



# ARANSAS PASS CITY NEWS

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## AP Recognized By National Media For Hurricane Recovery

The City of Aransas Pass was recognized by a major national Television chain for its hurricane recovery work. In early October, the Scripps TV Chain interviewed City Manager Gary Edwards (see pic below). Scripps has a station in Ft. Myers, Florida, a landfall city for Hurricane Ian. The company also has stations in other Florida cities. The report will air on all stations. Reporters doing the interview asked about working with FEMA and obtaining recovery funds. The purpose of the news story is to show the Florida cities a successful recovery from a Category 4 hurricane. Ian also was a Category 4. In other words, Aransas Pass is providing "light at the end of the tunnel".



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***Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Harvey both were Category 4 storms. It takes about 5 years to recover from a storm that large. Aransas Pass has had a successful recovery because of the positive attitudes and hard work of Citizens, the City Council and staff.***

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## Huge Crowd From Across South Texas Shows Up for Blue Star Dedication

A sizable audience from the Coastal Bend area attended the Blue Star Memorial Dedication on Saturday, October 22nd (see pic below). Spearheading the memorial was the Hibiscus Garden Club. The City of Aransas Pass partnered with the Hibiscus Club. The memorial, with the impressive Blue Star plaque, is located at Harbor Point Park at Conn Brown Harbor. The memorial honors all branches of the military. There are over 170 such plaques throughout Texas. City Councilmembers attending the event were Mayor Ram Gomez, Mayor Pro-Tem Carrie Scruggs and Councilmembers Jan Moore and Vicki Abrego (See pic above).



## Construction Ready To Begin on a Long-Needed Project

When crossing the Dale Miller Bridge heading toward downtown, if you look to the right, you may have noticed the water and wastewater lines crossing the bay. All of them are above the waterline (see pic above). This position makes the lines more susceptible to breakage. These lines serve the Bay Harbor area. After decades of being vulnerable, construction soon will begin to place these important utility lines below the bay. A pre-construction meeting was held on October 11th (see pic below). The contractor is Bridges Specialties, Inc. The project cost is \$172,947. Depending on variables, such as weather, the work should be completed by January 19th.

## RECORD NUMBER OF YOUTH AND PARENTS SHOW UP FOR CITY'S OCTOBER 29TH TRUNK OR TREAT. ABOUT 2,000 ATTEND (SEE PIC BELOW).



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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

The First Annual Halloween Festival was held October 28th and 29th at the Civic Center (see pic below).

There were concessions, games, a pumpkin patch and a petting zoo.



### Aransas Pass Demo Map- 218 total Demos

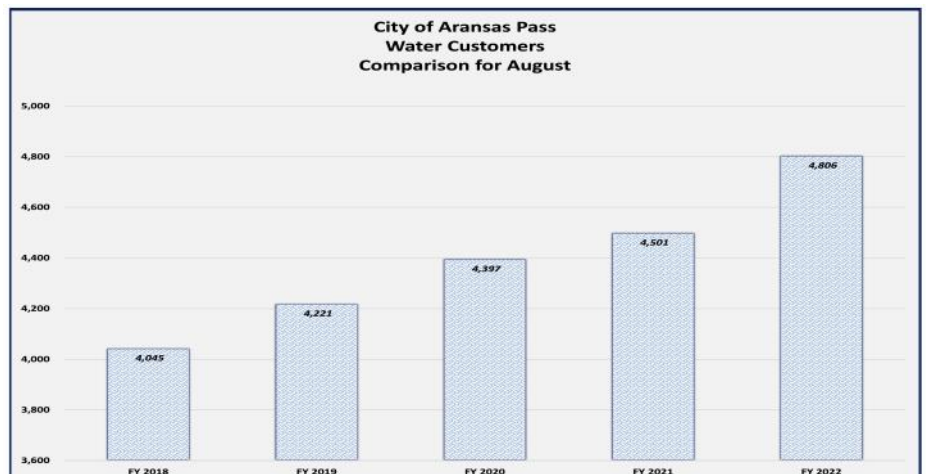
Each pin represents a structure that was demolished on an address.



## Demolitions For The Past Nearly 3 Years Now Over 200

For nearly three years the City of AP has had a very robust demolition program (see above pic). It's goal has been to eliminate unsafe and unhealthy structures around town. Some of which are the result of Hurricane Harvey. Others should have been taken down years ago. These demolitions have been largely responsible for the many new utility customers. In other words, new in-fill homes are being built at some of the previous demolition sites. Because of these new structures, we now exceed pre-Hurricane Harvey utility customer levels (see chart below).

The number of utility customers continues to climb. It exceeds the pre-Harvey total.



The City is taking a new approach to the Fall Clean-Up. Hope you can help out!! Morning snacks will be there.

## CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

### CODE ENFORCEMENT NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP

**NOVEMBER 12, 2022**  
**9:00 A.M - 1:00 P.M**

- . Will pick up bulky items
- . Will pick household items
- . No brush
- . No tires
- . No Commercial Businesses
- . Residential only

Grab your gloves and get on over to City Hall so we can team up! We encourage all business owners and residents to join us Nov. 12, 2022, to clean up our city. We need all hands-on deck to pick up large amounts of debris in *Section 1*. We will have large roll-offs on the corner of North Lamont and Cleveland Blvd. and DeBerry and Rife for residents to bring large bulk items. If you have a pickup truck, trailer, or just want to come in and help, we will meet at City Hall at 9:00 A.M and divide into teams. Any questions please reach out to Refugio (Tito) Villarreal at 361-758-3111 ext. 3105

### MANY CITIZENS SHOW UP FOR DAY OF KINDNESS

The Rudy Abrego “Day Of Kindness” event was held on October 21st at Newberry Park. A large crowd of more than 200 people participated. Mayor Ram Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Scruggs, Councilmembers, Jan Moore and Vicki Abrego, were in attendance. The event promoted community positive attitudes and kindness. The late Rudy Abrego was a highly respected community leader. (see pic below). Performing at the Day of Kindness event was the Charlie Marshall student Choir. Also, the “Hope Squad” was made up of AC Blunt Students. (pic at the lower left)



### The Fall Feast Is Free To Everyone



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# ARANSAS PASS FALL FEAST

WELCOME TO THE  
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