



City of Fredericksburg Annual Report 2015

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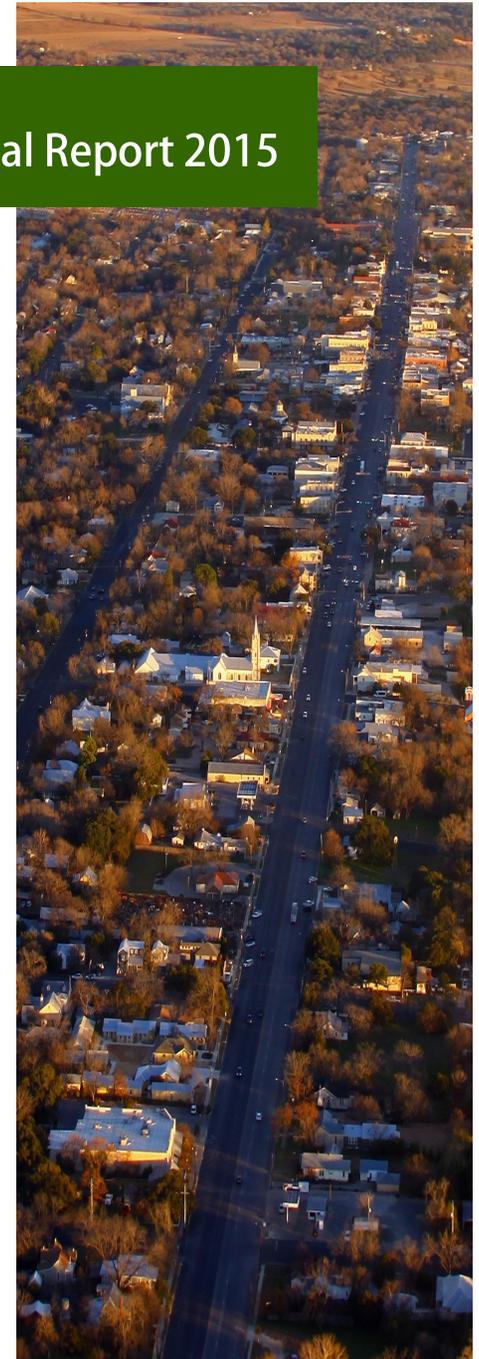
Both elected officials and employees for the City of Fredericksburg have adopted a phrase that defines the job they do 365 days a year. The concept of “Going the Extra Mile” has spread throughout the City organization. It reflects the fact that employees do more than is expected to serve our community.

This commitment to excellence dates back to the original founding of Fredericksburg. The early German settlers arrived with a strong work ethic and a common standard of going above and beyond what was expected. This positive attitude served the community well from the beginning. In 1845, John O. Meusebach established the Town of Fredericksburg on land that was bordered by two creeks, now Baron’s Creek and Town Creek, and surrounded by seven hills. The first settlers arrived one year later in 1846. Within one year the town had grown and was a hub of activity to the passerby. These solid roots laid the foundation for Fredericksburg as we continue to be a community that attracts businesses and visitors.

The City of Fredericksburg remains a vibrant place to live with some of the best city services available anywhere. City leadership continues to take into consideration the quality of life we have come to represent. From city streets to city parks the City maintains what we have while keeping our growth managed and consistent.

With an average of 1.5 million visitors a year, there must be a way to balance the experience of the visitor with the needs of the residents. This is accomplished with hard work and a commitment. It is the “extra mile” thinking that makes it work.

This Annual Report 2015 describes growth, progress and innovation, as well as, respect for the treasured history of Fredericksburg. City leaders and City staff honor the past as we move forward into the forecasted bright future.



City Council



Councilman Bobby Watson, Councilman Gary Neffendorf, Mayor Linda Langerhans,
Councilman Graham Pearson, Councilman Jerry Luckenbach

We are blessed with a safe and friendly community where residents and tourists alike appreciate the history and culture of the early German influence. Art galleries, restaurants, festivals, school sports, and much more provide venues for everyone to enjoy. Individuals, business owners, and volunteers step up to support non-profit organizations, mentor students, organize events, deliver meals to shut-ins and much, much more.

Fredericksburg is a great place to live! But, with continued growth in business, tourism, and new residents come many challenges.

Among the major issues addressed by the City Council during 2015 are a relief route to reduce Main Street traffic, additional water wells to serve future needs, workforce housing to meet the needs of local employees, improvements to our city parks, space needs for City Hall, the fire department, and law enforcement, and increased litter along our major highways.

Your City Council members have diverse backgrounds, are representative of the many views of the citizens, and make every effort to be well educated on every issue that is placed on an agenda. Our phone numbers and email addresses are available from anyone at City Hall and we welcome your input.

Linda Langerhans,
Mayor, City of Fredericksburg

City Manager Kent Myers



As I reflect back on 2015, I am amazed that we were able to move forward on so many different fronts. This Annual Report is intended to highlight some of the progress achieved by our City departments. As you read this report, I hope that you share in the pride for what we have achieved to make Fredericksburg an even greater place to live, work and visit.

One of the great things about serving as City Manager of Fredericksburg is the numerous accolades that I receive about the work of our City employees. Every week I get emails, letters and phone calls praising and complementing our employees who go the extra mile to provide services to our local citizens and visitors. During the past year this included the Customer Services employee who took the initiative to walk outside City Hall to serve a utility customer who was unable to walk. It included a Fire Department employee who stopped on his way home from work to help a stranded visitor who was experiencing problems with his vehicle. It also included the Sanitation employees who got out of their truck to help a local resident struggling to get their tree branches to the street. It included an employee who led the efforts of a local volunteer leadership group who completely renovated Frantzen Park. And what is amazing is that these employees view their actions as the normal way that City services are provided.

They do not see that their actions are anything special and they do not want any recognition for their efforts.

So in providing this Annual Report, I want to dedicate our accomplishments to our wonderful employees. The progress highlighted in this report are a testimony to their commitment, their dedication, their work ethic, their caring attitudes and their willingness to go the extra mile to get things done.

In terms of general accomplishments during the past year, I am particularly proud of our efforts to improve our financial status and to make long-range plans for the future of our community. Our financial improvements to our General Fund, Sanitation Fund, Health Insurance Fund and other City funds are a positive reflection on how well the local economy is performing. It is also due to the efforts of our employees to stretch City resources and ensure that every dollar spent can be justified.

In terms of long-range planning, we completed the update to our Comprehensive Plan. This included the adoption of new design guidelines for buildings along major roadways. This update also included a comprehensive sidewalk plan. Both of these plans will help preserve the quality of life we all enjoy. We also started on the development of a new long-range Water Plan and Wastewater Plan. And we initiated a new Drainage Plan, Water Reuse Plan as well as an update to our Parks Master Plan. All of these plans will help ensure that we are ready to handle future growth.

With regard to specific accomplishments, it was difficult for me to narrow down the list this year.

I have included below my top 10 projects or programs that were completed in the past year:

1. Major park improvements including the new Skate Park, Frantzen Park and Fort Martin Scott.
2. Major street and sidewalk improvements including the reconstruction of Brehmer Lane.
3. Consolidation of the City and County dispatching operations.
4. Major improvements to the City landfill including adding another cell and new offices.
5. Purchase and installation of 20 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) around the community.
6. Completion of a comprehensive review of the City Charter with changes to be presented to the voters in May, 2016.
7. Completion of major improvements and upgrades to City our water tanks.
8. Installation of wi-fi services at Marktplatz.
9. Approval of our first full-time Fire Chief position and hiring of Lynn Bizzell for this new position.
10. Purchase and installation of new police radio system.
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So the past year was both exciting and productive. However, I prefer to look forward rather than backwards. As we start 2016, it appears that we will have lots of opportunities to build on our past successes. There is a continued commitment by both the City Council and City employees to “go the extra mile” to make our community even greater in the future.

Kent Myers,

City Manager



Development Services 2015

2015 was another year that saw much development in Fredericksburg. A total of 58 permits were issued for new single family residential homes with the approximate total cost of construction at \$14.4 million. In addition, another 133 permits were issued for additions, alterations, carports/garages, and accessory buildings. We issued 10 permits for new commercial buildings with the approximate total cost of construction at \$6.8 million. Some of the larger commercial projects under construction or completed in 2015 were Sunrise Townhomes, Texas Rangers Heritage Center, Heritage Place Assisted Living addition, Backwoods BBQ, Oosterbaan Optometric Clinic, Security State Bank & Trust drive-through facility, Pacific Combat Zone, Gillespie County Jail, Fairfield Inn & Suites, FISS Ag Facility, Keidel's Korner Phase I, one multi-unit bed and breakfast complex, and several projects on Brehmer Lane.

The Development Review Committee, which consists of representatives from the Planning, Building, Engineering, Public Works, and Fire Department, continued to stay very busy meeting weekly for pre-application conferences with developers and owners regarding new proposed projects. The committee reviewed, responded and approved numerous site plans, subdivision plats, and minor replats.

The Planning & Zoning Commission met monthly throughout the course of 2015 and held 26 public meetings regarding various zoning requests and reviewed 4 site plans and 11 plats. The Commission was also heavily involved in discussions and recommendations regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update for a sidewalk plan throughout the city and Design Guidelines for the entry corridors to the City. They also approved the annexation of Stone Ridge Unit 9, permitting for mobile food vendors, and the extension of the special parking provisions along the west end of Main Street.

The Historic Review Board received 101 applications throughout the course of the year and addressed Demolition by Neglect issues on 10 properties. The Board of Adjustments received 3 variance requests, including two requests for a zoning variance and one regarding a request for a sign variance.

Code Enforcement stayed busy monitoring the city for various code violations. A total of 791 violations were observed and addressed. That number consisted of 207 public nuisance violations, 261 watering violations, and 13 sign violations. The remaining violations consisted of junk vehicles, zoning violations, dangerous structures, solid waste violations, illegal dumping, illegal pumping of water, and parking violations. Of the citations, 29 resulted in court hearings which generated over \$ 4000 in fines and fees.

In addition to the violations addressed, 144 water waivers were issued, 133 community service banners were processed, 13 temporary use permits were issued, 7 permits for non-profit solicitation in public ways were issued, 88 permanent sign permits were issued, and 31 temporary sign permits were issued.



Public Works 2015

Engineering Division Over the past year, the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department has assisted all divisions within Public Works and other City departments in the development and implementation of a number of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects and various other systems and programs.

CIP projects involving the Engineering Division include Water and Wastewater Bond Projects. This includes operational improvements to the City's Water Reclamation Facility and the planning and design of several Water Distribution System Improvement Projects. Other bond projects include the rehabilitation of an existing steel water ground storage tank and the demolition and replacement of two existing steel water ground storage tanks with maintenance-free and longer lasting concrete tanks. Other completed projects include the reconstruction of Brehmer Lane, improvements to sidewalks throughout the City as part of the annual sidewalk program, and the completion of Cell No. 7 at the Landfill. Projects kicked off in 2014 that continued into 2015 included the K2 Well redevelopment, plans for several drainage projects, and implementation of a work order management system.

A number of master planning efforts kicked off in 2015. This includes analysis of future water supplies and the existing water, wastewater, and reclaimed water systems as well as a drainage master plan that will focus on drainages issues. Construction related projects that are set to get underway include drainage channel improvements downstream of one of the City's regional detentions ponds near the consolidated warehouse, and a 12 inch waterline project on the north side of town. A section of S. Milam St. between Fulton St. and South State Hwy 16 will be reconstructed in the spring/summer of 2016. Additionally, the annual sidewalk program will continue to make improvements throughout town and this year's additional funding has been provided to focus on Main St. sidewalks.

Electric Division In addition to their regular duties associated with the operation and maintenance of the City's electric distribution system, the City of Fredericksburg Electric Division is also responsible for a number of special seasonal projects within the City. This includes the installation, removal, and maintenance of Christmas lights on buildings, and the stringing of lights and hanging of wreaths on poles along Main Street during the Holiday Season.

- Keidel Korner - 109 S. Washington
- Heritage Place 5 Star Home - 96 Frederick
- Replace poles hit by traffic - 608 N. Elk, 914 E. Highway
- Security State Bank - 108 S. Crockett
- Little Caesars—1003 Hwy. 16S
- Oosterban Eye Clinic - 1102 N. Llano
- Pacific War Zone - 508 E. Austin
- Fisd Portable Building - 110 S. Adams
- New Storage Facility - 711 Brehmer
- Rehab Distribution - 100 and 200 S. Crockett
- Ongoing Construction of New FB 100 Circuit
- Fiber Optic installation - Hospice - 208 Granite, Fisd - 1124 S. Adams, HCMH - 1125 S. Adams



Public Works 2015

Street Division The Street Division maintains approximately 98 miles of streets throughout Fredericksburg. As part of its effort to maintain these streets, the Street Division performs an annual paving program where approximately 10% of all City streets are re-paved each year. The paving program starts with an evaluation of streets requiring attention, trimming trees and other vegetation, repairing base failures, crack sealing, sweeping and performing level-up patch-work prior to paving. In 2015, over 220,000 square yards of surface (over 45 acres) were paved. Because of the poor condition of the pavement and underlying roadway structure, the driving lanes of the 400 block of South Milam Street were reconstructed in 2015. The reconstruction included the complete excavation and replacement of the existing roadway.

The City fleet of light vehicles and heavy equipment is maintained by three mechanics from the Street Division in a shop at the Consolidated Warehouse facility. A new fuel monitoring and recording system was purchased and installed through a cooperative effort of the Street Division and the Information Technology Department.

Additionally, Street Division crews mow and maintain street right-of-ways, waterways, and detention ponds, as well as perform weed control. All City street right of ways and alleys are trimmed to provide vehicle clearance, as well as sign and intersection visibility.

A free service that the City provides to its citizens through the Street Division is the annual city-wide Leaf Collection Program. Twice a year, leaves are collected and transported to the City's compost facility at the landfill where they are processed into lawn and garden compost material. Nearly 3,000 cubic yards of leaves are processed in this manner annually.



All street name signs, warning signs, and informational signs on non-TxDOT maintained roadways within the city limits are installed and maintained by Street Division crews. Additionally, maintaining parking strips, crosswalks, stop bars, and curb painting, as well as barricading and traffic control for construction projects, parades, and special events are all responsibilities of the Street Division.

The 2015 Memorial Day flood brought devastation to our neighbors in surrounding counties. In the days that followed the floods, the Public Works Department sent personnel and equipment from several divisions to Wimberley to assist in cleanup efforts along the river. In January, the City of Fredericksburg was presented a "Wimberley Strong" flag by the mayor of Wimberley in appreciation of the support provided by the Public Works Department.

Public Works 2015

Water Division Over the past year the Water Division pumped, treated, and delivered 749,166,500 gallons of potable water to the City's Water Distribution System, which is 6,966,250 more than the previous year. With a number of water conservation measures in place and the above average rainfall over the course of the year, water levels in the City's water supply wells held steady with a slight upward rebound in aquifer levels. With respect to the City's Water Distribution System, 2015 was a fairly normal year with Water Division crews repairing 27 water mains. To service new development within Fredericksburg, 89 new water taps were added to our system.

In the Wastewater Collection System, 6 new connections were added. City crews responded to 13 mainline stoppages and performed high velocity jet cleaning of approximately 30,000 feet of sewer mains as part of the Water Division's Preventative Maintenance Program.

City crew's responded to over 600 customer calls that ranged from requests to turn off water to pressure issues to leak checks. Water Division crews also completed 585 utility line locates for other utility companies, contractors and homeowners. The Water Division also finished construction on some notable projects including the rehabilitation of the Windcrest Water Ground Storage Tank and the construction of two new 500,000 gallon concrete Water Ground Storage Tanks at South Heights and Goehmann Lane. Additionally, the Water Division started construction on a new ground water well in the Knauth Well Field and installing 7,250 ft. of 12 inch water line between the Cross Mountain Ground Storage Tank to the north side of town. Along with these projects, the completion of a Water, Wastewater, and Reuse Master Plan, which will identify future Capital Improvement Plan projects, will be complete in 2016.



Water Retention Facility In 2015, the Water Reclamation Facility treated 348,705,900 gallons of influent. From that, 143,604,739 gallons of reclaimed effluent were pumped to Lady Bird and Boot Ranch Golf Courses for irrigation. An additional 2,031,070 gallons of reclaimed water was sold through the fill stand located at the plant to contractors for construction water. The remaining balance of treated effluent was released into Baron's Creek. The facility's Belt Filter Press processed 3,573,060 pounds of sludge which was hauled and disposed of at the City's Sanitary Landfill.

The construction of major Capital Improvement Projects were started at the facility in 2015. These projects, which were identified in the Water Reclamation Facility Master Plan, include necessary equipment upgrades and rehabilitation to bring the facility within TCEQ regulations, as well as increase operation efficiencies. Construction at the facility will be completed in May, 2016.

Public Works 2015

Sanitation Division In 2015, approximately 33,808 tons of garbage were placed in our landfill which is approximately 8,809 tons more than in 2014. The estimated useful life of the landfill is approximately 33.2 years. The division chipped 488 tons of brush from curbside collection which is approximately 88 tons more than in 2014. Also, 1,478 tons of brush was collected at the landfill which is 97 tons more than in 2014. Approximately 387 tons of grass clippings and leaves were added to the compost operation while approximately 1,076 cubic yards of double ground wood chips were sold.

The City of Fredericksburg Recycling Center recycled 937 tons of material in 2015, which consisted of approximately 365 tons of cardboard, 235 tons of newspaper, 92 tons of magazines, and 244 tons of aluminum, mixed paper, office waste paper, hard backed books, plastic No. 1 and No. 2, and steel combined.

The number of residential garbage customers increased by 30 in the past year increasing the total number to 4,791. Sanitation Division purchased 200 new 96 gallon and 100 new 64 gallon trash cans, along with 10 new 4-yd dumpsters. The City currently collects from 87 dumpsters, 4,512 AGC cans and makes 15 handicap stops each week.



Parks and Recreation 2015

The Skate Park was completed and dedicated in 2015 as a beautiful addition to Old Fair Park and shade structures were added to enhance the experience. All of this was made possible through the partnership between the City of Fredericksburg and the Morning Rotary Club. Fort Martin Scott continues improvements with the renovation of Building R, the reconstruction of the perimeter fence, and removal of the old visitors center. Frantzen Park improvements were made possible by Leadership 2015. Trails, swings, picnic areas, signage, and new trees have been added. The Dog Park Association continues to raise money to build the Fredericksburg Dog Park. This park is adjacent to Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park.

The update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been underway during 2015. Several meetings were held to get public input. These meetings were advertised in the paper, on the website, and through a direct questionnaire mailed with utility bills. Feedback from the public was valued in the process. City staff sought to get a pulse from the public on their needs and priorities in regard to Parks and Recreation. Eventually major parks improvements will be taken before the voters in a bond election to determine the future of our parks development.



Ribbon Cutting At Frantzen Park

Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course 2015

2015 was a year plagued by Mother Nature. Lady Bird Johnson golf course lost 78 days to weather reaching into June. In spite of the weather the course has continued to mature and is enjoyed by people from not only Texas but many other states.

Lady Bird Johnson hosted 2 Southern Texas PGA events in 2015. A Senior Series event in the summer and a Prestige tour junior event in the fall, both events have made the commitment to return in 2016 and garnered many positive comments from the players.

Junior golf at Lady Bird continues to grow with our second year of the Lady Bird Little Linksters program, free monthly clinics throughout the school year and successful programs with Ambleside and Hill Country Memorial Wellness Clinic.

Our Fredericksburg high school boys' golf team finished second in the state and Cole Grona won the individual State Championship.

The staff changed some throughout the year with the retirement of long time Head Pro Shelly Ross after 20 years of service to Lady Bird and the City of Fredericksburg.



Fort Martin Scott 2015

Progress continues at Fort Martin Scott. The Fort is coming into focus like it was in the 1850's. The Fort's perimeter fence is almost completely reconstructed, and the Sutler's Store has been reconstructed. A complete refurbish of the Braeutigam shed enhanced interpretation of the years the Fort was a family farm. As part of the 2015 phase of Fort reconstruction the Guardhouse and two officers quarters were given a facelift. The footprint for the Blacksmith Shop has been located and the shop is framed. The Fort's original visitor's center was moved off of the Fort site and to the volunteer area where it will be refurbished to serve the Fort's Living History re-enactors and the Fort Martin Scott Friends organization.

The biggest accomplishment of 2015, however, is the renovation and restoration of the historical interpretation of Building R. In the days when Fort Martin



Scott was active, Building R was home to the enlisted men. It was a bustling space where soldiers spent their off time and got much needed rest from the demanding chores and duties of the life of the frontier soldier. Part of the building is furnished as living quarters complete with small cots and trunks. If you step onto the sprawling front porch you can imagine what would have been a gathering place for the soldiers to relax. It would have been alive with music and lively conversation balancing the demanding life at the Fort.

Part of the building houses the Fort's office and a growing collection of artifacts. This also serves as an information center for the Fort's visitors.

Emergency Services 2015

The Emergency Services Department was staffed by 25 professionals in 2015 serving all of Fredericksburg and Gillespie County's 25,000 citizens covering over 1,000 square miles. The department provided invaluable service to the community through the Fredericksburg Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Services Dispatch, the Office of Emergency Management and the Safety office. The department also serves as a liaison providing close coordination with all six County Volunteer Fire Departments, EMS and First Responder organizations.

Fredericksburg Fire Department The Fredericksburg Fire Department is composed of City Staff and the Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department. Last year City Staff was led by the City Fire Marshal who administered the department and supervised three full-time commissioned firefighters that serve as Lieutenants providing continuity and experience to the department. The backbone of the department is the Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department manned by 32 professional firefighters. The Fire Department is manned 24/7, 365 and provides first out response to any fire call in the City and approximately half of the County. The Department also provides assistance in a mutual aid capacity with the other five Volunteer Fire Departments in the County.

In unison, the City staff and volunteers responded to 372 emergency calls and 59 service calls in 2015 totaling over 4,293 man hours (a 32% increase over 2014). The calls ranged from structure fires, to motor vehicle accidents, to rescue missions at Enchanted Rock, and simply checking smoke detectors for residents that needed assistance. The Fire Marshal along with one part-time fire inspector conducted 374 fire inspections on commercial businesses, medical facilities, Bed and Breakfasts, day cares and Foster Homes. Fire Prevention classes were conducted throughout commercial establishments and schools that included training for over 1,500 individuals. Additionally, to help the community help themselves Fire Extinguisher training was given to 157 employees of 9 local businesses.



Fredericksburg Fire Department and Fredericksburg Volunteer Department

Emergency Services 2015



Chief Lynn Bizzell

In September of 2015 the City Council approved a new organizational structure which became effective January 1, 2016. Under this organizational concept the City brought on board a new Fire Chief, Lynn Bizzell, to merge the leadership of the City Staff and the Volunteer Fire Department



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Emergency Medical Services is comprised of 15 full-time paramedics. Fredericksburg EMS staffs two Mobile Intensive Care Ambulances and has 2 fully equipped ambulances in reserve. EMS responded to 2,937 emergency calls in 2015 (a 15% increase over 2014).

The Staff is totally dedicated to the community they serve through participation in events such as the Car Seat Safety Clinic, the Fredericksburg Health Occupation Student Association, Stonewall Head Start, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts. Additionally EMS provides coverage to community activities such as the Stonewall Rodeo, Gillespie County Horse Races, the Professional Bull Riders Association, and coverage at all area high school football games.

EMS significantly enhanced their capabilities in 2015 by up grading to the state of the art Lifepak-15 cardiac monitors in all four of our ambulances. The EMS utility vehicle (Mule) was totally retrofitted and is now a rescue vehicle able to accommodate patient transport. The mule provides service at football games, festivals, parades and Enchanted Rock . One of the most important improvements in EMS was the purchase of 25 new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) through an LCRA grant. With the new AEDs, EMS initiated the Fredericksburg Immediate Response Saving Texans (FIRST) program. This program publicly maps the locations of AEDs throughout the City and County. Information about the AEDs and the interactive map can be found on the City web-site.

EMS spearheaded the effort to train the entire City staff in First Aid. EMS obtained the equipment needed for First Aid classes, arranged the certification of six First Aid instructors, scheduled classes, and ensured 100 percent of the City staff was trained by the end of 2015.

Emergency Services 2015

Emergency Services Dispatch Emergency Services Dispatch provided 24/7 dispatch service and resource coordination to all City and County Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Services, and City Public Works Departments. On 30 June 2015 Emergency Services Dispatch was consolidated with law enforcement dispatchers into a new department under Gillespie County administration. This consolidation unifies all County dispatch operations and provides quicker response to 911 emergencies.

Office of Emergency Management The Office of Emergency Management has two staff members that are on duty or on call at all times to respond to any emergency whether natural or man-made. The office's responsibilities fall into four main categories: Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery. The City of Fredericksburg operates under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to standardize operations and response with other State and Federal Responders and utilizes the Incident Command System (ICS) as our incident management scheme.

The City received an Emergency Management Program Grant from the Texas Division of Emergency Management for \$33,845. To comply with the grant requirements, Emergency Management conducted 4 exercises with a total of 257 participants. The exercises dealt with topics such as Public Health pandemics, point of distribution drills, an active shooter exercise, and public unrest. Training was an important factor in the grant also and continuing education classes for City and County personnel were conducted on topics such as NIMS and ICS. The first ever Continuity of Operations Plan for the City of Fredericksburg along with the development and management of 12 additional plans with 22 annexes and 64 appendixes resulted in Fredericksburg achieving an Advanced Planning Status and completing all grant requirements.



Police Department 2015

The Fredericksburg Police Department, under the leadership of Police Chief Steve Wetz, made it their obligation to do more than what is necessary to provide members of the community, as well as visitors with the best police service possible. This has been accomplished by looking to the future, embracing change, and always going the extra mile. The late Chief Paul Oestreich once said that people call the Police Department because they have nowhere else to turn; therefore, it is the responsibility of the Department to help whenever we can no matter how big or small the problem seems to be.

The Patrol Division is the face of the Fredericksburg Police Department. They are the first officers the public sees and the first line of defense for the community. Lt. Brian Haley supervises the Patrol Division, which consists of five Sergeants, fifteen Patrol Officers, two School Officers, and two Administrative Assistants. The Division makes up the bulk of the police employees and is clearly the backbone of the department. In 2015, the Police Department responded to 6748 calls for service, unlocked 856 vehicles, and made 434 arrests. The Department issued 1209 citations, 7036 warnings, and investigated 576 traffic accidents.

The primary responsibility of the Criminal Investigations Division is the continued investigations of crimes committed against the community. They also spend many hours researching crimes and crime suspects in an attempt to thwart future crimes. The Criminal Investigation Division is supervised by Lt. Terry Weed, and his division consists of a Sergeant, three Detectives, and a Narcotics Investigator. For the year, the Criminal Investigation Division received 267 criminal investigations with a 51% clearance rate. The remainder of these cases and other previous cases are still under investigation.



City of Fredericksburg Police Department 2015

The Special Services Division is supervised by Lt. Braxton Roemer, which oversees the Department's training, polices, grants, accreditation, and volunteer program. Last year, the Department implemented an online training program which resulted in 2585 hours of training to members of the department. At a cost of about a \$1.25 per hour as opposed to an average cost of \$10.28 for traditional training plus travel and per diem, the Department was able to save a considerable sum of tax payer dollars. The Department also maintained another year of Accreditation through the Texas Police Chiefs Association. Each year the Department must submit reports demonstrating their compliance with the Best Practices Program to maintain that accreditation. Every four years the Department will have to begin the entire accreditation process again which will occur in the Fall of 2016. The Special Services Division also has continued its pursuit of grants. For the second straight year the Police Department received a \$7000 grant for overtime to increase DWI enforcement during the holidays. At the end of 2015, the Department applied for and was recently chosen to receive a \$26,000 grant to help fund body-worn cameras for all of the patrol officers in the Department. The Police Department will continue to pursue grant opportunities into 2016 to fund projects or programs while reducing costs incurred by the City.

Animal Control Officers Micky Moellering and Yvonne Gerhardt are responsible for taking care of animals brought in to the City Animal Shelter as well as collecting strays and the removal of wild and domestic animals struck on the roadways. For 2015, 526 animals were brought in to the City Animal Shelter of which 291 were dogs. Through the efforts of the Animal Control Officers, 191 animals were reunited with their owner or adopted to a new home. This year also saw some momentum towards building a new animal facility. Plans for the new shelter are currently in the design phase. The location has been selected on Hollmig Lane and construction should begin sometime in the fall of 2016.

The Fredericksburg Police Department had a number of successful community programs this year. Lt. Terry Weed started a Prescription Drug Take Back Box program where a secure drop box was placed at ValuMed Pharmacy. Community members now have a place to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs during any normal business day, as well as the twice a year drive through program. Since the start of the program, more than 150 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter drugs have been collected that did not end up in the City's land fill or wastewater. Lt. Roemer, with the help of the Department's Administrative Assistants and Police Volunteers implemented another Summer Youth Programs for the children in the community. Officer Chris Ayala's criminal justice students competed in Skills USA competition, which is a law enforcement competition for high school students interested in Criminal Justice. Officer Shane Purvis and Officer Ayala both provided a number of drug and alcohol awareness programs to kids in the community. The Bike Patrol Officers, Supervised by Sgt. Bryan Philips also provided six safety programs for children and various organizations in the community.

Gillespie County Health Division 2015

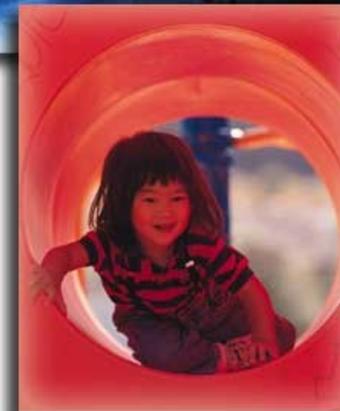


The Gillespie County Health Division seeks to provide outstanding services in environmental health in order to enhance the community and citizens' health, safety, and general welfare through the efficient and effective application of public health and safety codes. All actions are conducted in a responsive and fair manner focusing on customer service and public awareness.

The Gillespie County Health Division (GCHD) began in 2000 and was staffed with one registered sanitarian who was responsible for approximately 105 establishments. Today, the GCHD is staffed with a Director and a Food Safety Inspector, both of whom are registered sanitarians with the Texas Department of State Health Services. The division now inspects over 230 retail establishments and over 25 institutional facilities. The division also inspects special events throughout the year, issuing over 250 temporary and mobile health permits.

The Health department is responsible for permitting and inspecting food establishments such as: restaurants, grocery stores, bakeries, schools, day care centers, hospitals, special events, and drinking establishments. GCHD staff performs investigations on food borne illnesses, complaints into unsanitary conditions at local food establishments, and food recalls. Additionally, the GCHD performs environmental assessments on the following: adoption placements, day care centers, foster home placements, and public school buildings.

The Gillespie County Health Board is an active part of the GCHD. This is a 9 member advisory board that provides oversight on health matters and gives advisory opinions and policy recommendations to the City and County. As a combined division, the Gillespie County Health Division strives to prevent disease and promote the health and welfare of citizens.



Economic Development Commission 2015

The City of Fredericksburg enjoyed another record setting year according to the Economic Development Board Annual Report. This report indicated the following:

- Sales Tax receipts for the reporting year, November, 2014 through October, 2015 showed a 7.68% increase over 2014. Over the past five reporting years (2010-2015) sales tax receipts have increased 40.67% in the City. Gross lodging receipts totaled a 9% increase which is a record for the first nine months of any year.
- 2015 real estate showed the biggest gain. Residential sales totals were up 32% from the 2014 record and land sales were up 37%. The total number of real estate transactions also set a record with 524 properties being sold.
- In November of 2015 the unemployment rate of 2.9 % is one of the lowest employment rates in the region.



Fredericksburg made the news:

- Country Living—America's 20 Best Small Towns, Dec. 2015*
- Bloomberg Business—20 Richest Small Towns, Aug. 2015*
- Nerd Wallet—Best Places to Start a Business in Texas, Jul. 2015*
- Huffington Post—11 of Americas Best Small Towns, Jul, 2015*
- Niche—Best Towns to Raise a Family In Texas, May, 2015*
- Culture Trip—The 10 Most Beautiful Towns in Texas, Mar. 2015*
- Culture Map Houston—Highest Percentage of Millionaires in Texas, Feb. 2015*



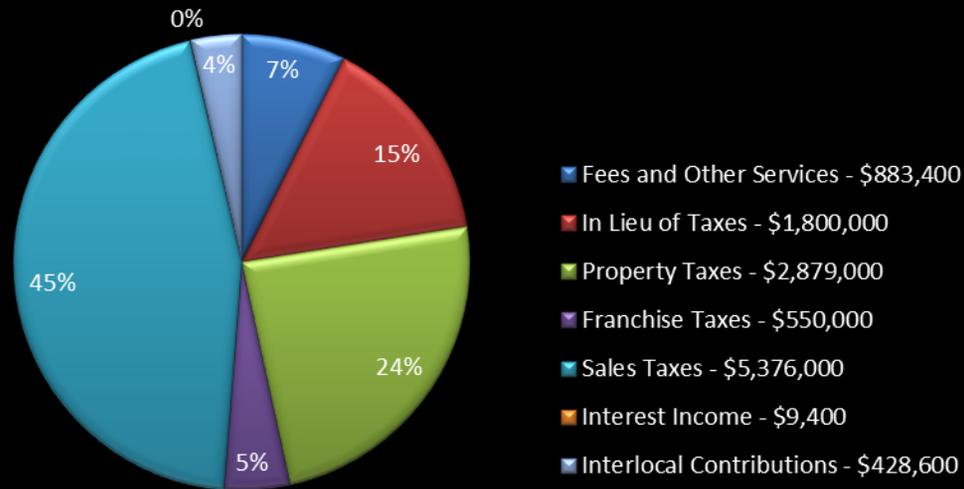
Department of Finance 2015

The annual budget guides the City's plan for providing the services, facilities and infrastructure for the citizens of Fredericksburg. The FY 2016 budget has been developed with the goal of continually increasing the quality of life for the citizens of Fredericksburg in accordance with the stated goals and priorities of the City Council. The City budget helps identify future needs, sets objectives for the coming year, and defines the purposes and resources to achieve those objectives. The City's Governmental and Enterprise budgets remain strong as we continue to meet the goals and expectations for the City's mission statement. Highlights from the FYI 2016 Budget include:

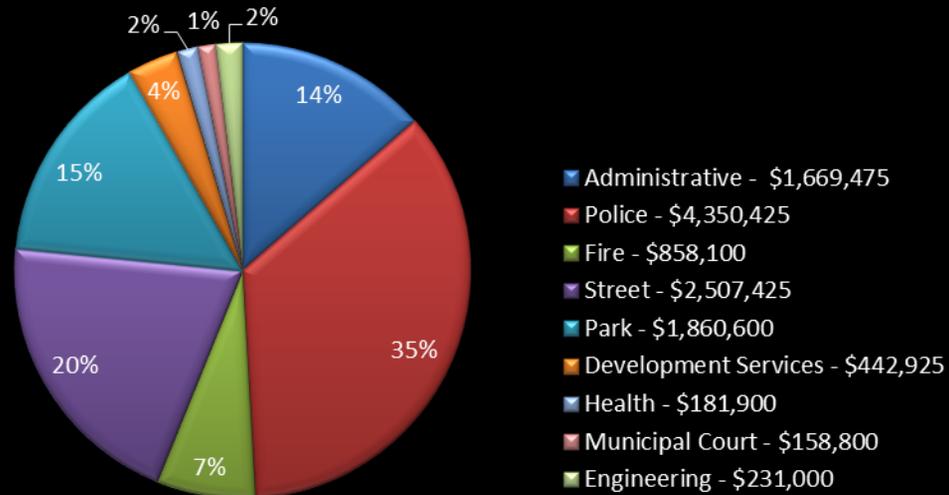
- The adopted FY 2016 budget for the City of Fredericksburg is \$42,674,000, down 10.52% from FY 2015. The 2015 total property tax rate for the City of \$.2313 per \$100 of valuation is a \$.0169 reduction from the 2014 total property tax rate of \$.2482. This will generate an additional \$79,000 in General Fund operating revenues due to a decrease in debt service payments, new properties added to the tax roll, and an increase in property values over the past year.
- Sales tax revenues are projected to be \$5.25 million, up 7% from last year's budget and the ad valorem tax revenue projection is up 2% to \$3.57 million.
- Operating revenues from utilities are budgeted to decrease by \$2 million, or 8.44% under last year. A 3% increase for electricity is included in the FY 2016 budget.



FY 2016 Budgeted General Fund Revenues



FY 2016 Budgeted General Fund Expenditures



The Extra Mile



City of Fredericksburg Employees
clean up a stretch of highway in the
Adopt a Highway Program



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