



# City of Kosse

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### SALES TAX REVENUE INCREASES

Kosse received \$16,172 in sales tax in May 2021, this in an increase of 25.42 percent over May 2020, when the town received \$ 12,894. Year to date, Kosse has received \$67,481, an 18.63 percent increase over last year at this time, when the town had received \$56,883. Shop local if you can!

### CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

There were two council seats up for re-election this year. Incumbents Cullen Freeman and Kendall Funderburk were unopposed. They were sworn in at the May 11th Council meeting by Mayor Brooks Valls for 2-year terms.

### KOSSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Even though crime is low in Kosse, it is still a good idea to lock your home and cars and to not leave the keys in vehicles. This gives you security and removes the temptation for an easy theft.

### WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

Great news! At the May 11th City of Kosse City Council meeting it was voted to lower the base water rate by 15.78% from \$38/month to \$32/month, a Due to a rate increase request from Frontier Waste, the trash service rate was changed from \$14.95 to \$15.95. All rate changes will take effect on July 1, 2021.

### NEW CITY HALL & COURTROOM CONSTRUCTION

Progress continues on the new Kosse City Hall and Courtroom building next to Farmers State Bank. Insulation and sheetrock are currently in progress and we are hopeful that the windows and doors will be close behind. If all goes well, we are planning for some preview tours on Homecoming Weekend with move-in in July.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens are meeting at the Kosse Community Center on Monday and Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch plates are \$3.00. There are games, music and fun! This is provided by the Limestone County Senior Services.

### KOSSE CHARITABLE BINGO ANNOUNCED

Kosse will be able to enjoy Bingo with cash prizes 12 times over the next year. The Kosse Heritage Society and the Kosse Community Center have each received approval to host six nights of Bingo as charitable organizations

The first Bingo night will be hosted by the Kosse Heritage Society from 6pm-8pm on Friday, May 21, 2021 at the Community Center. Concessions will be available, \$2 at the door, Bingo cards will be \$2 each, slider cards will be used and minimum pots of \$25 are planned. Please, no children under the age of 8. Other children must be accompanied by an adult if they wish to play Bingo.

The Kosse Community Center will host the next Bingo night on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 6pm-8pm to kickoff Homecoming Weekend. Come and enjoy the fun and support these great local charities.

### REMINDERS

In a medical emergency, a helicopter can be the difference in getting to a hospital in time. You can cover your entire family through AIR-EVAC for only \$5.00 per month payable on your water bill. Just call the city office to get the simple enrollment form.

We are fortunate to have the outstanding KOSSE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT to respond to fires and emergencies. You can lend your support for only \$1.00 a month, billed on your water bill. Just contact the City office to add it. currently have this on your water bill, just call the office to add it.

A quick and easy way to pay your water bill every month is to be on auto-draft. This service is free and easy. You will still receive a copy of your water bill but will not have to deal with the bother of writing checks and mailing or dropping by the City office. Plus, you don't have to worry about being late. Auto-Draft is deducted from your bank account on the 10th of every month. If you are interested in this service, call or swing by the office and get set up.

### CALLING ALL CHURCHES, BUSINESSES, AND INDIVIDUALS

We are looking for floats for the upcoming Homecoming Parade. Call the City Office to get in the line-up. Prizes will be awarded! Let's make this Homecoming great as we celebrate Kosse's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday!

### YARD MAINTENANCE REMINDER

With Homecoming Weekend approaching, please make sure to keep your yards cut and cleaned up. Not only will everything look better but with snakes and critters out and about it will help us all to stay safe! A reminder that on the the last Thursday of the month (May 27), you can set extra trash by your trash can to be picked up. The quarterly dumpster will be back in August. Please make sure you are placing all trash in the dumpster. If it is full DO NOT leave trash next to the dumpster.

### KOSSE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

The Kosse Community Health Clinic is here to serve your health needs. The clinic is open from 8:00AM thru Noon and from 1:00PM-5:00PM Monday through Thursday. Friday hours are 8:00AM thru 3:00PM.

### KOSSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The Kosse EDC is excited to announce the upcoming establishment of a new nail salon. "Olga's Nail Salon" will be located on South Mignonette, beside V & J Emporium & Metal Art. Watch the press and Facebook for a future opening date.

Duck Mud Coffee is operating smoothly at their new location next to the Kosse Clinic, and now features a convenient drive-through window. Drop by for some delicious coffee, cookies and panini.

The Kosse EDC is here to help new proposed or existing businesses in Kosse. If you are an entrepreneur and would like to start a business in Kosse please communicate with the Kosse EDC as to how we can help.

# Kosse Sesquicentennial Homecoming - June 11-12, 2021



**KosseTexas.com/homecoming**  
Info: (254)375-2212 • kcc@KosseTexas.com



## KOSSE SESQUICENTENNIAL HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Join us June 11 & 12, 2021 for two days of fun, food and music as we celebrate Kosse's 150th Birthday!

Homecoming Weekend has been the signature fundraising event in Kosse, Texas yearly since the 1920's. Proceeds support local non-profits including the Kosse Community Center, the Kosse Heritage Society, the Kosse Volunteer Fire Department, the Kosse Lions Club and various community projects around Kosse. Enjoy the fun and friendship while supporting Kosse! More information can be found online at <https://KosseTexas.com/homecoming>

Vendor Booths Available – Karen or Christina at 254-375-2212  
Sponsorship Opportunities - Brooks at 832-773-8361

This year's Street Dance features four great bands. The Gordon Collier Band will open, with Nashville rising star James Carothers next. The incredible Kelly Lang will perform her favorites leading into our featured performer, the legendary T.G. Sheppard, owner of 21 number one hits. You can save up to 16% on tickets by buying early! Discounted Street Dance tickets are now on sale at the Kosse City Office or may be purchased securely online via the link on <https://www.kossetexas.com/streetdance>

## Kosse 2021 Homecoming Schedule

### Friday - June 11, 2021

2PM - BBQ Cookoff Check-In at the Kosse City Park  
6PM-8PM - Kosse Charitable BINGO at the Community Center

### Saturday - June 12, 2021

7:30AM - Kosse Greyhound 5K Run/Walk at Kosse City Park  
10AM – Downtown Parade - Call the City Office at 254-375-2212 to enter  
11AM - 1PM - Kosse Volunteer Fire Dept Community Lunch at the Community Center  
1PM - 4PM: Hearne-Gidden and Heritage House Tours  
2PM: BBQ Cookoff Judging  
5:30PM – BBQ Cookoff Awards at Kosse City Park  
8PM - Midnight - Homecoming Street Dance featuring 4 bands highlighted by T.G. Sheppard - Gates open at 7:00PM

**Keep Up with Kosse on the Web:**

Visit [www.KosseTexas.com](http://www.KosseTexas.com) for happenings and information around town.

