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Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. – Henry Ford www.brainyquote.com

FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES



Good Job Award!!!

Recently Kyle has been vital in the Street Preventative Maintenance Program (SPMP). Kyle has coordinating posting important construction maps, street schedules and the street maintenance fee "calculator" on our city's website. Furthermore, Kyle will help in placing the entire SPMP workbook online, describing the 20 year street plan, and science behind street maintenance and street construction. Kyle is open to new ideas as he has also given positive feedback in his technical computer



expertise and how it can benefit our street plan. On this project (and many other projects), "not my job" is not in his vocabulary, helping in every way he can. Therefore, I would like to nominate Mr. Kyle Benson for this month's good job award.

Charlie Cardenas, Engineer/Public Works Director

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

The Texas Department of State Health Service and the City-County Health Department co-sponsored a Local Rabies Control Authority (LRCA) Training. Dr. Ronald Tyler, DVM from Regional 11 DSHS from Harlingen, Texas conducted the training on Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. at the Dick Kleberg Park Recreation Building. There were 36 attendees at the training from all over South Texas. All attendees earned 7 hours of continuing education units (CEU's) toward their basic animal control certification. Topics discussed were Texas Rabies Laws, the Role of the LRCA, Animal Bite Investigations, Rabies Specimen Submissions, Rabies Quarantine and Home Confinement, Animals Potentially Exposed to Rabies, Animal Rabies Scenarios and a question and answer after the training. Thanks to all who attended. We are planning to make this a yearly training in Kingsville. Below are a few pictures of the training.









Food Service Division

Food Service Inspections

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

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

November 2-13, 2015

Mike's Stop & Shop	93	JC3 Mart
Greg's Short Stop	95	Wing Stop
Tropical Freeze Mobile	99	Granny's Tamales
Lydia's	88	Academy High School
Santa Gertrudis School	95	
Los Cabos Mexican Bar & Grill Inc.	90	HM King High School
Brinks Seafood Mobile	89	Dixie Cream Donuts
El Corral Tex Mex Restaurant	85	Valero Corner Store
Pizza Hut	92	

Regular & Fundraiser Food Handler Class:

Coastal Bend College	9 Students	Fundraiser food handler class
City-County Health Unit	9 Students	Regular food handler class
Kingsway Church	10 Students	Fundraiser food handler class

Permitted Temporary (Fundraiser) or Permanent Food Events:

Benefit for Joe Garza	Temporary Food Event	Chicken salad plate sale
Gabriel Cavazos	Temporary Food Event	Brisket, Pulled Pork, chips, drink
ST2FC - Relay for Life	Temporary Food Event	Roasted corn, sodas, water, baked goods

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, December 5, 2015 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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



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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

Dog Cloth Donation

Alyssa Martinez, Cyrena Arredondo and Sofia Pena donated several doggie sweaters, outfits and blankets to the City-County Animal Control Center. The outfits will be given to individuals that adopt a dog from the center. The Animal Control Center staff would like to give a **Big Thanks** to the ladies for their kind and generous donations.



Snake Call

The City-County Health Department received a call from an individual who lives in the 400 block of West Johnston Street. She stated that there was a 3 to 4 foot rattler snake on the side of her house. Animal Control Specialists were dispatched to the location and to their surprise they saw the rattle snake curled up and ready to strike. The lady stated that when she moved her push lawn mower the snake was under it asleep. Animal Control Specialist, Hector Garza, using his catch pole carefully and slowly slipped the catch pole noose around the rattle snakes body and secured the snake.



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 these helpful hints, 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!

A Reminder to Protect Yourself from Mosquitoes

The past week has brought some rainfall into our area along with a possibility of mosquitoes. So what can you do to help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home? Always remember that mosquitoes need water to breed, and they will use any source available.

So be sure to:

- Drain any standing water around your home.
- Empty cans, buckets, rain gutters, tires and flower pots.
- Change the water in pet bowls, wading pools and bird baths several times a week.

Mosquitoes are simply annoying, but they can also be dangerous. It is important to protect yourself from a mosquito bite. To prevent any chances of becoming infected with a mosquito borne diseases please do the following:

- Apply insect repellant containing DEET.
- Dress in long sleeves and pants when outdoors.
- Stay indoors at dusk and dawn (these are the times when mosquitoes are most active).

It is important that everyone does their part to help prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. The City-County Health Unit will start mosquito surveillance this month, and will start to spray for mosquitoes if need be. Spraying is done at dusk, and the entire city is sprayed. Chemical pellets have also been placed in standing water to kill mosquito larva. If you have standing water you may soon have mosquitoes, so remember to drain after the rain.

Human Resources Department (Courtesy of Diana Gonzalez, Director)

Employee Benefits

City employees enrolled in the City's health plan receive a telemedicine benefit with "**healthiestyou**". Information was originally distributed during 2015 Open Enrollment meetings. Follow-up notices were also included in October payroll envelopes.

To access services, eligible Employees can call an 800 number, login to "healthiestyou" website or utilize the company's App for valuable information.



CITY OF KINGSVILLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FIRE Fire Telecommunications Operator – \$ 10.80 hr Firefighter – \$ 46,209 Annual **Requires:**

- Firefighter Cert.(TCFP) and
- EMS Paramedic Cert.
- OR
- Minimum of 1 certification and
- completion of 2nd within 6 months

POLICE

Police Telecommunications Operator - \$ 12.02 hr

PUBLIC WORKS

Equipment Operator II – Street - \$12.02 hr Utility Worker – Wastewater - \$ 10.00 hr

The City has several other vacancies which are in the process of interviews and candidate selection.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Jesús A. Garza City Manager



Juan Hinojosa Part-Time Maint. Worker Parks & Recreation

Promotions/Transfers



Martin Pena



Ricardo Martinez Part-time Maint. Worker Library



Anna Carvajal Temp. Customer Serv. Rep. Tourism Services



John Vasquez Maint. Worker Parks & Recreation

On 10/17/2015 Mr. Pena promoted from Utility Worker to Equipment Operator II – Public Works/Wastewater Division

Separations:

11/13/2015 Ernest Espinosa – Animal Control Specialist 11/20/2015 Antonio Contreras – Police Officer (corrected date)

Civil Service Corner

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.

Other News

Human Resources is preparing for the 2015 Employee Recognition and Safety Week. Employees with milestone anniversaries of 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and 5 years receive recognition for their valuable service to the City of Kingsville and its citizens. Recognition awards are listed below:

Awards

35 Years	Engraved Clock
30 Years	Engraved Elite Diamond Award (black acrylic)
25 Years	Engraved Luminous Diamond w/base (clear/blue acrylic)
20 Years	Jacket
15 Years	Duffle Bag
10 Years	Engraved Pen/Pencil Set
5 Years	Certificate of Appreciation

In addition, the 2015 Employee of the Year nomination forms are being prepared for distribution. Employees nominate a City employee by submitting nomination forms. The Employee Recognition and Safety Committee review the forms and vote on the Employee of the Year. The City Manager recognizes the Employee of the Year at the 2015 Employee Recognition and Safety Banquet.

Parks & Recreation (Courtesy of Susan Ivy, Manager)

Volunteer Veterinarian and other volunteers donated their time to PAAC (People Assisting Animal Control) event at Dick Kleberg Park Recreation Hall to provide various treatments and vaccinations to local cats and dogs at reduced fees. An estimate of 50 pets from our Community were treated.



The second of three South Texas Show Series Prospect Shows brought families into Kingsville on November 7th & 8th from around the State. An estimated 300 exhibitors stepped into the Show Rings with lambs, pigs, goats and cattle.





Park staffers assisted Community Appearance and Solid Waste Departments with the Kingsville Recycles Event at the Recycling Center to celebrate Texas and America Recycles Day and to provide instruction and education regarding recycling and other environmental issues. Stephanie Benson is pictured with her "Freddie the Fish" Clean Streams presentation which addresses water pollution in our streams and waterways.

Maintenance crews worked cleaning up J.K .Northway and making the first fill on the arena in prep for the upcoming Heritage Pro Rodeo, Cook-off and BBQ Cook-off Nov. 20 & 21.

Other work included addressing major water leak in the volleyball area in DKP, ongoing grounds and building maintenance in all areas and some equipment repair needed to the batwing mower.

Soccer season continues for a few more weeks, Ranching Heritage Festival and Heritage Rodeo, BBQ Cook-off and County Courthouse Fundraiser Concert all Nov. 20 & 21. Parks Dept. is hosting the Kids Zone at the Festival Downtown and will be on hand at J.K. Northway events to provide building support and assistance.

The week following the Ranch Hand Weekend will bring the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Park offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday Nov. 26, & 27 as are all City offices. Dick Kleberg Park will open from 7:30am to 6pm on both holidays to allow community activity during the holiday while allowing a little time off for staff. Regular hours continue on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28 & 29.

The Community Survey for the Parks Master Plan Update has been placed on the City's website. We will begin media attention to draw citizens to the website. We will also be placing printed copies of the survey in City Water Bills to be mailed to the community to serve those that do not have access to internet service. Please encourage your family and friends and co-workers to complete the survey.

Golf Division (Courtesy of Jimmy Saenz, Manager)

I am very excited to report that our new carts have arrived (pictured below). The Javelina's baseball golf tournament was a very rain soaked event but a success. Upcoming events will include: the men's golf association blind draw scramble on November 14th, followed by the KIN officer's association scramble on the 21st. The course will be closed on November 26th and 27th for the holiday. Course will reopen Saturday morning on the 28th.



Scheduled events at L.E. Ramey Golf Course:

November 21st – Border Patrol Golf Tournament December 5th – Boy's and Girl's Club December 12th- American Legion For tournament contacts or to schedule your tournament please call L.E. Ramey Golf Course @ 361-592-1101

Risk Management (Courtesy of Melissa Perez, Risk Manager)

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for "Turn Around Don't Drown" @ 17th & Tranquitas Creek



Emergency Managers Melissa Perez and Tomas Sanchez, Charlie Cardenas Director of Public Works, John Metz with National Weather Service, Commissioner Dianne Leubert and Mayor Sam Fugate gathered for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday November 12, 2015 at 17th St. @ Tranquitas Creek for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Flood Signs "When Flooded turn around don't drown".

Risk Manager schedules monthly safety Training on "Electrical & Fire Safety" for all City Employees



The Risk Manager has scheduled monthly safety training for all city employees. Novembers Topics will be: Electrical and Fire Safety. The Risk Manager will be conducting Training at Public Works and City Hall Staff on November 18th. Training at Public Works will be at 7am and Training at City Hall will be at 930 am and 130pm. The Risk Manager will be showing a TML Online Video with discussion.

Risk Manager attends Texas Prima Conference in Galveston Texas



The Risk Manager attended the 2015 Annual Texas Prima Conference in Galveston Texas on November 8th through 11th. Texas PRIMA is a state chapter of the National Public Risk Management Association. Texas Prima Mission is to increase the proficiency of risk management in governmental agencies, political subdivisions thereof and school districts; to strengthen the quality of risk management through continuing education; to be an educational and research organization for the benefit of governments, governmental agencies, political subdivisions thereof, school districts and other special district units through the State of Texas.

Employee Recognition and Safety Week Agenda - is out !!



It's out!! The agenda for Employee Recognition and Safety Week is out. The Risk Manager has sent out this year's Recognition and Safety Week agenda which will be from December 7th thru 11th. There will be safety presenters from Monday to Thursday: Fastenal, Anderson Machinery Co., FIT-24 Gym, and The Police Department. We will also be having tons of fun with theme days: Crazy sock day, Sports Day, 50's Dress up day and Crazy Hat Day. Of course, Friday the 11th will be our Annual Christmas Banquet.

Why is Specialized Training so Important !!





City Departments like Street, Sanitation and Water Production conduct Specialized Training with their employees once a month. It is important for all employees in municipalities to continue updating employee skills and safe practices. Specialized department Training may help develop skills and leadership development. Departments like Sanitation for example: may conduct specialized training on how to drive a side loader and its parts and mechanisms.

Tourism (Courtesy of Leo Alarcon, Director)

Tourism partners with King Ranch in Harlingen birders show

The City of Harlingen hosted a Birders Bazaar Trade Show at the Municipal Auditorium Complex last week. Jonathan Wood and his collection of eagles, hawks and owls attracted a large audience to his presentation. Many of these birds appear on national TV. Wood is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. George Delgado was in attendance at the trade show and also went throughout the area to hand out Ranch Hand Festival brochures.



City has a new Miss Kingsville

Myranda Medina was crowned Miss Kingsville at TAMUK on Sunday while Hannah Cherry won the title of Jr Miss Kingsville and Mackenzie Everett was crowned Little Miss Princess Kingsville.



Pictured at top picture are (L - R) Mackenzie Everett, Hannah Cherry and Myranda Medina. Pictured at left is City Secretary Mary Valenzuela with actress Kimberly Scott. Mary served as tabulator for the pageant judges



while Miss Scott served as the mistress of ceremonies.

Tourism director talks to Garden Club of Kingsville

The Ranch Hand activities occurring in Kingsville were the highlight of the talk to the Garden Club of Kingsville. Tourism director Leo Alarcon gave a run-down of activities to club members in attendance at the home of Commissioner Dianne Leubert. The Daytripper video that featured Kingsville and the King Ranch was also played to the members. Club members made comments that they enjoyed the 30 minute film. Staff member Alicia Tijerina assisted in the presentation.

Comfort Inn gets new look

A new look has taken place at the Comfort Inn hotel on Highway 77 in Kingsville. The hotel was painted with Tuscan colors to give the three story structure a Spanish look. The roof tiles were also painted in red.



Ranch Hand Weekend signs and advertising posters are up around town

Public works personnel working side by side with Tourism personnel for festivities happening the weekend before Thanksgiving. Pictured (L-R) are Danny Pena, Apolonio Cadena and George Delgado.







City departments participate in Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th





Annual Veteran's Day ceremony held







We salute all Veterans and extend our gratitude for their service during each November 11th in Kingsville's Santa Gertrudis Cemetery. All of these individuals committed themselves to a cause and accepted the challenge to defend our Country. Pictured above is Commissioner Arturo Pecos introducing guests. The hosting Veterans groups included America's Last Patrol, Post One; Disabled American Veterans, Ch. 203 and American Legion, Post 99. Also in attendance were Mayor Sam Fugate and Commissioners Dianne Leubert and Al Garcia and a number of City personnel. HEB helped sponsor the event.

Downtown (Courtesy of Cynthia Martin, Downtown Manager

Texas Downtown Association Meeting Nov. 3-6th



Cynthia Martin, Downtown Manager, attended the annual Texas Downtown Association (TDA) conference in Waxahachie Nov. 3rd to 6th. TDA has over 430 members involved in more than \$1 billion in downtown revitalization projects. Bob Phillips, the Texas Country Reporter, was the keynote speaker making the point that each unique Texas downtown is a treasure worthy of preservation – an important piece of that Texas history Texans are so proud of. Session topics ran from Arts and Culture to Economic Incentives & Historic Tax Credit Programs to Cheap and Easy Events to market your downtown. The focus of the conference was fostering small scale

developers and how development happens showcasing Waxahachie's relationship with the Jim Lake Companies, a small developer, who has played a big role in the revitalization of Waxahachie's Main Street district. This same firm offered meeting goers a first-hand look at their development of the Bishop Arts District in South Dallas- a short drive from Waxahachie.

Kingsville Merchants Group Met at Henrietta Memorial Center



The Kingsville Historic Downtown District Association met November 10th to decide the direction the group is going to take next. The merchants group stepped forward to fill in the gap when Kingsville lost its Main Street designation and has much the same mission and vision as the Main Street program. City Manager, Jesus Garza, addressed the group letting them know that the City will be coming forward with a Tourism plan that will address the marketing of the downtown district to visitors and the roles of various organizations who will partner in this endeavor.

Veterans Day Parade Nov. 11th





Downtown businesses pulled up chairs in front of their shops and people lined the streets to watch the Veteran's Day Parade on Nov. 11th. Senator Eddie Lucio, shown in the center of the photo, paid a visit to Kingsville that day and participated in the parade along with plenty of local Veterans groups, Army ROTC group and folks from the Naval base. Several elementary schools took part as well as marching bands from Bishop ISD and Kingsville ISD.



Downtown Happenings

Downtown windows are being painted with Christmas scenes. Traditionally the Ranch Hand Festival signals the kick off of the Christmas season downtown with the lighting of City tree in front of the Depot Museum and the lights outlining the building facades. Kings Barber Shop combined Christmas signage with an announcement of their new location at 214 E Kleberg. An art print shop, OG Prints, will occupy their old space at 238B E Kleberg.



Façade improvements to 211 E Kleberg have been completed. Work on the interior continues. The building was in the past set up to be a restaurant/bar. This building is of more recent construction filling in an area where a historic building was lost.



Installation of a new canopy at the Javelina Innovation Lab, 231 E Kleberg, has begun. Earlier the front of the building received a fresh coat of paint and stucco. The project was awarded a façade improvement grant by the City and will go a long way towards sprucing up the 200 block of East Kleberg.

Task Force (Courtesy of Guillermon"Willie" Vera, Commander)

Kingsville Task Force Initiated Money Laundering/Illegal Gambling Investigation

On Wednesday October 28, 2015, as the result of a two year joint investigation initiated by the Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force, along with the Brooks County Sheriff's Office, Texas DPS Criminal Intelligence Division (CID), and the Corpus Christi Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Office, twenty-one (21) suspects were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Corpus Christi for Money Laundering and Gambling violations. Three of the indicted suspects were from Kingsville and Riviera, Texas. The others included residents of Bishop, Falfurrias, Laredo, and McAllen, Texas.

On Wednesday November 4, 2015, the Kingsville Task Force assisted the Department of Homeland Security Investigations Office in conducting the arrest of four of the twenty-one indicted suspects. As of November 5, 2015, all of the indicted suspects were in custody, including the residents of Kingsville and Riviera.

These arrests are the culmination of an intensive undercover investigation initiated by the Kingsville Task Force. On May 31, 2015, the undercover portion of the investigation culminated in a two day operation, wherein the Kingsville Task Force, along with the Brooks County Sheriff's Office, Texas DPS Criminal Intelligence Division (CID), and the Corpus Christi Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Office, conducted over 40 Federal and State search warrants, resulting in the seizure of approximately \$5.4 million in U.S. Currency, the seizure of 1,177 electronic gambling machines, 1 short barreled shotgun, 1 stolen handgun, and a small quantity of Marijuana.

The investigation, dubbed, "Operation Little Fal-Vegas", was initiated by the Kingsville Task Force during October 2013. The case was initially coordinated with the Jim Wells-Brooks County District Attorney's Office; Kleberg-Kenedy County District Attorney's Office, and the Texas Border Prosecution Unit; before being accepted for Federal Prosecution by the Corpus Christi Assistant United States Attorney's Office during the spring of 2014.

The investigation involved the assistance and collaboration of multiple agencies including Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Corpus Christi, Houston, Laredo, and Dallas; HSI Charleston, South Carolina; and HSI Sacramento, California, along with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Border Patrol, Customs & Border Protection OAM, Texas Department of Public Safety -- Texas Rangers and Highway Patrol. The execution of federal and state search warrants occurred simultaneously at game rooms and residential locations in Kingsville, Riviera, Falfurrias, Laredo, and Houston, Texas, as well as Summerville and North Charleston, South Carolina locations. Items seized also included ledgers, banking records, financial statements, tax records, property records, and electronic media containing financial information related to the illegal gambling businesses.

Kingsville Task Force Assists with Douglass Youth Center's Miss Kingsville Pageant

On Sunday November 8, 2015, the Douglass Youth Center hosted its 3rd Annual Miss Kingsville Pageant, "Young Women, Rising Stars". The Douglass Youth Center, a Kingsville non-profit organization, spreads awareness about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in our community. Our very own Administrative Assistant, Ms. Kathy Rios, volunteered to assist in the pageant by teaching the contestants a choreographed dance routine, and reiterating throughout the three straight weeks of practice about not abusing drugs and being the example peers can emulate. The winner of the Miss Kingsville title is also eligible for the Dr. B. Helen Hodge Scholarship. Miss Kimberly Scott, a native resident of Kingsville and well established actress, was on hand to emcee the event. Well done to the all the contestants for striving for excellence!!



Agency Assistance Rendered Through Phone Conversations with Trooper and Subject

On Sunday November 8, 2015, a Kingsville Task Force Agent received a phone call from a Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Trooper in Victoria reference to assistance needed with translating his interview with a Mexican National driver he stopped on U.S. Highway 59 in Pierce, Texas. According to the DPS Trooper, the driver's behavior was very suspicious as if he was involved in criminal activity. The KTF Agent told the State Trooper to place the cell phone on speaker, so his voice could be heard on the unit's in-car video recording system.

The KTF Agent identified himself to the driver and asked for permission to ask him questions. The Agent asked the Mexican driver questions he commonly asks others during his traffic stops. While speaking with the driver, the Agent heard many examples of deceptive verbal behaviors. The KTF Agent immediately noticed a response different from the others when asked about U.S. Currency. The driver was asked if the DPS Trooper could have permission to search his vehicle. The driver gave consent to search his vehicle. Shortly after hanging up with the DPS Trooper, our Agent received a text message that indicated the DPS Trooper had located a large amount of U.S. Currency hidden inside the vehicle which totaled \$53,615.00.



KTF Agents Assist Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Kingsville Drug Arrests

On Tuesday November 10, 2015, Agents of the Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force assisted in a joint operation with the Kleberg County Sheriff's Office and Intel Agents of the United States Border Patrol Kingsville Station. The group executed a search and arrest warrant on West Alice Street in Kingsville, Texas.

After a week long investigation, the above-mentioned Law Enforcement Agencies executed the search and arrest warrant at an apartment complex on West Alice St. Authorities located approximately 67.2 grams of cocaine, 0.4 grams of black tar heroin and marijuana under 2 ounces.

Authorities arrested two Hispanic males for two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance. The Kleberg County Sheriff's Office will be handling the drug case arrests and seeking prosecution on the two defendants.

Train the Trainers Session Enhances KTF Drug Interdiction Techniques

Also on Tuesday November 10, 2015, Kingsville Task Force Criminal Interdiction Agents enlisted the help of a local mechanic shop owner with understanding and using 2 tools designed for legitimate motor vehicle mechanical repairs. Due to several of the Task Force's recent seizures being concealed within sophisticated compartments, the City's drug interdiction agency purchased equipment in order to cut down on search time and the level of intrusion. Agents were taught techniques on identifying false compartments within a car's battery and engine block utilizing an On Board Diagnostics (OBD) tester and a cold crank amp meter. Agents were able to measure inconsistencies with vehicles containing certain compartments built within mechanical areas of the car.



Police Department (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Police Chief)

Patrol Division Period Activity

The Patrol Division took hundreds of calls and wrote dozens of reports. Patrol officers responded to 12 accidents and four "hit and run" collisions. Three people were arrested for DWI and one for Driving While License Invalid/Suspended. There were 82 citations issued and 18 written warnings.

Thirteen reports were made for Assault, one report for Aggravated Assault and one report for Injury to a Child. One report was taken for Violation of a Protective Order and two reports of Harassment. There were three residential burglaries reports, 3 vehicle burglaries and zero burglaries of buildings. Ten reports of Criminal Mischief were made. One person reported a Fraudulent Use of Identifying Information, one person made a report for Credit Card Abuse and 14 reports of Theft were received.

Two people were issued Trespassing Warnings, one report was made for Disorderly Conduct, one person arrested for Public Intoxication and one report was made of a Runaway. Dozens of reports were made for non-criminal incidents (civil matters, civil standbys, documentation etc.).



On October 29, a university student was in the crosswalk on Armstrong, near Avenue C. A small car stopped to allow her to cross. A pickup slammed into the rear of the small car, pushing the small car and striking the pedestrian. The small car was towed and the student was transported to the local hospital. The driver of the pickup received citations.

On October 29, a university student reported that she had never received an airline ticket that she had purchased from a "travel agency" that had contacted her. She had purchased an airline ticket for over \$1,200 and now realized that she had been "scammed". She provided the phone number from the caller.

On October 29, two officers responded to the CPS offices in reference to a theft. A CPS employee reported that one of three females had stolen prescription medicine from her purse. The females were

separated and one eventually confessed. Since the pills were Hydrocodone, she was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and Theft. She also had a warrant for her arrest.

On October 31, officers had taken an assault report. The offender had outstanding warrants and an officer believed that he might know where the male had gone to. Upon arrival at a home on East Avenue D, the officer saw the male he was looking for. The male saw him and ran behind the house. The officer pursued on foot. As he ran around the house, many people in the backyard began running. Eleven illegal aliens



were detained at the house. Other officers and Border Patrol Agents arrived. The residents of the house were taken into custody by the Border Patrol. The fugitive was found underneath the house and was taken into custody.

On October 31, officers were dispatched to a St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall in reference to an accident. A 72-year old male started his car, put it in reverse, struck a parked car, struck an unoccupied Skid-O-Can, turned and then struck the Parish Hall. There were no injuries but the male was taken to the local hospital for other medical issues.

On November 3, officers were dispatched the area of 1200 East Ella in reference to three or four males walking in the neighborhood during the early-morning hours. Officers arrived in the area and the males ran off. One male was caught at LULAC. He had items in his possession that were not his. One of the items included a female's driver license. They went to her address in the 1300 block of East Richard. She and her husband identified the property that the male had as coming from their vehicle, parked in front of their house. The male was arrested for Burglary of Vehicle. He would not identify the other males involved.

On November 4, an officer responded to Memorial Middle School in reference to an assault. A 13-year old female had attacked another 13 year-old female while the victim was eating lunch. It was believed the victim suffered a concussion and was transported to the local hospital. The offender was detained and brought to the PD. Hours later, Juvenile Probation approved the incarceration of the offender at the Juvenile facility in Sinton. After arriving at the juvenile facility, the female admitted that she had marijuana in her vagina. The officer then had to transport this female to Driscoll Children's Hospital, where medical staff removed the marijuana. The female was then released to her mother.

On November 5, an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and observed that the vehicle took too long to stop. It finally stopped at 6th and Avenue C. After much discussion, the driver was arrested for an outstanding county warrant. A passenger lied about his identity and was charged with Failure to Identify Fugitive from Justice, municipal court warrant, county warrants and a parole warrant.

On November 6, a 68 year-old male was leaving Chili's and he drove over one of the large boulders in front of the restaurant. He dragged the boulder and did damage to his vehicle. The male was arrested for DWI.

On November 7, officers responded to North 3^{rd} Street. Officers found that one car had struck three parked cars. Witnesses reported that the female driver walked away from the scene. Officers found her a

few blocks away. She was arrested for DWI and for Possession of Controlled Substance since she had pills in her possession that were not prescribed to her.

On November 10, an officer responded to Enterprise. An employee had just rented out a car to an international student. Within minutes, the student located a loaded pistol inside the vehicle and returned to Enterprise. The vehicle had last been rented at Corpus Christi International Airport. Enterprise was going to try to identify who the owner of the pistol is. A patrol officer took the pistol for safekeeping.

On November 11, a student living at Newman Hall, reported that her bicycle was missing from the bike rack. There were no suspects. The following day, an officer picked up an unclaimed bicycle by Popeye's and determined it was the missing bicycle and returned it to the female.

Officer Cervantes attended "Intermediate Crime Scene", a 32-hours course, at Alamo Academy in San Antonio.

Officers Fierova, Chavana, Martinez and Dodd attended an eight-hour course called "Canine Encounters" at the Kleberg County Sheriff's Department, on November 6.



Several officers attended "Legal Update", at KPD, on November 6.

Patrol officers assigned to SWAT received eight hours of SWAT training.

Communications Division Period Activity

Total Calls for the Police Department

 10/19/2015

 Total incoming calls –
 3717

 Total of 911 Calls 1208

Total of Transferred 911 calls to another agency-

Alice-	1
Bishop PD-	5
Kingsville Fire & EMS-	93
KSO -	2
KPD Admin Line-	22
Texas A & M University-	9

Total Calls - 10/19/2015 - 11/10/2015

CALL-TYPE	Primary
ABANDONED VEHICLE	8
ACCIDENT-BLUE FORM/PRIVATE PROPERTY	16
ACCIDENT-FAIL TO STOP AND LEAVE INFO	15
ACCIDENT-MAJOR	5

ACCIDENT-MINOR	29
AGENCY ASSIST-FIELD EVENT	68
ALARM-BUSINESS	62
ALARM-RESIDENCE	25
ANIMAL CONTROL CALL OUT	16
ANIMAL CRUELTY	1
ASSAULT	29
ASSAULT-SEXUAL	2
ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	3
BAR CHECK	26
BOLO INFORMATION	3
BUILDING CHECK	10
BURGLARY BUILDING	2
BURGLARY HABITATION	- 7
BURGLARY VEHICLE	6
CID FOLLOW-UP	10
CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATION	6
CIVIL MATTER	21
CIVIL STANDBY	18
CREDIT CARD ABUSE	10
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	29
CRIMINAL TRESPASS-	2)
RESIDENCE/BUSINESS/CTW ISSUED	11
CURFEW VIOLATION	5
DAMAGED PROPERTY	6
DAMAGED PROPERTY DISORDERLY CONDUCT	0
DISTURBANCE	95 1
DUI-DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	1
DWI-DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	5
DWLI/DWLS	1
ESCORT	2
EVADING	1
FIRE	5
FIREWORKS	1
FLAG DOWN	6
FORGERY	1
FOUND PROPERTY	5
FRAUD	5
HARASSMENT LETTER/PHONE/TEXT	10
IDENTITY THEFT	4
INFOLOG	13
INJURED PERSON	1
JUNK VEHICLE	1
LIGHTS-MALFUNCTIONING	3
LOST/STOLEN PROPERTY	5
LOUD PARTY/DOG/OTHER	39
MISSING PERSON	3
OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	14
PARKING VIOLATION	6
POCS-POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED	
SUBSTANCE	2

POM-POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	8
PUBLIC ASSIST	15
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	4
PUBLIC UTILITIES	34
RECKLESS DRIVER	25
Repo / Private Property Tow	1
REPORT-ANY TYPE	6
ROUTINE PATROL	25
RUNAWAY	10
SECURITY CHECK	4
SHOTS FIRED	2
STABBING	1
STALLED VEHICLE	15
SUICIDE-ATTEMPT	2
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	197
TERMINATED 911 CALL	6
TERRORISTIC THREAT	4
THEFT	53
Traffic	1062
TRAFFIC HAZARD	13
UUMV-UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR	
VEHICLE	3
WARRANT MUNICIPAL/COUNTY/TCIC/NCIC	94
WELFARE CONCERN	43

Criminal Investigation Bureau Period Activity

Detectives Supervisor assigned 132 cases and inactivated 40 cases as of November 12, 2015. Along with these cases there were also 3 DWI and 19 Crash reports.

Detective Antonio Contreras is working in attempt to close as many cases as possible. Detective Contreras has accepted a job with the city of Corpus Christi Police Department. Detective Contreras will be greatly missed he has been a great asset to the PD and City of Kingsville. With him leaving this is taking 13 years of knowledge and commitment with him. Detective Contreras has been in patrol and is currently assigned to the CIB, a member of SWAT, bike patrol, motor cycle patrol, and is a instructor for ALEERT and low light conditions. We hate to see him leave but want to wish him good luck on his new path.

Detectives are taking online classes and testing to be able to register and track sex-offenders that move in and out of our community.

Several Detectives have sexual assaults with children going at this time.

At this time there are no major cases to report. Other than the crimes against children cases everyone is working a large amount of thefts and assaults.

Detectives are handling an overwhelming number of Assault Family Violence cases. A majority of the victims come in and sign waivers. If you know of friends or family that this is happening to please encourage them to get the help they need.

The Detectives have done an outstanding job on their cases.

Detectives have filed 52 cases during this period. There were 23 cases filed in District Court, 22 cases filed in County Court, 5 cases filed in City Court, and 2 filed in Juvenile Court.

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

2015 ABANDONED AND JUNK AUTOS Period Activity

WEEKS 44

The following stats are from Weeks 44:

- Junk Vehicles-4
- Abandoned Vehicle-1
- Parking Citations-12
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -16
- Daytime Curfew Violation-1

WEEKS 45

The following stats are from Weeks 45:

- Parking Citations –8
- Non-Ordinance Violation Checks -9
- Out on Vacation Visiting my son at Texas Tech.

So far for the year of 2015, 184 vehicles have been tagged (Combination of Abandoned and Junk Autos) in the City of Kingsville. There have been a total of 93 compliances for the year. NIO has also issued a total of 432 Parking Violations (Citation and Warning Combined) for the year and 179 Traffic Citations. These are some photos of citizens who have complied.



1600 Annette St.-Abandoned Towed



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

SELF INITIATED CASES / ARREST: MURRAY:

Case # 1500030208 –On 11-05-15 Sgt. Frost and Cpl. Murray were ridding two man when a traffic stop was initiated at the intersection of S 6th St and E Lee. The vehicle came to a stop in the 200 block of E Santa Gertrudis after failing to stop for several blocks. Contact was made with the driver of the vehicle who was later identified as Joel Sanchez. During the course of the traffic stop it was discovered Sanchez had provided a fictious name due to having several active warrants for his arrest. The driver was charged with the following charges: POCS PG 3 < 28 grams, Fail to Identify Fugitive from Justice, 3 Municpal Warrants, Parole Warrant, and Motion to Revoke POCS PG 1 > 4 grams < 400 grams. The passenger of the vehicle was also taken into custody for an Interfering with an Emergency Phone Call warrant out of Kleberg County.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 16 CITATIONS: 1

GONZALEZ:

Case #1500030523 – On 11-08-15 Inv. Gonzalez conducted a traffic stop in the 900 block of W Santa Gertrudis. During the course of the investigation the driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver was taken into custody for Driving Under the Influence and several passengers inside the vehicle were given field release citations for Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor.

Case #1500030711 – On 11-10-15 Inv. Gonzalez was dispatched to Enterprise Rental in reference to a handgun and ammunition being located inside the vehicle. Inv. Gonzalez took custody of the property and completed a Found Property Report.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 46 CITATIONS: 3

RUIZ:

Case #1500029787 – On 11-02-15 Inv. Ruiz was working off duty at Walmart when he arrested a female subject for warrants out of Jim Wells County. The female was also given a field release citation for Theft.

Case #1500030127 – On 11-04-15 Inv. Ruiz was working on US Highway 77 when he was alerted to a stolen vehicle by the License Plate Reader. Inv. Ruiz and Inv. Gonzalez conducted a felony traffic stop on the vehicle which was confirmed stolen out of the San Antonio Police Department. The female driver was taken into custody without incident. The vehicle also contained a motorcycle which was being carried in the bed of the pickup truck. The vehicle was also confirmed to be stolen out of the San Antonio Police Department. The female driver was later taken to the Kleberg County Jail where she was booked for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Theft. Both vehicles were released to their owners on a later date.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 39 CITATIONS: 1

Training Bureau Period Activity

On October 28, 2015, Officers from the Kingsville Police Department attended Training on K-9 Encounters which included "Shoot or Don't Shoot training". The training was sponsored by the SPCA of Texas and Officers received Eight Hours of TCOLE credit. Officers who attended the training:

Officer J. Dodd H. Fierova

Officer M. Chavana K. Martinez

On October 29, 2015, Officers from the Kingsville Police Department attended a Thirty Two Hour Intermediate Crime Scene Search Course in San Antonio. This is a required course in order to receive an Intermediate Peace Officer License. Officers received Thirty Two Hours of TCOLE credit. Officers who attended the training:

Investigator D. Gonzalez Officer G. Vega

Officer T. Cervantes

On November 8, 2015 Officer M. Chavana completed Four Hours of TCOLE Training in Human Trafficking. This is a state mandated course that is required within one year of an officer being licensed. Officer Chavana received four hours of TCOLE credit.

On November 9, 2015, the Kingsville Police Department held a Pepperball Certification Course. Officers covered Proper Deployment, Liability Issues, Proper Maintenance, and after care for contamination. Officers showed proficiency with the Pepperball system and received Three Hours of TCOLE Credit.



Senior Patrolman G. Gonzalez



Sergeant J. Flores

System Specialist <u>Staff Report</u>

Spiceworks request for two week period.

#	SUMMARY
≁ . 189	Need scanner software installed
* . 188	Coban need to be reset unit 0016
イ . 187	Radar -No power to radar unit 2902
🗸 186	Laptop docking station is not making a connection Unit 2102
* . 185	facebook posting
🗸 184	Still locked out of my email
イ . 183	Need to add a form to the website
* . 182	Unable to log on
🗸. 181	Need help fixing videos on Power Point
* . 180	Unable to open PDF files

As you can see the majority of computer related issues here at the police department is software related.

Apart from the Spiceworks request I have been working on the PD website getting it functional and working on the design. A training calendar was added to keep track of Kingsville police departments



training events for outside agencies the calendar allows outside agencies to register for the training events and for KPD staff to create new events and export feature allows the employee to export a roster for all attendees, work will continue on the site, rss feeds will be added to the main page and redirects to pay tickets to municipal have been added.

A meeting with Coban Technologies has been created for Thursday Nov, 12 to discuss equipment prices and upgrades.

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



Wednesday, November 4, 2015, representatives from OverDrive®, the library's eBook vendor, brought the Digital Bookmobile, a 74 foot-long, high tech trailer, to the library. Over 300 students from Harvey, Harrel, and Sarita Elementary Schools toured the Bookmobile, as the representatives conducted presentations and answered questions. In addition, students were able to browse the library's digital collection on various electronic devices available on the Bookmobile. The highlight of the event was the scavenger hunt the students participated in on the bookmobile. Since the event, the library has seen an increase in students coming in to apply for library cards. Students are accessing not only the digital collection, but also checking out books from the physical collection as well. The Robert J. Kleberg Public Library was the last stop on the Digital Bookmobile's 2015 National Tour, which began in June. The library plans to submit a request to be included on the Digital Bookmobile's 2016 National Tour, so additional area schools can participate in this event. To access the digital collection and services, visit the library's website at <u>www.kleberglibrary.com</u>.

Library Offers Streaming Movies

The library is now offering streaming movies through the library's OverDrive®-powered website. Similar to how Netflix® subscribers access and view their favorite shows on their devices, the library provides patrons access to over 600 streaming, blockbuster movies, provided through three different studio collections - Disney, MGM, and Warner Brothers. The movie collection covers a variety of categories that include Children's, Documentary, Drama, Feature Film, and Romance. There is no cost to stream the movies; however, patrons must be mindful of their Internet provider's data rates for streaming. To access this new service, patrons must have an active Robert J. Kleberg



Public Library card, and a device capable of accessing the library's Overdrive®-powered website. For more information or assistance, patrons can visit or call the library at 361-592-6381.

Thanksgiving Holiday



In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the library will be closed from Thursday, November 25, 2015 to Monday, November 30, 2015. The library is normally closed on Sundays and Mondays. The library will reopen on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 8 a.m. The library wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday weekend.

Training Activities

<u>Communications and Dispatcher Training</u> – Members of the fire department participated in multiple days of dispatch and communications training that is ongoing. The training includes review of proper terminology, answering 911 calls, dispatch procedures, emergency communications, incident command procedures related to communications, and problem solving issues.



Planning Activities

<u>Fire Engine Design</u> – Rough specifications were sent out to fire engine manufacturers requesting initial quotations. These quotations will be used to formulate the final specifications that will be submitted for approval of purchasing a new fire engine.

<u>Development Review Team Meetings</u> – The Fire Marshal attended a DRT planning meeting to discuss progress of the FEMA domes project at King High School and also phase II of the Legends Apartment complex project.

Other Department Activities

<u>Texas Fire Chief's Workshop</u> – The fire chief attended the Texas Fire Chief's workshop in Bastrop, TX in early November to discuss issues affecting fire departments throughout the state. Issues such as standards of practice, policy development, labor relations, legislative issues, and staffing needs were discussed.

<u>Veterans Day Parade</u> – A fire department crew participated in the Veterans Day parade downtown on Veterans Day.

Facilities and Equipment:

<u>Medic Units:</u> Medic 1 has been at the dealer for several weeks. Medic 3 Headlight problems. Rear A/C in patient compartment was out due to thermostat possibly.

Medic 2 emergency lights turning off intermittently. Stretcher on Medic 2 malfunctioned. There was a problem with the charger.

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

<u>Engine 2:</u> Generator leaking. Was removed and taken to the warehouse for inspection. A reserve generator was put in service but has been repaired.

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

Brush 1: Needs rear reflectors, and some other body repairs. Tires installed.

Tower 1: Air Conditioning problems.

<u>Station 1:</u> I.T. Department has been working on updating computers and networks. Shower leaking from upstairs into lower restrooms. The company that improperly installed showers says that it has been over a year since installation and they are not responsible for any repairs. Air conditioning problems in the gymnasium. Smoke detectors for bedrooms, exit signs, and door bells, purchased. Waiting on motor parts for exhaust removal system. Has been non-operational for a few weeks. Roof leaks continue in apparatus room, upstairs roof door, and over bedroom area.

Station 2: Generator still needs repair. Awaiting action by electrician.

Equipment: Chain saw taken in for repairs.

<u>Apparatus Decals and Numbers</u> – Still waiting for number plates for medic units.

Fire Department Response Statistics for the period of:

08:00 hrs on October 30th, 2015 to 08:00 hrs on November 13th, 2015.

Fire/Rescue/Other Calls -	16
Emergency Medical Service Calls (EMS) -	89
Total Emergency Responses -	105

Major Events during the period: House Fire, Tuesday, November 10. Engine 2 arrived on scene and reported a wood frame house well involved with fire from the front of the house and took command. Engine 1 and Medic 1 arrived and assisted with fire attack. Two hose lines were deployed and the fire was knocked down within 10 minutes. The fire marshal conducted an initial investigation and interview of neighbors. The initial cause of the fire appears to be electrical. There were no persons at home at the time of the fire and no firefighter injuries were reported.





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

Street Division (10/25 – 11/08)

Road Constructions –

Young Dr.

- 6th St sidewalks from King Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- 6th St from Corral Ave. to Feed Store (both sides of tracks)
- Hot mixed Young Dr.- Used 558.74 tons

Mowing

- Franklin Adams from Caesar Ave. to Trant Rd.
- Ailsie Ave. from 6th St. to Franklin Adams
- Caesar Ave. from Bypass to NAS

Sweeping

- 11^{th} , 10^{th} , 8^{th} , 7^{th} , 6^{th} & 3^{rd} from Yoakum Ave. to King Ave.
- 9th St. from Yoakum Ave. to Kleberg Ave.
- Kleberg Ave. from 3rd St. to 11th St.
- Ailsie Ave. from 6th St. Loop 428
- 14th St. from General Cavazos Blvd. to Ailsie Ave.
- 6th St. from Corral Ave. to Loop 428
- Parking lot from 6th St. to Ave C
- Miller from 6th St. to 7th St.
- Kenedy Ave. from 6th St. to 14th St.
- 14th from Kenedy Ave. to Lott Ave.
- Lott Ave. from 14th St. to 13th St.
- Santa Gertrudis from Retama to University Blvd.
- Johnston Ave. from College Place to Armstrong
- Lantana from Huisache Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- Wanda from Huisache Ave. to Johnston Ave.
- College Place from Johnston Ave. to Dead End
- Armstrong from Caesar Ave. to King Ave.
- Santa Gertrudis from 7th St. to 14th St.
- 14th St. rom Santa Gertrudis Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.
- 17th St. from Santa Gertrudis Ave. to King Ave.
- Henrietta Ave. from 17th St. to 19th St.
- 17th St. from Corral Ave. to Santa Gertrudis Ave.
- 11th, 10th, 8th, 7th, 6th and 3rd from Yoakum Ave. to King Ave.
- 9th St. from Yoakum Ave. to Kleberg Ave.
- Armstrong from Kleberg Ave. to Corral Ave.
- 14th St. from General Cavazos Blvd. to Corral Ave.
- General Cavazos Blvd. from 14th St. to STAR
- Underpass from Caesar Ave. to Hwy 77
- King Ave. from Hwy 77 to University Blvd.
- Caesar Ave. from 6^{th} St. to 14^{th} St.
- Carlos Truan Blvd. from 14th St. to Ailsie Ave.
- Richard Ave. from 7th St. to 9th St.
- 9th St. from Santa Gertrudis to Yoakum Ave.
- Yoakum Ave. from 6^{th} St. to 14^{th} St.
- 14th St. from Corral Ave. to General Cavazos Blvd.

Drain Cleaning

- Franklin Adams Ditch
- Tranquitas Creek & 17th St.



Hot Mix/Cold Parch

Patching

- Harrell school from Johnston Ave. to Lantana
- Perez school from Ailsie Ave. to Exit Parking lot
- Yoakum Ave. by Railroad tracks
- 1806 Louisiana
- Intersection of Otis & Carol
- Escondido from 6th St. to Brahma Blvd
- 247 Otis
- 309 S Pasadena
- 227 Otis
- 1901 Martin
- Palm from Shelly to Sherwood
- 1408 E Christy
- 17^{th} St. & Lee Ave.
- Ragland Ave. & 15^{th} St.
- Johnston Ave. & 19th St.
- 1606 Johnston Ave.
- 1500-1700 block of Johnston Ave.
- Kenedy Ave. & 14th St.
- Kenedy Ave. & 16^{th} St.
- 1131 E Ragland Ave.
- 1120 E Ragland Ave.
- 1115 E Ragland Ave.
- 1031 E Ragland Ave.
- Huisache Ave. & 14th St.
- Worked on Unit #517- Cleared screen of debris
- Finished cleaning sprayers
- Removed sections 7 & 8 of Oil Distributor and cleaned out build up that clogged sprayers
- Cleared nozzles and spray bars and replaced terminal on Slope mower
- Picked up barricades at Paulson Falls
- Picked up barricades at 13th St. & Henrietta Ave.
- Checked all school lights
- Helped Mike with Cold mix on W Kenedy
- Hot mixed all day on Young Dr.
- Trim all palm trees on General Cavazos
- Put new pipe, anchor and wetch on sign on 3rd & Henrietta
- Trim palm tree on 6th St. & Ailsie
- Change timer on school lights at Perez
- Trim palm trees on General Cavazos
- Took off City managers sign from City Hall
- Helped Mike with flagging on Armstrong & Yoakum
- Took six barricades to St Martins festival
- Turn on school lights at Kleberg

Miscellaneous

- Cut a square of street on Wildwood and filled it with cement
- Put orange mesh on Railroad side for Farmers market



- Move all sandbags from one side of shed to the other
- Put garlands on downtown light poles
- Worked on 7th Annual Carnival
- Cleaned storm drains on 77 Bypass & Kenedy
- Weed eat on 17th on the Creek and helped Ramon with curb and gutters
- Cleaned inside the barn and cleaned the truck
- Took six barricades to 13th & Henrietta and 13th & Yoakum
- Picked up all the cones from Saturday
- Picked up barricades on all the Creeks
- Finish putting light bulbs on Kleberg St
- Fixed banners downtown
- Worked on light at the Train Depot
- Put reef on Gazebo Worked on Unit #517- Cleared screen of debris
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Water Production (10/25 – 11/08)

Collected 12 routine Bacterial Samples:

- 332 E. Ave B
- 714 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave.
- 221 Pasadena
- 2020 Sherwood
- 1612 Shirley
- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 916 W. Ave I
- 724 W. Richard Ave
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave
- 1513 E. Warren Ave
- 4011 Allen Drive

Collected 14 daily chlorine residuals:

- 724 W. Richard Ave.
- 417 E. Nettie Ave.
- 621 E. Kenedy Ave.
- 1513 E. Warren Ave.
- 4011 Allen Drive.
- 714 W. Mesquite Ave.
- 1612 Shirley
- 2020 Sherwood
- 221 Pasadena
- 506 W. Fordyce Ave
- 711 E. Ragland Ave.
- $315 \text{ S. } 24^{th} \text{ St.}$

Delivered Ammonia to 0 sites; delivered Chlorine to 7 sites.

Water pumped to distribution (10/25 - 11/08) - Wells - 33,938,000 gallons; Surface -7,462,000 gallons; 0 gallons for Ricardo bypass; Total 41,427,000 gallons; Average 2,959,071.43 gals/day

Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant (10/25 –11/08)

<u>Wastewater Treatment North Plant</u> – Operators and Helpers cleaned primary and secondary clarifier troughs and weirs. Operators shoveled sludge from sand drying bed. Helpers and Operators are replacing and cleaning UV modules. We continue wasting in wedge and sand drying beds and wire drying beds. Operators and Helpers are mowing grass around plant and lift stations. Rabalais worked on Pack Bridge and replaced limit switch and replaced pump trough solenoid.

<u>Wastewater Treatment South Plant</u> – Operator cleaned clarifier troughs and shoveled sludge from sand drying beds. Crew is wasting in wedge wires and sand drying bed. Operators and helpers mowed grass around Plant and Lift Stations. Wasting sludge into drying bed. Rabalais installed VFD inverter for bar screen and installed circuit breaker for UV light hoist.

Wastewater Collection – Had 7 call outs for sewer backups:

717 Arroyo Dr.
829 S. 21st. St.
115 N. 7th St.
1427 E. Warren Ave.
727 E. Nettie Ave.
1234 E. Nettie Ave.
912 E. Ave B
2 – Sewer line repairs
Replaced sewer main between Arroyo Dr. and Stacie.
Disconnected sewer tap and 1030 E. Ave D
Repaired broken clean out at 1314 E. Huisache Ave.

<u>Scheduled work for the week</u> 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 sewer line repairs at 1126 E. Ragland Ave. and 1907 Brook Lane. Construction crews are installing valve at South Plant centrifuge. Construction crews continue replacing main line in the city. Construction crews vacuuming manhole on Riedda Bio-Monitoring for 4th Quarter at the North Plant.

Water Distribution (10/25 – 11/08)

Repaired 13 Main Breaks and answered approximately 42- Service Calls

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2" Main Break	1259 E. King Ave.
12 Main Break	1219 E. Corral Ave.
8" Main Break	100 block of W Huisache Ave.
2" Main Break	212 E. Fairview
4" Main Break	1130 Lawrence
8" Main Break	E. Ave B
2" Main Break	17 th St. and Ella Ave.
12" Main Break	208 E. Fairview
8" Main Break	322 Lemonwood
2" Main Break	1600 block E. Ave B
4" Main Break	6^{th} St.
8" Main Break	911 E. King Ave.
2" Main Break	W. Fairview

6- Locates, 5– water leaks; 9- Meter Leaks, 7- Backfills, 10 – valve repairs, 11– service line leaks; 5– Customer Side Leaks; 0– No Water/Low Pressures; 0– Fire Hydrant; 3– Turn off or on and; – Water Tap and 0 – Meter Lid Repair; 0 – Replace cut offs; 1 – Meter Box; 0 – Install Raiser; 0– Lower Meter 0 – Remove Meter; 0 – Expose line; and 0 – Sinkhole

Water crews installed backflow preventer at A&M-Kingsville.

Crews worked with concrete contractor to replace sidewalks at Ailsie/Shelly and South Park/Ailsie Ave.

Water crews worked with concrete contractor to repair sidewalk at 1602 Santa Cecilia, dumpster enclosure at Goodyear, and install 2-pads at Downtown Gazebo.

Crews worked on 6" service line at Kingsville Point to restore service to south side meter.

City Garage (10/25 – 11/08)

Maintenance

14- Oil changes on preventive maintenance; 29-Scheduled work orders; 40 -Nonscheduled work; 7-Service calls; 0- Call out; 10 -New tires on heavy equipment and trucks; 18-flat tire repairs and balances; 32-pending work orders.

Repaired air leak on Unit 337 and replaced water pump on Unit 544. Repaired electrical short on Unit 334 and replaced water pumps on Unit 544.

Welder

6- Received work order and 2 pending work orders

City welder fabricated mono rail for pump hose and fabricated field drag for Park and Recreation Dept.

Solid Waste (10/25 - 11/08)

Landfill - 10/25 - 11/08)

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. Methane Monitoring was performed by Naismith Engineering results were sent to Gulay Aki at TCEQ and a copy was sent to Marty Ontiveros. The 4th quarter Gas Well monitoring results were emailed to TCEQ. The Air Emission fee for year 2016 was sent to TCEQ. Creager tire repaired the tire on the Scraper and James Rios worked on the D6-T Dozer and dump truck.

Brush -98.47 tons; Garbage -962 tons; Litter -1.9 tons; Construction/Demolition -103.95 tons; Concrete -13.64 tons, Asphalt -0 tons; Metals -0 tons; Dirt -0 tons; Recycled metals -0 tons; Sludge -0 tons; Ash -0 tons; Tires -1.7 tons; and Recycled tires -6.06 tons; Recycled metals -0 tons.

Sanitation

Residential waste collected from 10/25 - 11/08 Residential Waste collected for the previous week was **310,160** pounds; Commercial waste collected for the previous week was **414,580** pounds. Brush collected **29,700** pounds and construction debris collected **25,100** pounds. The brush crew is collecting in Zone 3 and working on abatements and demos when possible. Sanitation has been helping Community Appearance finish small abatements as needed. On Saturday, 10/3/15 we used 12 man hours to accomplish this and 10 man hours on Monday 10/5/15. Total so far this fiscal year is 22 man hours of overtime. On Saturday 10/10/15 we used 10.8 man hours to support the tail gate function for city employees and our total overtime for non-departmental use is up to 32.8 hours. During this reporting period, on Friday, 10/16/15 we used 4.5 hours of overtime to correct brush truck going to the wrong addresses to bring the total to 37.3 hour of non-departmental overtime. On Saturday, 10/28/15 we used 4 man hours of overtime in support of the Fall Festival. Month's total is 43.4 hours of non-departmental overtime. Recycling for the month of October totaled 9.78 tons from the Recycling Center taken to Corpus Christi.

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



Purchasing Division

Purchase Orders Purchasing issued 111 Purchase Orders valued at \$278,693.50.

We want to wish Thelma all the best in her new endeavors. It was a pleasure having her on staff. Commission approved the new Water Tank and Nimble storage array at the November 9, 2015 meeting. Purchasing Staff has been busy working on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). The RFQ for Engineering Services and the RFP for Administrative Services are out and due to open December 1, 2015 at 1:30 pm.

Purchasing Card Statements

Statements are all turned in. Great job on getting everything turned in on time and with outstanding accuracy.

Technology Division

Copiers

Purchasing and Technology have been busy getting new network copiers in place. We have new leased copiers at Public Works, Permits, Fire, Police, Community Appearance, and City Hall.

Computer Refresh

New computers have been placed in Human Resources and new Panasonic Toughbook went to the Task Force. Several new laptops have arrived and will be distributed upon configuration.

Changes to City Website

Several updates and changes have been made to the City of Kingsville website. New buttons linking to information about the Street Improvement Program and Street User Fee, as well as one linking to a community feedback form, can now be found on the homepage. Additional work has been performed to enhance site functionality. There will also be big changes coming to the Kingsville Tourism page soon.



Surveys

Help Desk Coordinator has been working with city staff on the development of surveys for several purposes, the first of which is now live. The 2015 Park Needs Survey can be found on the Parks page of the city website or at <u>www.cityofkingsville.com/park-survey</u>

2015 Park Needs Survey

City of Kingsville is asking citizens for their honest opinions, attitudes and preferences regarding parks, recreational opportunities and open space dedication. This information is being solicited as part of the Local Planning Process. Your cooperation and input is very important and much appreciated.

Office 365 **E-Mail Flow Report**



The city of Kingsville over the past two weeks processed 11328 email messages.

We blocked 5155 spam and 42 malware messages. We processed 6131 'good' emails.

Safe Email Practices

Unsafe computing can corrupt your files, expose the contents of your internal drive to strangers, cause other computers to become compromised, and even allow your computer to be used by spammers to send millions of unsolicited emails.

Using safe email practices helps you:

- **Protect your inbox**
- **Protect your computer** •
- **Protect your privacy**
- **Protect your friends and neighbors**

Here are recommendations you should follow to protect yourself when using email.

1. Screen messages before viewing them, and delete anything that appears suspicious.

A. Carefully examine your list of unopened messages.

Do any of them come from people or addresses you don't recognize? Do the subject lines have words with too many spaces, or long random numbers? Do they seem too good to be true, or somehow odd? If so, it's probably best to just delete the message along with any attachments.

B. Wait! Don't open that email vet...

If a message has attachments don't open it unless you know the sender and are expecting the attachment. If you're not sure what it is, contact the sender before opening the message and ask exactly what the message and attachment is.

C. Don't be fooled by Dirty Tricks.

Most computer worms (a kind of malicious program) spread themselves via email by spoofing addresses found in the infected computer's address book and sending copies of itself to other addresses in the address book, so it's very likely that an infected message can appear to come from someone you know. Many of these messages will use vague or generic subject lines like "Re: " or
"Hi." Others will try to look like they come from a technical support service, or even from Microsoft. Be careful about opening these.

2. Open your messages, but beware the Next and Previous buttons.

Using the Next and Previous buttons to open and move from message to message is convenient but dangerous, especially if you don't screen messages thoroughly, or if new messages come in while you're reading other screened messages.

3. Handle Attachments Safely.

• Don't open attachments unless you are absolutely sure about what they are and who they came from.

Even attachments that were sent directly to you by a known sender might contain malicious code.

• Be especially careful with MS Word & Excel files. When opening Microsoft Word or Excel attachments containing macros, always select the "Disable Macros" option if you are not sure if there should be a macro.

• Beware of Dangerous File Types!

Some file types have been deemed unsafe by Microsoft. Most of these file types are executable or exploitable and are considered unsafe to send and receive as email attachments. SSU's email servers scan all incoming email messages for attachments using these unsafe file types. If you also use an off-campus email address, you should be aware of these unsafe file types. Never open one of <u>these unsafe file types</u> sent in email. While many of these file types can only harm computers running Windows, some file types are potenitally hazardous on Macintosh computers.

• Windows Users - Make Extensions Visible

Some malicious attachments will "pose" as a harmless file type like digital image by including that file type extension in it's name. You might get an attachment called "hawaii.jpg" and think it's a picture from your friend's vacation. But it might actually be a .pif file, one of the exploitable file types. This can happen because Windows does not display file extensions by default, so a .pif file named"hawaii.jpg.pif" will appear as "hawaii.jpg"

4. Don't Unsubscribe.

Spammers often include an "unsubscribe from this list" link in their messages. This makes them appear more responsible and reputable, but they often use this as a way to confirm your email address so they can send you more spam or sell your email address to other spammers. If you don't want it, mark it as junk and delete it.

5. Be a Good Internet Citizen.

- Don't use your email in ways that will contribute to the problem.
- Don't send unsolicited email and attachments.
- Don't forward chain letters.
- Don't respond to or participate in email hoaxes.
- Don't send attachments which use the "unsafe" file types.

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 have been in town to visit the site and submitted a scope of work that they would like to have done to the building. A quote was obtained from Maltby Construction and the Border Patrol is willing to go ahead with the quote.

Torres Estates

The City Commission has approved all of the necessary administrative tasks for Mark Dizdar to start his 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. The value of the development is 3.5 million. It will be four stories with 72 rooms. The expected completion is December 2016 or January 2017.

Fema Domes

The estimated completion date is January 2016. Things are going well. The Development review team will be meeting with the contractor, architect and KISD to get a status report.

Wildwood Trails

The Estates Phase II and The Park Phase II preliminary and final plats have been reviewed by the Development Review Team and approved. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the plats for both phases. While they approved the phase II plats for The Estates, they tabled the The Park plats for further review. The Estate preliminary and final plat were approved by the City Commission at their November 9th meeting. The Park preliminary and final plat will be on the December's agenda of the planning and zoning commission meeting.

Lake View Villas

A number of homes have been started in the subdivision. The City has issued 3 building permits up to this point.

New City Hall

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

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. We believe that at a commission meeting in January it will be on a city agenda for your review and decision to award the project.

Joint Airport Zoning Board

Ken Moses has been voted as the 5th member and Chair of the Joint Airport Zoning Board. The City Commission will appoint another member to the JAZB. The JAZB will be putting an article in the paper to determine if there is a citizen who is interested in serving on the Joint Airport Zoning Board. It should be in this weekend's edition of the Kingsville Record. We received 3 resumes from interested citizens.

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 did say that the project received the credits in the 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 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. They have started the utility work (underground infrastructure). Things are going well. There has been a change in general contractors for Phase II. The new general contractor is Axia Contracting. They have an office in Dallas; their headquarters are in Fargo, North Dakota. We were able to have a meeting with Eric Jackimier and the new general contractor, Axia Construction. The meeting went well and I believe that we started on the right foot with Phase II. Daniel Ramirez, the Building Official was also able to talk to the sub-contractors and discuss his expectations.

Domino's

Domino's submitted a development plan last September of 2014 but as you know now they have broken ground for the new building. This Domino's will have some limited inside dining. They plan to be done in November of 2015.

University Center

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

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 the current location of 634 E. King to 1106 N. Armstrong. They have been authorized to obtain a building permit. A permit has been issued. Construction expects to be completed this month.

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 to close to Saint Cecelia Drive. The developer at this point is determining whether they want to do that or not. It was also my understanding that there are potential buyers out there so I do not know the current situation. The discussion has opened up somewhat with them. The new city manager has spoken with the architect who is from San Antonio. The discussion is concerning the moving of the entrance further from the intersection. Another option may be possible to achieve the goal that we desire. We had a conference call with the architect and he proposed to reducing the driveway access to 12 feet and making it an exit only. The City Engineer and I are okay with that proposal. We have received the revision in plan form and will take it back to the development review team for their review.

Enterprise Rent a Car

We heard back from them and were informed that the sale of the ground went through, 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. this is a positive sign because business has increased, they desire to build a stand-alone office to service Kingsville. Currently it offices in the Phil Neessen dealership. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the request and approved the item unanimously. It was on the November 9th agenda for the introduction item for the ordinance. Thigs went well and will be on the November 23rd agenda for final approval.

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 your agenda in the future.

Advance Auto Parts

We have received word from TXDOT that Advance Auto Parts is interested in developing a site on King Street for a new store. They had approached us in the past but we haven't heard anything from them in a while. The location is the vacant lot next to O'Reilly's. They have to work with TXDOT for driveway access permits.

Building Services Division					
Permits Pulled:					
Residential Remodel:	7	Commercial Remodel:	0	Electrical:	10
New Commercial:	1	Mechanical:	7	Moving:	0
New Residential:	2	Fire Inspection:	6	Gas Inspection:	7
Cert. of Occupancy:	2	Commercial Meter:	2	House Leveling:	2
Plumbing:	7	Residential Meter:	4	Re-roof:	7
Sprinkler:	0	Sidewalk:	0	Sign:	1
Curb:	0	Swimming Pool:	0	Demolition:	3
Fence:	6	Driveway:	1		

Total Permits Pulled: 75

New Business:

FIT 24 Gym at 2001 S Brahma Blvd is waiting for final inspections. Kraft and Beads at 504 E Kleberg is now open for buisness. King's Tire at 816 N 6th needs all final inspections. Tropical Freeze Food Mobile Unit is open and located at 2609 E General Cavazos by Gregg's Short Stop.

Top 30 Initiative

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

Dilapidated or Non-existent Parking Lots

Property location 712 W. Ave. F 621 W. Corral 629 W. Nettie 729 W. Ave. C 325 W. Corral 615 W. Santa Gertrudis 414 W. Huisache 725 W. Ave C 1104 N. Armstrong Status Letter mailed 2/16/15 Letter mailed 2/16/15

Letter mailed 10/8/15 Letter mailed 10/8/15

Violations



Unfinished Siding/Roof

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



Comments _____

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

Violations

28 S. 18th



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 6th 109 S Hwy 77 E Henrietta & 19th 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 Property owner complied Notice sent 3/23/15

528 S. 18th siding slowly showing impr



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

New property owner

Pending cleanup by city

Multiple Violations:

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Property Address	Notices Sent:	98	Inspections:	182
<u>Status</u>	Placards Posted:	4	Re-Inspections:	58
	Illegal Dumping Case:	3	Compliances:	190
	Front/Side Yard Parking:	0	Abatements:	51
	Obsolete Sign Violations:	0	Complaints call-ins/walk-ins:	117

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New property owner

Pending cleanup by city

<u>Community Appearance Division</u> Recent activity (Oct 29th to Nov 11th) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:

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.

-	<i>OCT</i> \$21300.00	APR
	NOV	MAY
	DEC	JUN
	JAN	JUL
	FEB	AUG
	MAR	SEPT

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 38 Phases at the end of FY '15. Phases are submitted on a monthly basis.

Phase 39 is to be completed in November 2015:

Property Address:	Date of Compliance Deadline:
517 E Richard	11/25/15
1220 E Ave B	11/25/15
1106 E Huisache	11/25/15
1117 E Ave A	11/25/15
910 E Alice	11/25/15
702 W Henrietta	11/25/15
600 W Cesear	11/25/15
523 W Nettie	11/25/15
503 W Mesquite	11/25/15
710 W King	11/25/15

1117 E. Ave A







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	6 out of 10
PHASE 19	8 out of 10	PHASE 39	(IN PROGRESS)
PHASE 20	9 out of 10		·

<u>Typical Violations & Compliances:</u> Below are photos of recent examples of success in the removal of trash and debris due to our Community Appearance Division efforts:

BEFORE



1014 Gillett – City Abated

AFTER



527 E Richard – City Abated





BEFORE



1211 E Yoakum – City Abated AFTER



BEFORE



513 W Richard - City Abated



AFTER



Keep Kingsville Beautiful

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





Time is running out to plant your bluebonnet patch!

For most successful results, bluebonnet seeds should be planted no later than mid-November. Fall planting gives seeds the advantage of early fall rains that induce germination and encourage vigorous root growth. Bluebonnets winter over as seedlings, and are not susceptible to freezing. The plants have a head start on growth when warm, wet weather arrives in February and March.



Texas Arbor Day celebrated Nov. 6th.

Texas first observed Arbor Day in 1889, celebrating the benefits that trees provide over a lifetime. Although National Arbor Day is celebrated in April, Texas celebrates it on the first Friday in November during our prime tree-planting season. November is Texas'.

Finance Administration Division

GFOA Budget Submittal

The Finance Department has been preparing the City of Kingsville's FY16 Adopted Annual Budget for consideration of the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Budget Award. Budget reports have been reformatted and



reorganized to better suit the GFOA requirements. The new budget document will combine the FY16 Adopted Annual Budget currently posted online with city profile information, department information, and information on budget processes and fiscal policies. The deadline for the GFOA Budget Award is December 30th.

End of Fiscal Year

The Finance Department continues to work on closing out Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Staff has been working on the reconcilation of assets and liabilities and working with departments to close out FY 14-15 purchase orders. Any FY 14-15 purchase orders that are still outstanding need to be turned into Accounts Payable immeaditely to avoid posting in the wrong fiscal year.

Payments Issued

Accounts Payable/Payroll Payments Issued for the period of 11/02/15 thru 11/13/15

Payment Type	# of Payments	Total Amount
Accounts Payable	140	\$445,460.83
Payroll	401	\$835,500.10

Sales and Use Tax

The City of Kingsville received \$420,845.38 in sales tax allocations in the month of November. This is a 3.16% decrease over November 2014. Sales Tax is applied on all retail sales, leases, rentals and taxable services at a rate of 8.25% in Kingsville.



Utility Billing Division

Understanding your water bill

The first step in changing the way you use water in the future is by understanding how much water you use today. The best place to find this information is on your monthly water bill.



How much do you use?

Different utilities use different units for measuring water use. The most common units are the CCF and the gallon. A CCF (centum cubic feet), also called an HCF (hundred cubic feet), represents one hundred cubic feet of water. The first "c" comes from the Roman word for hundred, "centum". This is the most common unit used by both water and natural gas utilities. But you may be more familiar with the other unit, the gallon. One CCF is equal to 748 gallons.

What does your usage mean? Well, the average American uses around 100 gallons per day per person in the household. That means a family of four would use around 12,000 gallons in a 30 day period. But usage varies a great deal across the country, mostly because of differences in weather patterns. For example, water use tends to be higher in drier areas of the country that rely more on irrigation for outdoor watering than in wetter parts of the country that can rely on more rainfall.

Based on information from, THE AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION RESEARCH FOUNDATION, "Residential End Uses of Water." 1999; and THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, "Estimated Water Use in the United States." 2005.

http://www3.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/understanding_your_bill.html

The Utility Billing Department has two meter techs that read each billing cycle every week (unless it is a five-week month) electronically. On the customer's bill the gallons are broken down into 1,000 of gallons. For example: Previous read is 5059 and current read is 5066 that would be 5066-5059=7 x100= 700 gallons of water consumed. It is important to remember that per city ordinance, customers do have an allowance of 3,000 gallons and that cost is included in a minimum bill amount. Anything over the allowance is charged a different rate. For additional information regarding water rates please feel free to look on the City of Kingsville website; cityofkingsville.com under the Finance Department/ Utility Billing or call the department at 361-592-5281 and any of our customer service representatives would be happy to answer your questions.

Reminder

The City of Kingsville will be closed November 26th and 27th, 2015 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. City hall will reopen November 30th, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

From the staff of Utility Billing have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.



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 October 26, 2015-November 11, 2015

New Cases: 238 32 Parking, 113 Traffic, 77 State Law, 16 City Ordinances

Cases Disposed: 222

27 Parking, 125 Traffic, 60 State Law, 10 City Ordinances

Warrants:

There were **103** 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): <u>www.cityofkingsville.com</u>

Collections:

The collections during this period came to **\$50,960.57**.

Court Sessions – November 2015

11/26	9:00 a.m.
11/19	2:00 p.m.
11/19	2:30 p.m.
11/19	3:00 p.m.
11/19	4:00 p.m.
12/10 & 12/24	9:00 a.m.
12/17	2:00 p.m.
12/17	2:30 p.m.
12/17	3:00 p.m.
12/17	4:00 p.m.
	11/19 11/19 11/19 11/19 12/10 & 12/24 12/17 12/17 12/17

Acknowledgments

Many thanks to the Kingsville Police Department for the security provided during the court sessions throughout the last few weeks! They have made a substantial difference in allowing this department to run as efficiently as possible. Special thanks to Officer Vega #83, Officer Perez # 71, Officer Dodd #88, and Officer Fonseca #86.

Reminders: The municipal court office is 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.

From the staff at Municipal Court.



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

Regular City Commission Meet	ings (Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chambers)
Monday, December 14, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 28, 2015	6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Dates (Commission Chambers)

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, December 16, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, December 16, 2015	4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Thursday, December 10, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Joint Airport Zoning Board	Thursday, December 17, 2015	6:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	3 rd Tuesday of every month	12:00 p.m.

Board Meetings (Respective Locations)

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

Upcoming Holidays:

Thanksgiving Holiday – November 26th – 27th, 2015 City Departments will be closed for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

Christmas Holiday – December 24th - 25th, 2015 City Departments will be closed for the Christmas Holiday.

New Year's Day – January 1st, 2015 City Department will be closed for the New Year Holiday.

<u>Reminders:</u> City Secretary requests Commission Member Nominations for the following Vacant Board Positions:

Board Name:	Vacancies	Recommendations
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

