



From the Desk of the Mayor

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Greetings everyone. I hope you and your family are enjoying the summer. We are extremely fortunate as Kemah residents that we can enjoy Kemah Boardwalk fireworks Friday nights in June and July and boating and water related activities all season. How lucky are we?

My last newsletter was in April, so I wanted to update you on recent events and upcoming events. On May 7th, our City held elections for three City Council positions, three positions for the Water Board WCID#12, and Proposition 1 to change our form of City government. Election results have been posted on our City website www.kemah-tx.com, but I wanted to update all residents of the election results also in the newsletter.

KEMAH CITY COUNCIL

Position 1	*Teresa Vazquez-Evans	71.12%
	Marianne Creely	28.8%
Position 3	*Kyle Burks	Unopposed
Position 5	Cathy Bowen	34.06%
	* Matt Wiggins	65.94%

WCID #12

	Ed Linck	14.21%
*Nancy McDonald		14.99%
	R.W. "Bill" Kerber	13.05%
*Peyton Lumpkin		22.74%
	Paul Williams	10.85%
*Doug Meisinger		19.77%
	Sheila Thorne	4.39%

Proposition 1 to change our form of City Government - 20.90% for and ***79.10% against**

I want to thank everyone who exercised their right to vote. New City Council members were sworn in at the City Council meeting on May 18th. Water Board WCID#12 installed newly elected members on June 13th. All bodies are now in place along with KCDC and committed to working together to form "Team Kemah". We will work together as a team to move our City forward.

Earlier this year, students at Stewart Elementary competed in a "Mayor for a Day" essay contest writing about what they would do if they could be Mayor of Kemah for a day. The prize winning entry would be given the opportunity to meet Mayor Joiner and join the staff for a normal day of conducting the business of the City.

The contestants were treated to lunch in the school's library with the Mayor as he announced the winner. Kelsie Villareal wrote the winning essay for this year's competition including her own digital campaign slogan. Kelsie received the honor of sitting with the Mayor and Council members at a recent council meeting. She was presented a special proclamation and her term as Mayor was served on April 21.

Our Kemah Volunteer Fire Department held their annual awards banquet on May 22nd. Dinner was served at Opus Restaurant and awards were given. Fire Chief Brent Hahn recognized all of the Kemah Firefighters for their dedication and years of service. In addition, Assistant Chief Steve Ruthstrom was awarded "Officer of the Year

City Council



Mayor for a Day



Fire Fighter Awards



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for 2015” voted on by all of the members. Firefighter Kyle Reiss was awarded the “Top Responder”, the Chief’s Award chosen by the Chief and “Firefighter of the Year 2015” voted on by all the members.

The Mayor, City Council and City Hall staff met on June 6 for a orientation workshop retreat. It was attended by all and led by Mr. Ron Cox of Ron Cox Consulting.

June 12th was the Miss Kemah and Miss Kemah Teen pageant held at University of Houston – Clear Lake. Miss Nancy Gonzalez was crowned Miss Kemah for 2016-2017. Miss Skylar Bantz was crowned Miss Kemah Teen 2016-2017. These beautiful and talented young ladies will represent our City for the coming year. Congratulations to them!! These young ladies will be at the Community Center on July 4th. Come out and meet them!

Also, many thanks to Kemah resident Kelly Williams, Associate Director and Denise O’Brian Director of the Miss Kemah/ Miss Kemah Teen Pageant that produces this professional event that highlights our City around the State of Texas. We are proud of last year’s Miss Kemah Ligia De Uriarte who won 1st runner up at the Miss Texas pageant and our Miss Kemah Teen Karlie Hay who took home the prize of Miss Texas Teen last year! Karlie will now compete in Las Vegas this month for the Miss USA Teen pageant! We wish her the best of luck!

June 22nd a community meeting for all was held at the Kemah Community Center to get resident feedback on the future direction for our City. It was titled “Building Kemah’s Future”. This resident input is crucial to forming a strategic plan for the future of our City. Mr. Ron Cox of Ron Cox Consulting led the meeting for our City. Over 50 people participated, but if you missed the event, please email me with any input you may have on the future of our City. Let’s all work together to move Kemah forward!!

An Emergency Management Awareness meeting was held for the community on June 25th at the Kemah Community Center. Police Chief Greg Rikard, Fire Chief Brent Hahn and Kemah Police Academy President Les Hart conducted the meeting to try to prepare our residents on the emergency procedures in case of another hurricane or other natural event to affect our City.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next big event is the annual 4th festivities. Please join us at 9:30 for the children’s parade, 10:00 regular parade and Community social at 11:00 at the Kemah Community Center. Residents will be offered a free lunch provided by The Kemah Boardwalk and HEB. We also will be having face painting and other activities. Shawna Reid, Bill Minak, Betty Conrad, Kelley Dawson, Colene Joiner, our City Administrator Wendy Ellis and the Kemah Boardwalk are working hard to make this a fun family event. We hope to see you there.

UPDATES

I would like to update everyone on several topics of interest. The first is the recent traffic headaches. Many residents have been caught up in some unusually horrendous traffic this last month due to the traffic light at 146 and 518 malfunctioning. I want to assure everyone that our City Engineer Jimmy Thompson has been in contact with TXDOT and is working to correct this situation.

Also, Bayshore Drive concrete paving project has been completed. I hope all of the residents on that street think the finished product was worth the terrible inconvenience they faced. We are slowly getting to the point where all streets in Kemah will be in excellent condition.

Ms Kemah and Ms Kemah Teen



Building Kemah’s Future



Business Alliance



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Last topic is the schedule for Hwy 146 expansion project. It is scheduled to begin late 2018 with a 2 1/2 year construction schedule.

BUSINESS ALLIANCE

The City sponsored Kemah Business Alliance met on April 22 for a presentation on social media conducted by Ms. Sheila Scarborough. The presentation was titled "Why, How & WIIFM – Sensible Social Media". The event was well attended by Kemah businesses.

NEIGHBOR NEWS

Barb and Bill Drummer's grandson Ben graduated from Marquette University Law School!

Marcus Abate, son of Nicola Abate and Manisha Chandalia recently graduated from Clear Falls High School and has been accepted to MIT!

Thea Lockett was recently honored with a prestigious "Service Award" by the National Athletic Trainer's Association in Baltimore, Maryland!

KEMAH KRONIES

Kemah Kronies will be having their Coffee and Donuts get together on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at the Community Center. A birthday luncheon is held at various restaurants once a month and was held at Sundance Grill on June 21st with 3 birthdays to celebrate. Their monthly pot luck luncheon has been canceled for the summer. Look for it to start again in September. Everyone (especially if you are over 50) is welcome to join them. Call Lee Streater (281) 538-1048 for information.

KEMAH CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (KCPAAA)

The KCPAAA is proud to announce that the proceeds from their Cops & Crawfish event enabled their group to purchase new boots for all the officers and jackets for the police dispatchers.

They want everyone to know that they will be joining the City of Kemah Police Department for their annual National Night Out on October 4th this year. It is a great way to meet the officer's who serve our City. Mark your calendars!.

SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Here is updated contact information for the neighborhood volunteers who have agreed to be a voice for your neighborhoods to City Hall. Please contact your neighborhood volunteers with any issues you may have. Things can get done!

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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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JULY 4 TH CELEBRATION

City of Kemah July 4th Parade



Monday July 4th - Kemah Lighthouse District

Kids' Parade 9:30 am

Main Parade 10:00 am



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