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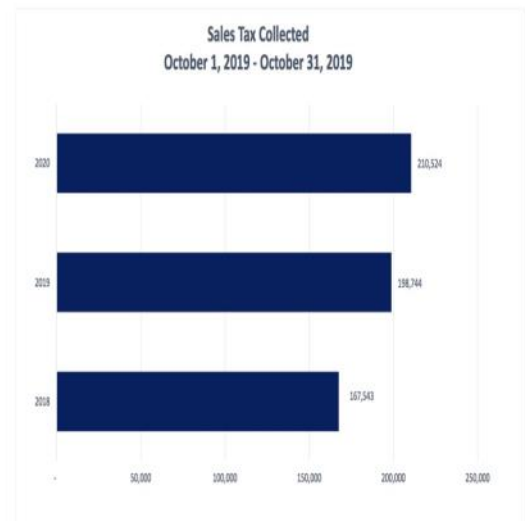
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Merry Christmas And Happy Holidays To You And Your Family From The Aransas Pass Mayor, Council and Staff

There is a lot to celebrate this holiday season. In addition to recognizing the true meaning of Christmas, it is appropriate to observe all that our community has accomplished since last Christmas. A large majority of our Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) projects are completed, however, there are a few large ones just now getting underway. The water tower is about complete. The design for the major improvements to Conn Brown Harbor should be completed this month with construction beginning in the early Spring. The New Theater should open this month. Sales taxes and property taxes are up. More housing is being built. These are only a few of the many things underway.

Seen below Left to right are: Councilmember Vickie Abrego-Place 4; Jan Moore-Mayor Pro-tem and Place 3; Mayor Ram Gomez; Councilmember Carrie Scruggs-Place 1; Councilmember Billy Ellis-Place 2.



The most recent Sales Tax report for Aransas Pass showing continued strong sales in our Community. The next report comes out in early December.





Demolition Update

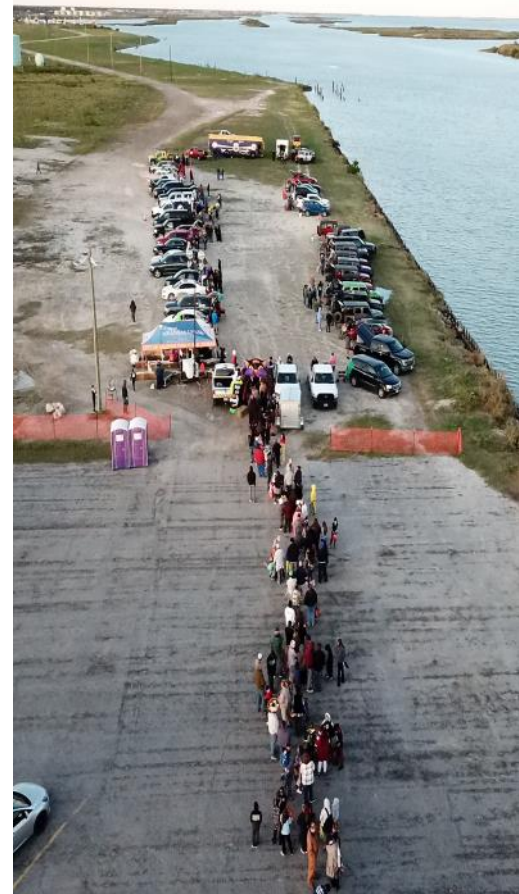
There have been a total of 86 demolitions since Hurricane Harvey. 30 (green pins) immediately afterward and 56 (white buttons) from 8-18 to 11-19. That is a total of 86. See above map showing the locations of the demolitions. Demolitions are a part of the City's on-going clean-up effort. The City Attorney, Roxann Pais Cotroneo, put together a team of staff members to address the need for citywide demolitions. This effort involves extensive legal requirements.

December 2nd City Council Meeting includes several Community Growth Issues

During its December 2nd regular meeting, the Aransas Pass City Council will be handling several issues involving the long-term growth of the community. One is a rezoning issue for a proposed Apartment Complex on Wheeler. Another is asking the City Council to accept a bid for work on hardening the City Council Chambers so it can be used as an Emergency Operations Center. Yet another requests the City Council to approve a contractor to do final renovations to the Civic Center. When this work is completed, the civic center hurricane-related repairs will be completed. Finally, The City Council will be asked to support an Industrial Master Plan. This proposal involves several area cities with the goal of approaching anticipated industrial growth in this region in a more unified way so the area can have jobs while maintaining the local quality of life.

2019 Trunk-or-Treat A Huge Success

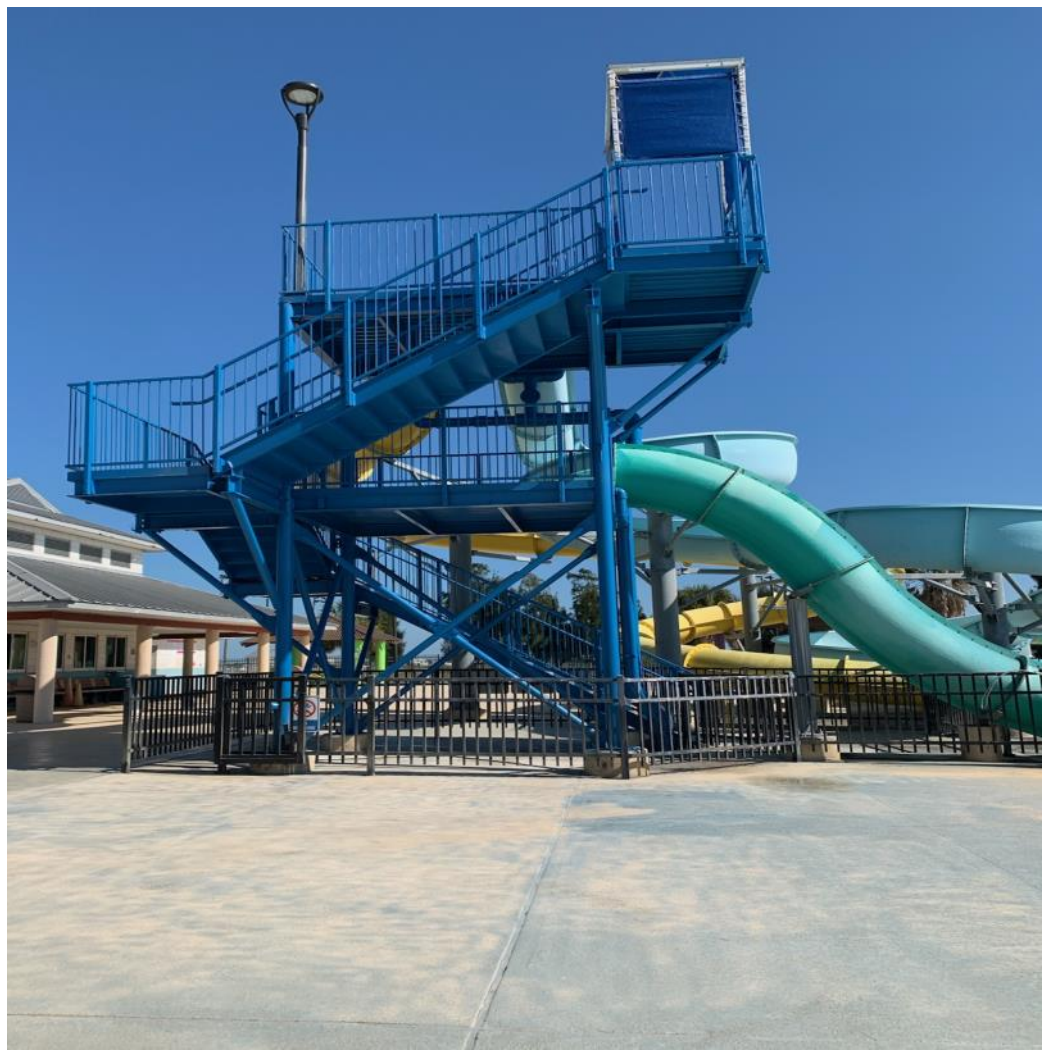
The City's annual Oct. 31st Trunk-or-Treat Halloween event, attracted about 750 kids, 600 Adults and 72 vehicles (trunks). Sponsors included LNV Engineers, Redfish Willie's, Lowe's, HEB, NSTS, JJ Fox Construction, Roland Barrera, The Aransas Pass Women's Club. Some of the participating businesses included Walmart, Sparklight, Dannenbaum Architects, McCoys, Dream Team Realtors, AP for Youth. See Drone pic below courtesy of Jeff Martin





Movies Inc. Targets De- cember To Open It's Doors

The first Aransas Pass movie Theater in decades and the City's first-ever multiplex, is targeting December as its anticipated opening date. The facility is located on Highway 35 near the Butter Churn and Allen Samuels Dodge. The facility worked with the City during Construction.



Aquatic Center Slide Tower Maintenance is complete

Inspections are complete and the Aquatic Center slide tower is deemed Structurally sound (see above pic). Much needed maintenance for the Slide Tower aesthetics were worked on through the latter part of this year. It is not yet known for certain if it can happen but, there will be an effort to open the new tower during Spring Break 2020.

An Historic Moment: Water Tank Hoisted To The Top Of The Tower

Drone pictures below (courtesy of Seth Warren) show the new Aransas Pass Water Tower while the water tank portion was being hoisted up the shaft and to the top of the tower. The historic event, which took place during the morning of Wednesday, November 27th, was supposed to take as long as 3 hours, but was completed in less than two hours.

The original water tower, which was the old multi-legged style, was toppled during Hurricane Harvey sending half-a-million gallons of water to the ground. This new design can be seen for miles. The new water tower is being paid for by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with assistance from the State of Texas and with Rebuild Texas Fund providing the City's match portion. The new tower should be substantially complete in January and totally complete in the Early Spring.

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