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ARANSAS PASS WATER TOWER CONTRACTOR AND ENGINEER EXPLAIN CONSTRUCTION DELAY

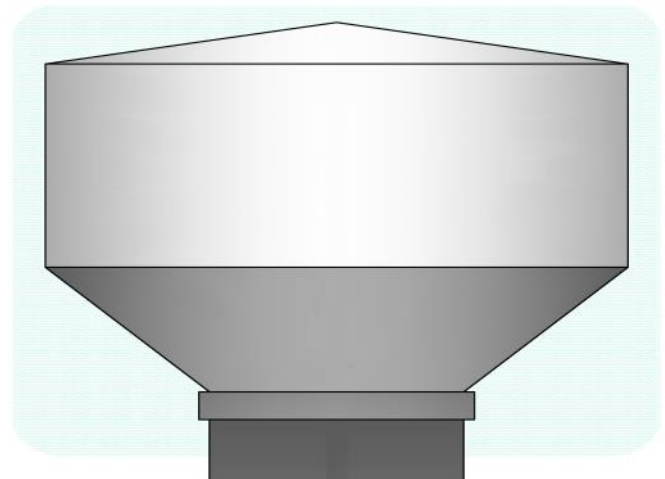
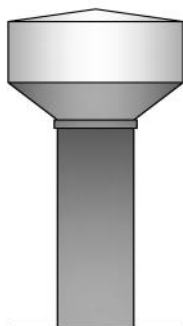
Landmark Structures, one of the nation's leading builders of water towers, and LNV Engineers of Corpus Christi, have provided to the City of Aransas Pass an explanation of why the water tower construction has been delayed by several months. Additionally, both have said they want to show their commitment to the project without additional cost to the City. Both agree to do monthly progress reports to the City Council.

Unfortunately, there were some miscommunications between Landmark Structures and LNV Engineers about a new construction timeline for the water tower. The new dates, which included a new start date of August 5th and a new completion date of January 31, 2020, were never told to the City of Aransas Pass.

"This miscommunication has resulted in incorrect updates being provided at periodic public meetings by City Council and staff. These incorrect dates were not the result of any actions of the City Council or staff", said Benjie Talley of Landmark Structures.

As part of Landmark's commitment to Aransas Pass to complete a high quality project, the company is contributing several items at no additional cost: (1) A larger foundation for the tower; (2) A more durable exterior coating; (3) The City logo on the tower; (4) Light Poles to illuminate the logo at night; (5) Improved roof handrails; (6) A monetary contribution toward improving the road at the water tower. Additionally, negotiations with LNV are underway.

These contributed items from Landmark Structures total \$100,000. The approximate cost of liquidated damages is \$158,000, but liquidated damages would go to FEMA and not the City. So the City is accepting the \$100,000 in contributions from Landmark. FEMA is paying 90% of the costs to build the water tower. Below is a generalized drawing of how the completed water tower will be seen and a picture of the new Project Manager, Larry Leimer of Landmark.





The Decades Old Tradition Continues

From the early part of the 20th century, Aransas Pass, Tx was known as the shrimping capital of the world. On a much smaller scale, that industry still has a presence in our city. However, instead of hundreds of shrimping boats docking at Conn Brown Harbor, it now is home to a dozen or so. The shrimping season for certain parts of the Gulf of Mexico began on July 15th. It lasts for several months. The picture below was taken in Mid-July of this year at Conn Brown Harbor.

City Staff Attends Texas Municipal League Budget Conference

Pictured above is Bill Longley, Texas Municipal League attorney, explaining the property tax issue and changes that occurred in the recently completed Texas Legislature.

Other topics presented during the one-day session were Legal Budget Requirements; Components of a budget and the Budget Implementation, including the mandated postings; Forecasting Municipal Revenue; Expenditures and Financial Reporting. There also was an in-depth discussion of Texas Senate Bill 2 and its impact on city budgets.

Attending the one-day seminar in San Antonio from Aransas Pass were the City Finance Director, City Secretary and City Manager.





City Budget Process Underway

During August, several City Council meetings will be devoted to budget discussions and the setting of the property tax rate. Additionally, the second budget public hearing will be held September 3rd. The budget is scheduled to be approved on September 16th.

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Please take a few moments to fill out the survey below and tell us what you think about your City services. After you complete it, return to City Hall when you pay your utility bill or mail it to: Office of City Manager, 600 W. Cleveland Blvd. Aransas Pass, Tx 78336. You may also complete the survey on-line at www.aransaspasstx.gov. The results of this survey will be compared to last year's survey.

- How would you describe the City of Aransas Pass as a place to live?
Excellent Good Fair Poor No Opinion
- How do you rate the overall quality of services provided by the City of Aransas Pass?
Excellent Good Fair Poor No Opinion
- Were you treated courteously in your last contact with the City? Yes _____ No _____
- How would you rate the overall appearance of the City?
Excellent Good Fair Poor No Opinion
- How important is Code Enforcement to the City?
Very Important Important Not Important
- Aransas Pass has made progress with our annexation efforts. Are you in agreement with the City's goals of protecting the area near our city limits and protecting our coastline? Yes _____ No _____
- Keeping in mind that recovery from a major hurricane takes at least 5 years, have you noticed improvements in Aransas Pass following the August 2017 Category 4 Hurricane Harvey? Yes _____ No _____

For each of the following City services and conditions, please indicate your overall opinion based on your experience with, or observations of, during the past 12 months.					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Contact
Building Permits & Inspections					
Animal Control					
Fire					
Police					
Sewer Service					
Storm Water Drainage					
Regular Trash Pick-up					
Monthly bulk items Pick-up					
Street Maintenance					
City Sidewalks					
Utility bill payments i.e. (sewer/water)					
Aransas Pass Downtown					
Parks					
Civic Center					
Library					
Aquatic Center					
Municipal Court					
Emergency Services					
How safe do you feel living in Aransas Pass					

2nd Annual City Services Survey Should Be In Your Mailbox In Early August

This month, every household in Aransas Pass should receive a copy of the second annual City Services Survey. The picture above is of this year's survey. After it is received at your home, please take a few moments to fill out the survey and tell us what you think about your city services. After it is completed, return it to City Hall when you pay your utility bill or mail it to the address on the survey. Also, you will be able to complete the survey online at the City webpage. The results of this survey will be compared to last year's survey.

-SAVE THE DATE-

Public Improvement District (PID) Basics

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21st, 2019 at 12:00 P.M.

- Guest Speaker -

Lindsay Banner

Vice President, MuniCap, Inc.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

"THE DOWNTOWN ARANSAS PASS INITIATIVE"

Aransas Pass Civic Center

Doors Open at 11:30 A.M.

