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Annual Fall Feast Serves AP Residents

Many Thanks To Butterchurn Restaurant, The Women's Club, APISD, The Lion's Club, The Rotary Club, Hope's Creations And All Those Who Helped

On November 18th, the City held its annual Fall Feast where a free turkey dinner is offered to Aransas Pass residents. 2021 marks the 8th year this community service has been provided. The event is the City's holiday gift to its residents. This year, it was decided to hold the event for AP residents only. Cost was a big factor in making that decision. In years past, the event was open to everyone, regardless of where they lived. Because of that change, there were fewer people to serve. This provided an opportunity to offer all of the excess thanksgiving dinners to organizations needing food assistance.



Turkey Dinners From The City Given To Seniors.

On November 19th, Live Oak Village, Senior Community Apartments received well over 100 Thanksgiving Turkey dinners from the City of Aransas Pass. These individually packaged meals were left over from the November 18th annual Fall Feast. The proper storage and distribution of the food began the night of the event and continued into the next day by Community Enrichment Director, Kaylynn Paxon and Jennifer Stacy. Seen above is Ishmael with the senior center.



Mayor Gomez Honored at EDC Banquet

Mayors in San Patricio County were honored at the annual San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation banquet. One of the honorees was Aransas Pass Mayor Ramiro Gomez. Pictured below are Mayor Gomez (L) and SPC Economic Development Director Adam Gawarecki. The San Patricio County Mayors were recognized for their contributions to local economic development.

City Property Provided Filming Locations For A Movie

During November, Thunderbird Films with Chipancy, LLC used the AP library (see pics above and below) and the City Jail as locations to film a movie titled "Only The Good Survive". About 40 to 50 film people were on site at each place. The movie company scouted the sites well ahead of the scheduled "shoots" and found that they met their needs. The City Council had to approve a location agreement with the company prior to filming.



Before and After

Below are before and after pics of the Aransas Pass Christmas Tree. This annual project is possible because of the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Ram Gomez assisted with the tree. Because it is located at the Aransas Pass traffic median, the tree is seen by thousands of holiday travelers each year.



Community Health Comes to Aransas Pass

After over a year of work by many people and organizations, the Amistad Community Health Center is expanding to Aransas Pass. During a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 16th (see pic below of Councilwoman Jan Moore speaking at the event), the City was recognized for its role in helping to bring Amistad here. The health organization also has clinics in Corpus Christi and Robstown. A large billboard on Wheeler currently is advertising the AP office. Starting with Pediatrics, the facility, which is located next door to the former hospital, will later expand to other medical services. In addition to Councilmember Moore, Councilmember Carrie Scruggs also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Project Update

The City of Aransas Pass has been working on a \$10 Mil CDBG-DR grant it received. Because of the size of the grant, we are able to address several projects. A report on each is given in a November 18th memo by Public Works Director Fernando Quintanilla to City Manager Gary Edwards

Gary,
Here are the updates on the CDBG-DR Projects

Stapp/McCampbell Drainage Project: Contractor mobilized to start portion of McCampbell while they wait for the easement on Houston to be cleared by GLO. Upon starting at the new section, they hit a main water line that was not known to exist by anyone. Staff was able to fix the break by 6:00 pm that night. The discovered water line appears to be in conflict with the proposed storm system at that intersection. Working with Contractor and Engineer to address the issue. Contractor continues to work on McCampbell south toward Blossom street while the easement is being processed by GLO.

Wehring/Wheeler Sewer Project: Contractor has completed both projects and is working on all closeout documents. Final invoice will not be paid until all required documents have been received by the City and Grant Works.

Deberry/Saunders/Greenwood Storm Project: Project was awarded to Gerke Excavating on Monday, November 16th by Council. Pre Construction meetings will be held after Thanksgiving Holiday. Contracts should be signed by December with all required bonds and insurance paperwork with construction to start in January.

Highland/Johnson and South 13th/Wilson/Nelson Storm Projects: Design is complete and under review by engineers. City Staff should receive them after Thanksgiving for internal review before bidding them out. Projects should be bidding out in December or Early January due to holidays with construction to start in late February.

Let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks,
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NEW DOCK AT CONN BROWN HARBOR

A new dock at Conn Brown Harbor is completed. Located next to the boat ramps, the new Dock replaces one that was rotting and had become a liability to the City. Overseeing the work to completion was Harbor Director, Jack McCarty.

