



KENNEDALE TownCenter Herald

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Friday, April 3rd

Good Friday (City Offices Closed)

Tuesday, April 7th at 6 p.m.

Keep Kennedale Beautiful (KKB)

Thursday, April 9th at 12 Noon

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Thursday, April 16th at 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z)

April 17th-19th

Brickworks Festival Art in the Park
at TownCenter Park (405 Municipal Dr.)

(Friday: 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m.
to 10 p.m.; Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.)

Monday, April 20th at 7 p.m.

City Council Regular Session

Tuesday, April 21st at 6 p.m.

Kennedale Historical Society

Wednesday, April 22nd at 1:30 p.m.

Municipal Court

ELECTION: at the Library Community Center

Early Voting

Mon.	4/27	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tue.	4/28	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Wed.	4/29	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thur.	4/30	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fri.	5/1	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat.	5/2	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sun.	5/3	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Mon.	5/4	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Tue.	5/5	7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Election Day

Sat.	5/9	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
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Saturday, May 9th at 10 a.m.

KKB Bird Sanctuary Clean-Up at Sonora Park
(To participate, please contact Kelly Cooper at
817-985-2106 or kcooper@cityofkennedale.com)

Saturday, May 16th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: "Kids to Parks Day"

Bark in the Park & KIDFISH at Sonora Park

(TCAP will provide low-cost vaccinations until noon.)

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT KENNEDALE CITY HALL
(405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE) UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

PRIORITIES, PLANS, SURVEYS & STRATEGIES

How to Make a Budget



MAYOR BRIAN JOHNSON

May marks the beginning of the City Council's annual budget planning effort.

Budgets are complicated and dull, and there is never enough money to do everything. Because resources are limited, we must establish the city's priorities.

Accordingly, the Council will review the Citizen Survey, Strategic Plan, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

We will continue to address basic services first. They account for the majority of the budget and include the police and fire departments, streets, water, and parks.

When these items are funded, the Council will examine options for remaining funds by focusing on goals that will improve quality of life in Kennedale.

Among these goals are the Village Creek Project, improvements in Oak Crest, redevelopment along New Hope Road, new software to make government more transparent, and a

linear park with hike and bike trails.

These goals are accomplished by leveraging every dollar with outside funds and partnering with other private and public entities.

As always, the budget must be balanced and an emergency fund held in reserve.

The city budget will never be the stuff of a summer blockbuster – though my screenplay is in the works – but it is a critical part of effective city government.

Budget Meetings

Thursday, September 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Public Hearing on Budget

Thursday, September 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Budget Special Session (tentative)

Monday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Budget Approval and Ratification

You can view the current budget on the website
(<http://cityofkennedale.com/index.aspx?nid=117>).

What is the Brickworks Festival?

WWW.KENNEDALEARTSFESTIVAL.COM

Art is the Park is now the Brickworks Festival. The new name celebrates Kennedale's historical roots. Brickworks was a local company that operated in the area that is now Sonora Park. They manufactured bricks from the 1880s through the beginning of the 1900s, some of which can still be found in the older buildings of downtown Fort Worth.

This family-friendly festival offers something for all ages. The Kid's Zone will be in the TownCenter parking lot in front of the clock tower and will feature crafts, face painting, and a bounce house. Older kids can ride the mechanical bull or visit the photo booth. In the grassy area just east of the Kid's Zone, there will be pony rides and a petting zoo!

If you'd like to volunteer, please email Adrienne Kay at askaytx@msn.com. Students will receive community service hours.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 17th: 4 to 10 p.m.

6:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremony
6:15 p.m.	Kennedale "Bricklayers"
7:00 p.m.	San Jacinto Day Parade
8:00 p.m.	Alumni Association tribute to KHS Alumni
8:30 p.m.	Lannie Flowers

Saturday, April 18th: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

8:30 a.m.	Brickfest 5K & Fun Run (begins behind City Hall on Corry A. Edwards Dr.)
2:00 p.m.	Historical Society Pie Eating Contest
7:00 p.m.	Brendon Preece
8:00 p.m.	Charla Corn

Sunday, April 19th: noon to 5 p.m.

1:30 p.m.	Pet Parade through TownCenter Park
2:00 p.m.	FBC Praise Team
3:00 p.m.	Scholarship Presentation
3:30 p.m.	KJHS & KHS

Free Car Care Clinics



Wednesday, April 8, 2015
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 Kwik Kar Automotive Repair
 5333 Matlock Rd.
 Arlington, TX 76018
 (817) 468-0200
 Visit NCTCOG for more info.
<http://www.carcare.org/>

April is National Car Care Month. Do you know how to change a flat tire? How to check your oil and other fluids? Do you ever wonder if belts, hoses, wiper blades, or tires need attention? What should you do when the check engine light comes on?

The North Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is partnering with automotive repair shops in North Texas to host free Car Care Clinics this month. These events will help motorists understand the basics of caring for a vehicle and some will offer free vehicle checkups. Attendees will receive a complimentary vehicle emergency kit, while supplies last.

These clinics are part of a nationwide effort to promote the importance of vehicle maintenance. Proper care not only prolongs the life of your vehicle, but will ensure you are getting the best fuel economy and protecting our air by minimizing emissions.

ICMA Professional Fellows Program

The City of Kennedale is proud to announce that it will be hosting two Fellows from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Professional Fellows Program funded by the U.S. State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

Hong Muyheng (of Cambodia) and Bounmy Sibounheuang (of Laos) will spend the month of May in our city.

Their itinerary includes meeting and working with professors at UTA, Commissioner Andy Nguyen, a non-profit organization, and collaborating with city staff on the annual budgeting process.

According to ICMA, "the overall goal of

the program is to create a global network of emerging local government leaders to positively impact practices at their organizations and in their communities by enriching their leadership skills and cultural understanding and by providing opportunities for knowledge exchange and ongoing collaboration".

In return for hosting, the city will have the opportunity to nominate one of our own staff members to spend a month in Southeast Asia next year.

If you'd like to follow along on our Fellows' adventure, you can check out their blog beginning in May at http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/blogs/blog/18/Professional_Fellows_Exchange_Program.



Volunteers needed for Sonora Park Clean-up Saturday, May 9th

The Keep Kennedale Beautiful Commission (KKB) is seeking volunteers to assist with the Sonora Park bird sanctuary clean-up scheduled for May 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We will be removing trash, debris, and invasive plants. If you have tools you're willing to share, please bring them along!

Contact Kelly Cooper at 817-985-2106 or kcooper@cityofkennedale.com to be part of this fun community event.

Historical Society Display at the Library

The Kennedale Historical Society invites residents to stop by the library and view their new display, which will be updated every quarter. You may see someone you know in it!

The Historical Society would like to thank Pate Jones Paving for being our first sponsor. If you're interested in sponsoring the next quarter, which begins in June, please contact Tammy Jones at 817-343-8530.

The cost is \$100 per quarter.



SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 16TH Bark in the Park and KIDFISH at Sonora Park

As part of the National Park Trust's "Kids to Parks Day," Kennedale will be holding Bark in the Park and KIDFISH at Sonora Park (263 S. New Hope Road) on Saturday, May 16th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bark in the Park features pet registration (required in Kennedale), vendor booths, a caricature artist, and low-cost vaccines from the Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (until noon).

Contact Dianna Garcia at 817-985-2160 (x2227) for

more information or to reserve a **free vendor space!**

KIDFISH is a youth outreach program dedicated to facilitating and educating a new generation of outdoor enthusiasts. Bring your kids or grandchildren, and try your hand at fishing in the Sonora Park pond! Poles will be available to borrow if you don't have one.

This is a great opportunity to spend some time in the great outdoors, meet some new people, and see all that the park has to offer! The splash pad will be open!