



KENNEDALE TownCenter Herald

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, Jan. 6th - 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Board

Tuesday, Jan. 12th - 6:00 p.m.

Keep Kennedale Beautiful Commission (KKB)

Monday, Jan. 18th

City Offices Closed

in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
City Council Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21st - 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z)

Tuesday, Jan. 26th - 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 14th - 7:30 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce Coffee Chat

Iris Coffee Shop; 5801 W I-20 in Arlington

Saturday, Jan. 16th - 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Beginner Bird Identification Workshop

www.cityofkennedale.com/birding

Tuesday, Jan. 19th - 6:00 p.m.

Kennedale Historical Society Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 20th - 11:30 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon

Keep Healthy Kennedale!

Life Fellowship Church; 611 Little School Road

www.kennedalechamber.com

Friday, Jan. 29th - 11:30 a.m.

Chamber Lunch & Learn: Taxes 101

Friday, Feb. 19th - 5:00 p.m.

Deadline for filing for a place on the ballot

City Council Election (Saturday, May 7th, 2016)

Mayor and Places 2 & 4 will be on the ballot

Tuesdays at Noon

Rotary Club Luncheon

No Frills Grill; 4914 Little Road in Arlington

www.kennedalerotaryclub.com

April 15th-17th

Brickworks Festival (Art in the Park)

www.cityofkennedale.com/bw

Have a community event or story
you'd like to see in the newsletter?

Let us know!

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What's in Store for 2016?



MAYOR BRIAN JOHNSON

The coming year has so much in store. Mark your calendars for the Brickworks Festival April 15th-17th, Bark in The Park May 21st, and our annual Texas Independence Day Parade April 16th.

You'll have multiple chances to vote this year, and that is very exciting! Kennedale will have a city council and charter amendment election in May. (Rumor has it, there is also a presidential election.)

I hope you'll go out and enjoy the final racing season at Texas Raceway. The area will soon be redeveloped into new homes. Residents can

also look forward to two new restaurants opening this year. The council continues to work on new road projects, parks, and redeveloping the Village Creek area.

To learn more about what's happening in your community, come to a council or board meeting, visit the website, listen to my podcast, check us out on social media, and follow the Kennedale News on Facebook.

Brian P. Johnson



Listen to the latest podcast at www.cityofale.com/mayor

Mayor Pledges to Help Save Monarch Butterflies

Mayor Brian Johnson took the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) Monarch Pledge to help the monarch and other pollinators. In 1996, there were roughly 1 billion monarchs in the United States, but their numbers have declined by approximately 90%.



"By working together we can ensure that every American child has a chance to experience majestic monarchs in their backyards and communities," said Collin O'Mara, NWF President and CEO.

Through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, cities commit to creating habitats and educating

residents on ways they can make a difference. Mayor Johnson asked Keep Kennedale Beautiful (KKB) to lead the program by establishing milkweed and other nectar plants in the TownCenter Park Demonstration Garden and along

the fence at Sonora Park. KKB is also working with Stegall's Nursery, a longtime supporter, to develop a voucher program for residents who would like to help by planting nectar plants and milkweed at their homes.

Learn more at NWF.org/MayorsMonarchPledge or contact KKB staff liaison Kelly Cooper at kcooper@cityofkennedale.com.



100 Years

Congratulations to **Winifred "Winnie" Kaczor**, shown here celebrating her 100th birthday with her family. Winnie was born December 10th, 1915, and is active an active member of the Kennedale Senior Center. Her fellow members, Director Shanti Lechner, and city staff would like to wish her a happy birthday, and many more! To learn more about the Senior Center, visit www.cityofkennedale.com/sc

KFD Receives \$20,000 Grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

In November, KFD was invited to Firehouse Subs in Arlington to celebrate a grant for new turnout gear from the restaurant's national foundation. During the 10-year life cycle of the custom-fitted coats and pants, they'll fight hundreds of fires safeguarded by the best gear available. If you'd like to support this foundation, which has given \$17 million to local heroes so far, please visit www.firehouse-subs.com/firehouse-subs-public-safety-foundation.



EMS Coordinator Ryan Florence (left) and firefighter Ken Seville in their new turnout gear provided by grant money.

simplerecycling

Free Curbside Recycling of Clothing and Home Goods

Keep Kennedale Beautiful (KKB) and the City of Kennedale are proud to be the first city in Tarrant County to offer Simple Recycling, a curbside collection program for unwanted clothing and homegoods. Service is provided at no cost to residents or the city, and will begin this month.

It's estimated that 85% of all clothing ends up in landfills, with only 15% being recycled or donated. Simple Recycling's goal is to keep millions of pounds of clothing from going to waste. This nationwide program provides residents a convenient way to recycle items that they might normally throw away.

Almost half of what is picked up is repurposed for second-hand consumer use, 30% is converted into cleaning rags and other textiles, and 20% is recycled into post-consumer fiber used in home insulation, carpet padding, and the automotive industry. Only 5% ends up as waste. For more information, visit www.SimpleRecycling.com.

Kid's bouncing off the walls? Come bounce with us!



Little Listener's Storytime & Craft Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Kennedale Public Library 316 W 3rd Street

What's that smell?

If you've noticed an offensive gas odor in the air, please let TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) know that it's coming from the Fort Worth Landfill on Anglin Drive.

Some good information to provide would be the date(s) and time(s) you've noticed the odor, how frequently it occurs, and if there are times or circumstances when it seems worse.

You can submit your comments online (<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/complaints>) or by calling 817-588-5800. TCEQ will not accept second-hand information (i.e., city staff relaying residents' complaints). Thank you for your assistance!

BRICKWORKS Festival

ART IN THE PARK

APRIL 15-17, 2016
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