



From the Desk of the Mayor

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I hope everyone is enjoying a fun summer so far. It is hard to believe July 4th is almost here. A lot of exciting things have been happening in your City since my last newsletter so I am anxious to update everyone!

We have completed several of our recent capital improvement projects. Our new City parking lot is nearly finished. Our new air conditioned public bathrooms are also complete. These are a welcomed addition to our City! The public gathering lawn is also finished and we hope to have family movie night and many other community events in this area.

Several upcoming projects are in the design phase. These include downtown pedestrian walkways, improvements on 6th street and on Bradford, a left hand turn lane off of FM 518 for the residents of Kemah Village, Bel road extension, City Hall expansion, and renovations and widening of Anders Lane.

Another exciting update for Kemah is the fact that House Bill 2445 was passed during the recent legislative session. This Bill will allow Kemah to collect state sales tax, Hotel Occupancy Tax and beverage tax for a period of 10 years on an area within 1000 feet of a Hotel and Conference Center. Having a new center could be a game changer for our City!

The new Shoppes at Kemah is now under construction west of Wal-Mart. This center will add a Petco, Ross, Marshalls, Ulta Cosmetics, Rackroom Shoes, and a few others to our shopping venues in town. Completion is expected spring/early summer 2018.

We want to welcome our new "Team Kemah" staff

member Brenda Miller-Ferguson who has joined our City staff. Her title is Director of Communications, Human Resources and Special Projects. She joins our staff with an impressive resume, and we are very fortunate to have her. Stop by City Hall and welcome her.

Part of Brenda's job is to work on the City sponsored events. I want to thank her, Shawna Reid and Wendy Ellis and their committee for planning this year's "Star Spangled Kemah" 4th of July activities. The committee and local businesses - including Art of Coffee, Bakkhus, Kemah Boardwalk, Kemah Coach, Lone Star Beer, Skallywags, Stuttgarden, and T-Bone Tom's - have planned 5 days of family filled events and fireworks for our City. The fun starts on Friday night June 30th and ends with the fireworks on July 4th. Please plan on attending the 4th of July parade and the community social afterwards on the 4th. Our parade grand marshals this year will be Barry and Melissa Terrell. They are owners of Kemah's own T-Bone Tom's. They give back so much to our City and are very deserving of this honor!

We also want to welcome to "Team Kemah" Miss Kemah 2017, Stephanie Ludwig, and Miss Kemah Teen 2017, Bryn Carden. The pageant was held June 11th. They will be signing autographs at the Community Center after the 4th of July parade. Thanks go to Kemah's own Kelly Williams and Denise O'Brian for another professional pageant!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

I want to thank West Kemah Super Neighborhood Volunteers Wali Muhammad and Chris Doyle in addition

Brenda Miller-Ferguson



Parking Lot Construction Sign



The Shoppes at Kemah



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to Councilwoman Wanda Zimmer for organizing West Kemah's Community Outreach "Chat with the Mayor" event on June 27th. Another thank you to Wali for taking professional pictures of the Installation of Mayor and Council event!

Kemah Oak's Home Owners Association President Debi Hart invited Colene and me to attend their neighborhood Knock Out Block Party Saturday, May 20th. It was a fun family event with a crawfish boil and pool party. Crawfish cookers Scott Schultz and Reese Lockett did an outstanding job. It was so popular that Cory Menor had to make an emergency run for more crawfish! Travis Van Haven handled smoked pulled pork and hot dogs. Neighbors also brought a lot of side dishes. Colene and I had fun!

The Kemah Business Alliance held their recent meeting June 15th. They discussed how the 4th of July activities and traffic might affect Kemah businesses. The Kemah Police Department attended and handed out their traffic plan for the 5 days of events.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Kemah Police Department has had a busy few months. Lieutenant James Heard has been promoted to Assistant Chief of the Department. They have hired Justin Westberg as a new police officer giving the City 18 full time police officers. Officer Lockett will soon complete the training and testing to become a Crime Prevention Specialist. Upon completion, he will be able to offer inspection services free of charge to local businesses and residents. Officer Alex Torres recently graduated with a Master's Degree for the University of Houston. Officer Bennett Thomas recently assisted a suicidal person to get to the hospital for treatment. Sergeant Marcus Way arrested a burglar in the middle of the night in Kemah

Oaks subdivision. In the last 30 days, the Police Department received commendations for the great work of Officers Ana Tims, Justin Staton, Alex Torres and Darryl Phelps as well as Dispatcher Kelly Head! This has never happened before, and we are proud of them. Way to go Team Kemah Police!

The Department has also been conducting community events "Coffee with Cops". The June 17th event was held at Kemah's own "The Art of Coffee" and had a great turnout. This is an excellent chance to get to know your Kemah Police Department. The next "Coffee with Cops" will be at City Hall on July 15th from 8:00 am – 9:30 am. Bring your kids and get them fingerprinted.

KEMAH CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The newest class of Citizens Police Academy graduates were awarded their certificates April 18th and became members of KCPAAA. This was the biggest class in quite a while. Local business owners Joe and JoAnna Wilson were recent graduates. They graciously donated the \$3,360 proceeds from a rifle raffle to the KCPAAA to supplement earnings from the April "Cops and Crawfish" fundraising event.

KEMAH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department held their annual awards banquet on April 23rd. Fire Chief Hahn presented awards to his fire fighters and an additional "Certificate of Appreciation" to the City of Kemah.

KEMAH KRONIES

The Kronies had their Birthday luncheon on June 7th to celebrate members Jack, Larry, and Leslie. They will meet at Sylvia and Lee Streater's home July 6th at 9:30 a.m.

Miss Kemah 2017 and Miss
Kemah Teen 2017



Assistant Chief Heard
Ceremony



Tim Miller (Texas Equusearch)
with Volunteers for
Keith's Kemah Bay Day



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NEIGHBOR NEWS

Jodie Manuel participated in the Kemah Boardwalk's Texas Say What Youth Tobacco Summit. She is the daughter of Michael and Julie Morreale-Manuel.

Boardwalk Fudge's owner Sandra Williams recently won the Texas Tea & Travel's Woman of the Year. She and Stan have a grandson Tanner who was recently drafted by the Texas Rangers.

Pepper Coffey recently announced that she is about to be a first time Grandma! Her daughter Candace and son-in-law Joe are expecting.

Robin Collins was recently recognized with a "Making a Difference Award" from the Galveston County Master Gardener Program.

Councilman Kyle Burks and his wife Steffi recently announced they are expecting Baby #3: Logan Troeger Burks, due November 10, 2017.

Doug Meisinger was recently appointed to the Executive Board of the Bay Area Alliance

NEW NEIGHBORS

Please help me welcome our newest residents. Karen Tisdell, Tom Case, David and Zozie Smith and Jordan, Kirk and Crystal Tendall, Michelle Frank, Gerald Gugerty, Ron Greenroad, William Cody Hawes, Charles Stillman, Crystal Collins-Clark, Justin and Kayla Staton, Jeremy Hudson, Johanna Montelongo, Wendy Hutchinson, Jennifer Grande, Christy Williams, and William Mielsehi, Jr.

TEAM KEMAH



Your "Team Kemah" includes the City Staff, Wendy Ellis, Brenda Miller-Ferguson, Melissa Chilcote, Nick Haby, Jimmy Thompson, Ana Arevalo, Shelly Crider, Carlene Neeley, Margaret Vargas, 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!

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Mayor, City of Kemah

**Reminder:
Fireworks are illegal in Galveston County.
That includes our City of Kemah!**

Chief Hahn and Fire Department Awards



Citizens Police Academy Graduation



Cops and Crawfish





1401 Hwy 146
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STAR SPANGLED KEMAH

20 MUSIC 17 CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAY, JULY 2

6th) Bayside Street (Bash

FEATURING
5:00pm Rapture
7:30pm Abbi Walker

MONDAY, JULY 3

LONE STAR BlockParty
Presented by Lone Star Beer

FEATURING
5:00pm Bri Bagwell
7:30pm Jack Ingram

5 NIGHTS OF FIREWORKS

STAR SPANGLED KEMAH . COM

KEMAH
LONE STAR STAR BAR
TOP STAR ENTERTAINMENT

Jack Ingram
Bri Bagwell
Abbi Walker

City funding for this event is from Hotel Occupancy Taxes and
Kemah Community Development Corporation