

City Manager's Monthly Update

# City of Rockport



November 12, 2024  
City Council Regular Meeting

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## Policy Reminder

Though our shared email is primarily the responsibility of reception during business hours, it is up to all of us to keep up with it. Make sure you're signed in to your email at every work station. Remember to reply to every request in our email before deleting it. This prevents others from missing or doubling up on work and tells our partners who to go to with any questions.

**Featured Training**

Stolen Vehicles  
Training 4 911  
Heroes  
2 Credit Hours

**Quote of the Month**

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity"- Albert Einstein

**Shift Challenge**

Whichever shift picks up the most overtime until the next shift change will get a free lunch!

### Employee Shoutout

- Thank you to everyone who has put in the effort to make our software conversion successful! Your commitment to learning, positivity, and helping others is what makes this work!
- Happy Birthday to Lori!
- Happy Birthday to Elise!
- Happy Birthday to Veronica!

### Health Corner

Check out [responderstrong.org](http://responderstrong.org) for resources on mental and physical wellness. Need to reach out? Text BADGE to 741-741 to get confidential crisis counseling.

### EVENTS

- **NOVEMBER 1-3-** ROCKPORT FILM FESTIVAL @ ART CENTER
- **NOVEMBER 2-** ARANZA-BOO @ CAMP ARANZAZU
- **NOVEMBER 5-** ELECTION DAY
- **NOVEMBER 13-** INTRADDO CUTOVER
- **NOVEMBER 15-17-** MARKET DAYS @ ROCKPORT FAIRGROUNDS
- **NOVEMBER 28-** THANKSGIVING
- **NOVEMBER 29-** BLACK FRIDAY



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Word from the Chief:

We made it through October, fairly unscathed from any significant weather this year. There's still a little something brewing in the southern Gulf that we're watching currently.

We've brought on another veteran officer. Officer Royall Allen started in the last couple weeks. He came to us from Victoria. I'm very excited to bring him on and have him be a part of the Rockport family! We should have another starting in a week and maybe another in the next few weeks. That will give us a full staff.

As you have all been experiencing, Tyler Public Safety Pro rolled out. I hope you all are getting through the kinks of a new program and learning how to operate in this new system. I wrote a report the other day and had to get help in simply getting the case number in the report. Once I was through that, the training kind of kicked in and I got it knocked out. Overall, I like the program. There is still a lot going on behind the scenes with the conversion data. It is my hope it gets worked out this week.

Take some time out of your day if you are working Halloween night. Meet with people out on the streets and make a good impression. We are there to keep them safe for Halloween. They will appreciate seeing you and more so, by stopping and saying "hi".

I shared our rating with the city council and the public, which is kept by New in Blue with our citations, and I shared some comments our customers have left by a few of the interaction's you guys have made. They are overwhelmingly positive with an overall rating of 4.6 stars out of 5. The month of September alone was 4.3 stars. Our city government really enjoyed seeing that. Thank you all for making a good impact on our community. It means a lot to me to see something, like traffic stop turn into a positive interaction.

As always thank you all for what you do. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and it is appreciated. If you ever had an idea how to make us even better, you are always welcome to share your thoughts and let me know.

Nathan Anderson

Chief of Police.

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Community Events:

Attending community events helps us to build community support. This support helps prevent and solve crime and gain support for resources.

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Rockport Arbor Day Festival 1730 – 2030**

**Mural Fest – November 14<sup>th</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Warbirds Over South Texas – November 15<sup>th</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup>**

Announcements and Information:

**Reminder:** We are currently more than half way through the TCOLE training cycle. This means that everyone has the responsibility to make sure that you have completed any required training based on your proficiency level. The link provided below will show the current requirement.

<https://www.tcole.texas.gov/content/training-requirements>

**If you know of any good people looking for a great place to work let's get recruiting!!!**

**We currently have one person that will start on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and 1 person in background. If they both get hired, we will be fully staffed.**

**When we are fully staffed don't forget about the potential upcoming admin Officer position becoming open soon.**

Recruiting Events upcoming: None

Monthly Discussion Topics:

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### Warrant Arrests:

- You become aware of a warrant for a known offender. The warrant is for Aggravated Assault Causing Serious Bodily Injury. You know where this suspect lives. Describe your actions to arrest this offender.
- Remember, take every opportunity to slow down. Consider the issue: a known person has a warrant for a violent offense, and you are going to his house. He knows his house; you do not.
- This is clearly a Hold, but what does this Hold look like?
- First, involve others. Ask Dispatch for any known phone numbers for the suspect or the residence. Find out who all lives there, if possible. Get vehicle information.
- Search RMS for all recent cases.
- Call your supervisor and determine if you have the green light to pursue this arrest while working Patrol.
- Huddle...anyone who is involved needs to be briefed at the same time.
- If call load allows, sit up on the house and see if he goes mobile. Have a plan in place if he does and agree to an amount of time that you are willing to invest in waiting.
- Otherwise, surround and call out. Call his phone; do not approach the front of the house yet; remain in positions of cover.
- Before you call him, have an arrest plan and team in place, behind cover and concealment. Plan before you execute!
- If he comes out, your plan will work.
- If he does not come out, do not go in. Too many Texas peace officers have died going in after people with warrants. They come to us, or we wait to catch them another day and in another way.
- Absent positive identification that he is inside, if you get no response, you will likely have to leave and resume surveillance.
- If you have confirmed he is inside, treat as a barricade and implement your 5 C's:
  - Contain | Control | Communicate | Call SWAT and CNT | Create a Plan

### OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL

Let's Honor fallen Officers and never forget the dangers of our chosen profession. [odmp.org](http://odmp.org)

Deputy Constable Ruben Garcia EOW – 09/30/2024



Deputy Constable Ruben Garcia was killed in a vehicle crash after assisting other officers at a crash scene on Texas State Highway 48 near Marine Way Road at 6:45p.m.

Deputy Garcia was sitting in his parked patrol vehicle on the side of the highway, preparing to drive away, when he was rear-ended by a truck. He was transported to a Brownville hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The driver was on his phone when he collided with Deputy Garcia's patrol car. He was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and was charged with intoxication manslaughter, causing death to a police officer.

Deputy Garcia had served with the Cameron County Constable's Office - Precinct 1 for over a year and previously served with the Cameron County Sheriff's Office for 22 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

### Employee Spotlight: Jacob Petitfils, Patrol Officer

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Call 800-273-8255 (1800-237-TALK) or visit  
[www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

[Crisis Text Line](#)

A text will connect you with a trained crisis counselor, 24/7.

CONTACT: <https://www.crisistextline.org/> or text BADGE to 741741

[1st Help](#)

1st Help matches first responders with appropriate services based on a brief questionnaire, which determines what specific assistance you need (emotional, financial, religious, etc.).

CONTACT: <http://www.1sthelp.net/>

[Safe Call Now](#)

Safe Call Now is a 24-hour crisis referral service for those in public safety and their family members.

CONTACT: <https://www.safecallnow.org/> or call 206-459-3020

[First Responder Support Network](#)

FRSN provides educational treatment programs for first responders and their families.

CONTACT: <http://www.frsn.org/> or call 415-721-9789

[Serve & Protect](#)

Serve & Protect helps connect public safety professionals with trauma services.

CONTACT: for the crisis line.  
<https://serveprotect.org/> or call 615-373-8000

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[Cops Alive](#)

Cops Alive provides resources and strategies to help cops live happy and successful lives.

CONTACT: <http://www.copsalive.com/>

[CopLine](#)

"If you're going through hell, keep going." A 24/7 service that will connect you to a Winston Churchill peer support counselor.

CONTACT: <http://www.copline.org/> or call 800-267-5463 / 1-800-COPLINE

[ADVOCACY](#): The following organizations are working to raise mental health awareness and treatment options for police officers.

[Blue H.E.L.P.](#)

Blue H.E.L.P. works to reduce mental health stigma in LE and raise awareness of the problem of suicide in LE.

CONTACT: <https://bluehelp.org/>

[TreatmentPlacement Specialists](#)

This program offers treatment guidance based on the individual needs of officers.

CONTACT:  
<https://www.treatmentplacementspecialists.com/first-responders/> or call 877-540-3935



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[VALOR](#)

The Valor Officer Safety and Wellness program is a Bureau of Justice Assistance funded initiative that provides a ton of resources and online training focused on improving officer health and resilience.

CONTACT:

<https://www.valorforblue.org/Home>

[Badge of Life](#)

Badge of Life's focus is educating and training agencies on mental health and suicide prevention in law enforcement.

CONTACT:

<https://www.badgeoflife.org/>

[Warrior's Heart](#) – 24-hour hotline – 888-5984241 and Rehab for drugs, alcohol, and PTSD for First Responders and military only.



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**1. Where are you from?**

I lived in League City Texas until 2001 and finished high school in Center Point Texas (close to Kerrville)

**2. Where did you go to school?**

I was Home schooled from the second grade until graduation.

**3. Family Info (how many brothers, and sisters, info on spouse and children).**

My parents and brother still live in Center Point. I married my wife Michelle in July of 2016 and we have two children a girl 6 (Riley) and a boy 4 (Jeremiah).

**4. What are your Hobbies?**

I enjoy hunting and fishing when I have time and grilling especially.

**5. Previous work history?**

I have had a job since I was 14 years old helping local farmers and ranchers with small jobs. When I turned 15, I worked primarily in food service, when I turned 19, I worked for Mercedes Benz in Boerne TX until I was old enough to go to the Police Academy. I attended AACOG police academy in 2010-2011 Alpha class. After graduating the Police academy, I worked in the oilfield in Karnes County doing everything from pipe fitting to crude oil transport. I eventually started my career as a Peace Officer with Kenedy PD where I served as a patrol officer from 2012-2018 from 2018-2022, I was a detective and handled violent crimes and assisted with Narcotics investigations.

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**6. How long have you been with RPD?**

2 Years

**7. Why did you become a Police Officer, Specifically RPD?**

When growing up I lived next door to a Police Officer for Pasadena PD which was my initial drive to become a Peace Officer. I have always cared about people and enjoy talking to them, being a Police Officer is not what I had thought it would be (action, car chases, foot pursuits) but I couldn't imagine doing any other job now. I have seen the ups and downs the jobs has. A LOT of down but that one up moment can make it all worthwhile. I was drawn to Rockport due to growing up close to the Coast (Galveston). I have vacationed here multiple times and was unhappy that Rockport was as large as it is. After meeting several of the other officers and supervisor's it was an easy choice.

**8. Future goals.**

My goals are to eventually be a Peace Officer.

line supervisor and mentor the future generation of

**Other Assistance\***

**Responder Health**

Call: 206-459-3023 or Visit:  
responderhealth.com

Download the Responder Health App

**Magellan**

These programs provide help with stress, anxiety, depression, alcohol/drug dependence, marriage/family problems, job stress, grief and financial/legal issues.

Call: 800-377-1953 or visit: magellanhealth.com

**The National Suicide Prevention Hotline**

The hotline provides 24/7 confidential support for those in distress or in need of help for their loved ones.

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# Public Works & Building & Development News

## November 2024

**Work Anniversaries**

Keith Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mike Levien 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary November 9<sup>th</sup>

**Meetings/Events**

P&Z Meeting November 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Potluck November 21, 2024  
Weekly Pre-Development Meetings

**Highlights**

Congratulations to Jeff Olson on his outstanding leadership & Charles Garcia on his exceptional customer service.

Welcome back, Code Enforcement! We're so happy to have you back in Building & Development – let's do great things!!

**Employee Birthdays**

Jan Broom November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Eric Koenig November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Keith Brown November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Tim Ford November 25<sup>th</sup>

**Projects/Programs**

WWTP Rehab  
RSC Water Tower Improvements  
Scada System Upgrades  
GLO Drainage Project  
DR-4485-134 Generator Grant/Project  
Backflow Remediation

**Training/Certificates**

Robert Decker received his Building Official Certificate

**Regulatory Compliance**

TCEQ Comprehensive Compliance Investigation  
Discharge Monitoring Report  
Backflow Compliance Program  
Safety Meeting & O&M Review

**GUESS WHAT?**

**TURKEY BUTT**

# PARKS & RECREATION

## POOL ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER

SEASONAL MAINTENANCE CONDUCTED

FALL DOGGIE DUNK EVENT

PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS - 2 CONDUCTED

POOL PARTIES & TABLE RENTALS - 1 RENTAL

## PARKS ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT

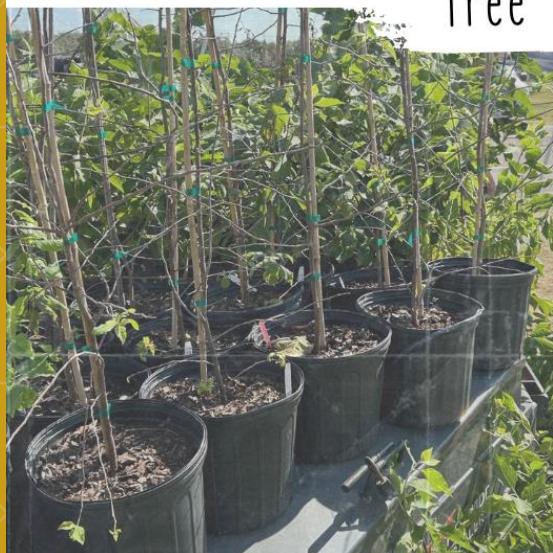
TREE GIVEAWAY EVENT

FALL FEST EVENT

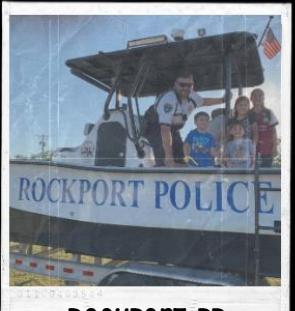
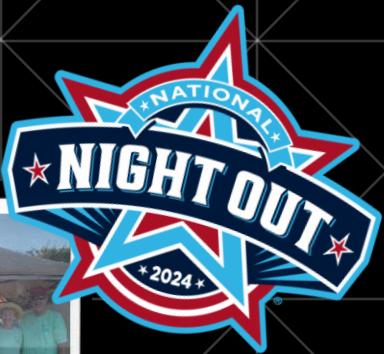
ARBOR DAY FESTIVAL TREE DISTRIBUTION



Tree Giveaway



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



ROCKPORT PD



COMMUNITY POOL



TXDOT



Texas DPS



100 CLUB



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



ARANSAS COUNTY SHERIFF



GAME WARDENS



ROCKPORT PD COMMS



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Parks & Recreation



SAY WHAT!



ALLEGIANCE AMBULANCE



HOPE CHURCH



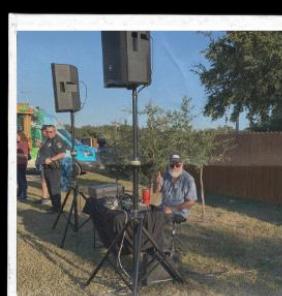
LYNN ENGINEERING



ROCKPORT VFD



FULTON VFD



HORIZON SOUND

# FALL DOGGIE DUNK



# FALL FEST



# PARKS & REC NEWS



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## Employee activities:

### ~Work Anniversaries~

### ~Employee Birthdays~

November 1st - Caden Dasher  
November 2nd - Elsie Hale  
November 19th - Lisa Lind  
November 25th - Rene Contreras  
November 29th - Jacob Akin  
November 29th - Stehle Snyder

### ~Employee of the Month~

#### Parks: **Mitch Tomlin**

Mitch has recently attended Park Ranger School in Round Rock, TX. He continues to be a versatile team member, taking on tasks ranging from painting to shredding and construction to landscaping. He uses his skills to support the Crew in a variety of ways that makes the tasks efficient, timely and complete. Mitch has taken a lead role while participating in many recent events including the Tree Give-Away and the Fall Fest.

#### Pool: **Karlie Griffin**

Lifeguard Karlie Griffin has been working hard while at the same time preparing for the Coast Guard Academy. She has come in when the pool is closed to maintain vacuuming, chemical balances and facility cleanliness. Karlie has stepped up as a Senior Lifeguard to lead shifts in the absence of a Head Lifeguard. She is also teaching upcoming In-Service Training.

## Looking ahead:

NOVEMBER	Arbor Day, Paradise Walk, Veterans Day, Casting Competition, Personnel attending TFEA Conference
DECEMBER	Tropical Christmas Festival 12/6-7 Employee Christmas Party 12/13
JANUARY	3V3 Soccer Tournament 1/3-4 Vietnamese Festival 1/25/25



## Upcoming events:

**11/1** - Arbor Day Kickoff Party

**11/2** - Archery Range Opening

**11/9** - Casting Competition

**11/9-11/10** - Paradise Walk

**11/11** - Veterans Day Service

## Safety tips:

Stay home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.



## Stay in touch :

Please reach out if you need anything.

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 (361)-790-1136 or (361)-463-8632



**NOVEMBER: TIME TO REFLECT AND RECONNECT**

November is a time to pause, reflect, and reconnect as the year draws to a close, inviting us to consider all we've experienced and accomplished. This is also an ideal time for reconnecting with loved ones, re-centering ourselves, and caring for our well-being. As we gather around Thanksgiving and move into the holiday season, it's important to



# Remaining for 2024

- November 16, 2024, Warbird Over South Texas Event
- November 15, 2024, Closing at Noon
- November 18, 2024, CVB Board Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
- November 20, 2024, Tree and Landscape Committee at 4:00 p.m.
- November 28 – 29, 2024, Closed
- December 6 and 7, 2024, Rockport Tropical Christmas Event
- December 10, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m.