



From the Desk of the Mayor

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As we head into spring, I wanted to update you on many exciting happenings in our City.

Since my last newsletter we now have completed our City Hall staff. I want to welcome Ms. Carolyn Anderson as our new City Secretary. She started work on March 21st and we are excited to have her be a part of our team. Please read about Carolyn on page 2.

In this newsletter, I would also like to introduce you to our entire Kemah team that is here to serve you. This includes our City Hall, Municipal Court, Public Works employees, and our Kemah Police Department. See their names, pictures and years of service on page 3. I am happy to report that we have one of the most professional staffs that Kemah has ever had.

One of my campaign goals was to have a friendly City Hall where everyone would feel welcome and be treated fairly and equally. I am happy to report our staff shares in that vision. We have a great team working to serve you, the citizens of Kemah.

On March 15th we had a workshop before our Council meeting to discuss the City's finances for the calendar year 2015/2016. I am happy to report that we are trending well with our revenues above our projections and our expenses below our projections. Our City is very well off financially and our fund balances are all strong. In addition, the City has no debt!

The **Kemah Easter Eggstravaganza** was held March 19th at Cien Park. We had a great turnout, and the children and adults enjoyed the Easter Bunny, egg hunt, petting zoo, face painting and food. In addition, the Kemah Lions Club offered free vision screening. My grandchildren had an "awesome" time. Many thanks go to Kemah Flowers and Company, Bill Minak and Jimmy Sims, Sylvia Streater, Debi Hart and family, Kemah Lions Club, Kemah Fire Department, Shawna Reid and City Administrator Wendy Ellis, and their team of volunteers. It was a fun City event. The Galveston Daily News was there and lots of Kemah children were featured in the newspaper!

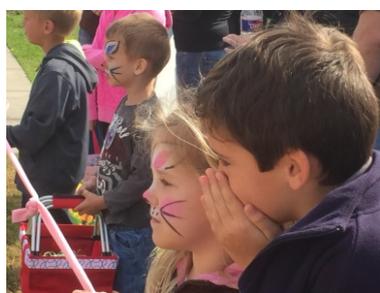
On March 23rd, a number of citizens gathered at the Community Center to view the **new time capsule** that we want to entomb. Keith Mercado organized this event and citizens were able to view the materials that were placed in the new capsule. This new capsule is scheduled to be opened in 2065. I want to recognize and thank Kemah resident Dan Rybicki and his team Scott Todd, John Hill, Ben Gaete, James Fraughton, Doug Harkrider, Daniel Ballard, Tennille Inc. and Forge Tech Inc. for the donation and construction of this incredible stainless steel capsule. The plan is for this new capsule and the old one opened for our 50th to be entombed together and placed at a memorial courtyard at City Hall. We are planning on a memorial tree and personalized commemorative brick pavers that we will be selling for this memorial courtyard. We will keep you informed on the progress.

We have produced a book commemorating the activities for our 50th year as a City. I want to thank Roselyn Pierce-Shirley and Debi Hart for all their time and talent to produce this book for us. It is selling for \$20.00 with all of the proceeds going to Stewart Elementary. You can buy a copy at City Hall or on Amazon. In addition, Chris Swanson did an incredible job producing a video on the history of Kemah. Thanks Chris!

April 16th from 11-2 is our Kemah Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association's **Cops and Crawfish** event at the Kemah Community Center. It is a family event that raises money for our men in blue. They have lunch, a silent auction and lots of activities. I hope you can attend.

City Elections are coming up soon. The voting will once again be at our Kemah Community Center (or you can vote in any Galveston County polling location). Early voting begins April 25-29th (8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) and ends May 2-3rd (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.). The actual Election Day is May 7th (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.). We have 3 City Council seats up for election and the Water Board W.C.I.D. #12 has 3 board positions up for election. Be sure to exercise your right to vote!

Easter Eggstravaganza



Time Capsule



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One item on our ballot is a proposition to change our form of government. Some Kemah residents gathered signatures on a petition to put this idea to a vote of the citizens. The City is therefore required to hold a Special Election on this topic with our May elections. This could lead to a significant increase in the number of ordinances to change our form of government so I want everyone to be informed before they vote. I, therefore, have asked our City Attorney and our City Administrator to put together a fact sheet for you to review. Things are GREAT in Kemah! I invite everyone to work with me to unify our City and make it better.....together!

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor!


Carl A. Joiner
Mayor, City of Kemah


Feel free to email me with questions and/or concerns:
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KEMAH BOARDWALK:

BENEFITS FOR KEMAH RESIDENTS

Kemah Boardwalk offers special benefits for Kemah Residents for Wine Fest – 4/16/2016 2-5 pm: The Kemah Boardwalk will extend a Resident's price at a discounted rate of \$44.95. (Regular price is \$59.95.) Tickets are available at the Sales Office at #8 Kemah Boardwalk. Residents can also receive free parking on the day of the event (April 16th). Residents will receive both offers with a valid Driver's License showing a Kemah address. The free parking offer is good from 10am – 5:00pm. Residents arriving after 5pm will need to purchase a parking ticket.

NEIGHBOR NEWS

- Robert Hull is retiring the end of April. He and his wife Terri are excited about a new grandbaby on the way.
- Candace and Joe Zetter will be leaving Kemah soon for a new home in Houston. Good luck to you guys!
- Don and Ginny Anderson are proud first time grandparents. Granddaughter Madison Taylor Mick arrived on February 23rd!
- Kelly Williams has reignited her singing career. You can find her performing at Claudio's on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Way to go Kelly!
- Scott and Terry Gale recently hosted a birthday bash for Teresa Vasquez-Evans who celebrated a milestone birthday in March.

KEMAH KRONIES

Kronies newest member is Darell Richolson. Welcome! They are also sad to report that Faye Waldren is moving to Ohio. She will be missed. The March birthday luncheon was held at the Sundance Grill and celebrated birthday girls Sylvia Streater, Maxine Brimberry, and Carlene Neeley.

CITY SECRETARY

Carolyn Anderson has joined our team at the City of Kemah as the new City Secretary. She was previously City Secretary for the City of Dickinson and also at the City of La Marque.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Two new police officers have been hired recently, bringing the department up to full staffing.

CAPITAL PROJECT NEWS

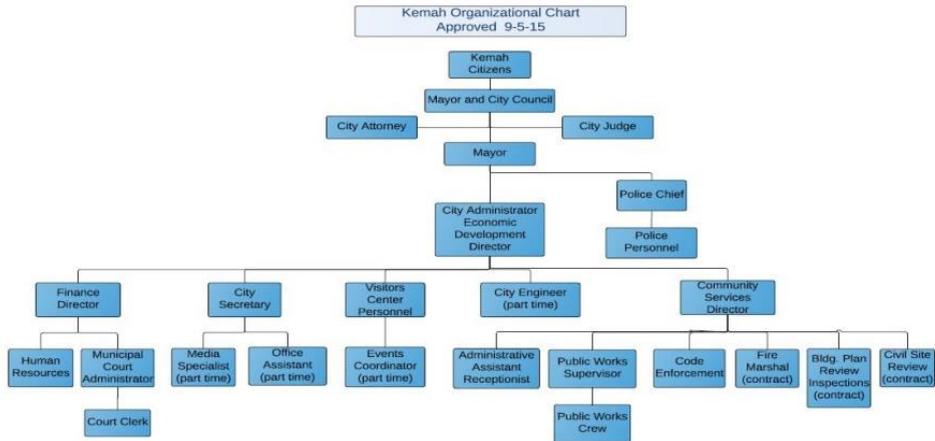
Construction for the roadway improvements along Cien, Bayshore and Bel are moving forward as scheduled. Last week, the first half of the street was paved and is now open for resident access. The second half of the street is scheduled for concrete pour on Thursday, April 7. Through construction, water service to Bayshore homes has been interrupted in short increments several times due to both planned and unexpected waterline improvements along the roadway. WCID #12 has been working closely with the City, and no further water interruptions are expected for the rest of the project. Weather permitting, construction should be fully complete in approximately 4 to 6 weeks. We appreciate your patience through this critical project and apologize for any inconvenience to you.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES AT CITY HALL SINCE MAY 2015

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| 7/15/2015 | City Administrator Rick Beverlin, resigned to accept a position in League City, Texas |
| 8/5/2015 | Ron Cox hired as Interim City Administrator by unanimous vote of City Council |
| 9/2/2015 | Ron Cox submits reorganized City Hall staff chart to City Council. Council votes unanimously to approve (Chart on page 3) |
| 10/8/2015 | City Secretary Barbara Roberts resigned to accept a position in League City |
| 11/18/2015 | Council unanimously approves Carlene Neeley as Interim City Secretary |
| 11/18/2015 | Ron Cox introduces Nick Haby as new Community Services Director (Over codes, ordinances, permitting and Public Works) |
| 11/18/2015 | Council unanimously approves Wendy Ellis as City Administrator and Director of Economic Development |
| 3/2/2016 | Council unanimously approves Carolyn Anderson as City Secretary |

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CITY STAFF



| ADMINISTRATION | SERVICE |
|--------------------|---------|
| Ismael Alcocer | 1 y 8 m |
| Carolyn E Anderson | 0 y 1 m |
| Shelly Crider | 1 y 7 m |
| Ana M Davis | 0 y 6 m |
| Wendy A Ellis | 0 y 3 m |
| D. Nick Haby | 0 y 4 m |
| Carlene A Neeley | 0 y 9 m |
| James Thompson | 1 y 0 m |



| PUBLIC WORKS | SERVICE |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Roel Amador | 2 y 11 m |
| Evedo O Guerrero | 24 y 10 m |
| Charles T Linton II | 1 y 1 m |
| D. Richard Loftis | 11 y 5 m |
| Brian A Manis | 28 y 0 m |
| Eduardo Vasquez | 17 y 10 m |

| MUNICIPAL COURT | SERVICE |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Melissa A Chilcote | 4 y 9 m |
| Kerri M Foley | 0 y 8 m |
| Jeana R Preston | 14 y 11 m |
| Miles M Whittington | 1 y 4 m |



| POLICE DEPARTMENT | SERVICE |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Jerry G Barmore | 17 y 4 m |
| Connie F Biela | 13 y 8 m |
| Kerri Cook | 0 y 10 m |
| Stacey L Ellis | 7 y 5 m |
| Kelly K Head | 25 y 6 m |
| James C Heard | 16 y 1 m |
| Mark D Hinson | 13 y 11 m |
| Robert Kelly | 3 y 1 m |
| Gary Kraatz | 12 y 10 m |
| T. Wayne Lockett | 9 y 6 m |
| Amy K Mcguire | 6 y 8 m |
| James T Melton | 21 y 1 m |
| J. Michael Mericle | 8 y 0 m |
| P. Carl Nunn Jr | 17 y 3 m |
| Martha E Petit | 17 y 10 m |
| Darryl W Phelps | 0 y 1 m |
| Marco A Ramonda | 0 y 4 m |
| Gregory L Rikard | 16 y 11 m |
| Amy L Seaton | 5 y 11 m |
| Alonzo Soza | 6 y 3 m |
| Justin C Staton | 1 y 6 m |
| Bennett R Thomas | 11 y 12 m |
| Ana S Tims | 1 y 6 m |
| James P Tullis, Jr | 12 y 9 m |
| Marcus D Way | 4 y 12 m |
| Anna M Whelan | 2 y 8 m |
| Leslie A Williams | 5 y 9 m |



City of Kemah Easter Eggstravaganza



Mark Your Calendars!

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| Early Voting | 4/25-29/16 8 am – 7 pm; 5/2-3/16 7 am – 7 pm |
| Election Day | 5/7/16 7 am – 7 pm |
| KCPAAA Cops and Crawfish | 4/16/16 11 am – 2 pm |
| Kemah Triathlon | 4/23/2016 5:30 am – 10:00 am; 4/24/2016 4:00 am – 11:30 am |
| Keels and Wheels | 4/23/2016 10 am – 5 pm 4/24/2016 9 am – 4 pm |
| Blessing of the Fleet | 4/30/2016 Gumbo Cook-off ; 5/1/2016 Boat Parade 1:15 pm |

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