



# ARANSAS PASS CITY NEWS

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Boat Ramp #4, located at Conn Brown Harbor, is now open. It was first closed in 2015 because of ramp problems. However, a solution for the immediate future has been found by City staff.

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“The City Citizen Survey will be concluding in early August. If you haven’t responded to the copy that was in your utility bill, it still is possible to fill one out online at [aransaspasstx.gov](http://aransaspasstx.gov) until early August.

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## Harbormaster Finds Ramp #4 Solution

Boat Ramp #4 at Conn Brown Harbor is now open thanks to the underwater detective work of Harbor Master Chuck West. West, an experienced diver, located the problems and proposed a temporary solution. His suggestion is working and boats began using the reopened ramp on July 21st. Also seen is city employee Juan Tristan.



## MAYOR GOMEZ MEETS WITH SENATOR CRUZ

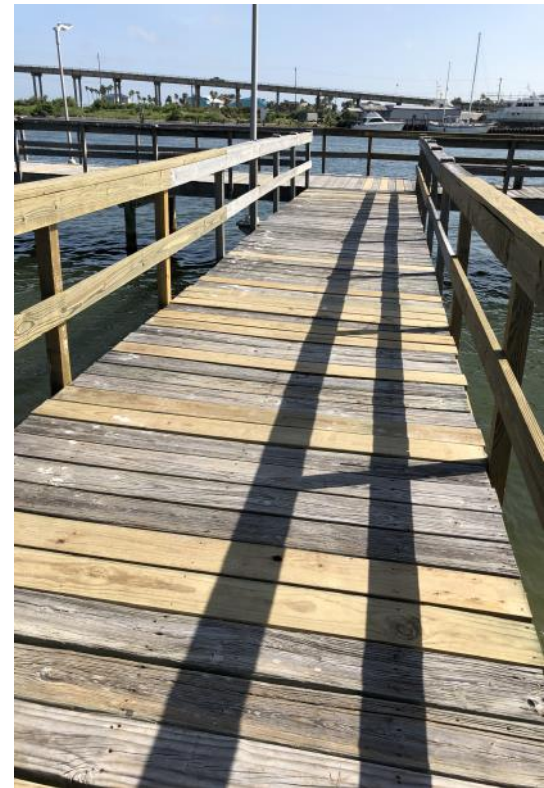
Texas U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (see above picture) was in Rockport on July 21st to meet with area officials and to receive an update on the recovery from Hurricane Harvey. Aransas Pass Mayor Ram Gomez had an opportunity to relay to the Senator and his staff several concerns.

- (1) Mayor Gomez first acknowledged his appreciation to FEMA for their willingness to partner with the City on Harvey recovery. But, he also had concerns.
- (2) The length of time it takes for FEMA reimbursements from hurricane damage is much too long.
- (3) FEMA approval for the City's collapsed water tower is taking too long.
- (4) Temporary housing opportunities moved too slowly. Aransas Pass lost citizens due to Harvey because of the loss of housing.

Following the round table discussion, Mayor Gomez gave a copy of his written comments to the Senator's staff.

## Conn Brown Pier now open

An example of the ongoing Hurricane Harvey recovery is the reopening of the popular fishing pier at Conn Brown Harbor (see pic below). Nearby lights, light poles and electrical work are out for bid.







# ARANSAS PASS

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE ERIC BLANCHARD

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Message from Code Compliance

Please be aware that if you have placed or are planning to place debris (fence posts, wood, household trash, construction material) on the front of your property for pick-up. This type of debris pick-up has been terminated since February 2018. You are responsible for hauling these items to the City transfer station. You may pick up your free monthly voucher at City Hall for a pick-up bed size load. Code Compliance will be doing follow up inspections around town by August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If your property has debris remaining on your property after the allotted time frame, this will be strictly enforced with daily citations. This is an effort to clean up our city, especially since we are almost at a year after Harvey impacted our city.

Another issue that code compliance is wishing to address would be alleyways. Please note that it is the property owner, home owner, or renter's responsibility to maintain the grass behind your property. This is a huge life safety concern with overgrown alleyways. This invites critters & mosquitoes to hide and make their homes in these overgrown alleys. It is **YOUR** responsibility to keep these maintained. You are not allowed to pile up brush, trash, debris in the alleyway either, and this will not be picked up. If you have trash, debris, brush, or high grass in your alleyway Code Compliance after August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 you will be issued daily citations for the offense. This will be strictly enforced and failure to comply daily citations will be issued to the property owner, home owner, or renter. This ordinance can be found 14-27 (A) & (B) in our local code of ordinances which is also posted below.

**14-27 (a) It shall be unlawful and constitute a nuisance for any person who shall own or occupy any lot, to allow weeds, grass, brush in excess of ten (10) inches in height upon any developed or final platted property or twenty-four (24) inches in height upon undeveloped property; rubbish; abandoned, junk or derelict personal property; or any other unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter, or vermin to accumulate or grow on such property or lot.**

**14-27 (b) It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant to keep the abutting or adjacent sidewalk, parkway, alleyway and gutter clean and free of all weeds, trash, rubbish, filth, debris and obstructions which may encumber such sidewalk, parkway, alleyway and gutter; and failure to comply with the requirement of this section shall be and is hereby declared to constitute a nuisance.**

Any questions or concerns please contact your code official at (361)-758-5224 or email [celrod@aransaspasstx.gov](mailto:celrod@aransaspasstx.gov)



The city is in the process of producing informational videos on various aspects of city government. For example, the most recently produced video is on the City storm-water drainage system. They can be found on the city webpage at

[<aransaspasstx.gov>](http://aransaspasstx.gov)

The filming and production are at no cost to the City.



## SHRIMPING IS UNDERWAY

The Shrimping season has begun! If you drive anywhere near Erickson and Jenson Seafood at Conn Brown Harbor, you'll see a growing number of large shrimp boats. These vessels are out for days at a time,. They then return to Aransas Pass to have their shrimp processed and shipped. It is a routine that is repeated every year. The shrimping season begins in mid-July and continues until Fall.



## CITY BUDGET PROCESS MOVING FORWARD

A budget workshop with the City Council was held on July 30th. On August 1st, a proposed budget will be submitted to the City Secretary. On August 6th an updated budget summary will be presented to the Council with an updated Capital Improvement Plan. There will be a public hearing for the budget and tax rate on September 4th. A budget will be adopted on September 17th.

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Who are your Mayor and City Council members?

1. Mayor Ram Gomez
2. Carrie Scruggs - Council Place 1
3. Mayor Pro-Tem – Billy Ellis –Place 2
4. Jan Moore -Place 3
5. Vicki Abrego-place 4

City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each Month. Work sessions are held on an as needed basis.