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Kosse Medical Clinic

The Clinic is almost complete. The contractors are finishing up the building and in the next couple weeks they will be asphaltting the parking lot. Limestone Medical are ready to move in equipment and begin seeing patient's as soon as the building is completely finished. The Clinic will start off being open 5 days a week. Also, you will be able to get your medication right at the Clinic. The Clinic and Pharmacy Plus have partnered together to provide a daily drop off of medication for patients if needed. Please join us for the City-Wide Party on October 26 from 6pm-10pm, we will be touring the Clinic!

Water Well Project

Construction on the Water Well Project is complete. At this time, we are in the testing phase. Once the test results are back and clear, we will start filling the lines to town. Once the lines are filled some more testing will have to take place. Once all testing is completed, the water will be available to the City. An estimated date for all testing to be done is mid-November. This has been a long project and process and the City appreciates everyone's patience.

The water well project is the largest infrastructure improvement in Kosse since the original water system was installed in 1939. The project brought almost 3 million dollars of improvements to Kosse, half of which was grant money through the Texas Water Development Board. Once operational, the city of Kosse will be completely independent with water supply and will no longer rely on purchased water from a third party. This greatly enhances our ability to provide for our city and our ability for growth and development.

City Park

The City of Kosse has partnered for a second year with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Rainbow Trout stocking program. TPWD's goal is to release catchable size Rainbow Trout in select waters in Texas to provide a unique winter fishing opportunity. Trout are available when water temperatures are cool enough to sustain trout from December through early March in most areas of the State. There is a sign posted at the City Park Pond that has all the rules. Please follow them.

Trash

Just a reminder, trash pick up day is Thursdays. Please have your trash out before 7 a.m. If you have extra items that will not fit in your can that need to be picked up, you can set them out on the last Thursday of the Month. These items will not be picked up when your can is emptied, another truck will come back around and grab those items. If your trash is missed or your can is broken please let the City Office know as soon as possible so we can get them back out to pick it up if possible. The big dumpster next to the fire station comes every 3 months. It will be here the beginning of November. Once it is full it will be picked up and not brought back. Please remember no paint, batteries, or tires. If you see the dumpster is full, please DO NOT place items next to it.

Kosse Economic Development

The Kosse EDC has been granted a \$75,000.00 matching grant to help renovate the Kosse Ballpark. It will involve the construction of a concession stand, restrooms, a pavilion, parking lot construction and field work. Work will begin on this project in the next few months.

Sales Tax Revenue Increase in Kosse

Sales Tax revenue was up 27% from the month of September 2019 with \$10,998.42 being brought into the City compared to September 2018 of \$8,643.53. A portion of the Sales Tax revenue goes to Street Maintenance and Economic Development throughout Kosse. Kosse Sales Tax Revenue has been on the rise over the past years because of the new business and growth Kosse has seen.

Food Bank

The Central Texas Food Bank contract with the City of Kosse renews in October and the new site leader is City Secretary Christina Lockhart. The food distribution will continue to be the First Friday of the month and will be at the Community Center for the time being. We are always looking for volunteers to help.

City Council

The City of Kosse City Council met in September adopted the effective tax rate of \$0.6136 for the coming year. This is a tax rate decrease from \$0.6317. This is the fourth consecutive year that Kosse city tax rates have been lowered. Mayor Jarrod Eno commented in an earlier meeting, "Due to Kosse's continued growth and the resulting increase in our tax base, we are proposing to lower rates again for the coming year." Also, in the September meetings, the Council passed the 2019-2020 Budget for the City. The City will be working to finish 3 City streets and will start on Yancey Street. This street will be next to the Family Dollar and connect Monroe to Highway 7. The City Council continue to work hard to make Kosse a wonderful place to live. If you want to know what is happening in town, come to the Council meeting the 1st Tuesday of the Month, or feel free to post civil questions and inquiries to the City of Kosse Facebook page or make an appointment to see the Mayor.

Kosse Community Center

The Kosse Community Center is planning our 2019 Fall events schedule. We encourage you to make plans to attend and enjoy the fun and friendship.

After many years of work and dedication, Kosse will have two great additions to the city with our own well and water system and the new Kosse Community Clinic to be managed by the Limestone Medical Center (LMC). Both are scheduled to be operational this Fall.

The Community Center is joining with the City and LMC to host a big celebration on October 26th from 6pm-10pm downtown. This free celebration will have free hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, water and tea and will feature the great music of Raymond Ramirez and the TLC Band. Additionally, a big fireworks show is planned for the evening. More details can be found on KosseTexas.com.

Also, our traditional Thanksgiving dinner is planned for Thursday, November 14th. The community Christmas dinner will be held on Thursday, December 12th. More details will be coming soon!

The Kosse Community Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. We do not receive funds from the city and rely on volunteers, rentals and donations to provide. If you would like to help out or need more information, please call Brooks Valls at 832-773-8361 or visit our website at KosseCC.org.