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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

LAST MONTH IN REVIEW:

Girl Scouts visit City Hall

Girl Scout Troop 672 visited City Hall Dec. 2 and spent time learning about city government with Kerrville Mayor Joe Herring, Jr. and City Manager Dalton Rice. The scouts asked a lot of good questions about how the city works, and some took the dais to serve for short-term mayoral and city council member terms.

The City of Kerrville thanks the girls and their sponsors for stopping by to see us, and we hope to see you again on the dais in the years to come!



Girls Scouts visit City Hall



SSAC hosts Senior Social

Senior Services Advisory Committee hosts Senior Social

The City of Kerrville’s Senior Services Advisory Committee hosted the annual Christmas Senior Social Dec. 3, featuring music, refreshments and dancing, but it was dance maestro Clifton Fifer and the Tivy Golden Girls who stole the show. With Fifer leading them, the Golden Girls put on an upbeat dance extravaganza for attendees, then spent time visiting with all the guests.

The City of Kerrville thanks Fifer, the Golden Girls, the Senior Services Advisory Committee, the Dietert Center, and H-E-B for making this year’s event another success!

KFD conducts training exercises

The Kerrville Fire Department practiced rappelling injured victims to a higher level during training exercises Dec. 3 at the Downtown parking garage. The exercise is just one of the many ways the KFD is constantly working to ensure that its emergency personnel are always ready to serve the citizens of Kerrville in times of need.



KFD conducts training exercises

Mayor, council issue Kindness Awards, recognitions

At the Dec. 10 city council meeting, Kerrville Mayor Joe Herring, Jr. and the city council issued Kerrville Kindness awards to John Ruth and the Tivy High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, recognized Kerr County Abstract & Title Company for 100 years of extraordinary customer service, and proclaimed Katy Kappel as the winner of the city’s 2024 Christmas Poem contest.



Kerrville Kindness - John Ruth

• John Ruth’s dedication to the arts was evident during his long career as a librarian at Tivy High School, but his ability to inspire others recently paid dividends again through the artistic work of one of his former students. In 1983, John was able to secure \$2,500 from the KISD school board to finance a stained-glass mural by Tivy student Masha Rukhina. The finished mural took up an entire wall at Tivy and later Hal Peterson Middle School from 1983 until 2021, when the building was demolished. However, the mural was recently re-installed at the new Peterson Middle School, where it can once again be enjoyed by current and future generations of Kerrville students.

Masha passed away in her mid-20s, but because of the efforts of John Ruth, her artwork will continue to serve as an inspiration for other budding young artists.

• Tivy High School’s Air Force Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (AFJROTC) program is a leadership and development program that provides Tivy students with an opportunity to be leaders, persons of good character, and productive citizens. Students learn the USAF core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do.



Kerrville Kindness - Tivy AFJROTC

Tivy's ROTC cadets help feed veterans during Veterans Day and Thanksgiving events; perform all Color Guard requirements at Antler home football games and parades, as well as KISD Board meetings; visit the Early Childhood Center during Veterans week to help teach flag folding to the 3- and 4-year-olds; and provide escort duties to official visitors to Tivy for events like Career Day and CTE workshops.

- Kerr County Abstract & Title Co. is a full-service title agency located in Kerrville, the heart of the beautiful Texas Hill Country, with talented employees who pride themselves in giving the very best customer service in the title industry. The company offers the most up-to-date technology in order to streamline every step of the real estate closing process. Kerr County Abstract & Title strives to stand out from the crowd in both service and meticulous attention to detail, ensuring a smooth experience for both buyers and sellers.



Kerr County Abstract & Title Company honored



Katy Kappel pens best Christmas poem

The Kerrville City Council is proud to present Kerr County Abstract & Title Company with a Certificate of Recognition for its century of helping meet the real estate needs of citizens in the Texas Hill Country.

- Kay Kappel penned the winning entry in the City of Kerrville's 2024 Christmas in Kerrville Poem contest. Kappel's poem was selected in online voting on the city's Facebook page. The poem was subsequently published in both the Kerrville Daily Times and the Hill Country Community Journal as the official Christmas poem for the 2024 holiday season.

There's something fishy going on at Louise Hays Park!

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's A.E. Wood Fish Hatchery in San Marcos unloaded 1,200 rainbow trout in the Guadalupe River at Louise Hays Park on Dec. 17, which made for an ideal time to stop by and drop a line in the river!

The stockings are timed to coincide with the winter water temperatures ideal for rainbow trout survival. TPWD will hold another trout stocking on Jan. 15, 2025.



Trout stocking at Louise Hays Park

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

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

Resolutions:

- Council approved a Resolution ordering that a General Election be held on May 3, 2025 for the election of two City Councilmembers for Place 1 and Place 2; providing details relating to the holding of such election; authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Kerrville Independent School District for the holding of a joint election between the two entities; and providing other matters related to the subject.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/attachment/228>

- Council approved a Resolution authorizing the city's participation in and authorizing certain officials to act on behalf of the city with respect to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's 75%/25% boating access grant. The city's 25%, \$83,000 portion of the grant will help pay for a boating access facility on Nimitz Lake in the new Granger MacDonald Park, which has been designated for public park and recreation purposes.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/attachment/227>

- Council approved a Resolution amending the City of Kerrville Fee Schedule by adding fees (Mitigation Rates) that the city will charge for emergency fire services provided by the city's fire department.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/attachment/230>

Ordinances:

- Council approved on second reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 50 "Fire Prevention and Protection" of the Kerrville Code of Ordinances by adding a new Article III "Cost Recovery Program and Mitigation Rates", which will authorize the city to apply fees (mitigation rates) for various emergency services provided by the Kerrville Fire Department. The fee will be paid through the at-fault customer's insurance. For accidents within the KFD's service area, the Fire Department would apply the fee to persons that do not reside within the city; or a district or area that the city has an interlocal or mutual aid agreement to provide emergency fire services.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/attachment/231>

Other Actions:

- Council approved the purchase of 2026 dump truck for Water Reclamation in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/report/101>

- Council approved the purchase of 2026 utility service truck for Water Distribution in an amount not to exceed \$168,000.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/report/102>

- Council approved an Interlocal Transportation Agreement between the City of Kerrville and the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) furnishing the city with a public transportation Micro-Transit service. The city will allocate a total of \$350,000 through September, 2026 to compensate AACOG for the service.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/attachment/232>

- Council approved the purchase and relocation of radio and dispatch equipment with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/report/71>

- Council approved a Service Agreement between the City of Kerrville and Fire Recovery USA for cost recovery services as to the city's application of mitigation rates (fees)

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/attachment/229>

- Council approved an Interlocal agreement relating to funding and construction of improvements through the water resources preservation grant program between the Upper Guadalupe River Authority and the City of Kerrville. The funds, not to exceed \$29,250, will help pay for a water retention pond at the city's new Public Safety Facility.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/attachment/186>

- Council approved a Banking Services Agreement between the City of Kerrville and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and designation of Director of Finance Julie Behrens as the "designated officer" pursuant to state law.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/attachment/233>

- Council approved the city's grant of a Wastewater (Sanitary Sewer) Service Line Easement on property it owns adjacent to Fire Station No. 3, 3225 Legion Dr. This easement allows the 3.56-acre Legion Hill Phase Four Block 5 Lot 1 to access the nearest sewer line in Legion Drive. The applicant, C3 Aquatics, has agreed to pay for the easement based on the estimated value of the land area it encumbers. This property's other sewer access options are significantly more expensive than this route and would likely require a similar easement at another location. The applicant plans to build a pool, for swim lessons and team practices, and a contractor's office on the site. The City of Kerrville owns the property where the easement is located and the two adjacent properties, Fire Station #3 and the property leased to UPS.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/attachment/200>

- Council reviewed a proposal with Consor Engineers for its provision of Water Resources Strategic Communication Service and authorized the city manager to negotiate and enter into a contract. The city proposes partnering with Consor to implement a Water Resources Strategic Communications Plan. This initiative aims to enhance transparency, public understanding, and support for future water resource investments.

Attachments:

<https://kerrvilletx.portal.civicclerk.com/event/23/files/attachment/222>

- Council made the following appointments or re-appointments:
 - Food Service Advisory Board: Rebecca Dittmar
 - Library Advisory Board: Barbara Jansen, Lana Tatsch, Karolyn Andrews
 - Main Street Advisory Board: Gena Teer
 - Planning & Zoning Commission: David Lipscomb, Tabor McMillan, Michael Sigerman, Kim Richards
 - Recovery Community Coalition: Deanna Allen
 - Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board: Judy Eychner

COMING UP THIS MONTH:

Kerrville City Council meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 14 and Jan. 28

Kerrville City Hall

Meetings are open to the public. Citizen participation is encouraged. For more information on city council meetings, go to <https://www.kerrvilletx.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@kerrilletx.gov.

Congratulations to our December 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!

DECEMBER 2024

Employee Anniversaries

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
LESLIE VAN HOOZER	FIRE	40
HENRY MICHEL	WATER DISTRIBUTION	31
ALLISON BAKER	POLICE	27
CHARVY TORK	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	17
LOUIS FENDER	WATER RECLAMATION	16
RACHAEL CARRUTHERS	LIBRARY	15
JOEL MEYNERS	STREETS	15
JERRY WEAVER	FIRE	13
JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ	FIRE	10
ISAIAS RAMIREZ	WATER PRODUCTION	7
RICHARD ROSALES	PARKS AND RECREATION	7
INGRID ARMSTRONG	LIBRARY	6
CAT LARSON	POLICE	6
JOSHUA JACOBS	WATER RECLAMATION	5
CHRIS MCCALL	POLICE	4
TONY REED	PARKS AND RECREATION	3
ANDRUE GILLHAM	POLICE	3
LILLI GARRETT	FIRE	2
MIZAEAL GOMEZ	POLICE	2
ETHAN MITCHELL	PARKS AND RECREATION	1

