



From the Desk of the Mayor



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Can you believe it? It is now officially fall. Ten years ago this September 13th, we survived Hurricane Ike. Last year in August, we survived Hurricane Harvey. Although our Hurricane season has luckily been good to us this year, our year will be remembered for surviving the mosquitos. September was a horrible month for mosquitos. We all suffered. Galveston County is responsible for spraying for the pests, but the City of Kemah is one of the cities that provides backup spraying. It was nearly impossible to keep up with all the rain we had. I want to thank Nick Haby, Community Services Director and our Public Works Department for handling all our citizen calls and spraying our City the best we could.

Speaking of heavy rains, we learned a lot from Hurricane Harvey and hope we can correct drainage in Kemah to handle the rains of another Hurricane similar to Harvey. One thing we learned from Harvey was the importance of communication with our citizens during a weather crisis. Our City's Kemah Blackboard Connect communication system gave us the opportunity to get the most up to date information out to everyone as soon as we received it. If you have not signed up yet for this, please go to the bottom of the main page on our City's website to get more information about signing up for this service. Besides weather information, we can communicate with you quickly about important city business. If you have any trouble signing up, please call City Hall and they will be happy to help you.

On September 19th, Kemah City Council passed our 2018/2019 City budget which began October 1st. Our general fund revenue is projected to be \$5,192,443 and our general fund expenditures are projected to be \$4,895,494. This leaves our City with a nice cushion to add to our fund

balance. The new tax rate will be \$0.202838. The tax rate when I took office as Mayor was \$0.265545. Kemah is debt free, and we work hard to keep approximately 12 months of reserve in our fund balance.

I am excited to announce that our City Hall addition/renovation project is in the punch list phase. We will have a Holiday Open House in December so all our citizens can see our new facilities. With this new addition/renovation, it will allow our police, municipal court and our city staff to more efficiently serve our city.

City Council will be reviewing capital improvement projects for 2019. Our main project will be Anders Lane Widening, Paving and Drainage. This continues to move slowly unfortunately due to our request for FEMA funds to pay for the drainage component of the project.

Bel Road extension is scheduled to start by the end of this year. This project is being partially funded through the 2017 Galveston County Bond, and a groundbreaking will soon be planned. A traffic light is planned at Bel Road and SH146 as part of the SH146 expansion. This intersection will make a huge difference in mobility for all citizens during the construction of SH146.

In September, we have had two successful super neighborhood meetings in South Kemah and Kemah Oaks. I want to thank Ciria Rybicki for organizing the South Kemah event and offering her beautiful facility. Thanks also go to Thea Lockett for organizing our Kemah Oaks event. This is a great way to have one on one communication with me, City Staff, the Police Chief, and Fire Chief and ask your important questions.

Existing Council Chambers



Renovated Council Chambers



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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Lieutenant Carl Nunn graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in September as a member of class 273. This prestigious command college is 10 weeks long and is attended by police executives from all over the world. Our own Chief of Police graduated from this class in 2002.

Congratulations to Sergeant Jerry Barmore for receiving the League City Regional Chamber of Commerce Patriot Award. He was presented his award at their September 14th award luncheon.

We want to welcome a new Kemah Police Officer Jarrod Morgan. Officer Morgan comes to Kemah from the Harris County Sheriff's Department and is a Clear Lake resident.

Upcoming is the "Trunk or Treat" Halloween night event that the police officers organize as a way to keep our kids safe at Halloween. It will be held in the Visitors Center Parking lot at 604 Bradford Ave beginning at 6 pm on Oct 31. Please plan to bring the whole family.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

With the Ross Grand Opening this summer, the Shoppes at Kemah are operating at full strength. They have been a welcomed addition to the community and to this point have met or exceeded the financial projections for the economic impact to our city. The Highway 146 expansion bid has been awarded by TXDOT and there is much work taking place. However, most of it is still happening behind the scenes, and physical signs of the effort will not begin to be visible until after the first of the year. On Nov 7th, we will attend the BAHEP Real Estate Developer event to promote our vacant properties available for new construction. As WCID continues with progress on expanding the amount of water they can provide and waste water they can service, we continue our work with property owners and developers looking at a variety of properties in the area. As always, it is a great time to be in Kemah, Texas!

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Lt Carl Nunn at the FBI Academy



Sergeant Jerry Barmore receives the Patriot Award



Ross Grand Opening



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KEMAH CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

KCPAAA invited Dr. Roy Alston, Major with the Dallas Police Department to speak at their August meeting and ice cream social. He was very informative.

KEMAH FIRE DEPARTMENT

October is Fire Prevention Month and the Kemah Fire Department will be very busy with many special programs to keep our residents, schoolchildren and businesses safe from fires.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to serve our community. If you have any questions about volunteering, please call or email our station to learn how to join our team.

Kemah Fire Department appreciates the continued support from the citizens we proudly serve.

KEMAH KRONIES

The September birthday luncheon was held at Lone Star Grill. It was very well attended. The coffee and donut meeting on the 20th and the Pot Luck luncheon on the 25th were both held at the Kemah Community Center. It was decided that the October Birthday luncheon will be held at Maggiano's Restaurant at the Baybrook Mall. Call Lee Streater at (281) 538-1048 for more information about joining this fun group.

NEIGHBOR NEWS

Congratulations to Scott Shultz and Kim Plante who got married on September 15th!

Anne Gordy, Janice Alexander, Kathy Gray and friends recently took a 7 day Royal Caribbean cruise to celebrate Anne's big birthday.

Roger and Collette Schumacher had a fun vacation to Biloxi and Pensacola visiting family and hanging out at the beach this summer.

Sad news to report the passing of long time Kemah resident Irma Carrillo. Our thoughts go out to her son Jose and all her family.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Kimberly & Jino Thomas, Gary Harper, Carol Proctor, Sheana Bell, Jessica Heller, and James Lancaster.

TEAM KEMAH



Your "Team Kemah" includes the City Staff, Public Works, Kemah Police Department, Kemah Fire Department, WCID #12, Kemah Community Development Corporation, Kemah City Council, and me as Mayor. We are here to serve you!

Let's continue to work together to keep Kemah a great place to live, work and play!

*Feel free to email me with questions and/or concerns:
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Thanks again for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor!

*Carl A. Joiner
Mayor, City of Kemah*

National Night Out



KCPAAA Guest Speaker Dr. Roy Alston

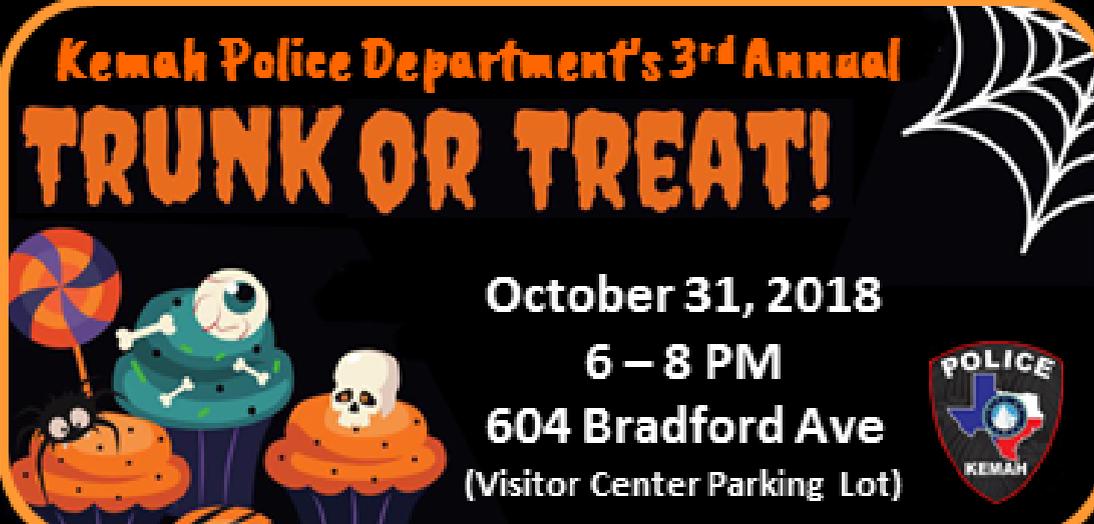


KCPAAA Ice Cream Social



Kemah Police Department's 3rd Annual
TRUNK OR TREAT!

October 31, 2018
6 – 8 PM
604 Bradford Ave
(Visitor Center Parking Lot)



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