

TownCenter Herald

NEWSLETTER for THE CITY OF KENNEDALE

MEETINGS

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LOCATION: CITY HALL (405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE)

Wednesday, August 3 • 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Board

Monday, August 8 • 7:00 p.m.

Unified Development Code (UDC) Town Hall

More info at cityofkennedale.com/townhall

Optional 6:30 p.m. Workshop with City Manager (Informal time for residents to ask Bob Hart about anything... doesn't need to be UDC-related)

Tuesday, August 9 • 6:00 p.m.

Keep Kennedale Beautiful Commission (KKB)

Friday, August 12 • 8:00 a.m.

Council Special Session: Budget Workshop w/Staff

Monday, August 15 • 7:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, August 18 • 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z)

Tuesday, August 23 • 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Thursday, September 8 • 7:00 p.m.

Council Special Session: Public Hearing on Budget and Tax Rate (*Second Public Hearing, if necessary, will be held Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.*)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday, August 5 • 9:00 a.m.

Groundbreaking: Dickey's & NEW Chicken Express (Chamber of Commerce: 205 W Kennedale Pkwy)

Tuesday, August 16 • 6:00 p.m.

Historical Society Meeting (in City Hall)

www.kennedalehistoricalsociety.wordpress.com

Saturday, August 20 • 8:00 a.m.

6th Annual Brooke Hester Hustle: TownCenter (405 Municipal Dr.) Register at brookehesterhustle.org

Tuesdays

• Rotary Club Luncheon (No Frills Grill) at noon kennedalerotaryclub.com

• Crochet Club (Library) at 6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES

• Next Beginner's Birding Workshop: Sat. 10/15 cityofkennedale.com/birding

• KKB Bring It! Recycling Event, KPD Drug Takeback, and Public Safety Open House: Sat. 10/22

• Christmas Tree Lighting: Tues. 12/6 at 5:30 p.m.

Are you Active & Informed?



MAYOR BRIAN JOHNSON

I firmly believe that an active and informed citizenry are hallmarks of good city government. However, I also understand that after processing all of the information we're already

bombarded with, there's often little time or energy left to seek out information about our local government.

Technology and social media have opened up myriad communication channels, but *who can keep up with it all?*

Adding to the information overload issue is the fact that within all those communications, local government gets very little attention (in news media or social media). Staying up-to-date with your city, county, or ISD requires not only a desire to know, but also action on your part to seek out the information.

For instance, maybe you've wondered what led to the adoption of an ordinance or plan. The website is a great place to start. There you'll find all the city's master plans (cityofkennedale.com/govdocs), meeting agendas (cityofkennedale.com/agendas), and budgets (cityofkennedale.com/budget).

Second, you already read the newsletter, which is a great place to learn about Kennedale, but if you want the latest updates, follow us on social media: [facebook.com/kennedale](https://www.facebook.com/kennedale); twitter.com/cityofkennedale, and cityofkennedale.com/nd (Nextdoor).

STAY INVOLVED

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- Monday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m.: Unified Development Code (UDC) Town Hall; cityofkennedale.com/townhall
- Friday, August 12 at 8:00 a.m.: Council Budget Workshop with Staff (No Public Forum at this meeting)
- Monday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.: Regular Council Meeting; Petition is on the agenda
- Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m.: Council Special Session; Public Hearing on Budget and Tax Rate
- Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.: Rate Review Committee presentation to Council at Regular Meeting
- Wednesday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m.: *State of the City* address by Mayor Johnson at the Kennedale Chamber Luncheon at Life Fellowship Church (611 Little School Road); kennedalechamber.com/events

If you can't find what you're looking for, please reach out to anyone on our talented staff, including City Secretary Leslie Galloway (lgalloway@cityofkennedale.com; 817-985-2104) or City Manager Bob Hart (bhart@cityofkennedale.com; 817-985-2102). One of the huge advantages of life in a small town is that everyone in City Hall has an open-door policy.

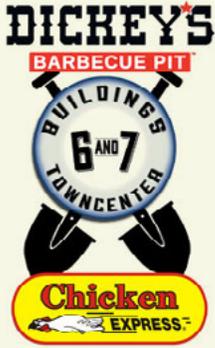
Of course, you can always email me (mayor@cityofkennedale.com) or any member of the City Council (cityofkennedale.com/council).

Finally, there's still time to apply for an Advisory Board. These volunteer groups advise Council (*see blue info box*). Membership is the number one way to help shape the future of Kennedale. Please visit cityofkennedale.com/boards to apply.

Brian P. Johnson

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TOWNCENTER GROUNDBREAKING



FRIDAY AUGUST 5

GOODY BAGS FOR FIRST 25 GUESTS

9am Coffee & Donuts at the Chamber • 10am Ceremony

LEASING INFO: Hughes Commercial 214-543-3821

New Businesses Around Town

On Wednesday, May 18, the last stand-ing Sexually-Oriented Business building was torn down to make way for a **McDonald's** across from QuikTrip on Kennedale Parkway. Construction is underway and the restaurant should be open by October 1, 2016.

Join us **Friday, August 5 for the ground-breaking** of Buildings 6 and 7 in Kennedale's TownCenter, which will house **Dickey's Barbecue** and a new **Chicken Express**.

Stop by the Chamber (205 W. Kennedale Parkway) at 9:00 a.m. for coffee, donuts, and a casual meet-n-greet with the development team, followed by the photo-op ceremony promptly at 10:00 a.m.

We'd love to have a huge crowd to celebrate this next step in our city's economic growth.

The first 25 guests at the event will receive a goody bag. **If you know of a local business or organization that might want to include items in the goody bags**, please pass this information along. These buildings are slated to be open for business around late December.

Between now and then, watch for the grand opening of **Kennedale Family Dental & Orthodontics** (also in TownCenter), which should be open for business around August 15. Owners Rick & Pam Linavong have multiple DFW locations, including offices in Frisco.

Brooke Hester Hustle

The Sixth Annual Brooke Hester Hustle is Saturday, August 20 in TownCenter (405 Municipal Drive). Get more information or register online at brookehesterhustle.org.

This race raises money for Childhood Cancer research in honor of a Kennedale family's beautiful daughter, Brooke, who passed away in 2015 after a five-year battle with cancer.

The family is dedicated to improving the lives of young cancer patients through Brooke's Blossoms and ending the disease once and for all through various fundraising efforts dedicated to funding research and finding a cure. Learn more at brookesblossoms.org.

What's Happening at your Library?

The Library's 2016 Summer Reading Club was a huge success. At the end of the seven weeks, 274 participants had read a total of 94,107 minutes. Just because Summer Reading is over doesn't mean there's nothing happening at the Library. This month, you can stop by on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. for Crochet Club.

PROGRAMS BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

Kennedale Public Library (316 W 3rd St.)

KENNEDALELIBRARY.ORG

All of these events are free, but some do require registration.

- **Babygarten** | Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.
Parents and babies get together to socialize, play, read and rhyme! For babies ages 0-18 months. Due to the nature of the program, registration is required. Please call 817-985-2136 to reserve your spot.
- **Little Listener's Storytime** | Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.
- **My Digital Toolkit** | Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
Beginning September 8, get the scoop on how to use the newest digital materials available at your Kennedale Public Library! One-on-one assistance will be available. Due to the nature of the program, registration is required. Please call 817-985-2136 to reserve your spot.
- **LEGO Club** | Fridays at 4:00 p.m.
- **Community Conversations** | Saturday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m., talk with Library Director Amanda King about what you'd like to see in the Kennedale community.
- **Family Movie Matinees** | Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.
Beginning September 10, come enjoy a family movie and popcorn! Titles to be announced.

Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/KennedaleLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/KennedaleLibrary) for updates on all programs and events!

NORTH TEXAS CHEVY DEALERS PRESENTS

★ 15TH ANNUAL ★

TEAM FIRE VS TEAM POLICE

GUNS & HOSES

BOXING TOURNAMENT

★ SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 ★ ALLEN EVENT CENTER ★

200 E STACY RD, ALLEN, TX 75002 ★ DOORS AT 5:30PM ★ STARTS 7:00PM

KPD's Detective Dancer to Fight in 2016 Guns & Hoses Boxing Tournament

Guns and Hoses (gunsandhosetx.com) features police and firefighters in three-round boxing matches. Kennedale's Detective Nathan Dancer received a Ring of Honor ring earlier this year for his participation and fundraising efforts in the annual boxing matches during the last two years. To date, he's raised more than \$6,000 for the event's charities, which assist fallen officers' and firefighters' families and other charitable groups associated with public safety. To purchase tickets to the event, please contact Detective Dancer at 817-985-2166 or ndancer@cityofkennedale.com.