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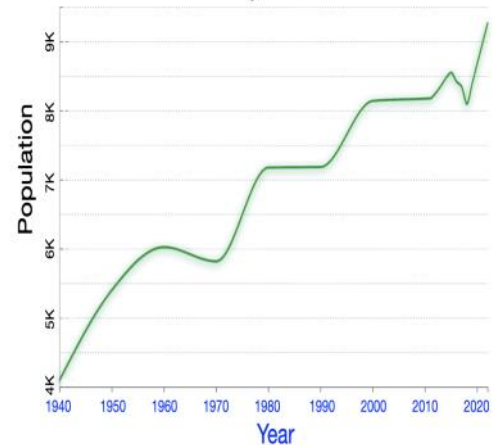
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## Panhandling Signs To Be Placed In Aransas Pass

At the Cleveland Blvd.—Wheeler Ave. intersection and other locations in town, you undoubtedly have seen people using handheld signs asking motorists to give them money. The City regularly receives complaints about the street solicitors. Another group of citizens have pointed out with their own signs why giving money to the panhandlers is not a good thing. On the other hand, because of court decisions, the City of Aransas Pass is limited in what it can do to restrict panhandling. However, while not prohibiting the solicitations, we can install signs at the panhandling locations reminding motorists that there are established groups in town that need donations. The signs, similar to what you see in the picture below, also will have a URL emblem that will take interested motorists to the list of names of organizations in severe need of donations.



## Aransas Pass, Texas Population 2022 9,270

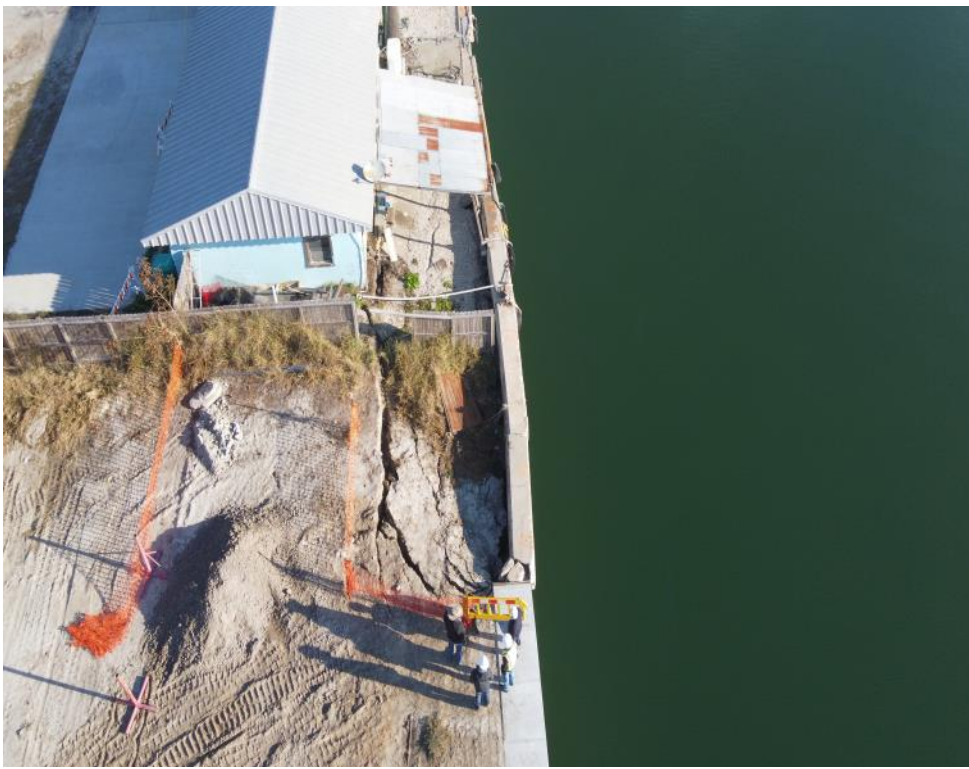


## A.P. Estimated Population

9,270

If you google “Estimated Population Aransas Pass, Tx 2022”, you get the number of 9,270 based on the U.S. Census bureau. The above chart is taken from that page. If those numbers hold that is a 12.99% increase from 2010. The population began to decline, about the time of Harvey, according to the chart, but began to rebound soon afterward. The estimated population for 2021 comes up as 8,976.

Of course, the number on the AP city limit signs is 8,204 based on the 2010 census. On the other hand, widely differing numbers have shown up on google. Calls to the census bureau have not been conclusive.



## City Correcting Severe Hurricane Harvey Bulkhead Problems

For the past several months, The City of Aransas Pass has been working with designer, the Ardurra Company and Contractor, JM Davidson, to repair Hurricane Harvey bulkhead problems at Conn Brown Harbor. This is a FEMA project. Virtually all of the bulkhead areas in need of repairs have required work much more extensive than what could have been anticipated. The latest problem is the collapse of the bulkhead at Captain Cady's bait shop. This collapse occurred before any work had started. The drone pictures above and below show the extent of the damage. It also can be seen that the collapse went right up to the building. The engineer concurred that the building must come down for safety reasons. There was the added problem of the city-owned building possibly falling into the water. Also, the contractor needed to do work under the building. City crews immediately demolished the structure. Bulkhead repair work is now underway.



## Council Time Change

Beginning with the March 7th Council meeting, the Aransas Pass City Council will start its meetings at 5:30. PM. This is the same time Council work sessions also begin.

## Aquatic Center Float Wins Award

The Aransas Pass Aquatic Center participated in the first annual Chamber of Commerce Pardi Gras parade and won Best Vehicle for their float pictured below. In addition to the youth volunteers on the float, standing is Community Enrichment Director, Kaylynn Paxson.





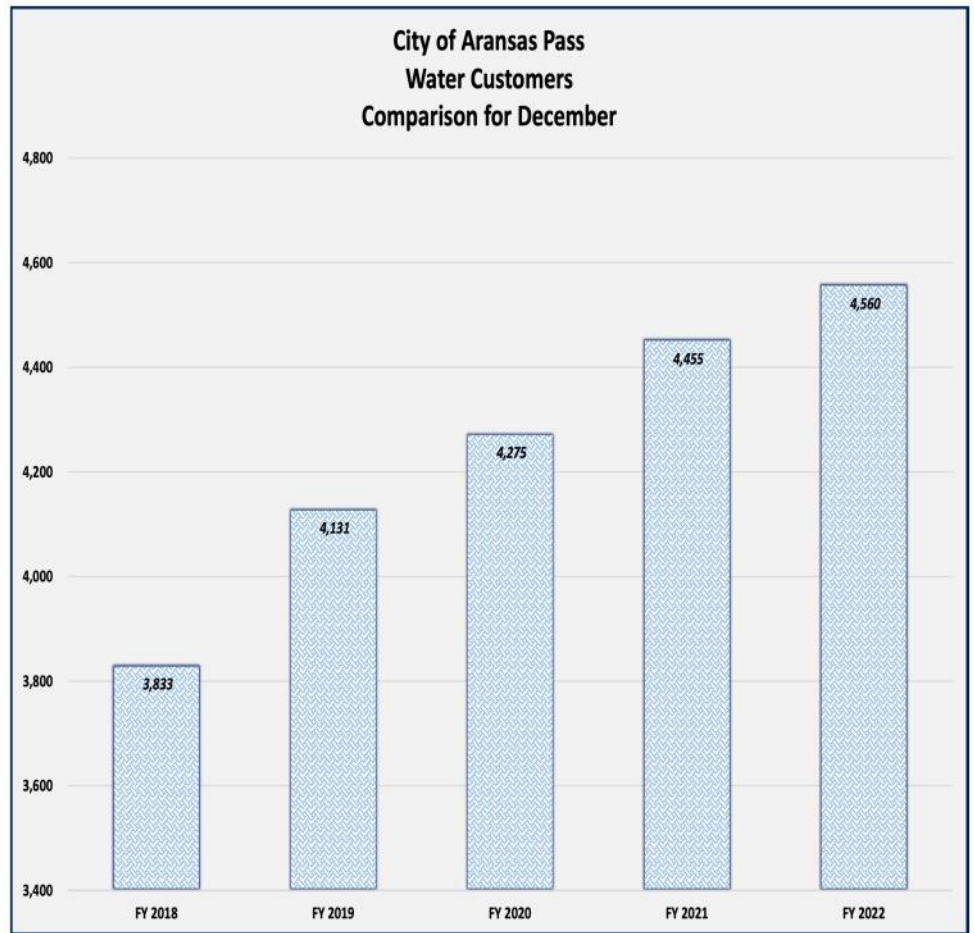
## City Water Loss Way, Way Down

AP Public works has just finished the annual water loss audit . This is done to determine how much of the City's water is unaccounted for—or lost. In years past, the City has seen a loss of 45%. An acceptable national level is 10%. With work and training, staff was able to reduce that number in 2020 to 13%. In 2021 it went up slightly to 16%.. This year the audit number is 7.97%. This is well below the national average and significantly below the pre-Harvey numbers. The Public Works Department deserves kudos for these numbers.

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## AP Water Customers Continue To Increase

An excellent indicator of a community's growth is the number of utility customers (households). Is that number shrinking or getting larger? Finance Director, Sandra Garcia, recently pointed out to the City Council that the number of water customers (households) has been getting larger since Hurricane Harvey...a good indicator that our City is growing. In fact, that number is increasing rather dramatically. See above chart.

Prior to Harvey, the City had about 3,800 water customers (households). Immediately after Harvey we lost a couple hundred or so because people lost their homes and left town. As the above chart reveals, we have not only made up that number, we have quickly and substantially increased the number of customers. We now are up to over 4,500. This increase coincides with estimated population advances. A household is considered to hold 2 to 3 people

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**FIRE**

**& ICE**

**BALL**

*Saturday, March 12th*

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