

TownCenter Herald

NEWSLETTER for THE CITY OF KENNEDALE

MEETINGS

WWW.CITYOFKENNEDALE.COM/CAL
LOCATION: CITY HALL (405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE)

Wednesday, June 1st • 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Board

Tuesday, June 14th • 6:00 p.m.

Keep Kennedale Beautiful Commission (KKB)

Thursday, June 16th • 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z)

Monday, June 27th • 7:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting (Work Session at 5:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 28th • 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday, June 3rd

Robin on the Roof Kickoff (www.facebook.com/Robin-on-the-Roof-155589651121136)

Friday, June 3rd & Saturday, June 4th

City-Wide Garage Sale (cityofkennedale.com/spring)

Saturday, June 4th • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Kickoff (cityofkennedale.com/summer)

Saturday, June 11th • 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Spring Cleanup (cityofkennedale.com/spring)

Wednesday, June 15th • 11:30 a.m.

KACC Networking Luncheon: Election Preview
Life Fellowship Church; 611 Little School Road

Tuesday, June 21st • 6:00 p.m.

Historical Society Meeting (City Hall)
(www.kennedalehistoricalsociety.wordpress.com)

Wednesday, June 29th • 11:30 a.m.

Summer Reading: Meet Ronald McDonald (Library)

Tuesdays

• Tumbling Tots Storytime (Library) at 10:30 a.m.

• Rotary Club Luncheon (No Frills Grill) at noon

• Crochet Club (Library) at 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays (cityofkennedale.com/summer)

• Olympic Trials (TownCenter) at 10:30 a.m.

• LEGO Club (Library) at 2:00 p.m.

Fridays (cityofkennedale.com/summer)

Splash & Read (Sonora) at 10:00 a.m.

Saturdays (cityofkennedale.com/summer)

Movie Matinees (Library) at 3:00 p.m. | 6/11: The Good Dinosaur; 6/18: Inside Out; 6/25: Minions



Have a community event or story for the newsletter? Let us know!
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Economic Development



MAYOR BRIAN JOHNSON

Residents often ask why Kennedale doesn't have a grocery store or more places to eat and shop. In this month's podcast (cityofkennedale.com/mayor), I'll discuss those issues with City Manager Bob Hart, who's also our Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director (gokennedale.com).

We'll talk about what tools the city uses to attract businesses, the challenges of economic development, and (more importantly to Kennedale) redevelopment. I hope you'll take time to listen.

Next, I want to remind you that this month's Council meeting is one week later than usual, on Monday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting includes two public hearings:

- 2016-26 Parks and Open Space Master Plan

- Ordinance: request to amend the concept plan for Swiney Estates PDD (CASE # PZ 16-06).

Interested persons are encouraged to either attend the public hearing to offer comments or submit written comments prior to the meeting to: City Secretary, 405 Municipal Dr., Kennedale, TX, 76060. For more information, call 817-985-2104 or email citysecretary@cityofkennedale.com.

Finally, I'd like to thank the talented staff and students of Arthur Intermediate's Encore for including me in their recent production of Annie Jr. And a special shout out to former Principal Danny Greenfield who played Daddy Warbucks, gave me great advice, and kept me calm during rehearsals!

Brian P. Johnson



city-wide **GARAGE SALE**
FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD & SATURDAY JUNE 4TH
FOR A FREE PERMIT, CALL 817.985.2133 BY 5PM THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND. PICK UP A LIST OF PARTICIPATING HOMES AT CITY HALL OR ONLINE BEGINNING FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD.

THE BIG SPRING CLEAN
CITYOFKENNEDALE.COM/SPRING

spring **CLEANUP** **SATURDAY JUNE 11TH 8AM-NOON**

DROP OFF BRUSH & BULKY ITEMS AT PROGRESSIVE LANDFILL • 4144 DICK PRICE RD
THIS IS A FREE SERVICE FOR KENNEDALE RESIDENTS ONLY
PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED. BRING YOUR CURRENT KENNEDALE UTILITY BILL AND A VALID STATE-ISSUED ID
SAFETY VEST (\$5) REQUIRED TO DROP OFF TRAILER LOADS

DO NOT BRING
• RECYCLABLES
• HAZARDOUS WASTE*
• FREON APPLIANCES
• COMMERCIAL WASTE
• DUMP TRUCKS

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Robin's Back on the Roof



Every summer, Robin Evans collects food for local residents in need through her "Robin on the Roof" program. Beginning Friday, June 3rd at 9:00 a.m., she'll be on the roof of All Saints Lutheran Church in Arlington until her goal of 150,000 pounds is reached! To donate, stop by First United Methodist Church of Kennedale (229 W 4th St.), All Saints Lutheran Church (4325 SW Green Oaks Blvd. in Arlington) or Edge Park United Methodist Church (5616 Crowley Rd. in Fort Worth). You can also donate online at robinonroof.stappoo.com/?page_id=86. Each dollar equals five pounds of food.



Want to help Robin off the roof? Drop off your donation at First United Methodist Church of Kennedale's Dover Hall (229 W 4th St.): **Friday, June 3rd** from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; **Saturday, June 4th** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; On **Sunday, June 5th** there will be a dropbox on the front porch of Dover Hall all day; and **Monday, June 6th** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Communications Task Force

The City of Kennedale is looking for residents to serve on a Communications Task Force. This informal group will discuss the best ways for city staff to ensure that all segments of the community are informed about proposed changes, upcoming events, and issues that affect Kennedale residents. There will be about three evening or weekend meetings, and we'd like to have at least one representative from each neighborhood. **Interested? Please send your name, phone number, and address to City Secretary Leslie Galloway at lgalloway@cityofkennedale.com or call 817-985-2104.** If you'd like to receive notifications about future opportunities like this, please sign up for **volunteer alerts** at cityofkennedale.com/subscribe. You'll receive notifications about things like Town Hall Meetings, Community Conversations, volunteer opportunities, and surveys. **Thank you for helping shape the future of Kennedale!**

Library Summer Reading Club

Kennedale Public Library's Summer Reading Club **Kick-Off Party is Saturday, June 4th** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in TownCenter Park. Bring the whole family out to sign up for Summer Reading and enjoy miniature train rides, bounce houses, and snacks. All ages can earn prizes for time spent reading! To download a brochure, visit cityofkennedale.com/summer. **Thank you to the volunteers, staff, and donors that make this program possible, including:**

- **Texas Book Festival:** \$2,064 grant (www.texasbookfestival.org)
- **Dollar General:** \$2,000 grant awarded to the Friends of the Library (FOLK) (www.2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx)
- **Prize Donors Include:** Dallas Zoo, Fort Worth Zoo, Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, Grapevine Vintage Railroad, Theatre Arlington, Casa Mañana, Symphony Arlington, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, C.R. Smith Museum, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Dallas Cowboys (Stadium Tour), Texas Rangers
- **In-Kind Donations Include:** Texas Commission on the Arts, Albertsons, Papa Murphy's, Olive Garden, Chicken Express, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, LEGOLAND, QuikTrip, Ringling Bros. Circus, Putt-Putt Fun Center

WEEKLY SUMMER EVENTS

- **Summer Storytime** (all ages welcome, but geared towards ages 0-5): Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- **Olympic Trials** (ages 6-12): Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in TownCenter Park (405 Municipal Dr.)
- **LEGO® Club** (ages 5-10): Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.
- **Splash & Read** (all ages): Family Storytime on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at Sonora (263 S New Hope Rd.)
- **Movie Matinees** (all ages): Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.
 - June 11th: *The Good Dinosaur*
 - June 18th: *Inside Out*
 - June 25th: *Minions*
 - July 2nd: *Norm of the North*
 - July 9th: *Zootopia*
 - July 16th: *Cinderella* (2015)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- **Kick-Off Party:** Saturday, June 4th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in TownCenter Park (405 Municipal Dr.)
- **Visit with Ronald McDonald:** Wednesday, June 29th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- **Rhythm Path:** Saturday, July 9th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Made possible through a donation by the Texas Commission on the Arts (www.arts.texas.gov))
- **Summer Reading Club Finale Party:** Saturday, July 23rd from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Sonora Park (263 S New Hope Rd.)

** All programs and events are in the Library (316 W 3rd St.), unless otherwise noted.*
cityofkennedale.com/summer

Bird Workshop: Free Event

The Summer Bird Workshop Saturday is Saturday, July 23rd (presented by the City of Kennedale Planning Department, with assistance from Friends of the Southwest Nature Preserve, www.swnp.org). The class begins at 8:00 a.m. in City Hall and is followed by birdwatching at the Southwest Nature Preserve (5201 Bowman Springs Rd. in Arlington) from 8:30 to 10:00.

Attendees will stroll the boardwalk and hike along one of the trails. **Discussion includes:**

- Bird anatomy as it pertains to field identification
- Birds common to the region during this season
- Basic ecology, habitat associations, and behaviors

This program is limited to twelve participants. Contact Community Development Director & City Planner Rachel Roberts at 817-985-2135 or rroberts@cityofkennedale.com to reserve your spot. For more details, visit cityofkennedale.com/birding.

2015 Water Quality Report

cityofkennedale.com/water