

# YOUR CITY CONTACTS



**MAYOR**  
Judy Eychner  
judy.eychner  
@kerrvilletx.gov

**PLACE 1**  
Roman Garcia  
roman.garcia  
@kerrvilletx.gov

**PLACE 2**  
Jeff Harris  
jeff.harris  
@kerrvilletx.gov

**PLACE 3**  
Joe Herring, Jr.  
joe.herring  
@kerrvilletx.gov

**PLACE 4**  
Brenda Hughes  
brenda.hughes  
@kerrvilletx.gov

**CITY MANAGER**  
Dalton Rice  
dalton.rice  
@kerrvilletx.gov

## Helpful Numbers:

Kerrville-Schreiner  
Park  
830-257-7300

Schreiner Golf  
Course  
830-257-4982

Kerrville Tennis  
Center  
830-896-7955

Municipal Court  
830-257-2388

Butt-Holdsworth  
Memorial Library  
830-257-8422

Cailloux Theater  
830-896-9393

Police Department  
830-257-8181

Utility Billing  
830-258-1504

# City of Kerrville e-newsletter

701 Main Street, Kerrville, Texas 78028

(830) 257-8000 \* [www.kerrvilletx.gov](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov)

March 4, 2024

## KPD names outstanding team members



Kerrville Police Department Chief Chris McCall recognized three KPD members at the Feb. 13 city council meeting for their outstanding work over the past year. From left, Mary Hernandez was named the department's "Civilian Employee of the Year", while Officer Jason Beard earned "Supervisor of the Year" honors and Officer Jeff Robitaille was named "Officer of the Year."

## LAST MONTH IN REVIEW:

### KPA!, City of Kerrville sign service agreement

Kerrville Pets Alive!, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, has budgeted over \$60,000 for their "FIX" Kerr County Pets Spay and Neuter Program. KPA! has secured two \$1,000 sponsors, KPUB and Ken Stoepel Ford, and also recently signed a Community Service Agreement with the City of Kerrville for \$6,000 that will support the project.



KPA! signs service agreement

"We thank the City of Kerrville, KPUB, and Ken Stoepel for their continued assistance and faith in our pet wellness programs," KPA! President Karen Guerriero said.

Pictured at the signing are, from left, Wendy Grona, Jodie Tilmon, Karen Guerriero and Susan Burns.

## Beautiful colors

The Kerrville Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting Feb. 5 at the unveiling of artist Eddie Phillips' new kaleidoscope at the corner of Water Street and Washington Street. Phillips' interactive public art piece is part of an approved Public "Work for Hire" art agreement between the City of Kerrville, Kerrville Convention and Visitors Bureau (KCVB), and Guardnplanet. The kaleidoscope was funded by the KCVB and a grant from the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country.



**Kaleidoscope dedication in downtown**

## B.A.C.A. earns Kerrville Kindness Award

Kerrville Mayor Judy Eychner and the City Council presented a Kerrville Kindness Award to Bikers Against Child Abuse at the Feb. 13 city council meeting.



**B.A.C.A. presented with Kerrville Kindness Award**

Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. The Hill Country Chapter of B.A.C.A., after being contacted by a referring local or state agency or individual, will meet with a child at a location the child feels comfortable and will present them a membership vest with a B.A.C.A patch sewn on the back. The child is also given the name and number of two security-vetted B.A.C.A members residing closest to them geographically who can be contacted at any time the child feels scared. The child may call upon these bikers to go to the child's house, neighborhood or court meetings and provide the necessary reassurance to help them feel safe and protected. B.A.C.A. members never go to the child's house alone and never without the knowledge and permission of the

child's parents or guardians. B.A.C.A's mission is to help children and their families draw strength from each other, and they will remain in the child's life for as long as that presence is needed.

The Kerrville Kindness program offers a sincere "Thank You" to B.A.C.A. for their dedication to improving the lives of area children!

## Charter Review Commission members recognized

Kerrville Mayor Judy Eychner recognized Charter Review Commission members at the Feb. 13 city council meeting for their recent review and proposed amendments to the City of Kerrville's Charter. The commission was tasked with considering whether amendments to the charter were necessary and desirable, and their review was in strict conformance with the "City Council Charge to and Schedule for the Charter Review Commission" dated Aug. 22, 2023. The commission sought and allowed public input at each meeting and held a public hearing on Dec. 6, 2023.

The committee's proposed charter amendments will be voted on by the public in a May 4, 2024 election.



**Charter Review Commission members honored**

Commission members present for Mayor Eychner's (far right) recognition included, from left, Dr. Tim Summerlin, Danny Almond, Mike Sigerman and Sandra Yarbrough. Commission members not present were Greg Richards, Jason Gilbreath and Brenda Craig.

## Tootsie rolls for human patrons, dog biscuits for the canines

The Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library staff celebrated National Tootsie Roll Day for its human patrons and National Dog Biscuit Day for patrons' fur families on Feb. 23. Bors and Percy, our unofficial library dogs, showcased their Canine Good Citizen Diplomas!



**Bors and Percy at the library**

## Awards and recognitions

The Feb. 27 city council meeting featured a number of awards and recognitions:



**Kerrville recognized as Music Friendly Texas Community**

### Texas Music Office

Maria Pruneda of the Texas Music Office presented Kerrville Mayor Judy Eychner and the City of Kerrville with a Texas Senate Resolution recognizing the city as a "Music Friendly Texas Community". Since 2016, the Texas Music Office has recognized cities and towns across the state that demonstrate a commitment to attracting musical talent and developing their local music identities. Kerrville is the 50th Texas community to be recognized with this honor.

### Hamburgers for the Hungry

Mayor Eychner presented a Kerrville Kindness Award to St. Peter's "Hamburger for the Hungry" ministry. Hamburgers for the Hungry

was started in 2021 in direct response to Jesus' directive, "Feed my sheep." Organized by the men and women at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the "burger" ministry is now in its fourth year of serving free hamburgers, chips, bottled water and condiments to area citizens on the first Sunday of every month at the Doyle Community Center. The burgers, which weigh 6 to 7 ounces each and are hand prepared at St. Peter's early in the morning before being cooked at the Doyle Center, are routinely described by recipients as "the best in town" – probably due to the Salt Lick garlic steak rub that adorns each patty.



**"Hamburger" ministry recognized**

Pictured with Mayor Eychner (right) are, from left, Father Bert Baetz, Ross Rommel, Mickey Horany, Fred Henneke, James Horne, Bob Hayes and Mark Haufler.



**Dietert Center honored**

### Meals on Wheels

Mayor Eychner presented the Dietert Center with a proclamation recognizing the center for its Meals on Wheels program, which has worked tirelessly for more than 54 years to meet the nutritional and social isolation needs of seniors and homebound persons in Kerrville and the surrounding area.

Pictured with Mayor Eychner (right) are, from left, Dietert Center Board Treasurer Mark Haufler, Director of Philanthropy Paige Sumner, and Executive Director Brenda Thompson.

## KFD, KPD recognize outstanding personnel

The Kerrville Fire Department and the Kerrville Police Department both recognized members of their respective organizations with honors at the Feb. 27 city council meeting.

Below left, Kerrville Fire Chief Eric Maloney (left) recognized David Herbert (center) as the KFD's Firefighter of the Year and Lt. Casey Goodman as Officer of the Year.

Below right, Kerrville Police Chief Chris McCall (far left) recognized Telecommunications Specialist Carla Garcia and Officers Tyler Cottonware (second from right) and Dylan Myers (right) for actions that resulted in lifesaving measures in two separate incidents in recent months. Those actions were forwarded to an independent Meritorious Review Board, which unanimously determined that all three KPD members were deserving of lifesaving awards.



KFD officers honored



KPD personnel recognized

## COUNCIL ACTIONS:

**City Council took action on a number of items in February, including:**

### **Resolutions:**

- Council approved a Resolution pursuant to Section 2306.67071, Texas Government Code, with respect to tax-exempt bond applications for housing tax credits; and finding no objection from City Council as to the applicant (Envolve Communities, LLC), its application, or the developments, which are known as Heritage Oaks Apartments and the Meadows Apartments.

Attachments:

<https://d2kbkoa27fdvtw.cloudfront.net/kerrvilletx/c275564bdc3fa2a9ac23eebc1bdc4c260.pdf>

- Council approved a Resolution appointing election judges for the general and special election (Charter Amendments) of the City of Kerrville, Texas, to be held on May 4, 2024; said judges provided by the County Elections Officer.

Attachments:

<https://d2kbkoa27fdvtw.cloudfront.net/kerrvilletx/845adb953ee2c89e4caf32783f78ca20.pdf>

- Council approved a Resolution pursuant to 10 Texas Administrative Code, Section 11.3(c), with respect to tax-exempt bond applications for housing tax credits; finding that the City of Kerrville, Texas has more than twice the State average of units per capita supported by housing tax credits.

Attachments:

<https://d2kbkoa27fdvtw.cloudfront.net/kerrvilletx/de48f27018f514450dab4d6ea18ee1290.pdf>

- Council approved a Resolution authorizing the sale of property located at 505 Center Point Drive E. consisting of approximately 17.68 acres.

Attachments:

[https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2449803/20240227\\_Reso\\_07-2024\\_Prop\\_Sale\\_505\\_Center\\_Point\\_Dr.pdf](https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2449803/20240227_Reso_07-2024_Prop_Sale_505_Center_Point_Dr.pdf)

**Ordinances:**

- Council approved on second reading an Ordinance ordering a special election to be held on May 4, 2024 for the purpose of submitting propositions to the voters for proposed amendments to the City Charter; said election to be held in conjunction with the city's general election; establishing voting times and places; and providing for public review.

Attachments:

<https://d2kbkoa27fdvtw.cloudfront.net/kerrilletx/e466642adfd71aeca96cb3e0884e30c80.pdf>

- Council approved on second reading an Ordinance establishing an exemption from ad valorem (property) taxes for qualifying child-care facility properties pursuant to the authority in Section 11.36, Texas Tax Code.

Attachments:

[https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2446152/20240227\\_Ord\\_2024-04\\_Childcare\\_facility\\_prop-tax\\_exemption\\_2nd\\_reading.pdf](https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2446152/20240227_Ord_2024-04_Childcare_facility_prop-tax_exemption_2nd_reading.pdf)

- Council approved an Ordinance deleting Chapter 22, "Aviation", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kerrville, Texas; containing a cumulative clause; containing a savings and severability clause; and providing other matters relating to this subject.

Attachments:

[https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2446145/20240227\\_Ord\\_2024-05\\_Delete\\_Aviation\\_2reading.pdf](https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2446145/20240227_Ord_2024-05_Delete_Aviation_2reading.pdf)

**Other Actions:**

- Council approved purchase of an International Diesel Crew Cab two-ton truck with service bed in an amount not to exceed \$163,789 from HGACBuy Corporation for use by the city's Public Works Department.

Attachments:

[https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2450523/20240109\\_Proposal\\_WarrenTrucksandTrailersTalcoTX.pdf](https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2450523/20240109_Proposal_WarrenTrucksandTrailersTalcoTX.pdf)

- Council denied a variance request from a citizen to sell alcoholic beverages at a planned book store to be located at 1013 Main Street. Council members expressed concern about the location's proximity to a neighboring school and church.

- Council made the following appointments:
  - Kerrville Public Utility Board of Trustees: Rachel Johnston.

**COMING UP THIS MONTH:**

**Kerrville City Council meeting  
Tuesday, March 12 and March 26  
Kerrville City Hall**

Meetings are open to the public. Citizen participation is encouraged. For more information on city council meetings, go to <https://www.kerrilletx.gov/1566/City-Council-Video-Archive>. Agenda packets are available online beginning the Friday evening before each meeting date.

**KEEPING UP WITH KERRVILLE:**

In addition to this monthly newsletter, the City of Kerrville encourages citizens to keep up with city events through our website (<https://kerrvilletx.gov/>), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/KerrvilleTX/>); Twitter (<https://twitter.com/cityofkerrville>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/cityofkerrville/>) and Android and I-phone compatible phone app (<https://www.kerrvilletx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/34124/Press-Release---City-now-offering-new-mobile-device-app>). If you would like to be added (or deleted) from our monthly e-newsletter, please email Public Information Officer Stuart Cunyus at [stuart.cunyus@kerrvilletx.gov](mailto:stuart.cunyus@kerrvilletx.gov).

**Congratulations to our February 2024 anniversaries!**

These are some of the people that help keep the City of Kerrville running smoothly. We thank each and every one for their unwavering commitment and dedication to public service!

<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>		
<b>Employee Anniversaries</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>YEARS</b>
MITCH RAY	FIRE	39
ZANE ZENNER	FIRE	27
CHRIS FOLLMAR	PARKS & RECREATION	23
JONATHAN LAMB	POLICE	23
BRANDON KELLY	PUBLIC WORKS	17
KIM MEISMER	CITY ADMINISTRATION	17
ERIC ESPINOZA	PUBLIC WORKS	15
KYLE BUROW	ENGINEERING	12
DANIELLE BRIGATI	LIBRARY	11
JARED JONES	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	11
STEPHEN LANGLINAIS	FIRE	11
PEDRO SALDANA	PARKS & RECREATION	11
JOSHUA YOUNG	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	11
PATRICK PROUT	FIRE	10
STEVE BLAIR	PARKS & RECREATION	9
RHONDA MEYER	PARKS & RECREATION	9
FRANK GALVAN	POLICE	6
DAYLON ASHING	PARKS & RECREATION	4
NATHAN BIRD	PUBLIC WORKS	4
CHAD HIERHOLZER	PARKS & RECREATION	4
JUAN ACOSTA	POLICE	3
SCOTT PARSLEY	FIRE	3
WILLIAM TATSCH	CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	3
MICHAEL HORNES	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	2
COLE LEBLANC	WATER DISTRIBUTION	2
RICHARD BURTON	PARKS & RECREATION	1
ERNEST CONSTANCE	PARKS & RECREATION	1
TREVOR FLETCHER	POLICE	1
WILL MENKE	PARKS & RECREATION	1
MARK RODRIGUEZ	POLICE	1

