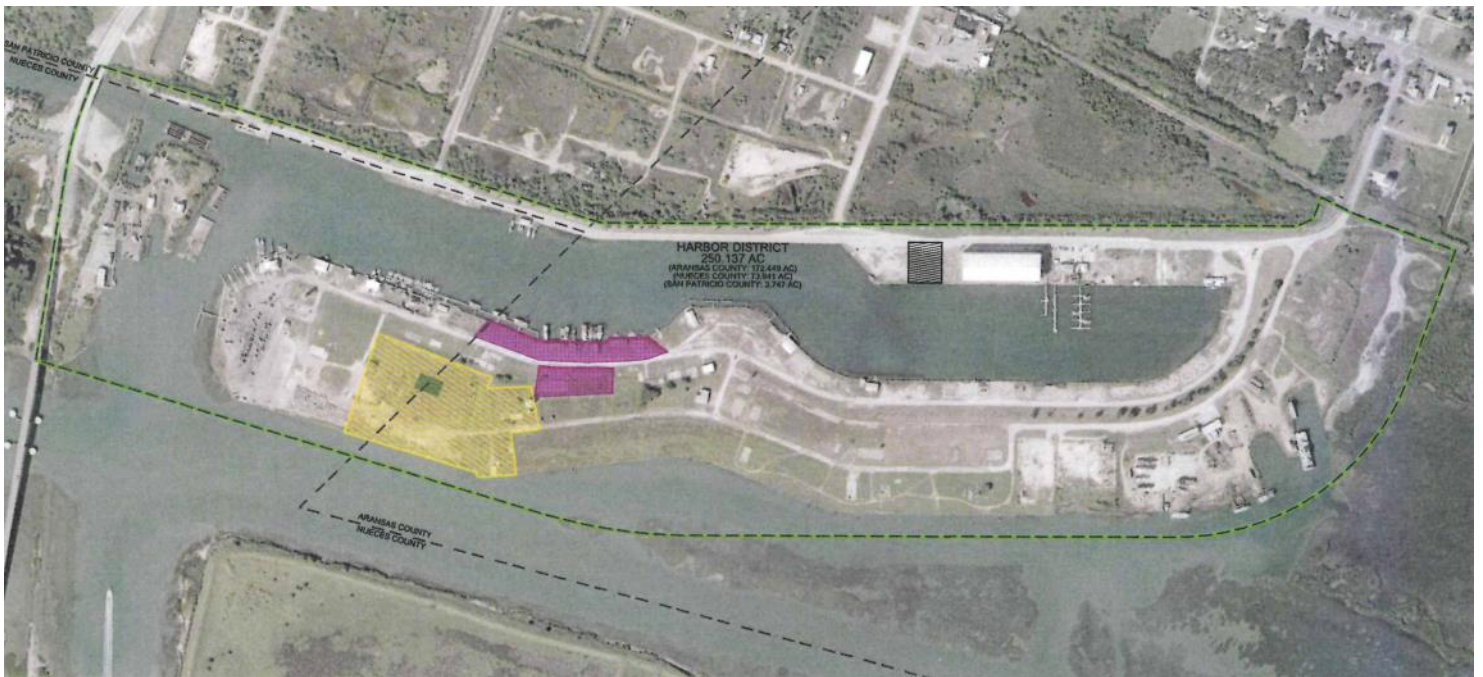




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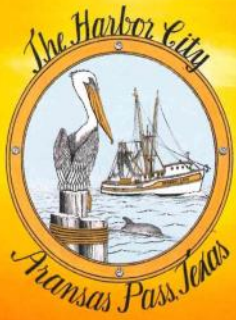
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Conn Brown Environmental Repairs Virtually Complete

Back in the days when Aransas Pass was known as the Shrimping Capital of the world, the environmental rules there were few and far between. As a result, today we are left with several environmental problems that must be addressed before development will be allowed by the state. For the past two to three years, we have been working with TCEQ and the environmental division of the Ardurra company to mitigate those obstacles. They date back more than half a century. Both have been very helpful to the City. TCEQ told us that three areas need to be addressed: The Gulf King site—see area with black hatch lines; The former JBS Shrimp Company facility—see area in pink; and the former Coastline Resources Facility—see area in Yellow with small green insert. Gulf King and JBS are complete. We have closure letters for both. In the case of the Coastline Resources Site, the engineering company is sampling the site quarterly and will have an annual groundwater monitoring report submitted shortly, as well as one at the end of the calendar year. At that time, we are hopeful TCEQ will concur that the site meets closure standards. This whole process takes time because we must follow TCEQ's testing timetable.



2021

City of Aransas Pass Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

City Releases Drinking Water Report

Water Loss Figures Continue to Improve

In late June the City of Aransas Pass released its annual water quality report. It went to every household. The report, which virtually every Texas city must produce, gives citizens information about water testing results from the local water source. One element of the report is to reveal to citizens how many gallons of city water is lost for that year. It was only about five or six years ago that we were losing as much as 30% to 40% of the water we were producing. That figure is calculated by measuring the amount of water purchased against the amount sold. Losses occur because of such things as water line breaks. After much work by utility workers over the past few years, the water loss figure is down to just under 8% (7.97%).

City Council Reopens Fall Feast To Everyone

Last year, because of Covid, the City had to restrict attendance at the annual Fall feast to residents only. The year before, as well as 2021 and also because of Covid, the City only provided boxed pick-up dinners. This year, the event will be reopened to everyone who wishes to attend, whether they are a resident or not. Also, the meal will be served to you buffet style.. The very popular event is set for November 17th this year. Nearly 1,000 people are expected to attend.

AUGUST EVENTS

AT THE ARANSAS PASS CIVIC CENTER

BRUSH COUNTY GUN SHOW
AUG 6TH & 7TH



UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE - AUG 8TH
WITH SHERRI SHOUSE, FROM 1-2PM

SENIOR
MEETINGS

BINGO & GAMES - AUG 22ND
FROM 1-2PM



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Ransom Island Discussions Continue

The Ransom Island Peninsula is that fenced-in strip of land at the end of Ransom Rd. east of Commercial St. The City has been meeting lately with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) about this property. Also, the City has been discussing the improvement of that land with developers. A challenge has been the potential environmental problems dating back decades. That's the reason for the TCEQ meetings. A potential developer also is involved with the TCEQ meetings. The map above shows some mitigation options that would be necessary before the land can be developed. So far, talks with TCEQ, a potential developer and the City are going well.



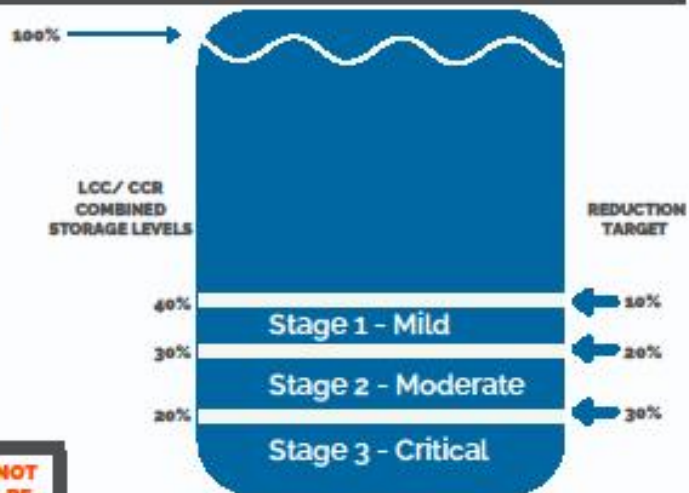
Muralist Leah Grundhauser (seen above) continues to work on a large mural on the City Hall east wall. This large section should be completed soon. The final small section will be completed under wraps in preparation for an upcoming unveiling. The mural depicts the culture and history of Aransas Pass.



DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

Providing fresh, safe and affordable water for our customers is our number one priority. The Drought Contingency Plan was created so the City and its residents can cut back on water use when supplies are low, ensuring there is enough water to make it through a drought.

Drought restrictions go into effect at trigger points based on the combined storage levels of Lake Corpus Christi (LCC) and Choke Canyon Reservoir (CCR).



BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 25TH, CITATIONS FOR NOT FOLLOWING STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS WILL BE ISSUED. CITATIONS COULD RESULT IN FINES UP TO \$500 PER VIOLATION PER DAY. ENFORCEMENT WILL INCLUDE NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS.

1 STAGE 1: COMBINED LAKE LEVELS BELOW 40% MILD WATER SHORTAGE WATCH

- Watering with irrigation or sprinklers allowed one day per week: Tuesday - even number residences, Wednesday - odd number residences, and Thursday - multifamily & commercial
- Watering with a hand-held hose with a shut-off nozzle, a bucket, or drip irrigation system allowed on any day at any time
- City monitors Stage 1 compliance

2 STAGE 2: COMBINED LAKE LEVELS BELOW 30% MODERATE WATER SHORTAGE

- Watering with irrigation or sprinklers allowed 1x every other week Tuesday - even number residences, Wednesday - odd number residences, and Thursday - multifamily & commercial
- Water main flushing limited to water quality standards, public health & safety
- City will review water usage compliance & notify violators

3 STAGE 3: COMBINED LAKE LEVELS BELOW 20% CRITICAL WATER SHORTAGE

- Irrigation is **PROHIBITED**
- Additional drought surcharge to utility bills
- Disconnect water meters of intentional violators

4 EMERGENCY WATER SHORTAGE

- Triggered by emergencies
- Irrigation and vehicle washing is **PROHIBITED**
- Water use not related to business purposes is deferred until the **Stage 4 water emergency** is over

When it comes to saving water, a little bit goes a long way

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