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A.P. WATER TOWER BIDS TO BE OPENED

Bids for the only Texas water tower to collapse (see pic to the left) during Harvey will be opened on September 6th. The engineer then will make a recommendation for the City Council to accept one of the bids. Construction will start soon afterward.

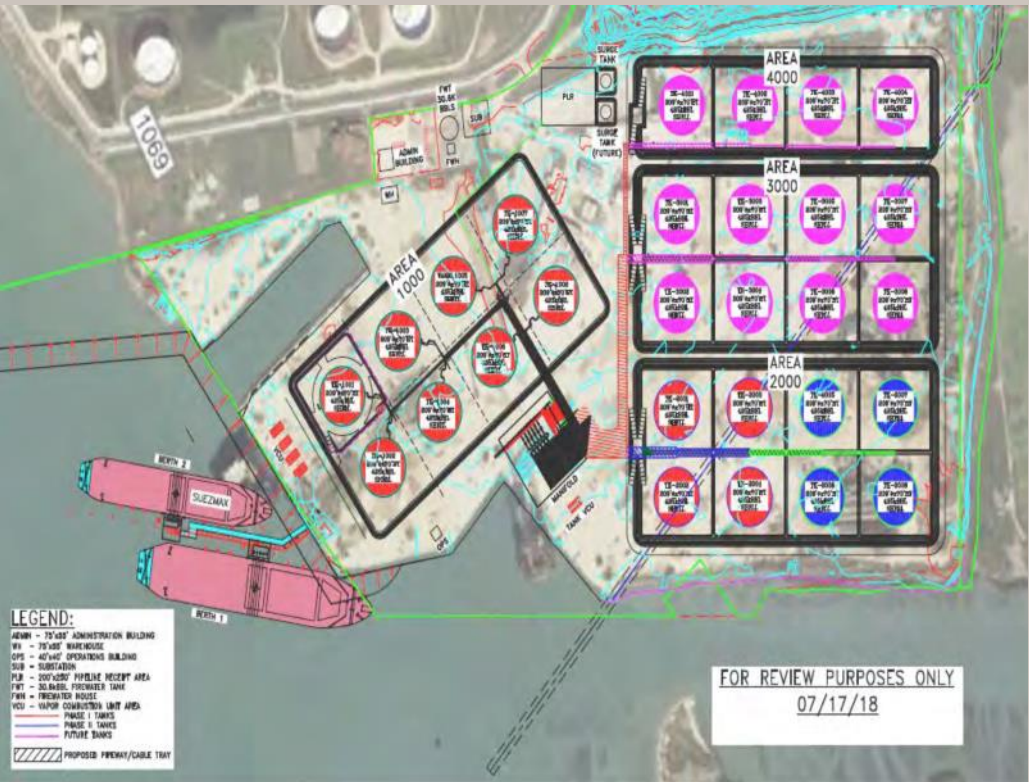
NEWLY ELECTED CONGRESSMAN VISITS ARANSAS PASS CITY HALL

U.S. Representative Michael Cloud (standing) was sworn into office on July 10th following his successful special election. On August 3rd Congressman Cloud visited with citizens, City Council members and city staff to talk about various issues including the hurricane recovery.



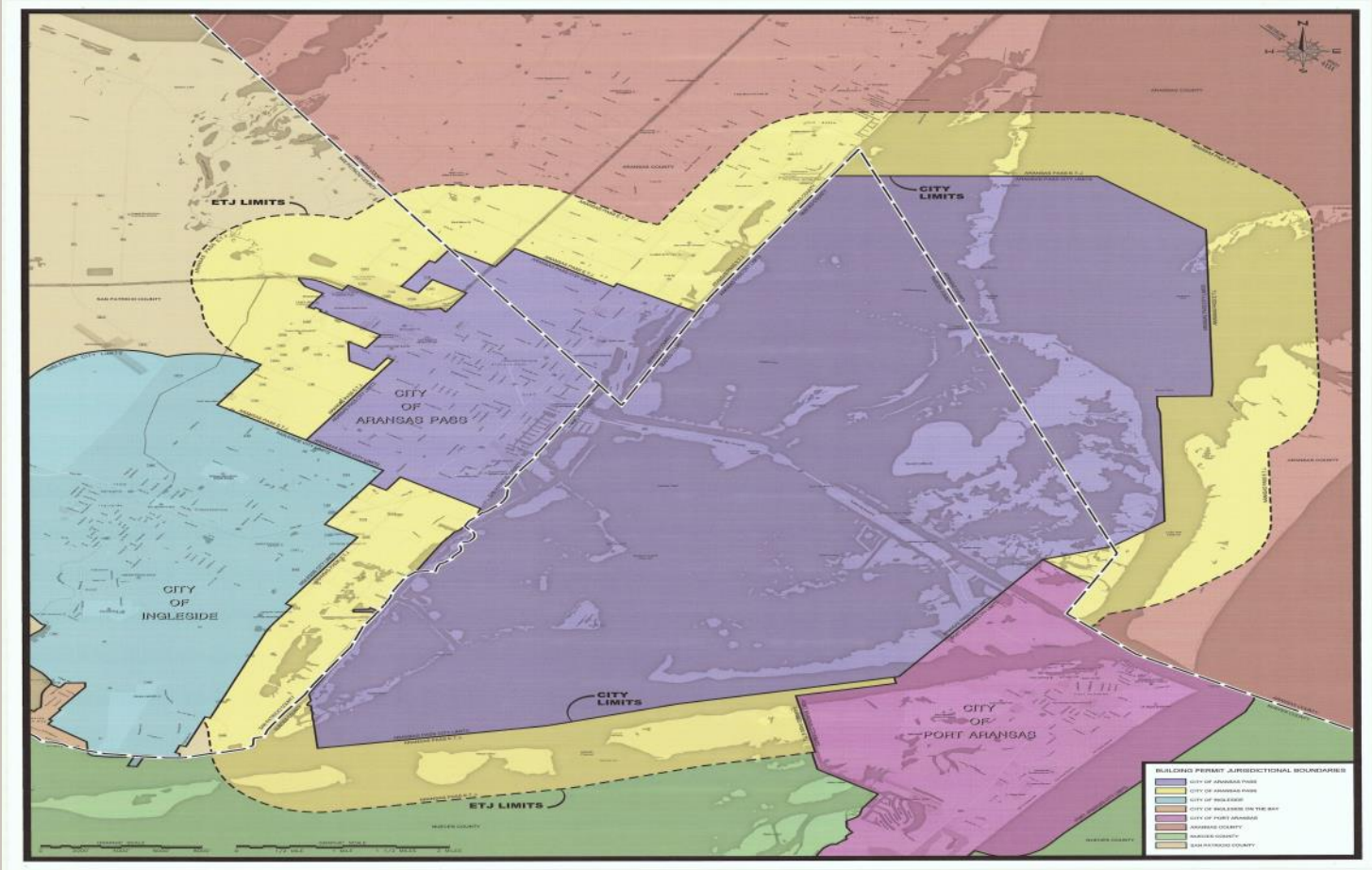
**BUCKEYE PARTNERS,
L.P. MOVING INTO
ARANSAS PASS E.T.J.**

Buckeye's is developing a premiere terminal and export position in the Aransas Pass E.T.J. or area of influence. They will be located between A.P. and Ingleside. The terminal will connect crude oil pipelines to water-front storage. Two deep-water ship docks will be built with potential for a third. \$400 million will be invested in the project and employ over 20 full time positions in addition to hundreds of construction jobs.



WHAT IS AN E.T.J.?

E.T.J. stands for Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. This is the legal ability to exercise authority from the nearest city. The E.T.J. is measured from a city limit to a mile out or more depending on the population. The yellow area in the map below shows the E.T.J. around the City of Aransas Pass.



CITY CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN

The 2018 Aransas Pass Customer Service Survey is complete. The survey was mailed to approximately 3,000 households, which make up most residences within the city limits. The survey also was available on-line through Facebook and the City Webpage. 57% of the respondents describe A.P. as a good to excellent place to live, while 12% say poor. 94% say they were treated courteously in their last contact with the City. On the other hand, 73% rate the overall appearance of the City as fair to poor. At the same time a large majority of citizens believe code enforcement is important and only 5% say it is not important. The survey, which soon will be available on the City webpage, will be used to strengthen weak points and build upon the services that are showing strong ratings.



CONFERENCE CALL WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IS HELD

A conference call from the Aransas Pass City Hall to the Governor's office was held on August 15th. The purpose of the call was to discuss different grant match options for the elevated water tower. Bids for the elevated structure will be opened on September 6th. The elevated water tower collapsed during Hurricane Harvey. FEMA will pay for 90% of the replacement cost, but the City must come up with the remaining 10%, which the City estimates will be about \$300,000. Total cost for the tower is calculated to be about \$3 million. Since the tower fell, the City has been providing water from its ground storage tanks with pumps giving the needed pressure. Call participants pictured above from Left to Right are City Manager Gary Edwards; Mayor Ram Gomez, Public Works Director Fernando Quintanilla and State Representative J.M. Lozano, who arranged the conference call.; Not pictured is Sandra Garcia, Finance Director.

THE CITY'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROGRESSES

Planning for now and 10 years into the future in Aransas Pass is the goal of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Two public meetings have been held. The plan should be completed by the end of this calendar year. A locally produced video describing what a Comp Plan is can be found on our Webpage under informational videos.

Representatives from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Parks and wildlife were at Conn Brown Harbor on August 23rd to inspect the results of a \$600 thousand grant several years ago. They wanted to see what impact the hurricane had on the grant project. Picture L-R are Mayor Ram Gomez; Robin Kolton TPWD; Trey Cooksey TPWD; Dana Lagarde TPWD; Cliff Schleusner USFW; Ramon Martin USFW and Chuck West Harbormaster.



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Who are your Mayor and City Council Members:

1. Mayor Ram Gomez
2. Carrie Scruggs 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.

MAJOR WATERLINE BREAK POINTS OUT PROBLEMS

A major water line break that provides water to one of the motels and a housing community lasted for several days. Customers had water but no pressure. As one leak was repaired, another was created. Repairs were an around the clock operation for City staff with the need for outside contractors and underwater divers to assist. The break points out problems that occur when old and deteriorating lines are neglected over the years. This incident also pointed out the need for citizens to be signed up for the reverse 9-1-1 system so they can be notified during an emergency.

