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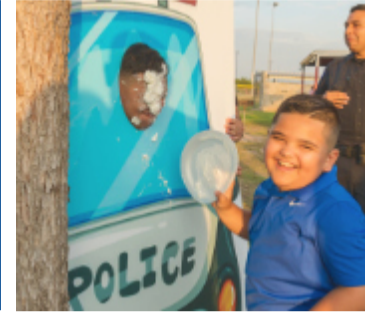
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HAPPY HARVEST

The Rio Grande City Pumpkin Patch is now open at the Rio Grande City Fire Department. We would like to thank the Rio Grande City Parks and Recreation Department, the RGC Public Works Department, the RGC Fire Department & Emergency Management, and our Main Street Advisory Board for helping us get our bountiful Pumpkin Patch up and running!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Learn more at nationalbreastcancer.org

THE CITY OF RIO GRANDE CITY



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956-487-0672

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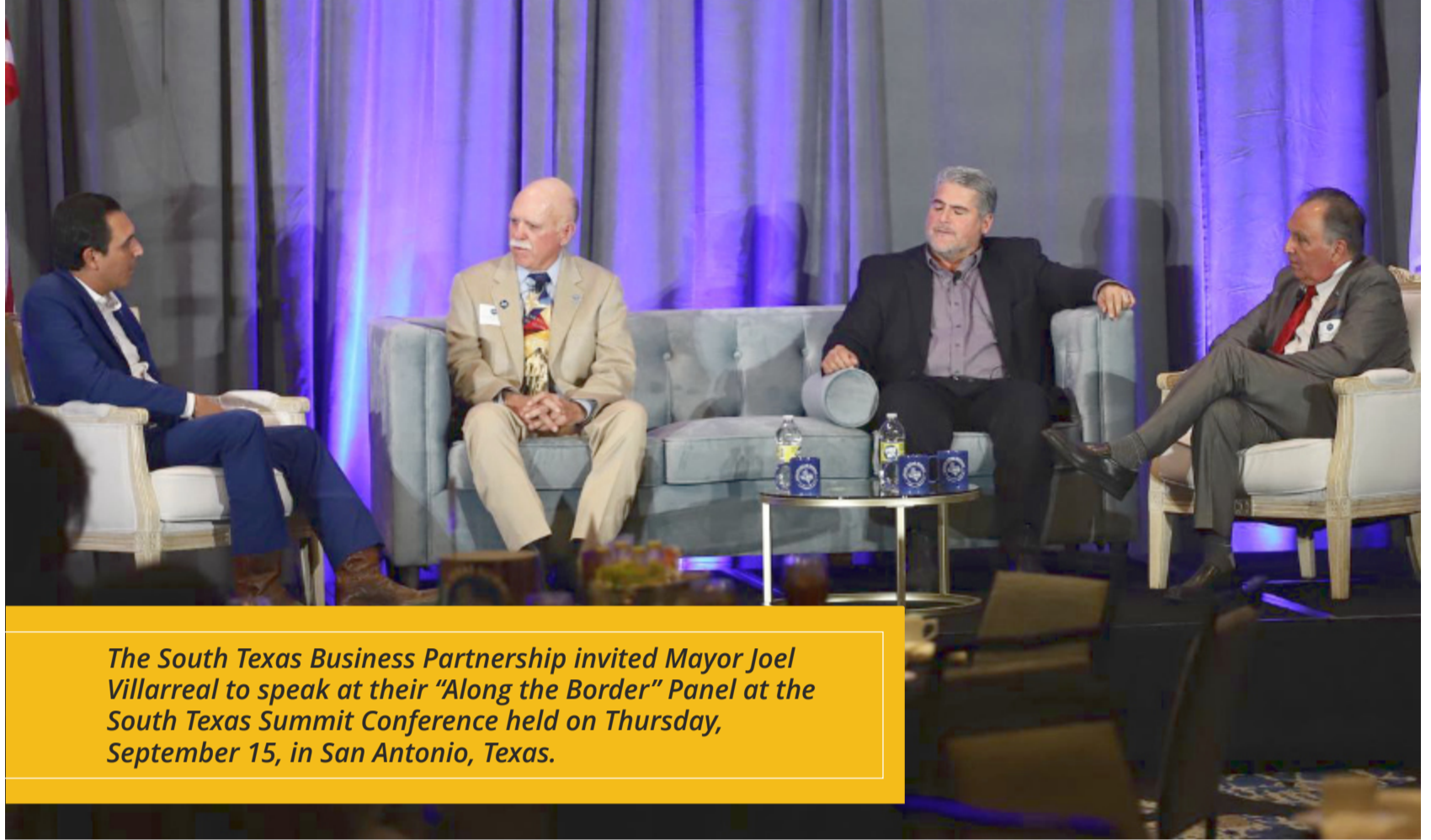
Hours of Operation:

Mon-Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed

Saturday - Sunday

Along the Border



The South Texas Business Partnership invited Mayor Joel Villarreal to speak at their "Along the Border" Panel at the South Texas Summit Conference held on Thursday, September 15, in San Antonio, Texas.



Explore Our Beautiful City

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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Our Deepest Condolences



On behalf of Mayor Joel Villarreal, the city commissioners, and the entire City of Rio Grande City would like to extend condolences to the family of the first mayor of Escobares, Mr. Noel Escobar, and his family. Mr. Escobar was completely devoted to the growth of Escobares, and all of Starr County, he will be truly missed by all that knew him.

Flu Season is Here Early



The city of Rio Grande City hosted a Flu Shot Clinic for all city employees on Friday, September 16, in the City Hall chambers. We would like to thank Popular Pharmacy for providing the vaccines for all city employees!

US Rep. Henry Cuellar Awards \$2.5M Earmark Grant to Rio Grande City Public Utilities Department



The City of Rio Grande City hosted a press conference with U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar on Wednesday, October 12, at City Hall, as Representative Cuellar presented a check for over \$2.5 million in earmark grant money for a brand new Water Loop, as well as announced the new TxDot Unified Transportation Program. On behalf of Mayor Joel Villarreal, all of our city commissioners, and everyone at the great City of Rio Grande City, we would like to extend our appreciation to Congressman Cuellar for helping to ensure the well-being of our citizens.



Goodbye Old Rio Motors Site, Hello New Developments



Before



After

The old Rio Motors site has been demolished and is now ready for construction of a new Texas Regional Bank and a Blue Wave Car Wash facility.

Construction of a new Texas Regional Bank is set to begin on the east side of the property. Started in 2008, Texas Regional Bank is a regional banking franchise and has 20 locations across the Rio Grande Valley and Texas Hill Country.

Blue Wave offers quality, eco-friendly washes by recycling the water used in the car wash process. They use biodegradable soaps and detergents and capture and dispose of all contaminants. They also work locally with city groups to educate residents on the importance of water conservation.

Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan

The BTMP is a comprehensive long-range proposal outlining policies, programs and project recommendations to address current and future border and transportation issues, needs, challenges, opportunities and investment strategies for moving people and goods and enhancing the states' competitiveness in trade and beyond. By participating in the BTMP, the Rio Grande City EDC assured Rio Grande City's growing demands are incorporated into the region.

GLO Lower Rio Grande Valley River Basin Flood Study



Over the summer, the Rio Grande City EDC attended a workshop, held by the General Land Office (GLO), focusing on evaluating flood risk in communities surrounding Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy counties. The study is used to understand concerns related to flood risk, identify potential projects and grant opportunities, and verify the data and information that has been collected to date.

The data and information produced from this study will be used to support current and future State Flood Plans (led by the Texas Water Development Board [TWDB]) and inform the Texas Disaster Information System (TDIS), a critical tool for the state to assist communities in the development of disaster recovery and mitigation plans.



The Rio Grande City Economic Development Corporation Participates in Multiple Surveys and Public Meetings

Rio Grande City EDC participates in several significant surveys and public meetings essential for ensuring infrastructure needs are met for the economic development of Rio Grande City and the area.

Unified Transportation Program

TxDOT's 10-year plan, the Unified Transportation Program (UTP), guides the development of projects around Texas and the 2023 UTP reflects an unprecedented level of projected transportation funding at a record \$85 billion dedicated to improving transportation safety, addressing congestion and rural connectivity.

Key projects slated for Starr County affecting Rio Grande City's transportation infrastructure include widening the road to a four-lane divided highway between Starr/Zapata County Line to north of Loma Blanca and Rio Grande City/Roma Relief Route Phases 1 and 2 of State Loop 195.

The cost of the two projects is \$72,007,150.



**HAUNTED
HAUL-WHEEN**



TRUNK

-OR-

TREAT



WED | OCT 26 | 6PM-9PM

**BASILIO VILLARREAL
MUNICIPAL PARK**

**JOIN US FOR FREE GOODIES,
CONTESTS, AND A SPOOKTACULAR TIME!**

**NO-CARVE PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST
CHILDREN'S COSTUME CONTEST**

RGC Fire Dept. Observes Fire Prevention Week



Fire Prevention Week kicked off in early October at Rio Grande City Grulla ISD Auditorium. Our RGC Fire Department & Emergency Management did an amazing job!!!

The Rio Grande City Fire Department Receives Donation from Electric Transmission Texas



The RGC Fire Department & Emergency Management received a donation of \$2,000 to support the mission of the Rio Grande City Fire Department from Electric Transmission Texas (ETT). The Electric Transmission Texas (ETT) is a utility joint venture between American Electric Power (AEP) and Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company, whose purpose is to build, own and operate electric transmission projects within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). ETT contributes to local community organizations in the areas that they serve, and has several construction projects underway in our area. They personally appreciate the commitment to improving the quality of life in our community. On behalf of the City of Rio Grande City, we would like to thank Electric Transmission Texas for their generous donation to our Fire Department!

RGC Fire Dept. Donates Lifesaving Equipment to Sister Cities of Camargo and Miguel Aleman



The RGC Fire Department donated firefighter gear such as turnout coats, helmets, and other fire equipment to the Camargo, Tamaulipas Volunteer Fire Department in an act of goodwill for our neighbors across the border!

The RGC Fire Department & Emergency Management donated out-of-commission Protective Gear to the Miguel Aleman Fire Department from Cd. Miguel Aleman, Tamps. Thank you for spreading kindness to our sister-cities across the border!





Rio Grande City Police Dept. and Crime Stoppers Host 2022 National Night Out

The Rio Grande City Police Department and Rio Grande City CrimeStoppers hosted the annual National Night Out on Tuesday, September 27, at Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park. Mayor Joel Villarreal read the proclamation for this special occasion celebrated all over the country as a way for our local law enforcement agencies to connect with our community. On behalf of the City of Rio Grande City we would like to thank everyone who attended this spectacular event!



Rio Grande City Art Walks Return



The City of Rio Grande City Public Library brought back its popular Art Walks with the first one of the season being held at the 2022 Grito en El Kiosko Event in downtown RGC last month.

Still don't have health insurance?

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- ✓ Providing information and application assistance through the Marketplace.
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We have MHP SALUD Navigator Services available to assist anyone using Marketplace to fill out applications such as Open Enrollment, Medicaid, and Chip. You may phone or text: 956-532-2458 to set up an appointment on Wednesdays at the Rio Grande City Public Library.

591 E. CANALES ST., RIO GRANDE CITY, TX





¡Que Se Oiga El Grito!

City of Rio Grande City, Texas held its first ever Grito en el Kiosko event celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at the historic Britton Avenue Kiosko in Downtown Rio Grande City. And even though we got rained out, we'd like to thank everyone that came out to celebrate with us.

Special thanks to our performers: Rio Grande City High School Mariachi Cascabel, Grulla High School Mariachi Grulla de Plata, Roma High School Mariachi Nuevo Santander, La Joya ISD Grupo Folklorico Herencia de mi Tierra and Grulla High School Ace Conjunto.



KB Museum Staff Attend Career Day Event

On September 29, 2022, Kelsey Bass Museum staff member, Cathy Rubio, attended Career Day at Grulla Middle School. Mrs. Rubio talked to students and teachers about some of the many features and historical exhibits that are found in the museum. Our History! Our Stories! Visit your Kelsey Bass Museum!

New Main Street Banners On Display



Downtown Lopez-Tijerina Renovations Continue

The City of Rio Grande City Main Street Program is honored to provide our community with the historic Lopez-Tijerina Courtyard, located in the heart of our Downtown area on Main Street. This courtyard is open to the public, but is also rented out for a variety of private parties and events. As with any outdoor facility, maintenance and upkeep are a must for aesthetics as well as safety. The Lopez-Tijerina Courtyard is currently in Phase I of renovations. The bar area, restrooms, and brick surrounding are getting a much needed rejuvenation, and plans are in the works for further renovations in the coming months.

Meet Me Downtown



The Main Street Advisory Board President and Coordinator visited some of the downtown restaurants to pass out some of the incredible "Meet Me Downtown" promotional goodies and our widely popular plastic tumblers. These color changing cups are a big hit with business owners and patrons alike, and are a great way for our program to remind our local businesses that we appreciate their support, and will work hard to help them succeed.

New banners have been installed in our Main Street District. These banners are a beautiful addition to Main Street and Second Street with their vibrant colors and old world charm. Anyone driving through our Main Street area cannot miss these beauties.

Working the Harvest



The Rio Grande City Public Works Department assisted in setting up this year's Pumpkin Patch located next to the Rio Grande City Fire Department.



RGC Tractor Supply Co. Set to Relocate



The Rio Grande City Planning and Code Enforcement Department would like to congratulate Tractor Supply Co. on their permit for their new 21,469 sq. ft. building located on the corner of Rattler Drive and FM 755, valued at over \$4 million!



RGC Planning Dept. **Status Report:**



For the month of September 2022, the Planning Department processed permits with a valuation of \$1,526,500.00 and 81,424 square feet of improvements.

The Planning and Code Enforcement Department is still strong about enforcing nuisance violations!


International Partnerships

City of Rio Grande City Mayor Joel Villarreal along with City Commissioners, attended several Primer Informe de Gobierno events in Mexico to show our support for sister cities across the border. We are always ready to lend a helping hand to nearby municipalities whenever they may need one.




We are hiring!
Animal Control Officer
 City of RGC Police Department
 Application available at
cityofrgc.com





Saturday, October 29, 2022

DEA NATIONAL Rx TAKEBACK



Turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal.
 10 AM- 2 PM
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RACE
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October 23rd

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2022

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 - **956-672-2285**

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 - Commemorative bottle
 - Hydration stop
 - Snack
 - Road ID bracelet
 - Meals

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