

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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TWO GENERATORS ARE INSTALLED TO HELP PREVENT ANOTHER BOIL ORDER

Thanks to the quick action of FEMA, our Federal and State elected officials and the work of Mayor Ram Gomez during a recent visit to Washington, DC, Aransas Pass was put on the fast track to receive two temporary generators (see pictures below) to serve as back-up power sources in the event of a power failure. They soon will be operational. A lengthy power failure would shutdown the pumps that are circulating citywide water from the City's ground storage tanks. Such a stoppage would, most likely, result in another citywide boil order. The generators will prevent this. The City experienced a boil order in October for this reason. Until the City's elevated water tank is rebuilt, it is necessary to use the ground storage tanks as the City's primary water sources. The elevated tank provides water pressure through the natural gravity process, consequently pumps are not necessary, eliminating the need for pumps and generators. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new elevated tanks was held in November (see inside story).

NEW HOURS

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

**PAYMENTS WILL BE TAKEN AT
THE CITY HALL FRONT WINDOW
FROM**

8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

OR

24 HOUR PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE:

**ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE AVAILA-
BLE AT <ARANSASPASSTX.GOV>**

OR

**THE DROPBOX IS LOCATED OUT-
SIDE CITY HALL**





ARANSAS PASS STREET SIGNS SOON TO BE REPLACED

Another example of recovery from Hurricane Harvey, the City has implemented a procedure for installing street signs that were destroyed by the August 2017 massive storm. In many instances, it is difficult for those unfamiliar with the City to locate addresses because of the lack of street signs. Initially, the City was missing nearly 2,000 signs, but that number included traffic controls such as stop signs. Those are now installed, but that leaves about 460 street signs yet to be replaced. Because each location requires two street signs, that means there are about 230 intersections in the City in need of signage.

Higher flood recovery priorities and a lack of personnel have prevented the City from installing the lost signs. However, we now are to a point where a system can be set up allowing the City to complete the street sign replacements. In the past, this responsibility has been handled by the Public Works Department, but that work is now being turned over to the meter reading department. As meter readers are going from house-to-house, they also will have the necessary tools and signage to begin a citywide replacement program.

BACONFEST AGAIN SUCCESSFUL

The Spirit of Aransas Pass committee Chairperson, Mike Moore, (center), presented a check for \$6,123.79 to Police Chief Eric Blanchard (L) and Fire Chief Nathan Kelley (R) to purchase necessary items such as uniforms and safety equipment. The funds were raised at the 3rd annual Baconfest held on October 12th and 13th at Red Fish Bay. This year there was a bacon recipe cook off between Chief Blanchard and Chief Kelley. Chief Blanchard took the trophy with his homemade chicken bacon alfredo recipe.





HUNDREDS SERVED AT THE ANNUAL FALL- FEAST

Again this year, large numbers of local citizens took part in the city's annual free holiday gift to the Community. 625 residents participated in the November 15th turkey dinner. 39 turkeys were roasted for the event. All costs were covered by donations.

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WATER TOWER GROUNDBREAKING

Hurricane Harvey hit on Friday, August 25, 2017. During that night, the City's elevated water tower collapsed. It was holding a half million gallons of water. This was the only water tower to be destroyed during Harvey. Elevated water towers are critical to a community. Immediately following Harvey, the City began working on providing water to its citizens with ground storage tanks. We also began to immediately work on replacing the elevated water tank. After a year of work by Federal, State, County and Local officials the City is finally ready to begin construction. During comments by Mayor Ram Gomez at the November 5th groundbreaking ceremony, he thanked Aransas Pass Citizens for putting up for the inconvenience of not having an elevated water tower. About 65 people from Aransas Pass and around the state attended the event (See picture above).

HOURS FOR CITIZEN DROP-OFF SITE

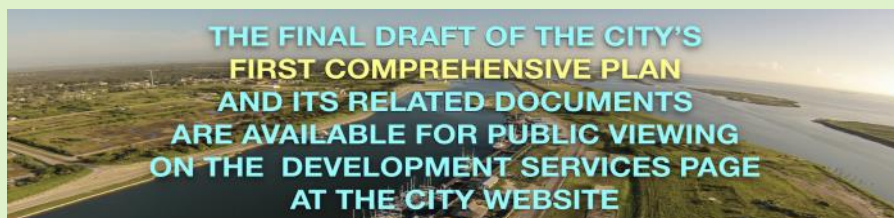
800 W. Myrtle

Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 am to 11:30 am and 1 pm to 4 pm

Saturday

8:30 am to 4 pm





CITY RECEIVES SCOREBOARD DONATION FROM LION'S CLUB

The City of Aransas Pass Public Works Director, Fernando Quintanilla, received a check from Lion's Club officials on November 27th. The grant is for Little League ball field score boards destroyed by Harvey. From L-R are: Sherman King, Aransas Pass former Lion's Club President; Quintanilla; David Christopher, District Lion's Governor; and Jesse Rodriguez, Council of Lion's Governor's Representative.



Attention

Garbage Customers:



Christmas Day and **New Year's Day**

Garbage will not be collected and will resume on your next scheduled pickup day. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

