



From the Desk of the Mayor



October 2016 Carl A. Joiner

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4th of July in Kemah was a fun family day. The parade was successful and I want to thank Shawna Reid and her team for organizing a great parade and community center event. We had a great turnout for the food and festivities. Thanks again to the Boardwalk and T-Bone Tom's for their generous donations!

Pokemon came to Kemah in August for a Pokemon GO event. Councilman Kyle Burks dreamed up this idea and within one month, he and his team including Wendy Ellis, Shawna Reed, Kelley Dawson and others put everything together. Kyle even volunteered to spend most of the day in the dunking booth! What devotion to Kemah! I think this first ever event was a great success.

Recently, the results of the City wide strategic planning evening that was held June 22nd were released. Citizen's from all of our 6 distinctive neighborhoods and our Kemah businesses shared round table discussions with their respective neighborhoods. They discussed our strength's, weaknesses, and the future vision of our City. Then everyone was given a chance to prioritize their choices. The results are shown in the table at the right.

A Total of 200 votes were cast that evening. These results are now being used for future planning for our City.

October 1st begins our new 2016/2017 fiscal year (FY). For over two 2 months we have worked on the budget for 2016-2017 that will fund the City. The September 28th City Council meeting voted to approve our budget and tax rate. Our total general fund revenue projected for FY 2016/2017 is \$6,800,845 with total projected general fund expenditures of \$6,777,869. This leaves the City with a cushion for unforeseen expenses.

Priority	Number of Votes
Economic Development	24 votes
Traffic/Parking/Noise	22 votes
Increase Fresh /Potable Water supply	21 votes
Drainage	20 votes
Road Widening – Anders/Lawrence	14 votes
Code Cleanup and Enforcement	14 votes
City Pier/Access to the Bay	12 votes
Parking/Pedestrian Access/Directional Signage	11 votes
Parks Master Plan	9 votes
Communication	8 votes
Stop Light at Bel or Cien	6 votes
Sidewalks	5 votes
Signage	5 votes
Grow Tax Base	4 votes
Improve Parks	4 votes
Citizen safety/security	3 votes
Low Taxes	3 votes
Hurricane Preparedness	3 votes
Community Involvement	3 votes
Beautification of the City	2 votes
Marketing/Business Development	2 votes
Emergency Services	2 votes
Animal Services	1 vote
City Property Purchases	1 vote
Family Oriented Evening Activities	1 vote
Improve City Government/Citizens /Community Relations	0 votes
Organized Business Alliance	0 votes

4th of July



4TH OF July photos courtesy of Waliakbar Muhammad

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I am happy to report that we were also able to reduce property taxes for all citizens. Our current property tax has been \$0.254011, which is the 2nd lowest property tax rate for all of Galveston County! We were able to reduce the approved rate for FY 2016-2017 to \$0.219214. Besides the 2nd lowest property tax in Galveston County, our City is totally debt free, and we have approximately \$7.5 million reserve funds. We are in excellent financial shape!

Capital Projects to be funded during 2016/2017:

- Downtown Revitalization
- Revitalization and Beautification of the City Parking Lot
- New Public Bathrooms located at the Kemah School House
- City Hall Renovation and Addition
- Computer and Audio Visual Upgrades for the City Hall and Community Center
- Park Improvements at Cien, Foster, pocket parks and the 57 acre park
- 57 acre park will be renamed Kemah Nature Facility
- Community Entrance Signs
- Turn Lane on 518 at Kemah Village
- Anders Road Widening
- Drainage and paving work on Meadow Lane in Bayview Acres
- Drainage in West Kemah
- Bel Road Extension Design and Construction

KEMAH CLEAN UP

The City is planning on a citywide clean up day for residents. Mark your calendars for October 22, from 8 am to Noon. We will have trash containers and an eWaste Recycling truck at the City Hall parking lot. We will also be participating in National Drug Take Back Day. More details are on the back page of this newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am proud to announce that our own 2016 Miss Kemah Nancy Gonzalez has won the Miss Texas 2017 pageant!! We are so proud of her! She competed with 90 young ladies from all over Texas for the state crown! She wore our Miss Kemah banner in this live web-stream event September 3rd through the 5th at the Houston Hilton Post Oak pageant.

In addition, our 2015 Miss Kemah Teen Karlie Hay went on to win Miss Teen USA in Las Vegas and was crowned in August. Ms. Denise O'Brien and Kemah's Ms. Kelly Williams produce this Miss Kemah pageant. It is truly professional and successful.

Kemah Police Officer Ana Tims won her division in the "Battle of the Badges" boxing event on September 10th. The battle includes surrounding police departments competing against surrounding fire departments. Way to go Ana! You made Kemah proud!

Kemah's Mr. Mark Kane, Divisional Vice-President of the Amusement Division of Landry's, has taken a job with Six Flags Organization. His new title will be President of their China Initiative. Mark and his wife Kim have been a huge asset to Kemah. Mark has served as a board member of our Kemah Community Development Corporation for 5 years and has always had our City's best interests at heart. Recently, we declared September 7th Mark Kane Day in Kemah and awarded him with a proclamation from the City. We wish Mark and Kim the best in their new adventure!

KEMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Kemah Police Department is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat Event on Halloween (Monday, October 31) from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. It is being held at the Visitors Center Parking Lot at 6th and Bradford.

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Pokemon GO



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They also are accepting applications for another Citizens Police Academy class starting in January 2017. Please call KCPAAA President Les Hart at (281) 206-5660 or Detective Wayne Lockett at 281-334-5414 if you would like to sign up.

KEMAH KRONIES

The Kronies met at Tookies Seafood September 20th for September birthdays and had a Hawaiian Pot luck luncheon at Dorothy Norman's home on September 27th. The Kronies are a social group that gets together 3 – 4 times per month. Anyone wanting to join should call Lee Streater (281)538-1048

KEMAH CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (KCPAAA)

KCPAAA will be assisting the Kemah Police Department in conducting National Night Out on October 4th at the Kemah Community Center from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. There will be food, vision checks from the Kemah Lions club, and many other activities.

NEIGHBOR NEWS

Milestone Birthday coming up November 9th for former first lady JoAnn Blackledge

Longtime Kemah resident Virginia Bova passed away in August. Our condolences go to her family which includes former Kemah City Secretary Kathy Pierce.

Nick Haby and his wife, Shanna, recently welcomed a new baby girl. She joins big brother Carson. Nick is the Community Services Director for Kemah.

I want to ask you to extend a Kemah welcome to our new August and September residents :

Steve and Elaine McGough, Warren Treptow, Tomi and Joseph Wilson, Jesus Tiejo, Alan Monroe, Donna Morel, Colette King, Chris and Michelle Mitchell, Gina McGown and Bobby Kimberly.

TEAM KEMAH



Your "Team Kemah" includes the City Staff Wendy Ellis, Carolyn Anderson, Ana Davis, Shelly Crider, Carlene Neeley, Nick Haby, Jimmy Thompson, Melissa Chilcote, Margaret Vargas, Public Works, Kemah Police Department, Kemah City Council, and me. We are here to serve you!

*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*

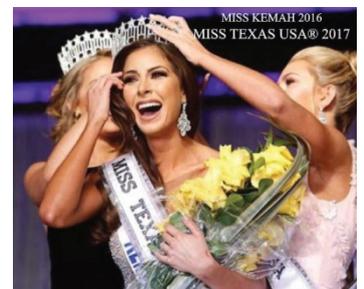
Joint Council/KCDC Workshop



Mark Kane



Miss Kemah



1st Annual Kemah Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 22, 2016

8 a.m. to Noon

Kemah City Hall – 1401 Hwy 146



Examples of Acceptable Items:

Tree Limbs (bundled, < 4 ft long, <50 pounds)
Old appliances (NO Freon)
Old Hot Water Heaters
Old Furniture, wood, metal, plastic and “Bulk” trash
Personal Computers, Printers, Toner/Ink cartridges, Hard Drives
Satellite Equipment
Batteries: NiCad batteries, Lead Acid (UPS) Laptop
Batteries, Cell Phone batteries, Car batteries
BUT No Alkaline batteries
Telephones/Cell Phones
TV’s (up to 27” only) and Radios

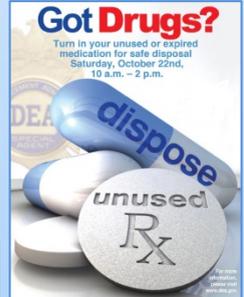
**Hard drives and data storage devices are securely packed and wiped/shredded. All electronic waste handling is R2:2013 Certified (Responsible Electronics Recycling Practices)*

A perfect chance to dispose of

- Bulk Trash Items
- Electronic “E-waste” *
- Expired or unused drugs

Items NOT Accepted:

Medical/Biohazard Waste
Commercial/Construction waste
Household Hazardous Waste, including paint, oil, tires and alkaline batteries
Mercury devices including fluorescent light bulbs



Event Sponsors



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