



KENNEDALE TownCenter Herald

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, Nov. 4th - 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Board

Tuesday, Nov. 10th - 6:00 p.m.

Keep Kennedale Beautiful Commission (KKB)

Monday, Nov. 16th - 7:00 p.m.

City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 17th - 6:00 p.m.

Kennedale Historical Society Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 17th - 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Thursday, Nov. 19th - 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z)

Thursday, Nov. 26th & Friday, Nov. 27th

City Offices Closed in observance of Thanksgiving

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, Nov. 7th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bird Sanctuary Clean-Up & Invasive Plant Removal

Meet at Sonora Park Pavilion (presented by KKB)

www.cityofkennedale.com/cleanup

Tuesday, Nov. 10th - 11:30 a.m.

Kennedale Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

"What Makes Presidents Great" with Mayor Johnson

Tuesday, Dec. 1st - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

TownCenter Christmas Tree Lighting Festival

Musical performances, treats, Santa, and an opportunity to sign up for the Angel Tree. Don't forget your camera!

Want to participate? www.cityofkennedale.com/Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 8th - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Kennedale Area Chamber of Commerce Toy Drive

Bring your donations of new, unwrapped toys and gifts to the Kennedale Fire Department (100 Cloverlane Drive)

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

Beginner Bird Identification Workshop

www.cityofkennedale.com/birding

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

Let us know!

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Charter Review Committee



MAYOR BRIAN JOHNSON

In Texas, municipalities are classified as either general law or home rule cities. A general law city is bound by Dillon's Rule, a doctrine stating that a local government may only exercise those powers granted by state law.

Kennedale, on the other hand, is a home rule city, which means we drafted a charter, or a constitution unique to our city, outlining the powers, organization, functions, and essential procedures of operation.

Typically cities review their charters every two to five years, but Kennedale has not done so since the document's adoption in 1997.

One of council's goals for the upcoming year is a charter review. To that end, we've assembled a group of residents, some of whom served on the original charter committee, to recommend changes and updates.

Any changes recommended by the committee will be voted on by residents in the May 2016 election.

If you're interested in reading the original document, please visit www.cityofkennedale.com/charter.

Brian P. Johnson



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BENEFITING
FAMILIES IN KISD

A PROJECT OF THE
KENNEDALE PROFESSIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

If you'd like to apply for assistance through this program or if you'd like to sign up to sponsor a family, please visit the Fire Station at 100 Cloverlane Drive or contact Ryan Florence at rflorence@cityofkennedale.com or 817-478-5322. Applications are due Friday, November 20th, by 8:00 p.m.



Kennedale Police **Sergeant Jason Charbonnet** was presented with his certificate of graduation from the prestigious **School of Police Supervision** by U.S. Army General (Ret.) Michael Marchand on Friday, October 30th, at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration (ILEA) in Plano. The course trains newly-appointed supervisors in skills necessary for successful leadership in law enforcement. The 30-day curriculum includes training in leadership styles, teambuilding, supervisory techniques, and liability issues. Each Kennedale sergeant is required to complete the course within one year of being promoted. General Marchand is a retired Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) attorney and judge, and is currently the President of The Center for American and International Law, which is the umbrella organization for ILEA.

Hometown Holiday

IN TOWNCENTER



The Christmas Tree Lighting Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. As always, there will be performances by local choirs and bands, holiday treats provided by the generous organizations and businesses that help make this tradition possible, an **Angel Tree** hosted by the Kennedale Fire Department, and a visit from Santa Claus! Don't forget your camera.

We have a few new features this year in the TownCenter shopping area. Kiddos can take a fun **train ride** any time between 4:00 and 9:00 p.m. on the day of the festival. Tickets will be \$2.00 for ages 2 and up. All proceeds will be donated to a local charity.

TownCenter is also currently looking for a **photographer** and **Christmas tree vendor** to be on-site during the festival (and for the two weeks following). The photographer would set up a family photo backdrop outside for the

night of the Tree Lighting, and would then be given free space to hold business hours for holiday photo sessions in Building 5 (where Subway and Urgent Care are located). General liability insurance is required. For more information, please contact Mark at 214-505-2882.

If your business or organization is interested in hosting a booth to hand out treats or you have any questions about the festivities, please contact City Secretary Leslie Galloway at lgalloway@cityofkennedale.com or 817-985-2104.



TUESDAY DECEMBER 1ST 5:30 PM

Tree Lighting

FESTIVAL

Kennedale Area Chamber of Commerce
TOY DRIVE
 Tuesday, December 8th
 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
 KENNEDALE FIRE STATION

Park & Bird Sanctuary
 Clean-Up & Invasive Plant Removal
 Saturday Nov 7th
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kennedale Receives 100 Trees in Honor of A&M Forest Service Centennial



Keep Kennedale Beautiful (KKB) members Vickie and Michael Chandler and Laurie Sanders handed out 100 trees to residents at the Youth Advisory Council's Trunk-or-Treat (that was moved indoors because of the rain) on Saturday, October 24th.

Kennedale was one of one-hundred communities across Texas to receive 100 trees in honor of Texas A&M Forest Service's centennial year. This project's goal is to help communities expand their urban tree canopy, and as one of the state's 83 Tree City USA affiliates, Kennedale was eligible for early registration.

"This has been a way to assist communities in their recovery efforts, and it provides an opportunity to connect with some of our smaller communities. We don't often have trees to give away and it's very nice to be able to offer trees across the state," Gretchen Riley, partnership coordinator at Texas A&M Forest Service said.

Keep Kennedale Beautiful (KKB) distributed the trees at the TownCenter Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 24th.



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