Congratulations to Rotary Club’s Outstanding Seniors, Breanna Ministerio and Mitchell Tortorici. “What a pleasure to watch the TCISD students in action at Youth in Government! The dedication to their school and community is inspiring and our future is bright and in capable hands.”

-Rotary Club President, Peggy Davenport
February Events

Super Bowl LV will be played at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida on February 7, 2021.

Texas City Museum

Black History Exhibit
February 6 - 27, 2021
409 6th Street N. Texas City

Father Daughter Photoshoot

Saturday
February 13, 2021
11am - 4pm
Includes 2 photos, 1 formal, 1 freestyle with 1-2 printouts per session
$5 to reserve a spot
Call 409-643-5993

How does it feel to make Texas City History?

African American Mayor of Texas City

Famous firsts for people who look like me have occurred throughout history. While I am humbled with the distinction of being both the first female and African American Commissioner at-Large in Texas City, all recognition must be shared with my ANCESTORS, who inspired me to live a life of service, and to ALL of my voters who entrusted me to serve Texas City.

Female & African American Mayor Pro-temp & Commissioner at Large of Texas City

Everyone strives to make their parents, grandparents, spouses, and even their children, proud. It’s a completely different feeling when you also make your entire community, ancestors, and future generations proud as well. I never thought I would be history, but I thank God for this opportunity to serve.

Female & African American City Secretary of Texas City

From the Office of Commissioner District 1
Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Texas City, TX - January 18th marks the annual commemoration of one of the world’s greatest luminaries, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is an honor to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy from this office as he will forever be remembered for his ardent and nonviolent quest for equality. Dr. King’s notable mission resulted in landmark civil rights legislation, laying the foundation for all citizens’ civil rights. Contemporarily, much of Dr King’s visions have come to fruition, and his teachings continue to serve as a reference in advocating for equitable polices.

Furthermore, some of the unheralded heroes of the civil rights movement reside here in our city and the district I’m privileged to serve. Thus, I am immensely grateful for these pioneers’ sacrifices and commitment to civil rights. Undoubtedly, because of these heroes, I and countless many can believe in the promise of the American dream.

- Thelma Bowie

- Rhomari Leigh

- Mayor Dedrick Johnson

From the Office of Commissioner District 1
City Updates

**Economic Development**

1. **MOD Pizza**
   MOD Pizza will be coming soon to Palmer Plaza in 2021. MOD is a national restaurant chain that offers a completely customizable pizza experience, while boasting a superfast assembly.

2. **Mainland City Centre Restaurant Row**
   Mainland City Centre will feature five new restaurants that are forthcoming this year. Restaurant row will be complete with BBQ, Creole, Italian, Brunch, and Coffee options for a complete and unique dining experience.

3. **Small Business Administration (SBA) – Economic Relief**
   On December 27, 2020, the Economic Aid Act became law. The act provides $284.45 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program, and $20 billion for the Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance Program. For more information please reach out to the Houston SBA Office at (713) 773-6500 or at their website: https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/tx/houston

**Public Works Projects**

1. **Utility Projects**
   The City has yearly projects to improve the water and sanitary sewer service to its residents. This year we will replace approximately 13,350 feet of water lines, and close to 18,000 feet of sanitary sewer lines. This work will be in various parts of town. Residents who will be affected by these projects will be notified prior to any work commencing.

2. **Biosphere**
   Renovations to the Biosphere have been completed. Along with the upgraded driving surface and drainage, we have also made some changes to the recycling area. The large dumpsters have been replaced with smaller units, and we have eliminated the large deck in between the dumpsters. We hope that this will make it easier for citizens to use the facility. Also, please pay attention to what material goes into what dumpster. The companies that buy our recyclables require the products to be sorted exactly how we have the dumpsters labeled.

3. **New Public Works Building**
   The Public Works Department is now operating at our new location. The address is 7800 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway. All of our phone numbers remain the same.

City of Texas City
www.texascitytx.gov
Trent is the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Facility Crew Leader. Trent is responsible for making sure that rooms are set-up for reservations such as weddings, meetings and banquets. As well, Trent is in charge of making sure that the parks and recreation facilities are clean and in orderly condition for daily use.

Susan Chapa
Hired Oct. 1999 (22 years)

Mayor's Office – I've enjoyed working with Mayor Chuck Doyle, Mayor Carlos Garza, Mayor Matt Doyle and now Mayor Dedrick Johnson. It's been my pleasure to work for the City I grew up in. I enjoy being able to answer just about any question, help with a complaint or just listen to someone needing to talk. Texas City is my home, I love it here.
Library Luke’s Book of the Month

2020 is finally over, but all the stress it brought didn’t get left when the ball dropped. So I suggest Welcome to the United States of Anxiety: Observations from a Reforming Neurotic by Jen Lancaster. This wise and witty look at how to navigate the minefield of modern life. When it feels like all news is bad news and the news is inescapable, Lancaster has excellent strategies for living a thoughtful life (without going insane).

Moore Memorial Public Library Programs

Teens
Monthly Grab n’ Go programming kits are available for teens ages 12 – 18. We’ll also play Among Us on February 19th at 4 PM. Contact the Young Adult librarian at mrocio@texascitytx.gov for more information.

February: Adult Programs
Thursday, February 11 @10AM - Zoom 101: Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Zoom? - Zoom Basics for Adults
Thursday, February 18 @ 10AM - Zoom Cookbook & Take-home Spice Club - February theme: Cumin & Vegetables
Saturday, February 20 @ 11:30AM - Zoom Program: Beginner Yoga with Yoga with Samantha Copeland from “Yoga on 6th”

Children’s
The Children’s Department is offering take-home programming kits for ages 3 – 12. Preschoolers can grab Busy Bags while kids ages 8 – 12 can take home a monthly LitKit. Storytime for You - For individual family groups only, with a limit of one adult and up to three children ages 3 – 5. Call 409-643-5966 for times and an appointment.

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
JEN LANCASTER

PARK OF THE MONTH: RAINBOW PARK
From February 6th though the 27th the Texas City Museum’s rotating exhibit space will focus on Black History. This year’s exhibit will feature photographs and memorabilia from famous Texas City Musicians; Charles Brown, Emry Thomas, and Hannibal Lokumbe. Rock N’ Roll Hall of Famer, Charles Brown was born and raised in Texas City, and spent his youth playing piano for the Barbous Chapel Baptist Church. Although born in Galveston, drummer Emry Thomas grew up in Texas City and graduated from TCISD. Jazz Trumpeter and Composer, Hannibal Lokumbe [nee Marvin Charles Peterson], graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1967. The music of Charles Brown will be playing in the exhibit.

The Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am to 4pm with the last admission to the Museum at 3:30 pm. Tickets are $7 for Adults, $5 for Seniors (60+), $4 for Students (ages 7-17), and children 6 and under are free. The Galveston Model Railroad Club is still closed due to COVID. Visitors are required to wear a mask at all times inside the Museum.