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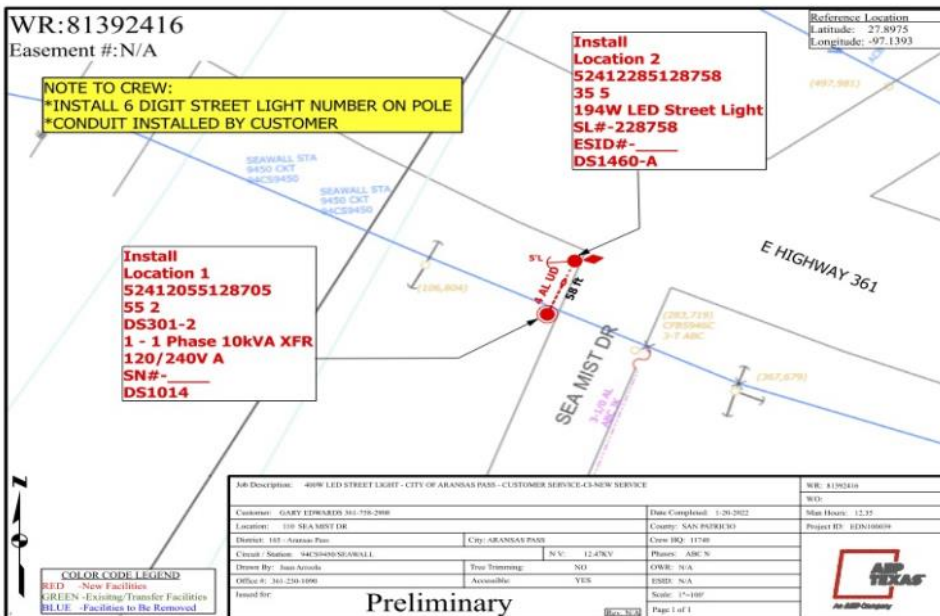
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Campaign To Repair Dark Streetlights Underway

There are many streetlights in Aransas Pass that are not working. This not only looks bad, but dark streetlights can open the door to crime and create safety issues. City Council recent remarks on streetlights that are out, were helpful in spurring this citywide issue forward more rapidly. The Police Department did a survey of the City and submitted a long list of dark streetlights. Following the survey, staff met to discuss funding sources for the streetlight repairs. Additionally, it was learned that there had been some difficulty reaching a contractor who was working on some electrical problems connected to several of the streetlights. That company has since been reached and will begin work very soon. Work on the other lights also is or will soon be underway.

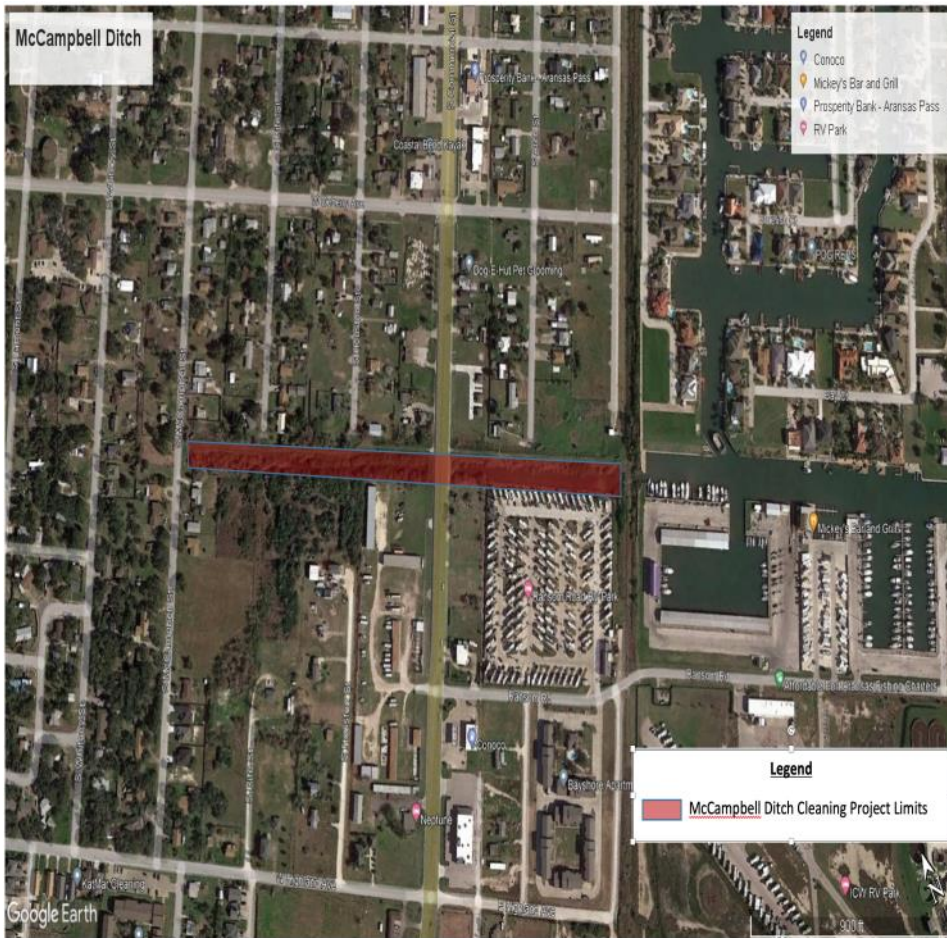
“Correctly working Aransas Pass streetlights not only impact safety, crime and appearance issues, they also are an important community economic development tool.”

Aransas Pass City Council



Streetlight Going In At Sea Mist and Highway 361 (Goodnight)

There is a busy, dark and dangerous intersection at Sea Mist and Highway 361. It's near the entrance to the Dale Miller Bridge. Working with AEP, the City is taking steps to install one light at that location. Work should begin in the near future.



Work on Deberry Underway

The construction you see underway on Deberry is part of the City's \$10 mil CDBG-DR grant. The Deberry storm pipe from 9th street to Saunders (see pic below), will be completely replaced with a 48 inch concrete pipe. The existing pipe is collapsed throughout its length at that general location. This is causing the cave-ins along Deberry and constricting the flow of stormwater. Gerke construction is the contractor. They started work on January 10th. They also will be replacing the failing storm system along Saunderson's from Deberry to Greenwood.

McCampbell Ditch To Be Cleaned

The City of Aransas Pass is requesting bids to clear and remove the debris and silt in the McCampbell ditch. See above map showing where the work will be performed. For a long period of time, the cost for this project was estimated to be too high for current budget restraints. However, a recent re-evaluation of the project and the funding sources provided new options for the city. Consequently, work will begin soon on the McCampbell Ditch. For a long time, the City Council has been pushing for this project to be completed. The Ditch has overgrown grass and trees and some areas of silt that have built up. This ditch is a main outfall from our storm water system into the bay.





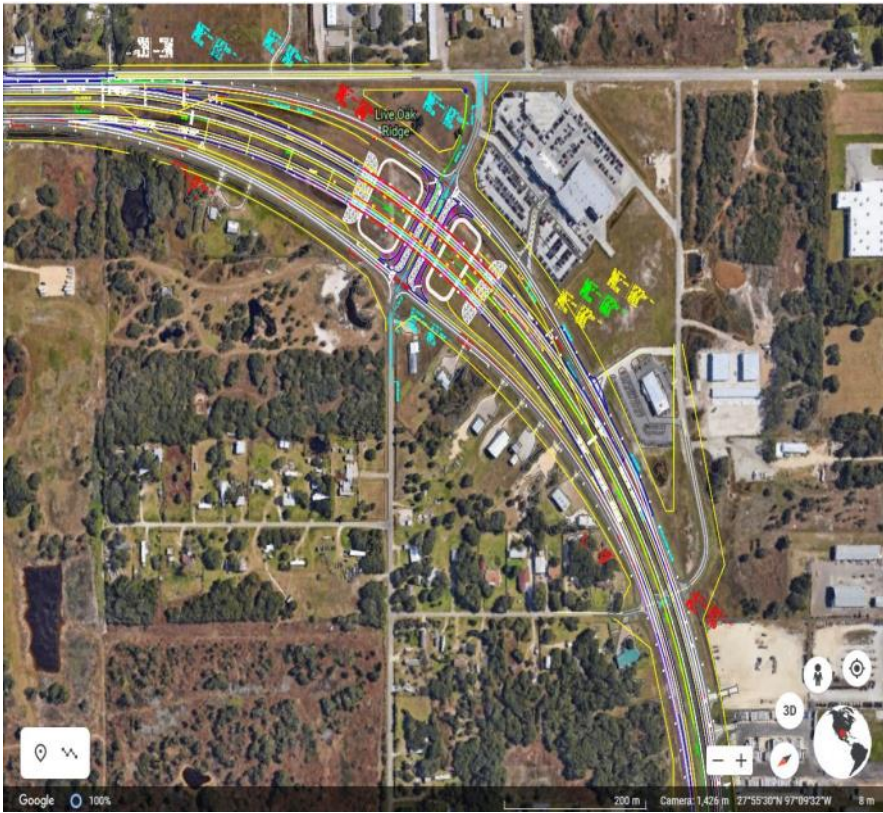
Initial Steps Are Being Tak- en To Restart Senior Activi- ties

After being inactive for several years because of Hurricane Harvey and the COVID pandemic, the Community Enrichment Department is taking steps to reactivate Senior Citizen activities. An informational meeting was held in January as an initial step. There is strong interest in seeing instruction classes such as yoga, CPR and gardening. Another activity those attending would like to see return, are game meetings. The Focus from this point will be on holding regular senior meetings every other Monday at the civic center. Please call 361-758-0009 for more information.



Elrod and Scandurra Named City Employees Of The Year

Code Enforcement Officer, Cory Elrod and Permit Technician Renee Scandurra have been named the 2021 Employees of the Year. The honors were given at the annual January 28th Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. Renee was named a recipient because of her excellent work in assisting with the City's very successful demolition program. Cory received the honor because of his relentless and effective work enforcing city ordinances that help beautify the City. The work by both have done much to help clean-up following Hurricane Harvey.



Work On The TxDot Highway 35/Oak Lane Overpass To Begin Soon

To be located near the Allen Samuels dealership, TxDot is building an overpass over Highway 35. (See above pic) When completed, the overpass should provide smoother and safer traffic flows. Work is scheduled to begin in early February and will last for about two years. A virtual meeting on this project with TxDot, other state officials, the contractor and the City was held in January.

Civic Center Open House

An Aransas Pass Civic Center Open House was held in late January to show anyone with an interest, what the center has to offer. The Civic Center provides space for banquets, meetings, training sessions and shows of all kinds. In the pic below, taken at the event, (L-R) are: Keller-Williams Realtor, Malynnda Williams; City Councilman Jason Knight; City Councilwoman Carrie Scruggs and Citizen Ruben Zuniga.



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