

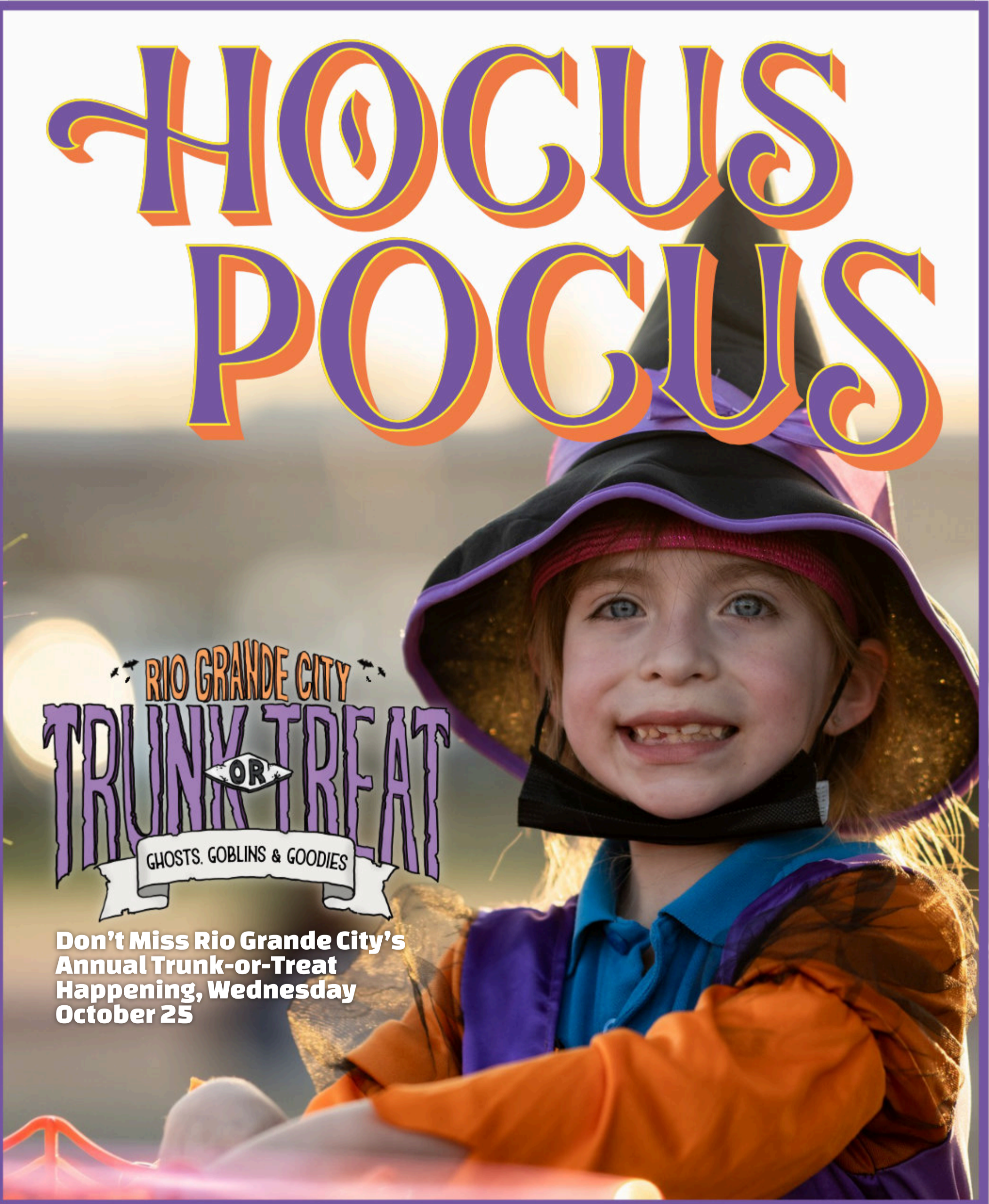
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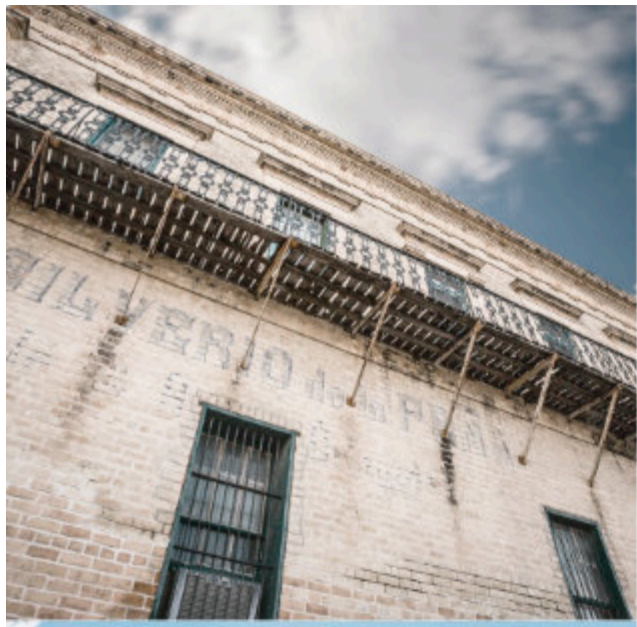
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Happening, Wednesday
October 25**





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The mission of the City of Rio Grande City is to provide quality municipal services in partnership with our citizens to build a progressive city and to provide a better quality of life for all our residents. Rio Grande City is rich in history and honors traditions. Come and explore a multitude of historical sites, take a walk run or bike ride through our Fordyce Trails, and enjoy our many festivals.

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The City of RGC administrators conducted an official walkthrough of the brand new Public Safety Building with Gerlach Construction. The outer structure is going up at an excellent pace with the inner details coming along. This new Public Safety Building will have a state-of-the-art set up for our first responders with holding cells for our police department and updated sleeping quarters for our firefighters. We are very excited to see the continued progress of this historical project in the GREAT City of Rio Grande City.

PROGRESS REPORT

The NEW City of RGC Public Safety Building is progressing at a great pace! We are seeing the outer perimeter going up, with most of the structure set in place. Our first responders are set to be moving into this new state-of-the-art facility as early as Spring 2024!

NOW



SPRING 2024



RIO GRANDE CITY HALL

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Hours of Operation: Mon-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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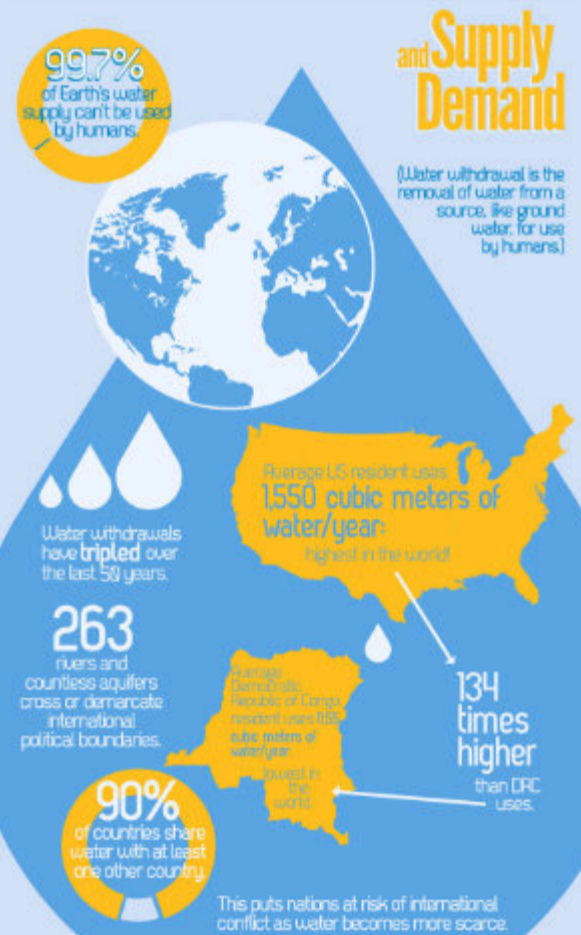
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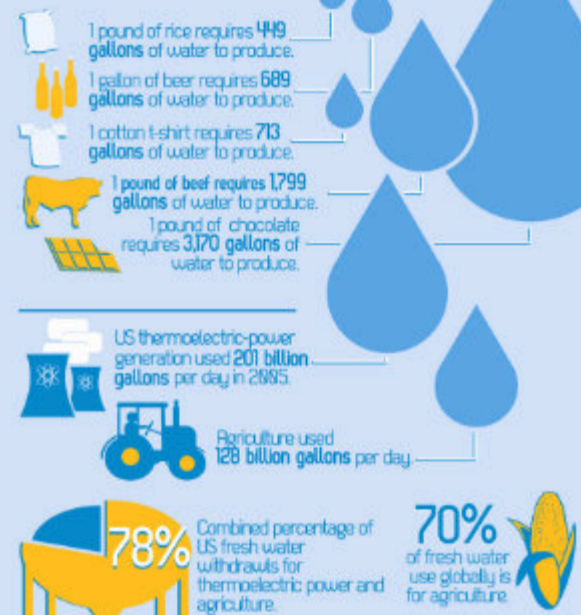
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WHY YOU SHOULD CARE ABOUT WATER CONSERVATION

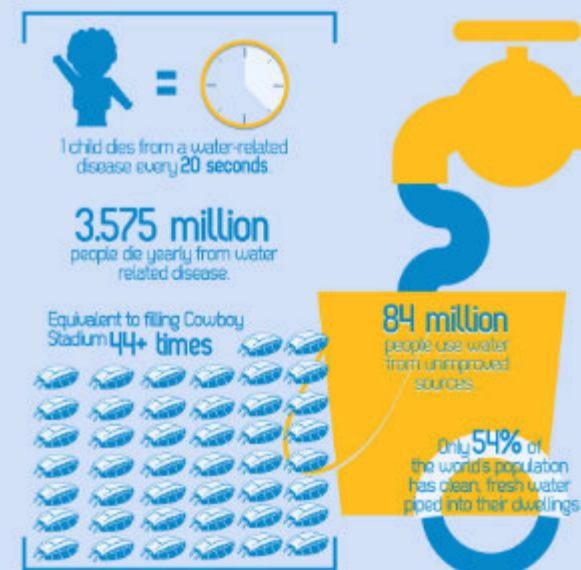
"Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink." This famous line from Samuel Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" actually sums up the state of our earth's water supply quite well. The vast majority of water can't be used, so the fresh water that is available must be treasured. Learn about the water supply issues impacting our planet and why it is so important to care about water conservation.



Production Soaks Up Our Water



Access to Fresh Water Saves Lives



THE RIO GRANDE CITY PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPT. WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR



WE

would like to welcome our NEW Public Utilities Director, Eric Flores, to the City of Rio Grande City! We look forward to working with you as our city grows and prospers. Welcome to the team!

PIPE DIGGING

The City of RGC Public Utility Department recently worked on digging a 6in area to replace a 1in pipe with a wider 2in pipe to improve flow of water for residence.

ON THE AIR



Make sure to visit our podcast every week for news, updates, and interviews on Lunch Break.

The Rio Grande City Public Library premiered their new podcast "Cover to Cover", a podcast dedicated to exploring libraries and the joy of reading. Join Enelinda Vera and Kelsey Fleming every other Friday for conversations, book recommendations, behind-the-scenes library stories and so much more.

Subscribe to your favorite podcast platform or subscribe on Spotify.

Rio Grande City EDC at National Night Out

Staff and board members of the Rio Grande City EDC attended the annual National Night Out held at Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park this past Tuesday, October 2, 2023. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Law enforcement and community organizations from all of Starr County attended the event.

BlueWave, PAD Specialists Grand Opening

The Rio Grande City Greater Chamber of Commerce announces two grand openings for October 12, 2023. Blue Wave Car Wash will have their grand opening at 9 am.

Blue Wave Car Wash is committed to reducing its carbon footprint by reclaiming and recycling water, reducing waste.

PAD Specialists Grand Opening is at 1pm. They are PAD (Peripheral Arterial Disease) specialists focused on the diagnosis and treatment of PAD. Call 361-202-8686 or visit www.padspsc.com for more information.

Winter Texan 101 Marketing Workshop

Winter Texan Season is right around the corner and RGC Main Street and the Bessie Trolley Tour is gearing up for the upcoming season. Yandery de la Cruz, RGC Main Street Coordinator and Melinda Gomez, RGC EDC Communications Coordinator attended the workshop hosted by Welcome Home RGV. More than 100,000 visitors contribute \$1.2 billion to the Rio Grande Valley economy and we are ready to welcome them.



UTRGV Small Business Development Center is hosting several live webinars for the month of October. For more information visit: UTRGV.EDC/SBDC



PONY LEAGUE



SUMMER TRACK



STREET CROSSING



2023 CHAMPS

PONY LEAGUE

During the Regular Meeting of the RGC City Commission, Parks and Recreation Director, Frank Eguia, and the Rio Grande City Pony League President, Robby Vasquez, recognized the RGC 6U Pony League All-Star team for their special accomplishments this season. The RGC All-Stars are coached by Fabian Gonzalez, qualified for and participated in the 6U Pony League World Series held in Youngsville, Louisiana where they came in 3rd Place overall and 1st Place in their class. On behalf of the City Commission of Rio Grande City we would like to congratulate the Rio Grande City 6U Pony League All-Stars on this amazing accomplishment and thank the amazing RGC Pony League Board for dedicating their time to this organization!

SUMMER TRACK

The City Commission of Rio Grande City held their Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, September 13th, at the RGC City Hall Chambers. During this meeting, Parks and Recreation Director, Frank Eguia, recognized the 2023 TAAF Summer Track Program honor recipients, Joe D. Mijares and Emma Herrera. Each year, the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation honors two participants from each city and Joe and Emma were the honorees for 2023. On behalf of the City Commission of Rio Grande City we would like to congratulate these two extraordinary athletes!

STREET CROSSING

The Rio Grande City Parks and Recreation Department is nearly finished with the Veterans Middle School Street Crossing Connectivity Project in collaboration with the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service. Our Parks Crewmen have put up signs, painted street symbols for pedestrians crossing and repainted the school walking lanes.

BLUE MASS

The Rio Grande City Fire Department attended a blue mass hosted by Immaculate Conception Church of RGC to honor all the work they do to keep our community safe and pray over the safety of all first responders in our area.

AIRLIFT

The RGC Fire Department & Emergency Management attended a training at City Hall hosted by Airlift Air Methods on Thursday, September 14th, to provide in-depth Landing Zone training in the case of a medical emergency. We would like to thank our firefighters for taking time to expand upon their skills to ensure a safe community!



Fire Prevention Calendar

OCT 10 Ringgold Elementary Immaculate School	OCT 11 Alberto & Celia Barrera Roque Guerra	OCT 12 J&O Elementary Dr. Ramirez Elementary	OCT 13 IDEA General R. Sanchez Elem
OCT 16 Learning Central	OCT 17 Anacua Head Start	OCT 18 La Coma Head Start	OCT 19 Early Childhood Academy
OCT 20 El Nogal Headstart			



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



THE RIO GRANDE CITY POLICE DEPT.

hosted the 15th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, October 3rd, at the Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park. National Night Out is a community-building initiative that was created to build police-community partnerships as well as neighborhood camaraderie. During this event, Mayor Joel Villarreal read the proclamation, there was a tug-o-war challenge, as well as a donut eating contest. Before the night was over, all law enforcement agencies who were present lined up their vehicles to blare their sirens for five minutes in an act of solidarity.

Library bulletin board



StoryWalk™ Billboard next to RGC Fire Dept.



StoryWalk™ at Miriam Vale Park



AT&T Project with RGC Friends of the Library



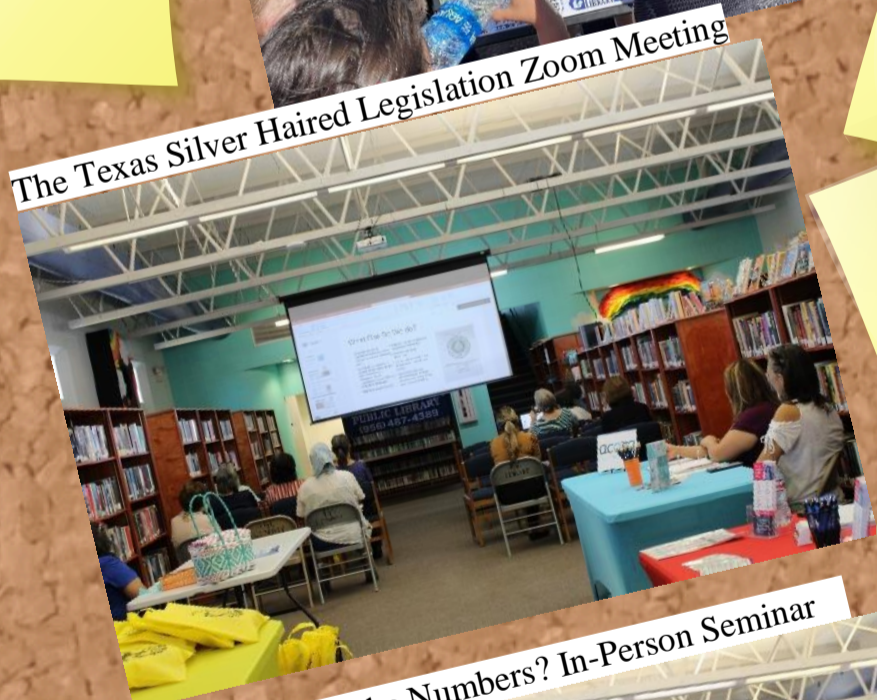
StoryWalk™ at Basilio Villarreal Park



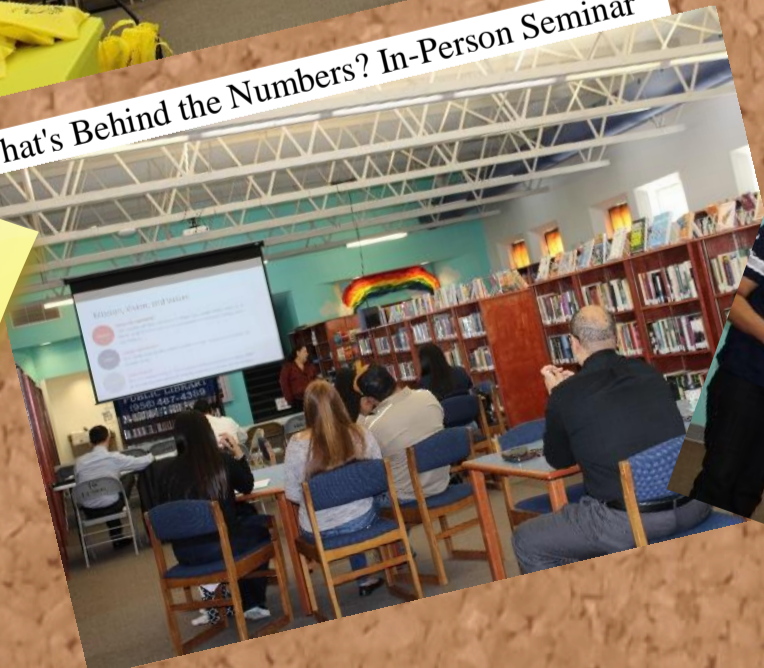
Youth Programs



Adult Programs



What's Behind the Numbers? In-Person Seminar



HISTORY ON DISPLAY



The opening ceremony for the LUPE exhibit was held Friday evening, September 15, 2023 at the Kelsey Bass Museum. Speakers from LUPE and CMAS (Center for Mexican American Studies) gave insight on the impact of the UFW movement here in the Rio Grande Valley, and most importantly, here in our own “Lindo Rio Grande.” Afterwards, the floor was open for audience members to ask questions or speak of their own experiences as farmworkers. Suffice it to say, that many in the room-young or young at heart-were surprised at some of the stories shared that evening. The Kelsey Bass Museum hosted the LUPE exhibit through the first week of October, but be on the look-out for other exciting exhibits and events. There is so much to see at your Kelsey Bass Museum.

Guests

The Kelsey Bass Museum is ecstatic to welcome guests from all over, but most especially those from our very own community. Local visitors are always astounded with the fact of the existence of our museum, and with the overwhelming beauty and quality of our exhibits. The Kelsey Bass Museum is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 -4:30. Be on the look-out for extended hours and Saturday openings. Make plans to visit soon.

Queens

The Miss RGC Freedom Fest Royal Court has been making the rounds at events all over our city and surrounding communities. This “bevy of beauties” has proven that they are more than just a pretty face; they are hard working young ladies with a heart to help. Recently these ravishing royals were seen at the Miss Roma Beauty Pageant, the 2nd Annual Alzheimers Awareness Walk, Grito en el Kiosko, and National Night Out. THANK YOU, Victoria, Naetsy, Kendra, and Mariana for all that you do for our community. You make our city shine.

Crafting Queens

The Kelsey Bass Museum hosted a craft event on September 27, 2023. With over 25 participants, lively conversations, and lots of hot glue, this event was a Spooktacular success. A special THANKS goes out to Thelma Escobar who took the lead on this project and helped us all “get our CRAFT on.” Be on the look-out for more “crafty” events at YOUR Kelsey Bass Museum.

FIELD NOTES: RGC Planning Department continues cleanup projects throughout the City



COMMUNITY NEWS



NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK

It's National GEAR Up Week! We would like to thank the Rio Grande City High School Gear Up Facilitators for inviting Mayor Joel Villarreal to speak with students about the importance of thinking forward towards their future!

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS

The El Faro Health and Therapeutics of Rio Grande City hosted the 2nd Annual Alzheimer's Awareness Walk on Saturday, September 30th, at the Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park. Mayor Joel Villarreal was invited to welcome attendees, where he spoke about the great work and research the El Faro Health and Therapeutics clinic is working on in the way of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. This event was created to help members of our community who are affected by Alzheimer's disease, find resources and support through outreach. On behalf of the City of RGC we would like to thank El Faro Health and Therapeutics for hosting such an important event. #ENDALZ

SANCHEZ ELEMENTARY

Thank you, RGC Fire Department & Emergency Management, for inspiring the students of General Ricardo Sanchez Elementary! We hope some of these students will become future heroes in our community!

