

COMMUNITY UPDATE

01/10-02/16

In celebration of Responsible Pet Owners Month this February, Hidalgo County Precinct 3 is excited to announce the launch of a community-driven pet supply drive. The initiative aims to support local pets in need while promoting responsible pet ownership within the community.

Starting January 9 through February 16, residents are encouraged to contribute to the pet supply drive by dropping off donations at Hidalgo County Precinct 3's lobby.

Requested donations include:

- Dry and wet dog food
- Dry and wet cat food
- Cleaning supplies such as dawn soap and bleach

Drop-off Location:

Precinct 3 - Administration Office

724 Breyfogle Rd.
Mission, TX 78574

All collected items will be donated to **Yaqui Animal Rescue**,

For more information, please contact Laura Ibañez at (956)585-4509.

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As cooler weather is coming through, please remember safe usage for generators.

Generator safety should be on every person's mind before flipping the on-switch. Remember, generators use flammable fuel to generate serious volts of electricity and release deadly carbon monoxide gas.

Beware of Carbon Monoxide

Do not run generators inside homes, garages, crawlspaces, basements, sheds, or similar areas, even when using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation.

- Beware of Flammable Vapors
- Do Not Store Fuel in Your Home
- Leave Space Around the Generator
- Don't Operate in the Rain
- Use Long, Heavy-Duty Cords
- Never Back Feed
- Be cautious on the road ways

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COMMUNITY UPDATE
1/13-1/19

FEMA REMINDS YOU

Freezing temperatures and winter storms leave people with disabilities, older adults and those with chronic health conditions without power for life-saving medical supplies and without the ability to charge Assistive Technologies or other power-dependent devices.

People with disabilities, older adults and those with preexisting health conditions are especially vulnerable to the health impacts of power outages due to their reliance on electrically powered medical equipment such as ventilators, oxygen and power wheelchairs.

General Winter Preparedness Tips

- Have emergency contacts written down, programmed in your phone or placed somewhere readily available.
- Stock up on nonperishable foods.
- Make an emergency plan with your primary care physician to discuss prescription refills, treatments, oxygen and anything else that may be impacted by a winter storm.
- Create a plan for alternative sources of power.
- Reach out to your utility company to inquire about becoming listed as a life-sustaining equipment customer.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

1/30-2/9

Congressman Gonzalez to Host Fifth Annual Valentines for Vets

Congressman Vicente Gonzalez (TX-34) announced the fifth iteration of his annual Valentines for Vets program. Following the success of years past, the Congressman's office will collect and distribute Valentine's Day cards from constituents and students of Texas' 34th Congressional District to veterans and frontline workers in the community.

Constituents of all ages are welcome to participate by dropping off or mailing cards to any of Congressman Gonzalez's district office locations. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, February 9, 2024**.

Those with questions are encouraged to call Ruth Camacho, Caseworker, at **(956)682-5545**.

Brownsville Office:

835 E. Levee St., 6th Floor
Brownsville, TX 78250
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. CT

Weslaco Office:

255 S. Kansas Ave.
Weslaco, TX 78596
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. CT

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COMMUNITY UPDATE
1/30-2/22

9th Annual Young Hearts Matter Teen Dating Violence Prevention event on February 23rd

Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney Toribio "Terry" Palacios, in collaboration with Region One ESC and the Texas Council on Family Violence, will host the 9th Annual Young Hearts Matter Teen Dating Violence Prevention event on Friday, February 23, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Region One ESC located at 1900 W. Schunior St. in Edinburg, Texas.

The prevention event will include a youth rally, a self-defense class for teens, painting class for self-care, prevention education information, a community fair, and guest speakers from local and county stakeholders.

The event is free and open to the public. We encourage everyone who attends to bring their teen dating violence prevention posters and wear orange.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

1/30-1/31

Deadline for paying Property Taxes is January 31st

January 31, 2024, is the last day that the 2023 Taxes may be paid without penalties and interest. Mailed payments are considered timely if postmarked by January 31, 2024. County business hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Edinburg, McAllen, Mission, and Weslaco offices will be open until 7pm on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

Skip the line, and pay your 2023 Taxes *online* at www.hidalgocountytax.org with Credit/Debit Card or E-Check. You can also pay with Cash or Check at all LONE STAR NATIONAL BANK locations within Hidalgo County. YOUR ORIGINAL LIGHT BLUE STATEMENT OR ONLINE STATEMENT IS REQUIRED WHEN PAYING AT THE BANK.

For more information, please visit our website at www.hidalgocountytax.org or call the Edinburg Main Office at (956) 318-2157.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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AARP Foundation Tax Aide is offering free income tax preparation

At the

- **McAllen Library 956-681-3060**
- **Donna Library 956-464-2221**
- **Harlingen Library 956-216-5800**
- **Mercedes Library 956-565-2371**

Days and times vary by each location

They will be available until April 15

To find out more information and to set up an appointment contact the library directly

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Community Update

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As Responsible Pet Owners Month continues throughout February, we'd like to remind you of our ongoing community-driven pet supply drive hosted by Hidalgo County Precinct 3.

What: Pet Supply Drive

Deadline: February 16, 2024

Where: Precinct 3 - Administration Office, 724 Breyfogle Rd.,
Mission, TX 78574

Requested donations include:

Dry and wet dog food

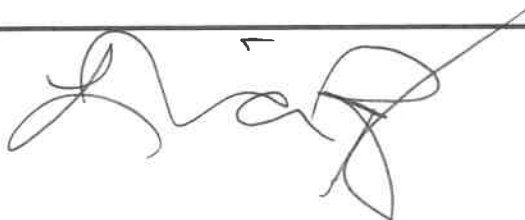
Dry and wet cat food

Cleaning supplies such as dawn soap and bleach

All contributions will benefit Yaqui Animal Rescue, aiding pets in need within our community. For more information, please call at (956)585-4509.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

2/21-3/5

Reminder to all registered voters that Early Voting for the March 5, 2024 Joint Primary Elections has started. There are 30 Early Voting polling locations conveniently located throughout Hidalgo County. Voters are able to cast their ballot at any of these locations.

Make sure to take your VOTER ID, check online for the seven forms of approved IDS

Registered voters of Hidalgo County have the opportunity to use additional supporting documents as a way to cast their ballot if they are not able to obtain an acceptable form of photo identification.

Early Voting will run through March 1, 2024. For more information on Early Voting schedules, locations and sample ballots, visit www.hidalgocounty.us/elections.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

2/23-3/5

McAllen Police Department Seeks to Fill 24 Police Officer Positions

McAllen Police is looking to hire motivated individuals who desire a career in public safety and want to make a difference in their community. Individuals looking for an opportunity to earn a competitive salary with benefits and are able to perform at a professional level should apply at the City of McAllen website*.

Individuals must apply at the City of McAllen Civil Service Department by March 6, 2024, 5:00 pm.

For Application and Information:

City of McAllen Civil Service Department
1300 Houston Ave. McAllen, Texas
956-681-1407
www.mcallen.net/jobs

Benefits:

- Retirement System
- Paid Holidays
- Paid Vacation and Sick Leave
- Medical Benefits
- Assignment Pay
- Certification / Education Pay
- College Tuition Reimbursement Policy

*Additional job description and requirements can be found on the City of McAllen website <http://www.mcallen.net/departments/hr/job/job-opportunities>

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31st Annual CineSol Film Festival Announces Call for Entries

CineSol Film Festival now has an open call for entries for their 31st Annual CineSol Film Festival!

REGULAR DEADLINE is June 15th.

You can submit your films via filmfreeway.com.


CineSol accepts documentaries, shorts, animation, features, comedies, horror, etc.

Click on the link for more info!

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Learn more about becoming a Border Patrol Agent with the US Border Patrol Information Session happening at the Workforce Solutions office from 9am to 12pm on March 21st and 28th

Qualifications for Employment Eligibility:

- U.S. citizen with a valid driver's license
- One year of full time work experience (35+ hours) or a Bachelor's Degree with a 3.0 GPA
- Have resided in the U.S. for at least 3 of the last 5 years (military exception)
- Referred for selection prior to your 40th birthday (waiver for veterans)
- No drug use within the last 2 years.

March 21 at the Weslaco Workforce Solutions located at 2290 W Pike Blvd

And on March 28 at the Mission office located at 901 Travis Street

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

3/12-3/23

McAllen Passport Division to Host Passport Fair

McAllen passport officials encourage everyone to apply for passport book or card on this day

The City of McAllen Passport Division Facility will host a Passport Fair on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the City of McAllen Passport Facility, located in the Downtown Parking Garage at 221 S. 15th St.

Appointments are not required for the Passport Fair and walk-ins are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. If an appointment is preferred, please schedule by calling (956) 681-1450.

For passport information, fees and forms, please visit www.mcallen.net or www.travel.state.gov.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE
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**McAllen Public Library Hosts Fourth Annual
World Languages Festival**

McAllen Public Library is excited to announce the return of its highly anticipated World Languages Festival, set to take place at the Main Library, 4001 N. 23rd St., on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This celebrated international event promises a rich tapestry of cultural experiences, offering attendees a taste of global diversity through storytelling, food, art, music, and performances.

The award-winning festival, now in its fourth year, has earned recognition for its dynamic celebration of global cultures. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact the Reference Department of the McAllen Public Library at (956) 681-3061 or referencelibrarian@mcallen.net.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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KEEP MCALLEN BEAUTIFUL SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR ITS PAINT MCALLEN BEAUTIFUL PROJECT

Keep McAllen Beautiful (KMB) is proud to announce their annual Paint McAllen Beautiful project. Keep McAllen Beautiful is able to fund paint and supplies for the project through grant funding and qualifying applicants will have their home painted free of charge.

Keep McAllen Beautiful is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to developing and expanding awareness regarding litter prevention, proper waste disposal, recycling, and beautification projects and preserving the natural beauty of McAllen.

For more information, please contact KMB at (956) 681-4562. Applications may be picked up at McAllen City Hall, 1300 W. Houston Ave. or at McAllen Chamber of Commerce, 1200 Ash Ave. or may be obtained through the KMB website: www.keepmcallenbeautiful.org.

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**COMMUNITY UPDATE:
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Are you between the ages of 16-24?

In need of money And Interested in a paid internship or upgrading your job skills?

The E3 Youth Program can help you!

This is for those interested in a paid internship or in upgrading your job skills

Contact Workforce solutions career advisors to get more information and for available opportunities:

Mission: 956-519-4300

Edinburg: 956-380-0008

Weslaco: 956-969-6100

Starr County: 956-487-9100

Willacy County: 956-689-3412

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