



# FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

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*I hope everyone had a great summer. As we head into the fall season, I wanted to update you on your City since my last newsletter.*

*Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was a huge success. We had a record number of entrants in our parade and a fun community gathering at the Community Center after the parade with food provided by The Kemah Boardwalk. I want to thank Sylvia Streater for the goody bags for the children again this year and Bill Minak, Colene Joiner, Bobbi Bradshaw, Kelley Dawson and our City Secretary Barbara Roberts for all their work on the parade committee. I also want to thank our parade judges T.J. Aulds, Pam Summers and Cindy Harreld DeWease for their difficult work of selecting the top 3 parade entrants.*

*In July the Miss Kemah pageant crowned two lovely young ladies to represent our City. Miss Ligia De Uriarte was crowned Miss Kemah for the 2015-2016 year and Miss Carly Hay was crowned Miss Kemah Teen. They will represent our City as ambassadors throughout the year. Labor Day weekend Ligia competed in the Miss Texas Pageant and won 1<sup>st</sup> runner up! Congratulations to her!*

*Our City Administrator Rick Beverlin gave the City notice in July that he had accepted a job in League City as their new Economic Development Director. Rick and his family live in League City so I know this is an exciting new endeavor for them. We wish Rick well and thank him for the 4 years he*

*served our City. We have advertised for his position and are currently accepting applications. In the interim, Mr. Ron Cox has been approved by City Council to be our part time interim city administrator. He will help us navigate the applications for the full time position. Mr. Cox served for 15 years as the City Manager for Friendswood and has extensive experience to guide us through this process.*

*August 4<sup>th</sup> we held a City Council Workshop for the citizen's to view 3 architectural renderings, a floor plan and a site plan of our proposed new City Hall and Transportation Center. PGAL architects prepared a professional and informative presentation for our City Council Workshop. Every citizen in attendance was given a ballot and a chance to help decide the architecture of the project. Although the attendance was low, 31 ballots were cast and opened at the City Council meeting the next night. I have included a rendering of the chosen design in my newsletter for your review. August 19<sup>th</sup> the City Council voted to hold a special election in November to give our citizen's a chance to vote on this important project for our City. All Kemah citizen's will receive important information about this election and the facts of the project between now and the November election.*

*This summer also included some traffic studies in our City. Citizen's have voiced concerns over traffic and traffic speed on Cien, Kipp, Bel, 10<sup>th</sup> and Bay Oaks Drive. We expect to have the results concluded for City Council review soon.*



City of Kemah 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

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In my last newsletter I announced some Ad Hoc committee's I was forming and asked for citizen's to let me know if they were interested in joining one. I am pleased to note that our committee's are meeting and offering valuable citizen input for me as Mayor. One of the committee's is what I termed the "Super Neighborhood" committee.

On the campaign trail it was very apparent that our small City has 6 distinctive and diverse neighborhoods. My goal is for each neighborhood to have better communication as neighbors and better communication with City Hall.

I am pleased to announce the volunteers who live in your neighborhoods who have agreed to serve on this committee. They have offered their contact information and want you to feel free to call them whenever you have an announcement, issue or concern and they will forward your information to me.

1. Old Kemah -

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Tomi Kendrick (281) 334-4086 [cck5@comcast.net](mailto:cck5@comcast.net)

2. Bayview Acres -

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Doug McMurrey (713) 253-8760 [doug@dougmcMurrey.com](mailto:doug@dougmcMurrey.com)

3. West Kemah -

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Chris Doyle (832) 425-0925 [chrisdoyle@texasteldata.com](mailto:chrisdoyle@texasteldata.com)

4. Kemah Oaks -

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Laura Gladney-Lemon (832) 738-5889 [gladneylemon@gmail.com](mailto:gladneylemon@gmail.com)

5. South Kemah -

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(A volunteer is needed in this spot)

6. Kemah Village -

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Jill Macomber (646) 489-4367 [jillmacomber@comcast.net](mailto:jillmacomber@comcast.net)

## TRASH UPDATE

There has been some confusion around Kemah about the heavy debris pickup. In the past, public works picked this debris up at curbside every week. Last year this service was scaled back to once a month due to the increased costs. We have heard from some residents who would like the weekly pick up returned. I am working to include weekly service in our 2015/2016 budget.

## KEMAH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**Capital Projects List:** West Kemah Drainage, Bayview Drainage, Meadow Lane Drainage, Bayshore Drive: Bel to Cien, Cien Street: Bayshore to 146, 57 Acre Park Improvements: "Kemah Nature Park", Roadway for Gordy Property, Meadow Lane Repaving, Kipp Avenue Sidewalk, Construct new restrooms at Visitors Center, Anders Road Widening Study, Install 22 Bollards for traffic control off Hwy. 146 in Lighthouse District, Ongoing Palm Tree maintenance, Annual Lighthouse Maintenance, Design Criteria and Flood Ordinance Update, Backflow Preventer Certification, Restore Lot behind City Hall, Cien Park Playground Improvements, Expand Foster Park Basketball Court.



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## Happenings in Kemah

### NEIGHBOR NEWS

- Friend and Neighbor Tim Patak passed away in July
- Congratulations to Bill and Barbara Drummer who celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August
- Congratulations to Bill Minak on the birth of his new granddaughter
- Best Wishes to Cherry Williams, former Kemah business owner of Cherry's Designs (pictured on previous page)

### KEMAH KRONIES

Kemah Kronies is a fun social group of people that meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday for coffee and donuts and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at a local restaurant. The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month they meet at the Community Center for a pot luck luncheon, They invite anyone to join. To get on the email list and be notified of the month's events, contact Barbara Drummer

### KEMAH POLICE ACADEMY

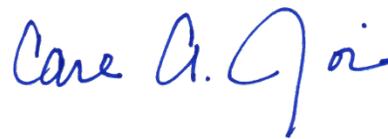
August 10<sup>th</sup> the KCPAAA welcomed retired Secret Service Agent Mike Howard as a guest speaker for their annual ice cream social. Mr. Howard served as an agent on the President John F. Kennedy family detail and shared lots of behind the scenes stories of his career. Upcoming KCPAAA events include National Night Out planned for October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Kemah Community Center from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A fundraiser at the annual Kemah Octoberfest event is planned for October 9-11. They are offering a "Car Bash" and encourage everyone to come take a swing at a retired police car! Contact Keith Mercado or Bobbi Bradshaw for information.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY BASH

The City of Kemah was formed in 1965, so 2015 is our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a City! I think we need to celebrate with a 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash. I have formed an executive committee to organize this party for our City. I have asked Keith Mercado to Chair this event and have asked Former First Lady JoAnn Blackledge and Colene Joiner to work with Keith as an executive committee. They believe that December is the best time for the party and have identified committee's such as decorations, food and others that are needed for this Birthday Bash. We want all Kemah citizen's and businesses to participate and attend this historic event for our City. Please contact Keith Mercado at [Kemahcoach@aol.com](mailto:Kemahcoach@aol.com) if you can help with the committee's to plan this event.

As I close my second newsletter as Mayor, I want to say thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I will continue to work to unite our community, provide a transparent and open city government and be accessible to all Kemah residents, businesses and visitors. Let's make Kemah better.....TOGETHER!

Thanks again for this opportunity!



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Miss Kemah /  
Miss Kemah Teen



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