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LESSONS LEARNED

From 8 PM February 27th until the afternoon of March 6th, the City was under a Boil Order due to a water leak. Much of the leak search area was underwater. To the left is a picture taken near one of the search areas. A lot was learned about underwater leak detection because of this episode. Many thanks to citizens for their patience and to the Public Works Dept. for doing a great job!



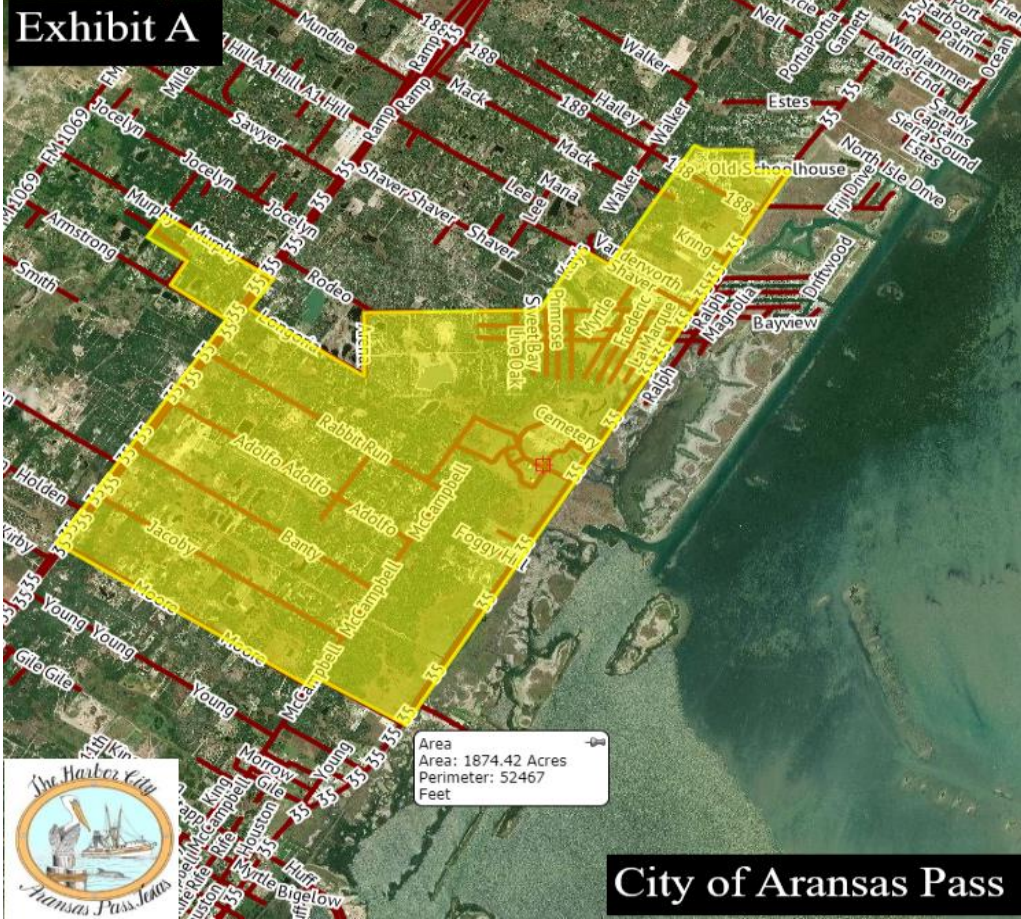
SIGN-UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

During the recent boil order, we received several complaints that many people did not know about the order for several days. That is a fair complaint. We put the word out on Facebook, the reverse 9-1-1 Emergency system and area news media, but you can always use more communications. A good tool for this is the reverse 9-1-1, but you have to be signed up for this service before it can be used. To subscribe contact:

<https://ap-police.com/contact-us/sign-up-for-emergency-alerts/>

Once you complete and submit the form, it will take about 48-72 hours to become active.

Exhibit A



HARRISON BLVD MEDIAN RENOVATION COMPLETE THANKS TO KAPB

Keep Aransas Pass Beautiful (KAPB) is responsible for completing the renovation of Harrison Blvd from Goodnight to Commercial. Large palm trees and other work have been added. They complement the upper portion of Harrison, which was done by TxDot. Pictured below is the City Fire Department watering the newly planted palms on Harrison.



LOCAL ANNEXATION IS PLANNED TO PROTECT A.P. AGAINST CORPUS CHRISTI'S MASSIVE ANNEXATION PLAN

(Mayor Gomez To Lobby legislature against Corpus Annexation)

The City of Aransas Pass intends to annex 1,842.42 acres North of town and within our current Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). This proposed annexation is necessary in order to protect Aransas Pass against a massive 1,500 acre annexation plus another 5,700 acre annexation that extends into San Patricio County. If given final approval, the Corpus annexation and/or its ETJ will nearly surround Aransas Pass. State Representative J.M. Lozano has introduced legislation that would prevent the Corpus Christi annexation from occurring. But it is not known if the Lozano bill will be able to be approved before May 21st, which is the date for final approval of the Corpus Christi annexations. Mayor Ram Gomez, and officials from other San Patricio County cities, are in Austin April 1st and 2nd lobbying for the Lozano bill. There is a companion bill in the Texas Senate. The first public hearing for the Aransas Pass proposed annexation is April 30th. The second hearing is set for May 1st.

MAY 4TH ELECTION APPROACHING

EARLY VOTING BEGINS IN APRIL

City Council seats and the Mayoral contest will be decided at the Mayor 4th municipal election. Also, there is a proposition on the ballot asking voters if they wish to continue the Crime Control 1/2 cent sales tax for another 10 years. Early voting for these issues is set for April 22nd until April 30th.

LARGE CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP SET FOR APRIL 27TH.

(Volunteers Needed)

If you want to be involved with a large citywide clean-up on April 27th contact the City Manager's office. Lunch will be served. More details later.

LIONS CLUB GRANT DOLLARS BEING PUT TO USE

Shown below is a picture of workers adding improvements to the fish cleaning station on the pier at Conn Brown Harbor thanks to the Lion's Club. The Lions are responsible for thousands of dollars worth of improvements at Harbor Point Park at Conn Brown Harbor and at City ballfields.



CITY'S DEMOLITIONS MOVING FORWARD RAPIDLY

The red pins shown on the above map are the location of the 37 structures that have been demolished since late 2018 and up until March 19th of this year. Under the direction of the municipal Attorney and the City Building Department, the City has been systematically reviewing structures in need of demolition. A legal process is then followed in order to prepare the buildings for demolition. A well thought out demolition plan is an important plank in the City's clean-up effort. Below is a picture of what use to be Pepitos, a former restaurant on North Commercial and one of the buildings that is now demolished.



DO YOU KNOW WHO THESE CULPRITS ARE?

Below is a trash pile that recently showed at Conn Brown Harbor. Conn Brown attracts hundreds of visitors each week. It has been an Aransas Pass showplace for generations. If you know who is responsible for this illegal dumping, please contact the City Manager's office.



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