

# 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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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**  
**1/13-1/19**

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

1/30-1/31

### Deadline for paying Property Taxes is January 31<sup>st</sup>

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](http://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](http://www.hidalgocountytax.org) or call the Edinburg Main Office at (956) 318-2157.

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

1/30-2/22

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Hearts Matter Teen Dating Violence Prevention event on February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney Toribio “Terry” Palacios, in collaboration with Region One ESC and the Texas Council on Family Violence, will host the 9<sup>th</sup> 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

1/30-2/9

### 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**

**2/1-4/15**

**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 be each location**

**They will be available until April 15**

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

DJ NAME, DATE AND TIME READ

Mary	03-11-24	2:33p
Mary	03-25-24	2:43p

Community Update

2/16-2/16

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**

**3/12-3/23**

**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. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:referencelibrarian@mcallen.net).

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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. 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mcallen.net) or [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

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Mary	03-10-24	2:54p

**COMMUNITY UPDATE**

**3/12-3/31**

**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](http://www.keepmcallenbeautiful.org).

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Marcy	03-14-24	3:31p
Marcy	03-19-24	6:20p

**COMMUNITY UPDATE:  
READ 3/13-3/28**

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

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**COMMUNITY UPDATE**  
**3/25-3/28**

**City of McAllen Warns of Text Pet Scam**

The City of McAllen would like to advise the public of a text scam that is being circulated regarding lost dogs. A resident will receive a text, stating that their dog is lost. They will then receive a subsequent text, giving a City of McAllen Code Enforcement Officer name and stating that in order for the pet to be returned, a reward must be paid.

If any pets are lost in the City of McAllen, Animal Care Officers will scan them and try to locate owners immediately, returning the lost dogs or cats to the owners whenever possible. If owners are not located, the dogs or cats are then taken to the Palm Valley Animal Society, 2451 N Expressway 281 in Edinburg.

City of McAllen Animal Care and Code Enforcement Officers will never demand a reward for returning lost pets.

Please call McAllen Police Department at 681-2000 to report receiving this text message.

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## COMMUNITY UPDATE

2/22-3/31

# 31st Annual CineSol Film Festival Announces Call for Entries

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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](http://filmfreeway.com).

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

Click on the link for more info!

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Marley	03-04-24	6:20 p
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