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NOW OPEN

Rio Grande City is Experiencing an Explosion of Growth, And There's No End in Site



THE CITY OF RIO GRANDE CITY



Rio Grande City Hall

Located at:

5332 E. Highway 83,
 Rio Grande City, TX 78582

Phone No.:

956-487-0672

Website:

www.cityofrgc.com

Hours of Operation:

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

Closed

Saturday - Sunday



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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October RGC Commission Meeting Highlights



The City of Rio Grande City Commission held their Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at City Hall. Rio Grande City Mayor, Joel Villarreal, along with all of our RGC Commissioners read and recognized proclamations for Fire Prevention Week, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, as well as, Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Community member, Jazlyn Barrera, spoke about the Down Syndrome Awareness event held on Saturday, October 15, at Basilio Villarreal Park, and Starr of Hope Representative, Belinda Trevino, spoke about the Starr of Hope organization that is designated to helping the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing shelter services and advocacy. During this meeting, Fire Chief Manuel Muniz recognized a new member to the RGC Fire Department & Emergency Management, Edgar Alanis. The RGC Parks and Recreation Department received the T.A.A.F. Bronze Member City Award for outstanding registration support from teams,



Angela Solis sworn-in as City Secretary

individuals, and T.A.A.F. training programs for the 2021-2022 year. Our commissioners also recognized 13-year-old, Veterans Middle School student, Pedro Elian de la Torre, for his amazing accomplishments as an international soccer player. In an act of solidarity with our local school district, our commissioners deeded 4.46 acres of land where the new RCGISD Performing Arts Center will be built. Rio Grande City Grulla ISD Superintendent, Adolfo Pena Jr., accepted and signed the deed with support from the RGC Commission. And before the evening ended, Angela Solis, was officially appointed as City Secretary and took the Oath of Office administered by Municipal Judge, Basilio "Bacho" Villarreal.

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United Way of South Texas Thanks City Departments



The United Way of South Texas stopped by City Hall on Thursday, November 3rd, to present a grant check to our Rio Grande City Public Library and our Parks and Recreation Department to thank them for the continuous support throughout the year. On behalf of Mayor Joel Villarreal, our City Commission, and the City of Rio Grande City, we would like to thank the United Way of South Texas for providing educational, health, and financial resources to serve our community.

JOINT CHAMBER NETWORKING MIXER

LA BORDE HOUSE
 601 E MAIN ST
 RIO GRANDE CITY, TX

NOV 10
 6:00 - 8:00 PM

GAINING RESOURCES & EXPANDING NETWORK

KEEP A PULSE ON INDUSTRY TRENDS
GAIN ACCESS INTO DIFFERENT MARKETS

RSVP ON FACEBOOK
[HTTPS://FB.ME/E/1VL2MMYMC](https://fb.me/e/1VL2MMYMC)

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



WHAT YOU NEED FOR:

Water and Sewer Services

Moving soon? Not sure about how to set up up your water or sewage?
Follow the simple chart below to find the steps to help you navigate our system.

1. REQUEST FOR UTILITY SERVICE FORM FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

2. DRIVERS LICENSE OR PICTURE ID

3. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP, LEASE OR RENTAL AGREEMENT

4. IF THERE IS AN EXISTING LINE, THEN THE FEE IS \$100 DEPOSIT TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT. IF THE EXISTING LINE IS NOT AVAILABLE, THEN THE FEE IS \$100 DEPOSIT TO OPEN THE ACCOUNT, \$450 TO ESTABLISH WATER SERVICE, AND \$375 TO ESTABLISH SEWER SERVICE.

5. LASTLY, A WORK ORDER IS MADE FOR THE CREW TO PLACE ON THE SCHEDULE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CREW WILL NOT RESPOND IMMEDIATELY. CREWMEN PRIORITIZE WATER LEAKS AND SEWER BACK-UP PROBLEMS.

Store Openings Creating Excitement for Rio Grande City



October was a busy month for Rio Grande City. Several much anticipated business openings happened this past month. Chick-fil-A, Marshalls, and a second Dollar Tree location opened their doors to delighted crowds, ready for the holiday shopping season.

Buffalo Wings & Rings is also now open, as well as PeRey's Restaurant. And the momentum is not stopping anytime soon. Wendy's and Joyeria Daisy will be opening their doors later this month while construction continues with the Blue Wave Car Wash, Texas Regional Bank, Tractor Supply Company and the upcoming medical plaza on FM 3167 across from Starr County Memorial Hospital.

Small businesses are also seeing a bright future in Rio Grande City. Rio Brewing Co. announced the creation of their first locally brewed beer. PeRey's Pizza and Che's Wine and Tapa Bar reopened their doors on Main Street. Organic Heights opened a Simple Salads & Sandwiches Shop inside their store.

These are but a few of the many new developments creating job growth and economic impact. Great things continue to happen in Rio Grande City.





Rio Grande City Trunk-or-Treat

The City of Rio Grande City hosted the annual Haunted Haul-o-Ween Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday, October 26, at the Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park. Ghosts, goblins, and ghouls from all over Starr County joined in on the hauntingly good time. On behalf of Mayor Joel Villarreal, and our City Commission we would like to thank all of our sponsors, volunteers, and community members for making this such a SPOOKTACULAR EVENT!

Rio Grande City Presents
ZUMBA
IN THE PARK WITH BEE

BASILIO VILLARREAL PARK
1473 Stephen, Saenz St, Rio Grande City

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ALL AGES WELCOME
Water bottle and towel recommended

BIANCA CASTILLO
Zumba Instructor

For questions, please call Michelle Castillo, SCAN CCP-COV Activity Coordinator at 956-716-1795

Clean Up at City Hall



The Parks and Recreation Department took some time to help improve the look of city hall by power washing the exterior of the building on Wednesday, November 2nd!

RGC Fire Department Share Treats with Trick-or-Treaters



The Rio Grande City Fire Department gave out candy to eager Trick or Treaters on Halloween evening, and at the Trunk-or-Treat Event held at Basilio Villarreal Park.

FIRE
RIO GRANDE CITY
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NOW HIRING

**JOIN OUR
FIREFIGHTER
SQUAD**

A FULFILLING CAREER YOU CAN BE PROUD OF.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.CITYOFRGC.COM/DEPARTMENTS/EMPLOYMENT_OPPORTUNITIES.PHP

The Rio Grande City Fire Department Welcomes New Hire

Fire Chief Manuel Muniz recognized a new member to the RGC Fire Department & Emergency Management, Edgar Alanis.



RGC Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week takes place each year from October 23rd to October 31st with the goal of keeping our youth safe and drug-free. The Rio Grande City Police Department held several presentations at our local schools to teach students the importance of remaining drug free. The 2022 theme of the year is called "Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free." and is a reminder that everyday Americans can make a significant daily contribution to their communities by being the best they can be when they live Drug-Free!



Rio Grande City Police Department



IS NOW HIRING

A PATROL OFFICER, [A FULL-TIME PERMANENT HOURLY POSITION] MUST OBTAIN A TEXAS PEACE OFFICER LICENSE, WORK ROTATING SHIFTS, WEEKENDS, AND MAINTAIN ON-CALL STATUS. APPLICANT MUST PASS THE FOLLOWING: THOROUGH BACKGROUND CHECK (EMPLOYMENT & CRIMINAL), PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG TEST, A PHYSIOLOGICAL EVALUATION, AND A POLYGRAPH TEST.

SALARY IS COMMENSURATE WITH EXPERIENCE.
SALARY: \$39,000.00 TO \$41,000.00
CERTIFICATION YEARLY PAY:
INTERMEDIATE: \$600.00 ADVANCE: \$1,200.00 MASTER: \$1,800.00
OVERTIME PAY AND HOLIDAY PAY AVAILABLE
LONGEVITY PAY: \$1,000.00 EVERY 5 YEARS
FRINGE BENEFITS INCLUDE RETIREMENT, HEALTH INSURANCE, HOLIDAYS, SICK AND VACATION LEAVE. DEPARTMENT OFFERS STIPENDS FOR DIFFERENT ASSIGNMENTS.
TATTOO POLICY THAT ALLOWS VISIBLE TATTOOS (TATTOOS MUST BE WITHIN DEPARTMENT POLICY) IN ORDER TO BE VISIBLE.



APPLICATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE RGCPD AT 402 E. MAIN ST. R.G.C, TX OR REQUESTED VIA EMAIL AT JESOLIS@CITYOFRGC.COM



Fall Wreath Decorating Class Held at RGC Public Library

Mary Millan presented a Fall Wreath Decorating Class at the Rio Grande City Public Library Rio Crafts Program. Everyone in the group learned how to make a Fall Wreath, and each participant was able to take home their final wreath creation.



www.rgclibrary

Rio Health & Nutrition presents

THANKSGIVING RECIPE EXCHANGE

WEDNESDAY'S AT 10AM
NOV. 2, 9, 16 2022

Week 1 - Main Course
Week 2 - Side Dishes
Week 3 - Desserts

Thanksgiving

Community Outreach



Donis Garza and Yolanda Riojas from the RGC Public Library attended the Down Syndrome Awareness Event hosted by Jazzlyn Barrera at the Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park.



Janice Cantu represented the RGC Public Library at the Starr County Alzheimer's Awareness Event.



Enelinda Vera and Leticia Guerra of the Rio Grande City Public Library Outreach Program attended the John & Olive Hinojosa Elementary Career Day where they spoke of the different aspects of working in a public library.

Popular Rio Grande City Trolley Tours Continue to Impress Visitors



The Bessie III trolley continues to take tourists through the historical streets of Rio Grande City and beyond. The Starr County Historical Commission rode our beautiful trolley to tour several historical locations in western Starr County. The group made stops at the old cemetery in Los Saenz, the Roma Suspension Bridge, and the historic district in downtown Roma. The Starr County Appraisal District staff also boarded the trolley for an incredible tour of our beautiful city with a stop at the historic Robert E. Lee House located in Fort Ringgold. Several tours are already booked for the next few weeks as our winter visitors make their way back to the RGV. A Bessie III trolley tour is great way to experience the beauty and history of Rio Grande City.

2022 Miss Freedom Fest Royal Court Help Distribute Treats at RGC Trunk-or-Treat



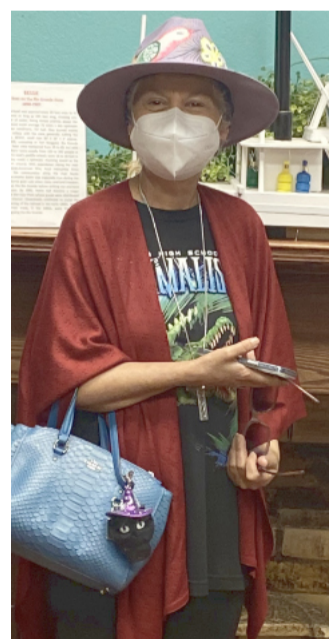
The Miss RGC Freedom Fest Royal Court attended the City of Rio Grande City's Trunk or Treat event held on Wednesday, October 26th at Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park. These beautiful young ladies joined in the festivities by passing out candy, posing for photos, and initiating the evening's events.

Market Days Are Back!



The City of Rio Grande City Main Street Program hosted the return of Market Days in October with over a dozen vendors along with several shoppers. Market Days are scheduled for the third Saturday of every month from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The next market is scheduled for November 19, 2022. Come support our local small businesses. We'll be waiting for you.

RGC Kelsey-Bass Museum Welcomes Guests



Visitors from all over the valley, state, and country have flocked to the Kelsey Bass Museum to enjoy the many incredible historical exhibits. Many of these visitors just happened upon the museum as they were passing through our beautiful city, while others had heard about the museum from friends, family, or social media posts. Either way, the Kelsey Bass Museum is here to share the history and stories of our community with visitors from all walks of life. Great things are happening at YOUR Kelsey-Bass Museum.

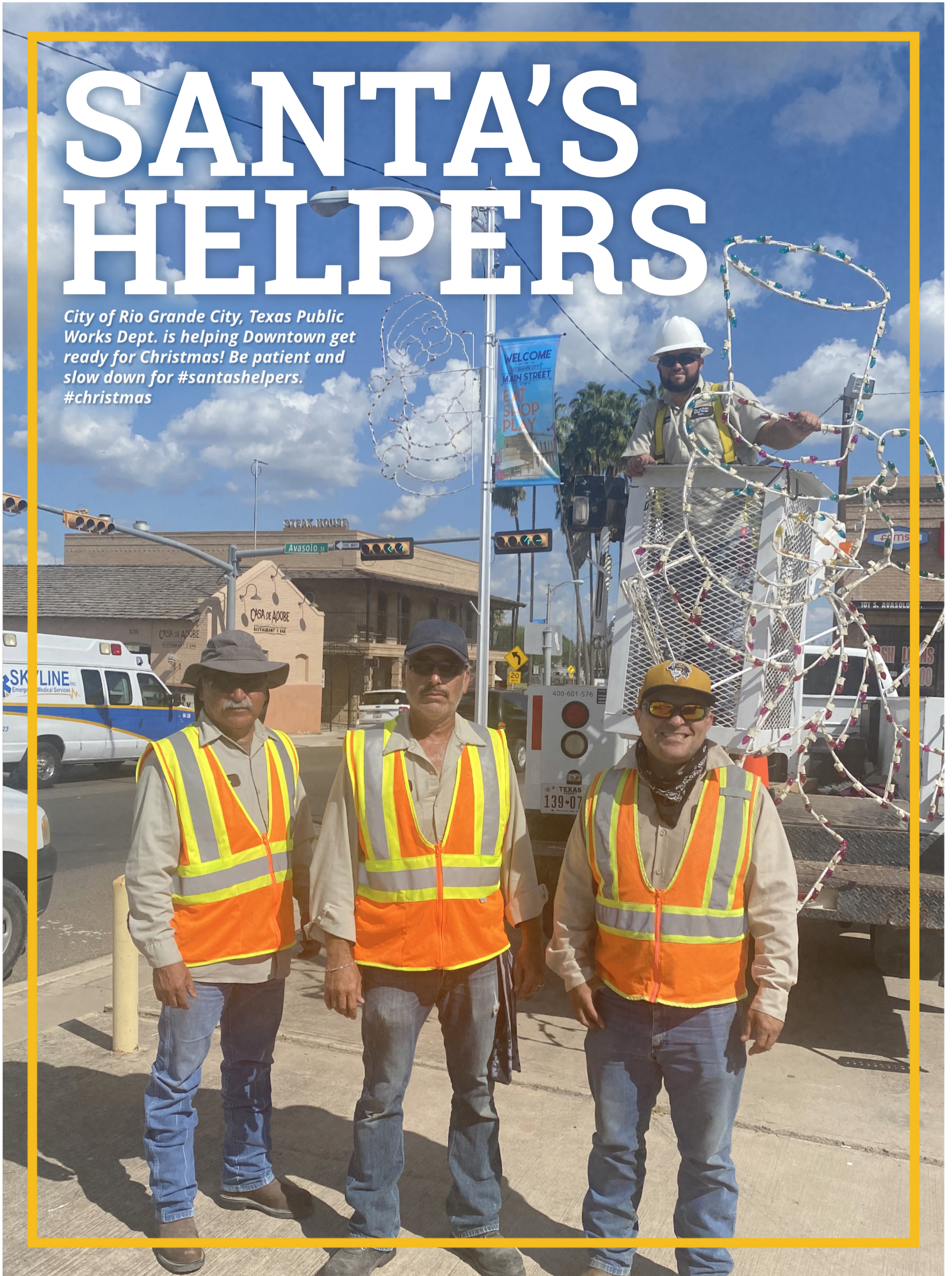
A Special Visit



The City of Rio Grande City was honored to host Melissa Narvaez of the television show "Viva Tamaulipas." The purpose of this first-of-its-kind visit was to film parts of our city for future travel segments. Melissa, and her videographer, Lizette, took a trolley tour to visit the historical locations and incredible sights of our beautiful city. Later, Melissa met with Mayor Joel Villarreal, Commissioner Alberto Escobedo, Commissioner Ben De Leon, Deputy City Manager Noe Castillo, and International Business Ambassador Ruben Islas. Great things are happening in Rio Grande City.

SANTA'S HELPER

City of Rio Grande City, Texas Public Works Dept. is helping Downtown get ready for Christmas! Be patient and slow down for #santashelpers. #christmas





Welcome to Rio Grande City

We would like to officially congratulate Marshalls on their 23,983 square foot fully renovated store in Rio Grande City. All parties involved in the construction process worked closely with the City of RGC Planning Department and built this new space in accordance with our city ordinances and specifications. We would like to thank Marshalls for choosing Rio Grande City for their new location, and for creating 104 jobs in our community. With a \$1.2million renovation price tag, this Marshalls is a much needed addition to our area. Pictured below from left to right are Gilbert Millan, City of RGC Planning Director, Jaime Guzman, Marshalls General Manager, and Antonio Cantu, City of RGC Planning Department.

PROGRESS REPORT

For the month of October 2022, the Planning Department has issued building permits with a valuation of \$5,094,641.00 and 45,843 square feet of construction.

RGC Planning and Code Enforcement Cleanup Efforts Continue



New Miss Rio Grande City and Little Miss Crowned



On behalf of the City of Rio Grande City we would like to congratulate Daniela Garza on becoming the newly crowned Miss RGC and Naetzy Ramirez on becoming the newly crowned Little Miss Rio Grande City! Congratulations!

RGC Public Library

GRAB-AND-GO CRAFT BAGS

Mondays while supplies last

Job Opportunities Available! Right here in our hometown. Great Benefits. Learn more at www.cityofrgc.com

Now Hiring!

Part-time Information System Technician

Application available online at www.cityofrgc.com or City Hall 5332 E. Hwy 83

Join our Team!

Code Enforcement Officer

Application available online at www.cityofrgc.com or City Hall 5332 E. Hwy 83

SAVE THE DATE!

Hiring Red, White & You!

BERT OGDEN ARENA ★ NOVEMBER 10, 2022 ★ 9 AM - 1 PM

Job seekers in the tri-county area will have access to over 50 employers representing various industries across the Rio Grande Valley. Event participation is open to the general public! We strongly encourage transitioning service members, veterans, and their spouses to register for this event.

VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES GET EXCLUSIVE TIME WITH EMPLOYERS FROM 9 AM TO 10 AM

REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT ONLINE AT: WFSOLUTIONS.ORG/RWY
FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL: ARMANDO@WFSOLUTIONS.ORG

NOW HIRING

COMMUNICATION OFFICER

Applications can be picked up at the RACPD at 402 E. Main ST. RAC. TX