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## City Project Update

**BULKHEAD REPAIRS:** This FEMA project to repair damage to Conn Brown Harbor bulkhead sections is almost complete. As you probably know we have had problems with the old bulkhead collapsing during repairs. This can be tied back to Hurricane Harvey and the age of the bulkhead. The contractor is now working on the last section. Barring unforeseen developments, the project should be completed in April or Early May.

**CONN BROWN HARBOR MEMORIAL TOWER CROSS:** We've flown a drone to the top of the tower so the builder and designer can see how the cross will be attached. We are moving forward with an engineer to design the structure. This FEMA project must be wind certified.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:** Requests for qualifications (RFQ) were submitted, but it looks as though we may need to advertise for RFQ's again.

**RV PARK ORDINANCE:** Final language is being worked out.

**CDBG \$10 MILLION GRANT:** This massive public works drainage project, actually is made up of several different projects. The N. McCampbell/Stapp portion is about 60% complete. The Deberry portion is about 90% complete. We've had a struggle with dust in this project. Paving should start soon to help with the dust.

**PARK IMPROVEMENTS:** The City Council preferred not to go with the engineer selected by the Request for Qualifications process, so we have started talking with the second company on the list. This project includes improvements to the ballfield restrooms, the ballfields and a pavilion on the Shrimporee grounds.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP):** This is the project that has obtained Federal/State COVID funding to build water and sewer lines to some of the locations in the city currently without those services. Those areas of town receiving the lines are now identified. A portion of the funding has already been received. We should be requesting bids soon.

**FINAL FEMA PROJECTS:** There are a few FEMA projects left to close out or complete. The largest is the bulkhead repairs.

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## PW DIRECTOR QUINTANILLA RESIGNS

Long-time Public Works Director, Fernando Quintanilla has submitted his resignation in order to accept a position as Project Engineer with the Port of Corpus Christi. His last day at AP will be April 8th. Fernando was a key figure in helping to protect AP during Hurricane Harvey and during the subsequent recovery. In 2017 he was employee of the year. Under Fernando's leadership the City's water loss went from a long-held 45% to the recently announced 7.97%. The national standard should not exceed 10%. He started the process of paving city streets with city staff instead of outsourcing, providing a significant budgetary savings. Fernando began working with the City in January of 2015.





## The Memorial Tower Cross Replacement Moves Forward

The odd looking photo above was taken by the IT department drone. It shows the base for the cross that had been in place until it was destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. Of course, this cross base is located atop Memorial Tower at Conn Brown. Because this is a FEMA project, we are required to use the engineer of record for Hurricane Harvey related work. That company will design the new cross so that it will be wind certified.

The Memorial Tower was built decades ago to honor local men and women who lost their lives at sea.

## Wanted: AP Residents To Serve

Residents interested in volunteering to serve on a City board, commission or committee are encouraged to apply for appointment. Currently, the City has vacancies on the Building Board of Standards and Appeals; the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Applications are available in the City Secretary's office, 600 W. Cleveland; or on the City's website at [www.aptx.gov](http://www.aptx.gov). Questions should be addressed to the City Secretary at 361-758-5301 ext 1103.



## No Cable Franchise Monopoly

The city often is asked if other cable companies are allowed into town. The answer is yes. There is no exclusive cable franchise in Aransas Pass. The days of municipal cable franchise monopolies mostly disappeared in the U.S. many years ago.

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## First Annual Fire & Ice Firemen's Ball Is A Success

The first-ever Fire and Ice Ball was held Saturday, March 12th at the Aransas Pass Civic Center. The event had several purposes. First, it provided the public insight into the importance of the City Fire Department. Secondly, the event was a vehicle for recognizing the work of the City firefighters. (see photo below) Finally, it also provided an opportunity for raising much needed funds for the Fire Department. A \$25,000 dollar check was presented to Aransas Pass Firemen by the "Spirit of Aransas Pass" during the March 21st City Council meeting (see above photo). The organizers of the event and the firemen are grateful for the sponsors and those who attended.





SPLASH INTO  
**EARTH  
DAY**

AT THE

ARANSAS PASS  
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**APRIL  
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