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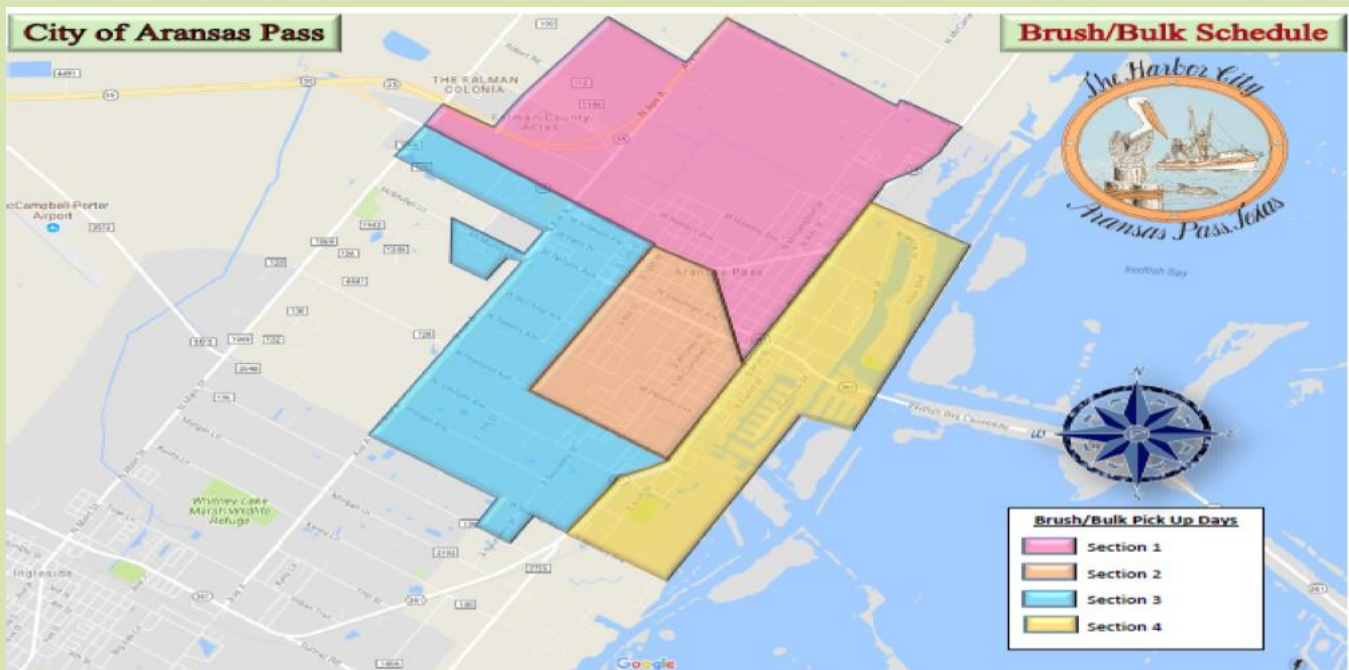
## THE CITY CAN PICK-UP YOUR BULKY ITEMS AND LIMBS!!

This service is provided for homes within the city limits that have a garbage account. BULKY ITEMS NOR LIMBS WILL BE PICKED UP ON VACANT LOTS. The bulky items and limbs must be in separate piles. Please do not mix them. The Maximum the City will pick up is fifteen (15) cubic yards per resident. How much is 15 cubic yards? Very generally speaking, 15 cubic yards is 5 yards by 3 yards by 1 yard high. A parking spot is generally about 15 cubic yards before the height is taken into consideration.

Your week begins on a Monday. We ask that everyone put their bulk items out on the curbside by 7 A.M. on Monday so it will be ready for pick-up at the start of the scheduled week. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not put your bulk items and limbs out until your scheduled week.

**What is Bulk Waste? For example:** stoves, water tanks, washing machines, furniture. Refrigerators and A/C must be tagged by an HVAC professional stating the Freon is removed. **What items will NOT be picked up:** Concrete, hazardous waste, tires, construction debris. This service is not part of the hurricane debris removal. It is an ongoing City service.

-  The 1<sup>ST</sup> Monday of the month will be section 1 (PINK) which is on the north side of W. Wheeler, then along the northeast side of Harrison to Commercial.
-  The 2<sup>ND</sup> Monday of the month will be section 2 (ORANGE) which is between W. Wheeler and W. Highland and east of 11<sup>th</sup> St. to Harrison and Commercial.
-  The 3<sup>RD</sup> Monday of the month will be section 3 (BLUE) which is between W. Beasley and Highland then on the west side of 11<sup>th</sup> St. to W. Wheeler then west to the city limits.
-  The 4<sup>TH</sup> Monday of the month will be section 4 (YELLOW) which is everyone on the East side of South and North Commercial.



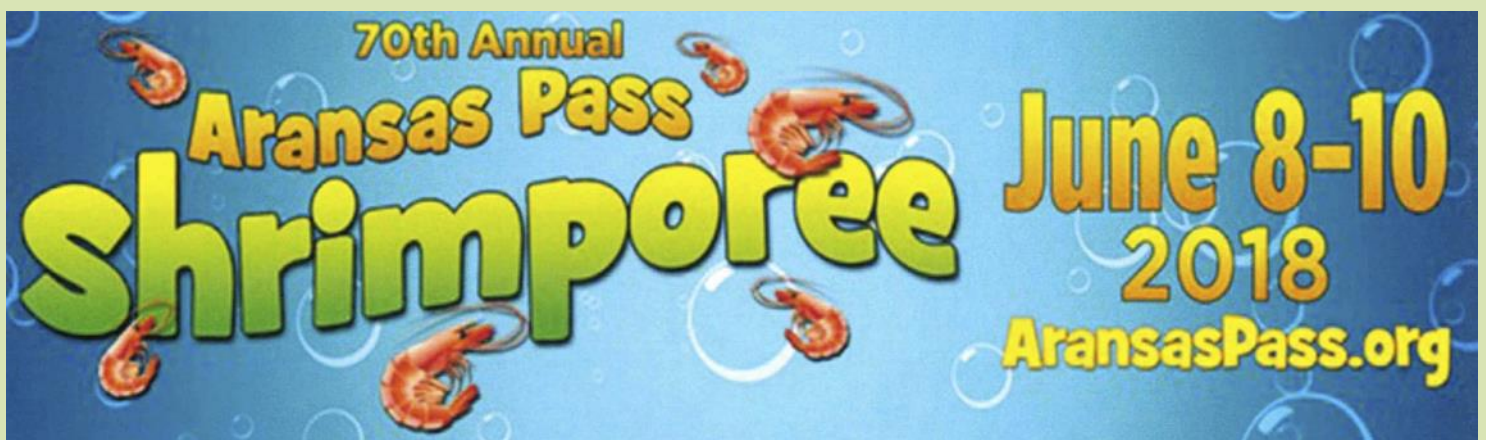
## COTRONEO NAMED ARANSAS PASS CITY ATTORNEY

After decades of relying on the legal advice of retiring City Attorney Allen Lawrence, the City Council has hired a new person to fill that position. Roxann Pais Cotroneo (see photo below) was raised in nearby Portland. She has more than 23 years of municipal law experience serving as City Attorney and/or City Prosecutor. Roxann has won national awards for solutions to improve cities and authored two code enforcement books and written numerous articles. She received her law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio. Her Bachelor of Arts degree was received from The University of Texas at Austin. Roxann also has studied in Spain, Georgetown University in Washington, DC and Harvard Law School.



## CITY RECEPTION GIVEN TO RETIRING CITY ATTORNEY

A large group of citizens with former and current City officials were on hand the evening of April 16th to wish The Best to retiring City Attorney Allen Lawrence. Shown above left to right are Current Aransas Pass Mayor Ram Gomez; Attorney Allen Lawrence; Patsy Lawrence, Former Mayor Karen Gayle and Ralph Gayle. Former Mayor Tommy Knight also was in attendance as were several former and current Councilmembers. Several citizens and current and former City Staff members said goodbye to Allen that evening. Lawrence has been with the City in some legal profession capacity for nearly half-a-century. Later that evening, The Mayor and Council presented Lawrence with a plaque honoring his long and productive career with the City. After saying a few words, Lawrence received a standing ovation from the Council and audience. His final day with the City is April 30th.







An overnight Friday the 13th storm with wind gusts up to 75 mph apparently is responsible for the sinking of a 21 ft. fishing boat at Conn Brown Harbor. See photo above of the capsized boat. The boats bowline broke and the boat shipped water, sunk and rolled upside down. Federal and State officials were notified by the City's Harbor Master, Chuck West. The Coast Guard and the State's General Land Office arrived on the scene and determined there was no pollution from the accident. By Sunday the 15th of April, the boat was refloated

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

If you want to have input into the upcoming City Budget at the early stages, the City Council will be hearing your comments on June 4th shortly after 6 PM. Open to every citizen.



## Flood Risk Open House

**EVENT ONE—OPEN TO EVERYONE!!** There will be a Flood Risk Open House at the Aransas Pass Civic Center from 2 PM to 7 PM on May 16th for the public to view the new preliminary flood maps and see how their property could be affected and learn what options they may have. There will be officials from FEMA, the State, and the community at the Open House. Above is the Preliminary map showing the San Patricio portion of the redrawn flood zone

**EVENT TWO—FLOOD INSURANCE WORKSHOP OPEN TO PROFESSIONALS:** The City of Aransas Pass, in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are holding an Insurance Workshop to:

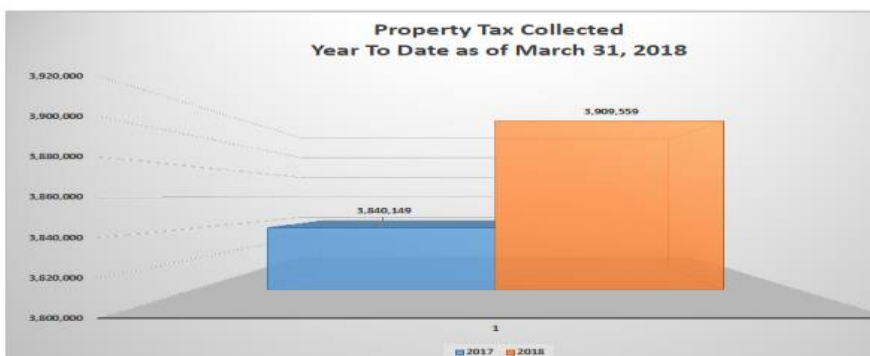
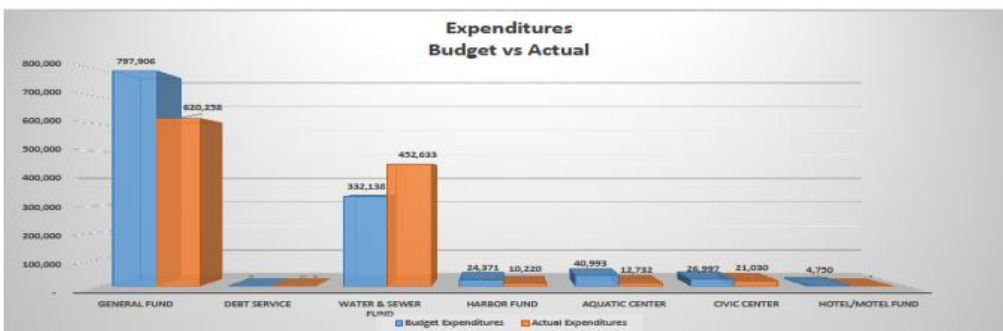
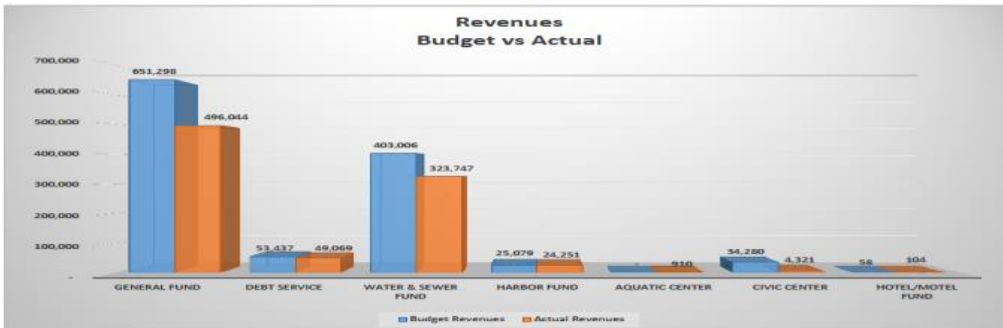
- Better understand where flood map changes are occurring
- Know more about the newly mapped procedures
- Know what online tools and resources are available to your business

This session is designed for insurance agents, and real estate professionals.

May 16, from 10 am to Noon. You must be registered at the following address: <<https://apmappingupdate2018.eventbrite.com>>

# MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The graphs below show the monthly City Finances as presented by Finance Director Sandra Garcia during the April 16th City Council meeting. In sum, the financial picture remain stable, but improvements need to be made with revenues. Specifically, there is concern about the impact of Harvey on Property Tax.



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### FEMA ARANSAS PASS HARVEY STATS (SO FAR)

#### National Flood Insurance (NFIP)

Claims—182

Paid \$3.62 M

#### Direct Housing:

Eligible—47

Housed—41

Processing—6

#### SBA:

Loans Approved—461

Amount: \$30.38 M

Households in FEMA funded Hotels—44

#### Public Assistance

Projects Obligated –3

This is only a small portion of the 60 or so listed projects. More are to come.

Funded (so far) -\$1.6 m

### CITYWIDE SURVEY

In July The City will be sending a survey to every household in Aransas Pass asking what you think of the various city services. This will be used as a baseline measurement for subsequent surveys.