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IMPORTANT CITY VACANCIES ARE NOW FILLED

There have been several recent high profile city resignations. Most of those positions are now filled.

Public Works Director: Fernando Quintanilla accepted a position with the Port of Corpus Christi. Filling that vacancy is David Flores, Jr. (see above pic) David has an engineering degree from Texas A&M and has been the Robstown Public Works Director for the past 14 years. He is married with four children ages 26, 21, 14 and 11.

Building Official: The former building official went into business for himself. This vacancy is being filled by Joseph Garza. Joseph has been a building inspector in Corpus Christi for several years and has been a construction manager. Joseph is married with four children ages 16, 12, 11 and 5.

Human Resources Manager: Christina Beard left this position to become Executive Director of the Aransas Pass Housing Authority. Angela Jenkins is the new HR Manager. She has been working in the City finance department for several years and has extensive experience with employee benefits. Angela has four children ages 8,5,2 and a newborn.

We promise, having four children was not a job requirement.

“It happens periodically. The City recently has seen several concurrent high profile resignations. All of those leaving accepted good positions elsewhere, or in one case he went into business for himself. Because of the large number of new people, the City will have a new internal look. It is important for the City to continue its tradition of hiring excellent staff members. By all indications, that customary practice is being followed. A sincere welcome to all the new employees from the City Council and Staff.”

Gary Edwards, City Manager



Budget Public Hearing

A Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for May 16, 2022 at 5:30 PM at City Hall, 600 West Cleveland. The purpose of the meeting is to provide citizens an opportunity, at this early stage, to participate and to make their budgetary views known

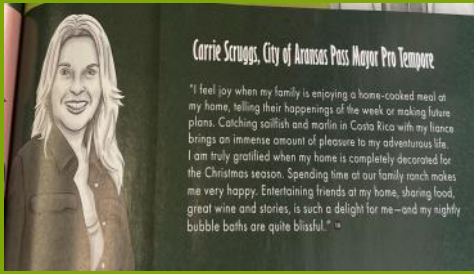
This will be the first of two public hearings. The second and final budgetary hearing will be held on September 6th.

The City's budget process begins in April and concludes in September. One of the highlights is the Strategic Budget Planning Session. This year, the half-day session is set for June 17th. At this meeting, the Council hears the budget priorities from the department heads. The City Council then decides what their preferences are and the budget committee takes this information to Budget Committee Meetings where every line of the budget is scrutinized by the committee and the department heads. The budget is scheduled to be approved on September 12th.

Election Day Almost Is Here

Election Day is Saturday May 7th. Voters can cast their ballots from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Aransas Pass Civic Center., 700 W. Wheeler. Early voting was between April 25th through May 2nd. During that time, approximately 182 Aransas Pass Citizens voted not including mail-in votes.





Aransas Pass Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Scruggs was one of six community leaders featured in the February edition of the Corpus Christi publication "The Bend". (see above). Carrie was the only person from Aransas Pass. The others were from Corpus Christi, Portland and Rockport.

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YOUR CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Ram Gomez

Place 1—Carrie Scruggs, Mayor Pro Tem

Place 2— Jason Knight

Place 3 - Jan Moore

Place 4—Vickie Abrego



Earth Day Observance Successful

The First Earth Day event at the Aransas Pass Aquatic Center was hugely successful. (see photos above and below) The event was held on April 22nd and over 200 residents attended.. The new coastal wildlife murals sponsored by Union Pacific were unveiled. (see back page for photo). The event was conceived and directed by Community Enrichment Director, Kaylynn Paxson.





THE AQUATIC CENTER HAS NEW MURALS

The above mural can be seen at the Aransas Pass Aquatic Center. This attractive work of art, which is sponsored by Union Pacific, is a representation of our coastal wildlife and the many common wildlife species regularly encountered along our coastline. The murals will help educate Aquatic Center guests for years about how to identify local wildlife such as the Great Heron, Roseate Spoonbill and the Blue Crabs. The murals were unveiled at the April 22nd Earth Day event held at the Aquatic Center.



Oak Lane Overpass Work Has Started

Work on the Oak Lane Overpass is well underway (see above pic). This is the Txdot \$15 mil project designed to improve safety in the area of the Allen Samuels dealership and the multiplex movie theater. Work began this Spring and is slated to be a two year job.