)

#### **Administration Division**

#### City-County Health Board Bi-Monthly Meeting

The City-County Health Board met for their bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the City-County Health Department. Health Board Members in attendance were Otis Meyers, Ben Salinas, Judy Anthony, Karen Tallant, Joni Harrell, Norma Sue Adrian and Dr. Justin Harkey. Also in attendance was Emilio H. Garcia, City-County Health Director and Monica Longoria, Administrative Assistant II. The Health Board reviewed the monthly reports for the month of July and August 2015. Items reviewed and discussed were animal control services, food establishment inspections, onsite sewage facilities, and vector control (bees and mosquitos). Our next City-County Health Board meeting will be Thursday, November 19, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.

# **Food Service Division**

#### Food Service Inspections

Food Service inspections are conducted on a quarterly schedule per year based on the risk category to insure compliance with the Texas Food Service Establishment Regulations and local food sanitation ordinances. Risk levels include low, moderate and high risk. Establishment scoring is based on a demerit system, as per The Texas Food Establishment Rules. There are two types of violations. Critical violations are 5 and 4 points demerits per violation and non-critical violations are 3 points demerit violations. Critical Violations are improper practices and actions that directly contribute to food contamination and temperature abuse that may pose a potential risk to the public health, resulting in food borne illness. Critical violations must be corrected immediately or as directed by the Health Department.

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

#### September 16-October 1, 2015

Gerardo's Meat Market	86	Pizza Parlor	95
Poppey's Fried Chicken	97	Kingsville Food Mart	90
Butch's	96	Mexico Grill	100

El Tapatio	100	Wendy's	92
Weavers of Love Soup Kitchen	100	Mike's Stop & Shop	86
Sixth Street Café	100	Whataburger (Hwy 77)	89
Kingsville Bakery (complaint) VIP Adult Daycare Center	90 96	McDonald's (14th)	90
A&J Food Mart	100	Taqueria Jalisco #5	80
4 Breeze Drive Thru	97	Sunny Market	93
Star's Drive Inn	89	El Dorado (Complaint)	97
Mike's Stop & Shop (complaint)	88		

#### Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events:

HM King High School - Choir	17 Students	Fundraiser food handler class
City-County Health Unit	6 Students	Regular food handler class

#### Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Class:

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Divas Softball	Temporary Food Event	Hamburger sale
Benefit for Jennifer Gonzalez	Temporary Food Event	Hamburger sale
KLA Cheerleaders	Temporary Food Event	Hamburger sale
TJLAERS 4-H Club	Temporary Food Event	Concession stand for Prospect show at JK
Maria E. Sendejo	Temporary Food Event	Canned Jams
Gabriel Cavazos	Temporary Food Event	BBQ sandwich sale
Benefit for Carlos Chavez	Temporary Food Event	Carne Guisada plates
Elijio Vela Produce	Produce Vendor Permit	County - Produce permit obtained

# **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, November 7, 2015 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

3421 North Farm Market 1355 Kingsville, Texas 78363 2 miles north of the Javelina Football Stadium

Adoption fee is \$25.00 for dogs & \$20.00 for cats and a \$20.00 refundable vaccination fee

Adopters and rescue groups are invited to save a life!

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

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

# Protect your pets have them Vaccinated, Sterilized and Microchip

# The City-County Health Department Animal Control Division

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

#### Food Donation

Our Local Tractor Supply Company donated 160 pounds of dog food, and 4 boxes of dog treats. Thank you Tractor Supply Company for your continuous support and food donations to our Animal Control Center!



#### Pet Adoption Event at Tractor Supply Company

Jessica Montalvo, Customer Service Rep. and Teresa Orr, Kennel Attendant, from the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Services are all ready and setup to adopt animals at Quarterly Pet Adoption Event. It was held at our local Tractor Supply Store on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event went well with 1 dog being adopted and 1 rescued by some loving and caring individuals. A **Big Thank You** to Tractor Supply Company and store manager Tammie Mungia for constant support and donations to the City-County Health Department Animal Control Center. Pictured at right is Micaela Mendietta visiting our animals up for adoption and/or rescue.





#### Dog and Cat Collar Donations



Our Local Tractor Supply Company donor donated 8 dog collars, 5 leads, 8 cat toys and 2 nail trimmer scissors to the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center. The collars and cat toys will be used for dogs and cats that are adopted and rabies vaccinated by the City-County Health Department. Thanks for continuous support and donation to our Animal Control Center.

#### 26 Lucky Kittens and Cats Rescued

The Kitten House Rescue of Houston, Texas rescued 26 cats and kittens from the City-County Health Department/Animal Control Center. The rescue is a 501c3 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 are 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!





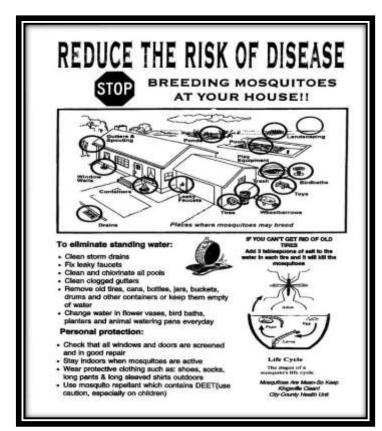


#### **New Employee**

The City-County Health Department is pleased to announce the hiring of Chuck Jennings as our new Animal Control Specialist. For the next few months Chuck will be trained to properly clean, wash and disinfect the animal shelter kennels and cat cages, feed and water our sheltered animals, familiarize himself with animal control city ordinance, Texas State laws and how to properly document and fill out office forms. After 6 months, Chuck will be ready to take his 12 hour basic animal control exam from the State of Texas. Welcome to the City of Kingsville-Kleberg County Health Department Chuck!



# **Vector Control Division**



#### **Mosquito Control Division-(Vector)**

With the mosquito season and raining season not over yet in South Texas, The City-County
Health Department encourages you to dispose of any standing water in buckets, bird baths, old tires, and any other containers that may breed mosquitos. Use this flyer to help YOU reduce the risk of disease and the breeding of mosquitos. Do your part in Keeping Kingsville Clean and Safe. Together we can all make a Difference

#### West Nile Virus Information

The City-County Health Department encourages you to read and follow the information below help you reduce the risk of contracting the West Nile Virus for yourself and love ones.

What you need to know about . . .

### WEST NILE VIRUS

#### What is it?

West Nile virus is a virus commonly found in Africa, West Asia and the Middle East. It is not known how long it has been in the United States, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) believe the virus probably has been in the eastern United States since early summer 1999. It is closely related to St. Louis encephalitis virus found in the United States. The virus can infect humans, birds, mosquitoes, horses and some other animals.

#### How can I reduce my risk of getting West Nile virus?

Preventing mosquito bites is the best way to avoid getting West Nile virus. Remember the "Four Ds" of DEET, Dress, Dusk and Dawn, and Drain:

- 1. Apply insect repellent that contains **DEET** (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide). Be sure to read label instructions. Spray clothing with repellent as well as exposed skin.
- 2. **Dress** in long sleeves and long pants when you are outside.
- 3. Stay indoors at dusk and dawn, times when infected mosquitoes are most active.
- 4. **Drain** standing water in your backyard and neighborhood; old tires, flowerpots and clogged rain gutters are mosquito-breeding sites.

#### What are the symptoms?

Most people infected with West Nile virus will not have any signs of illness. Twenty percent of people who become infected will have mild symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches and occasionally a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands.

The symptoms of severe infection (West Nile encephalitis or meningitis) include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. Only about one out of 150 people infected with West Nile virus will develops this more severe form of the disease.

The incubation period of West Nile virus in humans is three to 14 days. Symptoms of mild disease may last a few days. Symptoms of severe disease may last several weeks, although neurological effects may be permanent. Rarely, death can occur.

#### How is it spread?

West Nile virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito and can infect people, horses, many types of birds and some other animals. There is no evidence that West Nile virus can be spread from person to person or from animal to person.

#### Who is at risk for West Nile virus?

People over 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease. It is not known if people with weakened immune systems are at an increased risk for West Nile virus.

#### How is West Nile virus treated?

There is no specific treatment for West Nile virus infection. In severe cases, intensive supportive therapies are indicated, such as intravenous fluids and medicine to control fever or pain. Antibiotics may be given for any secondary bacterial infection.

#### Can I be vaccinated for West Nile virus?

Currently there is no vaccine for West Nile virus, but several companies are working toward developing a vaccine.

#### Is this a seasonal virus?

West Nile encephalitis cases usually occur in the late summer or early fall. However, Texas has a variety of climates; and when temperatures are mild; West Nile virus can be transmitted year round. It is best to try to protect yourself all year.

#### How likely am I to be bitten by an infected mosquito?

Less than 1 percent of those bitten by infected mosquitoes become severely ill. If you have the symptoms mentioned on this flyer, contact your doctor immediately.

Source: Department of State Health Services

# Tourism Department (Courtesy of Leo Alarcon, Director)

#### City's Tourism Department Guides International Students

The Tourism department participated at the International Student Orientation Conference at TAMUK for foreign students. This conference is a vital step toward successful transition into the new "home away

from home." This conference provides important information regarding the stay as a student, campus resources, and services in the community. A few of the topics discussed were academic expectations, immigration regulations, programs, safety, and support services at the university. There were two mandatory sessions and this one was the Face-to-Face orientation process. All new international students must have completed the orientation process before beginning their first session or semester. George Delgado and Alexis Lakers are pictured with TAMUK students answering questions about the community.





#### **Tourism Director Talks to the Women's Club of Kingsville**

Activities occurring in the Department of Tourism for the City of Kingsville were the highlight of the Community Service section of Women's Club of Kingsville. Tourism director Leo Alarcon gave a rundown of activities to club members in attendance and showed The Daytripper video that featured

Kingsville and the King Ranch. Club members made comments that they enjoyed the 30 minute film. Staff member Alicia Tijerina made a presentation on the Ranch Hand Festival festivities.





# Mayor Introduces County Judge at 1st Annual State of the County Address



Kleberg County's future is looking good according to Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid. City of Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate introduced the County Judge during his first State of the County speech last week. Madrid said he enjoyed working with the City of Kingsville in promoting economic development.



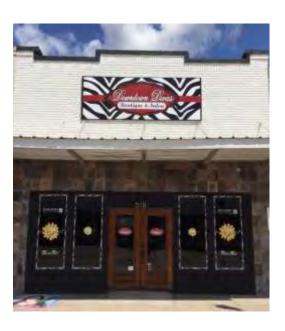
Kingsville Civic Clubs Partner With Navy League to Honor the Military

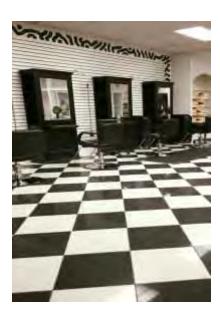
As part of the Kingsville Noon Rotary Club, Tourism Director Leo Alarcon was present for the Annual Combined Service Club Luncheon to honor Kingsville NAS military personnel. The host for the luncheon is the Navy League of the US which is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating citizens about the importance of sea power to the nation's security and supporting the men and women of the sea service and their families.

#### **Downtown Happenings**









Interior renovations are being made on a vacant building at 221 E Kleberg and the façade is being spruced up. A final use for the building has not been determined but it is being prepared to open as a business.

Downtown Diva's Boutique, 318 E Kleberg, has added a salon. Besides being a full-service hair salon, they offer manicures and pedicures and are in the process of installing tanning beds. Owner, Patricia Bass, feels the move will bring in more traffic to her store.

#### HM King High Class of 1960 Alumni visit Depot Museum





Luan Riner (center) and friends visited the Depot Museum while in town for the HM King High Class of 1960 reunion. While there, she found herself in the above photo displayed at the museum. The photo shows Mrs. Skipworth's third grade class on a field trip to the depot at Robstown.

#### What's New at the Farmers Market









Healthier food choices are being promoted at the Kingsville Farmers Market. The Student Dietetic Association from the University offered cooking demonstrations and samples of quinoa salad. One of the vendors is now offering gluten-free baked goods. Goat cheese and fresh frozen shrimp out of the bay offer healthy eating opportunities.

#### Kingsville Main Street Advisory Board



The Kingsville Main Street Advisory Board and the Kingsville Historic Downtown District Association Board are merging to maximize their resources especially volunteer time.

#### 5 reasons to invest in an older home & property values

- 1. **More character.** Older homes possess a certain character that you just won't find in a new cookie-cutter model.
- 2. **Solid construction.** Let's face it homes just aren't built the way they used to be. An older home will typically have thicker walls and framing built with old-growth wood. This means the wood is denser and more sustainable.
- **3. Better price.** Since older homes are generally not as popular with buyers as new homes, you may be able to get one for a cheaper price. Plus, they are often larger than recently built homes allowing you to afford more square footage.
- 4. **Transportation savings.** Older homes tend to be located in urban neighborhoods. So along with getting a deal on the price of the home, you can also save on transportation. These neighborhoods are generally within walking distance of grocery stores or other businesses.
- 5. **Tax breaks.** For those who do a substantial remodel on that older home, you may qualify for an ad valorem tax break. This program essentially waives property taxes over a period of time.

#### **High School Homecoming Parade**



The Brahmas paraded through the downtown streets September 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their homecoming. The Javelinas will take to the streets October 22<sup>nd</sup> for their homecoming parade.

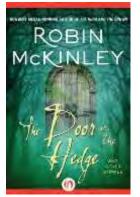
# Robert J. Kleberg Public Library (Courtesy of Robert Rodriguez, Director)

#### **Fun Fact Ouote**

"When I say to a parent, "read to a child", I don't want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate. "—*Mem Fox, Australian writer* 

#### Library Joins in Overdrive®'s Big Library Read

The library will participate in *Big Library Read*, sponsored by Overdrive, the library's eBook provider. The first selection is *The Door in the Hedge*, a collection of fairy tales, by Robin McKinley. Suitable for



readers age 10 and up, *Hedge* includes two new fairy tales and two retellings. The two original stories include "The Stolen Princess," and "The Hunting of the Hind." "The Princess and the Frog" is a retelling of "The Frog Prince," and "Twelve Dancing Princesses" is a 77-page retelling of the story with the same title. The second selection for Big Library Read is *In the Shadow of Blackbirds* by Cat Winters. Suitable for ages 14 and up, it does contain mature themes and language. "In 1918, the world seems on the verge of apocalypse. Americans roam the streets in gauze masks to ward off the deadly Spanish influenza, and the government ships young

men to the front lines of a brutal war, creating an atmosphere of fear and confusion. Sixteen-year-old Shelley Black watches as desperate mourners flock to

and spirit photographers for comfort, but she herself has never believed in During her bleakest moment, however, she's forced to rethink her entire way looking at life and death, for her first love—a boy who died in battle—in spirit form. But what does he want from her? *Blackbirds*, which features haunting archival early-twentieth-century photographs, is a tense, romantic From October 7-21, 2015, *Hedge* and *Blackbirds* will be available for simultaneous use for community-wide access. At the end of the two-week



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period, the title is automatically removed from both the patron's device and Overdrive® account. Patrons with a valid library card can download these titles from the library's website, <a href="www.kleberglibrary.com">www.kleberglibrary.com</a>. Stay tuned for more exciting news from Overdrive® this fall.

#### **Library to Attend National Night Out**

On October 6, 2015, library representatives participated in the Kenedy County *National Night Out*. Kenedy County residents had an opportunity to learn about resources and the latest technology offered by



the library. Library staff shared with visitors the increase in materials in the digital collection, the latest updates in TexShare®: Discovery Texas database for homework resources, and the addition of its newest lab, The Maker's ZONE, being presented publically for the first time to Kenedy County residents. In addition, a FREE Wi-Fi hotspot and the *Library on the GO* bookmobile were on hand during the event for residents to experience. For more information about scheduling the *Library on the GO*, The Maker's ZONE-MINI,

or a library resource table for your next event, please contact the library at 361-592-6381.

# Human Resources (Courtesy of Diana Gonzales, Director)

#### **HR NEWS**

#### Classification and Compensation Plan FY 2015-2016

The City Commission approved Classification and Compensation Plan (Comp Plan) for FY 2015-2016 on 09/28/2015. The Comp Plan was distributed to Directors on 09/30/2015 for reviewing with their staff and for departmental posting. Each employee will receive their own copy to update their City of Kingsville Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual.

#### Health Fair 2015

This year the City will be working with Kleberg County on a joint City/County Employee Health Fair. City of Kingsville employees enrolled in the City's health plan with ENTRUST and their eligible dependents on the health plan will be able to participate in health screenings such as blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and blood sugar (A1C) screens. The event is planned for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The City on a previous occasion had partnered with Kleberg County on a health fair but not to this extent. The joint partnership has opened up new opportunities for employees. In addition, both the City and County have partnered with the Texas A & M Health Science Center – Irma Rangel School of Pharmacy and Christus Spohn for this health fair to better serve the City's and County's respective employees. Aside from medical screenings and flu vaccines, there will be health education to include vaccine, diabetes, "My Plate" demonstrations as well as exercise/cooking demonstrations. We are all looking forward to the event.

#### Tailgate October 2015

TAMUK will be hosting the 2015 Legends at Kingsville Community Appreciation Weekend game on October 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. City employees and their family can enjoy snacks before the game at the Kingsville tailgate tent. Employee should be on the lookout for the City's tent and stop by for hotdogs, chips and sodas. Employees will have the opportunity to sign up in order to get an estimated number of attendees to ascertain there would be snacks for everyone attending.

#### Insurance Update

Reminder --- Healthiestyou replaced Ameridoc telemedicine services on October 1, 2015. Employees will have access to Healthiestyou mobile app by registering and downloading.

Also employees enrolled on the City's health plan can register on the ENTRUST's website for access to their claims information and can download the new ENTRUST mobile app.

Another reminder – employees with a life change such as birth of a child, marriage, divorce, etc. have 30 days from the event to make a change to their health plan. Employee's failure to notify of such event may delay certain coverages until the next annual enrollment period. In addition, failure to timely notify of divorces may result in the employee having to reimburse the employee's health plan for ineligible claims expenses.

#### **CITY OF KINGSVILLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Finance

Collections – Utility Billing Customer Service Representative

Municipal Court Part-time Customer Service Representative

Fire Firefighter

Library Maintenance Worker Part-Time (2 positions)

Public Works

Ground Maintenance (New) Equipment Operator II (Internal Posting)

Maintenance Worker (2 positions – Internal Posting)

Municipal Building (New) Part-Time Maintenance Worker (2 positions)

Street Division Maintenance Worker (2 positions)

Water Division Water Supervisor
Wastewater Division Equipment Operator II

#### **NEW EMPLOYEES**



Chuck Jennings Animal Control Specialist Health Department

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

N	Desition Dent	V C.C
Name Falia Camarilla		Yrs of Service
Felix Camarillo	Fire Engineer	35
Roel Carrion	Fire Captain	34
Donald Lobaugh	Police Sergeant	26
Marcelino Zapata	Inventory Clerk-Garage	23
Mary Valenzuela	City Secretary	19
Antonio Contreras	Police Officer	13
Humberto Gonzalez	Police Officer	13
Jose Chapa	Telecommunications Operator-Police	9
Kathy Rios	Administrative Assistant II-Task Force	
Teresa Orr	Animal Care Attendant-Health	7
Jose Garcia	Information & Technical Librarian	5
Ernesto DeAses	Utility Worker-Water	5
Joe Villarreal	Wastewater Operator	4
Feliciano Reyna	Police Officer	4
Arturo Cruz	Utility Worker-Water	3
Myrna Barrera	Library Assistant	3
Cynthia Martin	Downtown & Volunteer Supervisor	3
Joseph Villarreal	Utility Worker-Water	3
Deborah Balli	Finance Director	2
Eric Oviedo	<b>Equipment Operator I-Community App</b>	pear. 2
Roddy Thomas	City Marshal Task Force	2
Cristobal Mejia	Equipment Operator II-Landfill	2
Josephine Pena	Maintenance Worker-Parks & Recreati	on 1
Donald Jones	Maintenance Worker-Golf Course	1
Sarah Delapaz	Pro Shop Attendant-Golf Course	1
Edwardo Garza	Maintenance Worker-Parks & Recreati	on 1
Edward Barrientes	Maintenance Worker-Parks & Recreati	on 1
Rogue Correa	Equipment Operator I-Streets	1
Martin Flores	Foreman-Parks & Recreation	1
Cesar Robledo	Pro Shop Attendant-Golf Course	1
Alan Whitefield	Maintenance Worker - Golf Course	1
Jonathan Rodriguez	Maintenance Worker - Golf Course	1
Susan Ivy	Parks & Recreation Manager	1
Jennifer Moreno	Telecommunications Operator-Police	1
Tom Ginter	Planning & Development Services Dire	ector 1
Noe Sosa	Systems Specialist-Police	1
Gerardo Jaramillo	Equipment Operator II-Wastewater	1

#### **Separations:**

10/08/2015 Richard Patton – Firefighter

#### <u>Prescription Discount Program – National League of Cities (NLC)</u>

June 2015 – 24 prescriptions filled under this program used by a total of 12 individuals for a monthly savings of \$ 280.12. The average price savings was \$11.67 per prescription which translates to a 25.2% savings on prescriptions.

July 2015 – 24 prescriptions filled under this program used by a total of 13 individuals for a monthly savings of \$ 276.58. The average price savings was \$11.52 per prescription which translates to an 18.8% savings on prescriptions.

Data from January 2013 to current, the program has been utilized by 458 individuals for a grand total savings of \$14,713.43. The plan has averaged a 26.1% savings in filling 1,136 prescriptions for persons in the Kingsville community.

#### 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 October 20, 2015 at 12 noon.

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

#### 5th and Henrietta

The City owns this building and has a lease with the Border Patrol. Staff will be working with that agency on their desire to use it in the future. They were in town earlier this year to visit the site and submitted a scope of work that they would like to have done to the building. A quote was obtained from a local contractor 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 this single family infill development project.

#### La Quinta Hotel

They have broken ground on the La Quinta Hotel. The hotel location is just south of the Phil Neessen Chevrolet dealership off of the US77 access road. The value of the development is \$3.5 million. It will be four stories with 72 rooms. The expected completion date is December 2016 or January 2017.

#### **FEMA Domes**

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

#### Wildwood Trails

The Estates Phase II and The Park Phase II preliminary and final plats have been submitted to the Development Review Team. They are scheduled to be on the October 21<sup>st</sup> Planning and Zoning Commission agenda and the October 26<sup>th</sup> City Commission agenda.

#### Lake View Villas

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

#### **New City Hall**

Rusty Van Fleet Construction is doing an excellent job in working with everybody on this project for the HMKing Foundation.

#### Collections and Payment Building "The Cottage"

This is the building next to the New City Hall that will house the employees that accept utility bill payments, etc. The architect has submitted plans that are 90% complete. The plans look good up to this point.

#### 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 appoint another member to the JAZB.

#### 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. They said that the project that received the credits is in Gregory and there are some challenges which could cause the credits to come back to Cayetano before December. They will let us know if anything changes.

#### Flato School Project

In the Kingsville Record recently, there was an article about the Flato Building. The issue of the clause regarding the use of the property for educational 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

It seems that this weekend, building 3 will be ready for occupancy. This will make all 5 buildings complete with Certification of Occupancies.

#### 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. Construction is well underway despite rain delays earlier this year. 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 facing Armstrong Avenue. He doesn't know at this time what other two tenants will be in the building. The project is valued at \$420,000 dollars. He hopes to have it done by the end of the year. He has been granted a permit to start construction. A change in contractor and the rains have also delayed the work on the project.

#### **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.

#### Café 5

Ramy Nassar, owner of Café 5 has submitted plans to move his restaurant Café 5 from 634 E. King to 1106 N. Armstrong. They have been authorized to obtain a building permit. A permit has been issued. They started construction and should be completed by mid-October.

#### **Nuevo Santa Gertrudis Apartments**

This development is planned to be west of the Santa Gertrudis Apartments. The Development Review Team met and to meet the MUTCD code they need to move a driveway further away from an intersection. They have an entrance driveway too close to Saint Cecelia Drive. The developer at this point is determining whether they want to do that or not. It was also staff's understanding that there are potential buyers out there so the current situation is unknown.

#### Enterprise Rent a Car

Staff heard that the sale of the land went through, so they will be going before the Planning and Zoning Commission for their special use permit on October 21, 2015. The land they purchased is on the west side of US 77 and the north of Caesar Blvd.

#### **Planning and Zoning Commission**

They have been reviewing suggested code changes from citizens for the last number of meetings. It is expected that a number of those recommendations will be on a City Commission agenda in the future.

#### **Building Services Division**

Permits Pulled:					
Residential Remodel:	9	Commercial Remodel:	4	Electrical:	15
New Commercial:	0	Mechanical:	11	Moving:	0
New Residential:	6	Fire Inspection:	18	Gas Inspection:	7
Cert. of Occupancy:	6	Commercial Meter:	5	House Leveling:	1
Plumbing:	8	Residential Meter:	7	Re-roof:	13
Sprinkler:	1	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	2
Curb:	1	Swimming Pool:	0	Demolition:	1
Fence:	8	Driveway:	0		

**Total Permits Pulled: 120** 

#### **New Business:**

EZ Stop at 201 S Hwy 77 waiting on final inspection
The Colston Wellness Center Second Floor at 1311 E General Cavazos
Mr. Smoothie at 620 N Armstrong is now open for business
The Water Tree Store at 1600 S 6<sup>th</sup> # 2 is open for business
Javelina Mart at 1202 N Armstrong under new owners and waiting for all final inspection
Antonio Orozco- electronics and cell phone repair Store at 926 s 14<sup>th</sup> STE 106 needs final inspection
Texas Craving at 201 N 12<sup>th</sup> needs final inspection

#### New Construction update for Subway at 709 W Santa Gertrudis





New Construction update on Domino's at 609 E King





#### **Top 30 Initiative**

109 N. Armstrong

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.

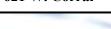
#### **Dilapidated or Non-existent Parking Lots**

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

Violations

Variance request ZBA on 10-8-15

#### 621 W. Corral







629 W. Nettie



414 W. Huisache



#### **Unfinished Siding/Roof**

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

Comments

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

#### **Violations**

428 W. Lee

528 S. 18<sup>th</sup>





516 E. Alice



#### **Multiple Violations:**

Property Address
430/426 E Alice
400 E Corral
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
Pending Cleanup
Pending Court date
Pending notice of violation
Pending notice of violation
Pending notice of violation
Pending notice of violation
Property owner complied
Notice sent 3/23/15

Comment
Scheduled for Oct.
Pending Cleanup
Cleared by property owner
Property owner cleared some violations

New property owner

Pending cleanup by city

#### **Community Appearance Division**

Community Appearance Operator Eric Ovideo lending a helping hand at the Library



#### **Billing**

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



OCT	APR
\$5304.61	\$8,185.47
NOV	MAY
\$2943.01	\$7,301.97
DEC	JUN
\$4344.63	\$18,119.48
JAN	JUL
\$11263.96	\$6497.56
FEB	AUG
\$8389.71	\$9952.67
MAR	SEPT
\$18,116.99	

#### **Priority Property Clean Ups:**

Community Appearance Inspectors determine ten (10) properties, either by proactive and/or reactive inspections, to be listed as priority property cleanups. A notice of violation is sent to the selected properties. Community Appearance Inspectors will work with property owners that contact our office to gain voluntary compliance. There are however times where city crews abate the property. This Division has completed 37 Phases at the end of FY '15. Phases are submitted on a monthly basis.

*Phase 38 is to be completed in October 2015:* 

Property Address:	Date of Compliance Deadline:
700 W JOHNSTON	10/30/15
1200 W KENEDY	10/30/15
504 W RICHARD	10/30/15
315 W RICHARD	10/30/15
1309 W KENEDY	10/30/15
913 E ALICE	10/30/15
828 E LEE	10/30/15
401 W JOHNSTON	10/30/15
1235 E KLEBERG	10/30/15
1132 E NETTIE	10/30/15

#### 828 E Lee





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	8 out of 10
PHASE 18	8 out of 10	PHASE 38	(IN PROGRESS)
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:

#### 604 W FORDYCE Phase 37- City Abated

#### **BEFORE**







# 622 S 6<sup>th</sup> – Property Owner Abated





226 E ALICE – City Abated

**BEFORE** 





420 W Doddridge – City Abated

**BEFORE** 





Community Appearance would like to thank all those who participated in last month's Trash Off event.

This was truly a team effort.

























#### **Keep Kingsville Beautiful**

KKB is looking for volunteers to help with upcoming projects. Please contact Jennifer Bernal at 361-595-8093 or email <a href="mailto:jbernal@cityofkingsville.com">jbernal@cityofkingsville.com</a> for more information.



## **Task Force** (Courtesy of Guillermo "Willie" Vera, Commander)

#### KTF Agents Locate U.S. Currency in Sleeper Compartment of Truck Tractor

On Friday September 18, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Agent Michael Tamez was working criminal interdiction within Kleberg County, Texas. Agent Tamez was focusing his enforcement efforts on U.S. Highway 77. Agent Tamez conducted a traffic stop on a red Freightliner towing a 53-foot Utility trailer, both with Florida registration, because of an equipment violation. The traffic stop occurred near the intersection of U.S. Highway 77 and County Road 2335 in Riviera, Texas.

During the course of Agent Tamez's roadside interview with the Freightliner's driver, a Hispanic male from Harlingen, Texas, Agent Tamez observed physical signs of overly nervousness behavior and verbal signs of deception. Agent Tamez also recognized inconsistencies within the driver's story that are not common with other legitimate trucking company drivers. Based on the totality of circumstances, Agent Tamez asked the driver for consent to search the truck tractor and trailer. The truck driver told Agent Tamez, "Yes." Agent Tamez called for assistance from other Kingsville Task Force Agents.

Agents Villalobos and Tamez started searching the truck tractor while Agents Kirkpatrick, Loftin and McGee searched the trailer. While searching the truck tractor, Agent Tamez heard Agent Villalobos advised that he located bundles inside the natural void located directly behind the rear mounted speakers. Agent Tamez looked at the area Agent Villalobos was searching and observed rectangle shaped bundles inside the natural void. Based on the bundle's appearance and method of concealment, Agent Tamez believed the bundles contained United States Currency. Agents Villalobos and Tamez stopped their search upon locating the bundles and requested that Agent Kirkpatrick deploy his K-9 drug detector dog, "Apollo" to conduct an open air sniff of the truck tractor and trailer. Agent Kirkpatrick informed Agent Tamez that "Apollo" showed a positive indication for the presence of narcotics at the truck's back wall where the U.S. Currency was located.

Once at a secure location, Agents removed a total of 30 bundles from the natural void within the truck tractor. The 30 bundles were opened and counted and totaled \$296,039.00 in U.S. Currency. The currency, truck tractor and trailer were seized pending criminal and civil court proceedings. Agent Tamez placed the truck driver under arrest for Money Laundering and later booked him into the Kleberg County Jail.











#### KTF Participates in Vehicle Auction in Jim Wells County

On Saturday September 26, 2015, the Kingsville Task Force participated in a vehicle auction with several other law enforcement agencies in Alice, Jim Wells County. The Task Force had 25 total units that were auctioned off totaling \$129,925.00. 21of those vehicles were seized vehicles that sold for \$98,475.00 and 4 abandoned vehicles that sold for \$31,450.00. The Kleberg County District Attorney's Office will receive 20 % of the seized money total with the remaining monies going to the Task Force Program Accounts. A great job done by everyone involved in this project.

#### KTF Administrative Staff Attend Specialized Training in Corpus Christi

On Monday September 28, 2015, the Kingsville Task Force's command staff attended the Victoria JOIC's "Mexican Cartel and Border Violence Seminar" held at the Corpus Christi U.S. Border Patrol Station.

Commander Vera and Assistant Commander Ken Starrs completed the course taught by Mr. Charles Bolden, BLO – Border Security Operations Center, Texas Ranger Division. Attendees learned details of the history and operational structure of the Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations and the violence that they have created in Mexico and the United States.

#### KTF Assistant Commander Meets with Legislative Chairman in Austin

On Thursday October 1, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Assistant Commander Starrs was requested to attend an interim charge strategy meeting regarding the threats and attacks against law enforcement and first responders. The meeting was held at the John H. Reagan Building in Austin, Texas. Chairman Fletcher of the Emerging Issues in Texas Law Enforcement Select Committee, held a one-on-one with the invited guests, legislators and staff. Officer safety is a topic that Chairman Fletcher felt strongly about and needed our organization's assistance in moving forward with recommendations concerning officer safety issues.

### Purchasing/Technology Department (Courtesy of David Mason, Director)

### **Purchasing Division**



#### **Purchase Orders**

Purchasing issued 78 Purchase Orders valued at \$148,478.42. As of October 1st, we still have 107 FY14-15 Purchase Orders that are Outstanding or in Partially Received status. Some departments have already called and taken care of their open orders, while a few departments have yet to respond. A list of each Department's Outstanding and Partially received Purchase Orders will once again be 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 they need to be paid please take care of those as soon as possible so that Finance can pay our vendors. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated as all FY 15 Purchase Orders need to be closed as soon as possible. Any Purchase Orders 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**

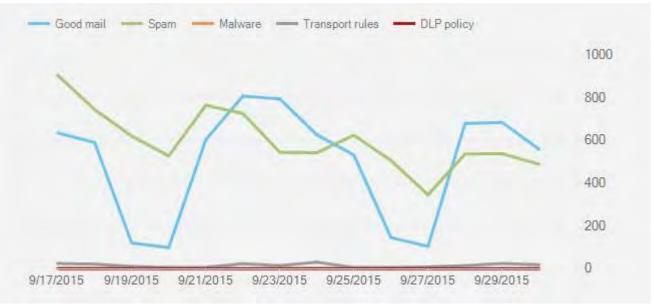
Purchasing Card statements have been sent out and are currently being submitted. Remember that purchases made after the cutoff date for the month will have to be reconciled in October. So basically, you will receive your statement and make a copy. You will then do a reconciliation for the end September, then do one for October as this is the end of the month and the end of the fiscal year.

## **Technology Division**

#### **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 and have tentatively set the cut over date for early this September. For anyone wishing to see a test phone we currently have them in 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.

#### **Phone Audit**

About two months ago, the City contracted with a third party, TelResource, Inc., to conduct a phone audit on landline phones on behalf of the City to find unused services, terminate them, and restore any credits that may be due to the City. With that said, it heavily engaged Purchasing/IT, Finance, PD, and Engineering staff. IT staff acted as the on the ground resource providing assistance to the AT&T technicians on site as well as liaison documentation between our City staff and TelResource. We are pleased to report that the AT&T bill as of now has been reduced to \$1,275 from over \$7,000 monthly. Additionally, we opted to place a hold on several lines as these lines are unused or people have moved offices which will translate in additional savings of \$412.76. This represents a monthly savings of 88%. Finally, we are going to move to a pool minutes for long distance calling currently we pay \$2,500 a month in long distance the pool minutes will cost about \$250. This represents a monthly savings of 90%. Below is a basic summary of the estimated yearly savings from AT&T.

Yearly Cost pre-audit: \$114,000.00 Yearly Cost post-audit: \$46,380.00

Yearly savings after audit: \$67,620.00 or 60%

# Office 365 for Business Collaboration Tools

Bringing together tried-and-true programs that make communicating and collaboration natural online. Office 365 includes Microsoft Exchange Online for email and scheduling, Microsoft SharePoint Online for sharing files and creating team sites, and Microsoft Lync Online for instant messaging and cloud versions of Office Professional Plus programs.

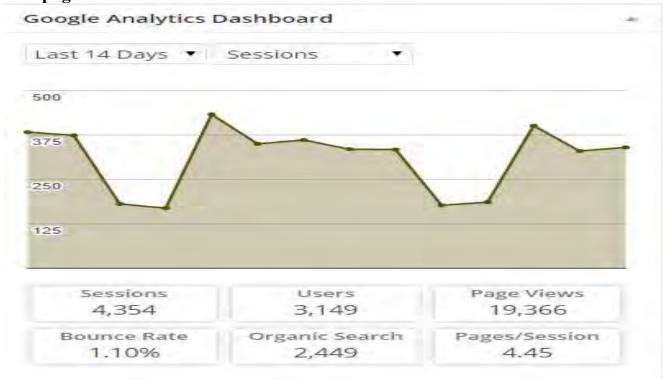
What Cloud Computing Means for You

Office 365 makes using Office in the cloud a simple, natural, and affordable way to make the most of services you are already familiar with, in ways that easily extend the technology you are probably already

using. Sound too good to be true? It's not!! Office 365 enables you to easily and naturally:

- Collaborate globally in real time.
- Use programs you already know.
- Create a virtual office where you can work with information securely while you're on the go.
- Use your PC, browser, or phone interchangeably.
- Keep your information secure.
- Keep your hardware costs down.
- Use multiple devices to access and work with files.
- Create a shared team site.
- Boost productivity by making it easy for people to work together.
- Give users instant access to each other with presence technology and instant messaging.

## **Webpage Statistics**



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

#### Street Division (9/13 - 9/26)

Road Constructions - Annette St.

- Started new road construction on Annette St and check signs and barricades
- Cut down to subgrade level and ramped up driveways with limestone
- Hauled in limestone (497.90 Tons), rolled in and checked elevations



- Watered and rolled limestone base and set blue tops
- Placed blue tops on limestone base, watered, rolled and cut down to blue top level
- Watered and rolled base material, PSI tested and reset blue tops
- Seal coated and swept curbs (Used 40 tons #4 rock, 450 gals AC5 and 500 gals MC30)
- Finish cut, hauled out limestone, watered and rolled
- Placed HMAC on Annette from Ailsie to Kathleen (Used 456.95 tons HMAC)

#### Mowing

• General Cavazos from 6<sup>th</sup> to Bypass

#### Sweeping

- 11<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> St. and 3<sup>rd</sup> St. from Yoakum Ave. to King Ave.
- 9<sup>th</sup> St. from Yoakum Ave. to Kleberg Ave.
- Kleberg Ave. from 11<sup>th</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- Corral Ave. from Hwy 77 to Lantana
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Ailsie Ave.
- Caesar Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Caesar Ave. to Corral Ave.
- Corral Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Carlos Truan Blvd. to Corral Ave.
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Santa Gertrudis Blvd. to 482
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from Hwy 181 to University Blvd.
- 18<sup>th</sup> St. from Lott Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Santa Gertrudis Blvd. from University Blvd. to Hwy 181
- Yoakum Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Kenedy Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Santa Gertrudis Ave. from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to Armstrong Ave.
- Swept Trash off area
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St. from King Ave. to Caesar Ave.
- Annette St. from Elizabeth to Kathleen
- Kathleen Ave. from Annette to Lawndale
- Lawndale from Elizabeth to Kathleen
- Elizabeth from Annette to Lawndale
- Zone 3 & 4
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.

## Round Up

- Wells from Ella Ave. to Nettie Ave.
- Railroad from Corral Ave. to Ave D
- Ella Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- 14<sup>th</sup> St. from Ave C to Corral Ave.
- Nettie Ave. from 12<sup>th</sup> St. to 9<sup>th</sup> St.



#### Hot Mix/Cold Patch

#### **Patching**

- Ella Ave. from Wilson to 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- Nettie Ave. from 12<sup>th</sup> St. to 11<sup>th</sup> St.
- Armstrong Ave. & Caesar Ave.
- Armstrong Ave. & Doddridge Ave
- Lott Ave. from 15<sup>th</sup> St. to 1913 E Lott Ave.
- Lott Ave. from 15<sup>th</sup> St. to 18<sup>th</sup> St.
- Richard Ave. & 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Yoakum Ave. & 16<sup>th</sup> St.
- Lott Ave. from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 15<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1200 block E Ave B
- 1300 block Yoakum Ave.
- 1400 block Lawndale
- Kathleen St.
- Annette Ave. from Kathleen to Elizabeth
- Alley Maintenance
- 917 S 18<sup>th</sup> St.
- 300 block Henrietta Ave.
- 317 W Huisache Ave.
- 300 block Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 600 block Henrietta Ave.
- 100 block Henrietta Ave.

#### Miscellaneous

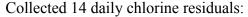
- Finish doing inventory in sign shop
- Cut branch on N. Pasadena
- Took 4 barricades to Santa Gertrudis Ave. & Wells
- Put orange mesh on 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Ave A
- Checked all school lights
- Fixed Cemetery signs on Caesar Ave.
- Put two Children Playing signs on 17<sup>th</sup> St. & Yoakum Ave. and 16<sup>th</sup> St. & Yoakum Ave.
- Put two Hour Parking signs on Kleberg Ave.
- Took 4 expansion joints to Recycling Center for Sanitation Supervisor
- Clean and cut grass on 9<sup>th</sup> St.
- Worked on the parade closing streets
- Took down cones from the trailer
- Poured cement at the Recycling Center
- Put orange mesh on Railroad side
- Cut street on Elizabeth & Annette and on Annette & Kathleen
- Did flagging on Ailsie Ave. & Annette St.
- Installed mailbox for Jaime
- Hot mixed on Annette between Ailsie & Kathleen
- Took down orange mesh from Trash Off
- Put up orange mesh for Farmers Market

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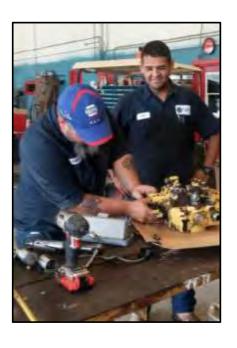
#### Water Production (9/13 - 9/26)

Collected 12 routine Bacterial Samples:

- 620 E. Mesquite Ave.
- 505 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 428 W. Nettie Ave.
- 1630 Santa Fe
- 318 Briarwood
- 329 E. Doddridge Ave.
- 315 S. 24<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1113 Kathleen
- 209 Reidda
- 711 E. Ragland Ave.
- 1109 E. Henrietta Ave.
- 517 W. Henrietta Ave.



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- 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 Gertruids Ave.
- 1121 E. Ave A
- 511 College Place
- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 417 E. Nettie Ave.



Delivered Ammonia to 3 sites; delivered Chlorine to 7 sites. Water pumped to distribution (9/13 - 9/26) - Wells -47,380,000 gallons; Surface -0 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 47,380,000 gallons; Average 3,384,286 gals/day

Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (9/13 – 9/26)Wastewater Treatment North Plant – Operators and Helpers cleaned primary and secondary clarifier troughs and weirs. Operators shoveled sludge from sand drying bed. Helpers and Operators are replacing and cleaning UV modules. We continue wasting in wedge and sand drying beds and wire drying beds. Operators and Helpers are mowing



grass around plant and lift stations. Disconnected Sewer service at 922 E. Ella Ave. (The City's new Centrefuge for the Waste Water Department is shown below.)

Wastewater Treatment South Plant - Operator cleaned clarifier troughs and shoveled sludge from sand drying beds. Crew is wasting in wedge wires and sand drying bed. Operators and helpers mowed grass around Plant and Lift Stations. Wasting sludge into drying bed.

<u>Wastewater Collection</u> – Had 7 call outs for sewer backups:

300 W. Ave C

US Hwy 77 and Caesar Ave. 515 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St.

414 E Huisache Ave

623 E. Miller Ave.

517 W. Kleberg Ave.

317 W. Corral Ave.

6 – Line Locates

0 – Backfills

2 – Clean out repairs

1 – Bad Odor

1 – Installation of water tap

4 – Manhole repair, at 523 E. General Cavazos Blvd., 523 E. General Cavazos Blvd. Lowe's and Trant Rd. and Business 77.



#### 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

Mowing and weed eating 1MGD,

3MGD, and Lift stations

Plant helpers spraying weed killer along fence lines & drying beds at the 1 & 3 MGD

Construction crews will be working on a manhole repair at 523 E. General Cavazos Blvd.

Construction crews will be installing new sewer tap at 309 E. Richard Ave.

Construction crews will be cleaning sewer lines.

Construction crews will be replacing main sewer line on the 800 block of E. Fordyce.

Construction crews installing new sewer main at 808 W. Richard Ave.

Construction crews working on manhole repair at Love's Truck Stop

Construction crews will continue cleaning main sewer lines

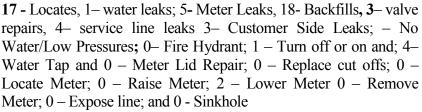
Biomonitoring scheduled at South Plant.



#### Water Distribution (9/13 - 9/26)

Repaired 4 Main Breaks and answered approximately 60- Service Calls

- 8" Main Break 1420 E. Ailsie Ave.
- 1" Main Break L.E. Ramey Golf Course
- 6" Main Break 2600 E. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 6" Main Break Warren Ave.
- 6" Main Break 221 Otis
- 12" Main Break 1227 W. Kenedy Ave.
- 8" Main Break 906 S. Armstrong Ave.
- 6" Main Break 1116 W. Kenedy Ave.
- 2" Main Break New City Hall
- 2" Main Break Wanda/Huisache Ave.
- 8" Main Break 414 W. Huisache Ave.
- 4" Main Break 410 W. Caesar Ave.
- 6" Main Break 222 Carol Ave.



Water crews completed water extension on 253 W. FM 1355.

Water crews dug out dirt at Recycling Center to install concrete

Water Dept. completed inventory FY 14/15.



#### City Garage (9/13 - 9/26)

#### Maintenance

9- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 41-Scheduled work orders; 38 -Nonscheduled work; 13-Service calls; 0- Call out; 6 -New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 22-flat tire repairs and balances; 40-pending work orders.

Replaced packer valve on Unit 3003 and valve cover gaskets and coolant tank on Unit 303.

Replaced rear axle springs and replaced grease fittings on Unit 329.

#### Welder

6- Received work order and 2 pending work orders

City welder welded rear packer on Unit 3003 and welded gear box on Unit 575. He also repaired ramp on Wastewater trailer.

#### Solid Waste (9/13 - 9/26)

#### Landfill -9/13 - 9/26

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. The Street Dept. has been hauling asphalt. NPE repaired wire on the excavator. Preventative maintenance was performed on the D6-T dozer. Trash off was held on Saturday, 9/19/15. We had the hydraulic line fixed and the A/C recharged

and radiator cleaned on the Loader. . Weed-eated and mowed around Well 19. Naismith Engineering resampled Well 19.

Brush – 84.31 tons; Garbage –925.9 tons; Litter – 3.06 tons; Construction/Demolition – 183.96 tons; Concrete -12.9 tons, Asphalt –907.36 tons; Metals -.37 tons; Dirt – 0 tons; Recycled metals- 0 tons; Sludge –0 tons; Ash – 0 tons; Tires - .79 tons; and Recycled tires – 0 tons Trash Off -38.88 tons.

#### Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 9/13 - 9/26 Residential Waste collected for the previous week was  $\underline{638,200}$  pounds; Commercial waste collected for the previous week was  $\underline{722,720}$  pounds. Brush collected  $\underline{66,540}$  pounds and construction debris collected  $\underline{63,900}$  pounds. The brush crew is finished collecting in

Zone 4 and White Good pick up was on Friday, October





2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 moderate as summer draw to a close. Due to extreme temperatures and lack of rain, the department has begun to water trees recently planted thrice per week. Sanitation also helped with the Trash Off on September 19, 2015. Recycling for the month of August totaled 19.09 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

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

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

On 09-22-15 Cpl. Murray went to Harrel Elementary and read Officer Buckle and Gloria to the kindergarten classes. The kindergarten classes were learning about authority figures during the school week. Cpl. Murray answered many questions and visited with the students after the story was finished. The Harrel Elementary staff showed great support and appreciation for the Kingsville Police Department.



Cpl. Gilbert Rodriguez and Sr. Investigator Ricardo Salinas assisted our local Noon Lions in delivering dictionaries to every 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in school in Kingsville. The photo below shows Sr. Investigator Salinas and Noon Lions members interacting with students at Harvey Elementary as the students received their dictionaries.



Patrol Division Period Activity

Patrol Division issued 62 citations and 18 written warnings. Officers responded to hundreds of calls and obtained at least 105 case numbers. Officers investigated eight collisions, four "hit and run" collisions and several private property accidents. Officers responded to 18 assault calls and 3 aggravated assaults. There was one reported Burglary of a Building, one Burglary of a Habitation, and three Burglaries of Vehicles. There were ten criminal mischief reports, two people were arrested for Criminal Trespass, and there were two investigations for Unattended Death. Four



people were arrested for DWI. There were two reports for Fraud, two reports for Harassment, one report of a Runaway, eight reports of Theft, and dozens of civil matters/civil standbys.

On September 17th, a male reported that he had put a trailer for sale on Craig's List. When a person from out-of-state agreed to purchase the trailer, the local male was sent a check that was \$1100 over the agreed amount. Suspicious, he took the check to the bank where he was told that the check was bogus. Fortunately, the male still had the trailer and had not cashed the check.

On September 18th, a male was stopped in the 1900 block of E. King. He was arrested for DWI and a bag of marijuana was found in his pocket. He was taken to jail, where he provided a breath specimen. His blood alcohol content was more than two times the legal limit.

On September 18th, a caller reported that he had seen a suspected fugitive at a local nightclub. The male had been featured on a Corpus Christi news station two hours prior for a murder in Robstown. Officers entered the front and back door of the nightclub and surrounded the male at a pool table. He refused to identify himself and was taken into custody. Officers confirmed his identity by checking his driver license. The murder suspect's friend began arguing with officers. He was arrested for Hindering Apprehension after it was determined he had brought the man to Kingsville. Cocaine was found in his pocket. Both males were taken to the Kleberg County Jail.



On September 21st, a male reported that his elderly mother's credit card was being used, by unknown person(s), in California.

On September 23rd, calls were received of a male passed out, behind the wheel of his vehicle, at General Cavazos and FM 3320 (Golf Course Road). Officers found the vehicle in "drive" with the driver's foot still on the brake. Officers were able to put the vehicle in park before waking the male. He was arrested for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Controlled Substance (synthetic

marijuana).

On September 24th, a 9-1-1 call was received about a fight in progress at the Country Estates Mobile Home park. Though this trailer park is outside the city limits, KPD officers were much closer than Kleberg Deputies. KPD officers arrived first and detained a male and female. After deputies arrived, the female was arrested for Assault Family Violence after it was determined she had hit him in the face and head and had bitten his head.

On September 25th, a male reported that he had just driven home from a local nightclub in his pickup. As he arrived home, he found an unknown male passed out in the bed of the pickup. Officers arrested a 23 year-old male for Public Intoxication.

On September 26th, officers responded to a call of a 1 year-old who had been run over in the driveway of his home. A very distraught father reported that he was backing his work truck out of the driveway when he felt a bump. He discovered his child underneath his vehicle. The child was flown to Corpus Christi. It was later learned that he had no broken bones, no internal trauma but would require some skin grafts. The incident appears to be an accident.

On September 27th, several officers responded to a local nightclub for a fight and injured person. After that person was being treated by EMS, officers went back into the bar to identify a suspect or witnesses. Directly in front of a patrol supervisor, one male threw a beer bottle at another male, striking him in the mouth. The first male was arrested for Aggravated Assault and the victim was transported to the local hospital for stitches.

On September 27th, a bartender called the police because a female was refusing to leave the bar, even though the bar was closed. Officers arrested a 47 year-old female for Public Intoxication.

On September 30th, officers were dispatched to a home on West Kleberg in reference to a male standing in the front yard of a home. The male was yelling at the male inside to come outside so that he could tell him that he (the first male) was having an affair with the second male's wife. The first male was arrested for Public Intoxication.

On September 30th, a male on a bicycle was struck by a vehicle on 14<sup>th</sup> Street.



Officers K. Martinez, Chavana, Trevino, Fonseca and Vega attended "Intermediate Use of Force", a 16-hour course at KPD.

Officer Webb attended the "Emergency Vehicle Operators Instructor Course" in Pasadena.

Pedro Chapa is attending the Del Mar Regional Police Academy and is doing well. His class started with 16 students.

# Communications Division Period Activity



#### Community Event- Ludacris Concert

Texas A & M Kingsville Police Department and Kingsville Police Department Communications teamed up and dispatched for the Ludacris Concert. We had 4 different agencies doing security for the night. We

were able to take out our Communication Trailer and patch the agencies to communicate on the same radio frequency.

Our IT Specialist Noe Sosa worked hard to get all the equipment up and going for the event. We were not only able to monitor the officers traffic but able to monitor and record the event. By monitoring the event we were able to see anything that looked suspicious and let the officers on foot know of the activity.



The event went great and no major problems occurred.

#### **Projects**-

The Communication Trailer can be used for different community events, major calls, agency assists, etc. We will be working on the trailer slowly to update the equipment that is needed.

#### Phone calls to the Department-

Total of incoming calls to the department- 2,488



#### Total of 911 calls for the month: 1,468

Total of 911 calls transfer to different Agency-

Alice PD	2
Bishop PD	7
Corpus Christi Metro	7
Jim Wells SO	1
Kingsville Fire & EMS	151
KPD Admin Line	38
Kleberg County SO	33
Texas A & M Kingsville	5

**Total Primary Calls-For-Service: 1501** 

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Calls-For-Service By Type	Primary
ABANDONED VEHICLE	6
ACCIDENT-BLUE FORM/PRIVATE	
PROPERTY	24
ACCIDENT-FAIL TO STOP AND LEAVE	
INFO	16
ACCIDENT-MAJOR	10
ACCIDENT-MINOR	40
AGENCY ASSIST-FIELD EVENT	89
ALARM-BUSINESS	75
ALARM-RESIDENCE	47
ANIMAL CONTROL CALL OUT	18
ASSAULT	33
ASSAULT-SEXUAL	2
ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	2
BAR CHECK	15
BOLO INFORMATION	1
BUILDING CHECK	5
BURGLARY BUILDING	1
BURGLARY HABITATION	14
BURGLARY VEHICLE	9
CID FOLLOW-UP	8
CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATION	7
CIVIL MATTER	32
CIVIL STANDBY	17
CREDIT CARD ABUSE	3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	33
CRIMINAL TRESPASS-	
RESIDENCE/BUSINESS/CTW ISSUED	12
CURFEW VIOLATION	4
DAMAGED PROPERTY	8
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5
DISTURBANCE	117
DUI-DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	1
DWI-DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	12
DWLI/DWLS	4
ESCORT	8
FAIL TO IDENTIFY	1
FIRE	6
FLAG DOWN	6
FORGERY	1
FOUND PROPERTY	9
FRAUD	3
HARASSMENT LETTER/PHONE/TEXT	23
IDENTITY THEFT	3
INFOLOG	13
INJURED PERSON	1
LIGHTS-MALFUNCTIONING	10
LOST/STOLEN PROPERTY	6
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LOUD PARTY/DOG/OTHER	56
MISSING PERSON	1
OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	13
PARKING VIOLATION	13
POCS-POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED	
SUBSTANCE	14
POM-POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	14
PUBLIC ASSIST	14
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	13
PUBLIC UTILITIES	48
RECKLESS DRIVER	29
REPORT-ANY TYPE	5
ROBBERY	1
ROUTINE PATROL	57
RUNAWAY	5
SECURITY CHECK	2
SHOTS FIRED	2
STABBING	1
STALLED VEHICLE	17
SUICIDE-ATTEMPT	3
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	219
TERMINATED 911 CALL	8
THEFT	38
TRAFFIC HAZARD	21
UUMV-UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR	
VEHICLE	3
WARRANT	
MUNICIPAL/COUNTY/TCIC/NCIC	70
WELFARE CONCERN	74

#### Criminal Investigation Bureau Period Activity

Detectives Supervisor assigned 156 cases and inactivated 41 cases as of September 30, 2015. Along with these cases there were also 9 DWI's and 22 Crash reports.

Detectives working a sexual assault of a child have had warrants issued for the suspect. At this time they are attempting to locate the subject to serve the warrants.

Detective working a theft case of a subject stealing from family members have had a warrant issued for their arrest. The property has also been recovered.

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. Warrants have been issued and one subject has been arrested and is in jail in Polk County for this offense.

Detectives are investigating a case involving students at the local high school having eight vehicles vandalized.

There have been several criminal mischief reports taken stemming from the junior senior wars. If you have contact with these kids, let them know this is criminal and they stand a chance of being arrested and having to pay for any damages that may be caused.

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

Detectives have obtained 3 search warrants and 5 arrest warrants were issued for different cases.

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

Burglaries are still at a low point.

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 99 cases during this period. There were 16 cases filed in District Court, 73 cases filed in County Court, 5 cases filed in City Court, and 5 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.

# 2015 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS Period Activity

#### WEEKS 38

The following stats are from Weeks 38:

- Junk Vehicles-3
- Abandoned Vehicles-1
- Parking Citations-16
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -15
- Reports Completed-2
- Warrant Arest-1

#### WEEKS 39

The following stats are from Weeks 39:

- Junk Vehicles-4
- Abandoned Vehicles-2
- Parking Citations –18
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -13
- Reports Completed-2

So far for the year of 2015, 158 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 86 compliances for the year. The Neighborhood

Improvement Officer (NIO) has also issued a total of 376 Parking Violations (Citations and Warnings Combined) for the year and 178 Traffic Citations.

These are some photos of citizens who have complied.





1700 Lawndale Dr.





1400 W. Corral Ave.





512 W. Ave B

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

#### **MURRAY:**

CASES FILED WITH COUNTY COURT: 13 CASES FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT: 1

PROSECUTION CHARGE REPORT SUPPLMENTS: 21

TRAFFIC STOPS: 14

CITATIONS: 0

#### **GONZALEZ:**

Case #1500026202 – Inv. Gonzalez conducted a traffic stop at Highway 77 southbound and E Corral. During the course of the investigation one of the passengers inside the vehicle was found to be in possession of marijuana.

Case #1500026223 – Inv. Gonzalez was dispatched to 1253 E Ave A in reference to unwanted people at the residence smoking marijuana. Upon arrival Inv. Gonzalez contacted two male subjects who were later arrested for various charges. One male subject was arrested for Criminal Trespass. The other male subject was arrested for Criminal Trespass, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Fail to Identify.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 35** 

**CITATIONS: 0** 

#### **RUIZ:**

Case #1500026074 – Inv. Ruiz conducted a traffic stop on 09-26-15 in the 2400 block of E Corral. During the course of the investigation, the driver was found to be in possession of marijuana.

**TRAFFIC STOPS: 12** 

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

More photos from Harrel Elementary and read Officer Buckle and Gloria to the kindergarten classes.







Training Bureau Period Activity

## Systems Specialist Period Activity

## **SPICEWORKS Requests**

#	SUMMARY
150	Dodd problems with laptop
<b>✓</b> . 149	Coban keeps going down
<b>✓</b> . 148	Crimes system is not working in unit
<b>✓</b> . 147	Netmotion keeps getting disconnected
146	Crimes is not updating
<b>✓</b> . 145	Sgt J Campos
<b>✓</b> . 144	Stoped on hall way to help with Coban mic
<b>✓</b> . 143	Have Delarosa's laptop at Patrol Sec. desk for crimes update
<b>✓</b> . 142	Dodd add PD e-mail to cell
<b>✓</b> . 141	computer is running really slow
<b>✓</b> . 140	Crimes will not update on MDT

Aside from the Spiceworks requests, I have been working with LINX for integration with our RMS system with LINX databases. On Thursday September 24, we successfully setup our communications trailer with KPD staff and UPD staff participating in the Ludacris event to provide security. The trailer was able to query our Crimes RMS as well as Omnixx and provide Video surveillance for the event as well as deployment of our Raytheon acu-1000 Interoperability device to tie in our 800 MHz trunking system with UPD's VHF frequency to be able to communicate for this event.

(Below are attached photos of staff at the event)

KPD at the University, preparing an area for communications trailer to be placed.



KPD and UPD working together.





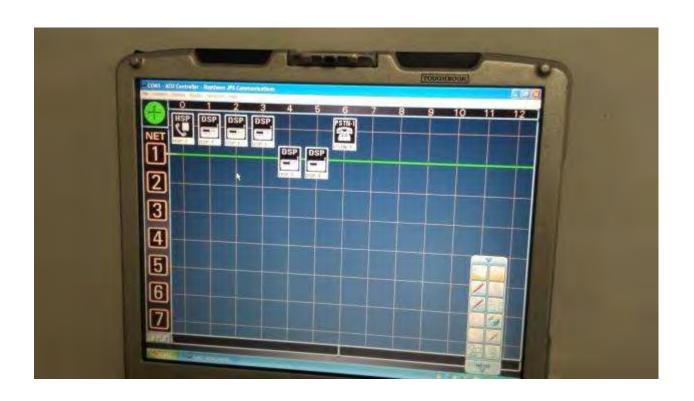








Raytheon ACU-1000 Interop combining VHF and 800MHZ



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

Monday, October 26, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 9, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 23, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 14, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 28, 2015	6:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, October 22, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 5, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 19, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 3, 2015	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 17, 2015	3:00 p.m.

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

Planning and Zoning Commission	Wednesday, October 21, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, October 21, 2015	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Thursday, November 12, 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:

<b>Board Name:</b>	<u>Vacancies</u>	<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