

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - December 31, 2023

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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter


Dear Kingsbury,

Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!

Here Comes 2024!

We have successfully completed another orbit around the sun! The new year begins **tomorrow** and while celebrations vary all over the world, common traditions include:



Making resolutions or goals to improve one's life. Common resolutions concern diet, exercise, bad habits, and other issues concerning personal wellness.

A common view is to use the first day of the year as a clean slate to improve one's life.



A gathering of loved ones: Here you'll typically find champagne, feasting, confetti, noise makers, and other methods of merriment Fireworks, parades, concerts.



Famous parades include London's New Year's Day Parade and the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California.



Superstitions concerning food or visitors to bring luck. This especially includes circle-shaped foods, which symbolize cycles.

The reasoning behind superstitions is that the first day of the year sets precedent for the following days.



A common superstition specific to New Year's Day concerns a household's first visitor of the year—tradition states that if a tall, dark-haired stranger is the first to walk through your door, called the First Footer or Lucky Bird,

you'll have good luck all year.



Also, if you want to subscribe to superstition, don't let anything leave the house on New Year's Day, except for people. Tradition say's: don't take out the trash and leave anything you want to take out of the house on New Year's outside the night before. If you must remove something, make sure to replace it by bringing an item into the house. These policies of balance apply in other areas as well—avoiding paying bills, breaking anything, or shedding tears.



The first of January was a highly significant day in medieval superstitions regarding prosperity, or lack of it, in the year ahead. A flat cake was put on one of the horns of a cow in every farmyard. The farmer and his workers would then sing a song and dance around the cow until the cake was thrown to the ground. If it fell in front of the cow, that signified good luck; to fall behind indicated the opposite.



I think it is much easier to eat some black-eyed peas and cabbage and just ensure a lucky and prosperous new year!



New Years Eve In Kingsbury Hall



New Year's Eve

In



Kingsbury Hall

Food & Setups

Live Music By
TWO-WAY STREET!

Complimentary
Champagne

BYOB

Fun Starts At 9

\$10 Cover



In case you didn't already know ... there's something every day to **celebrate!**

Here are some of the fun, unusual, or forgotten holidays this week:

December 31st - National Champagne Day, Universal Hour Of Peace, New Years Eve, National Make up Your Mind Day

January 1st - National Bloody Mary Day, National Hangover Day, National Thank God It's Monday Day, New Year's Day

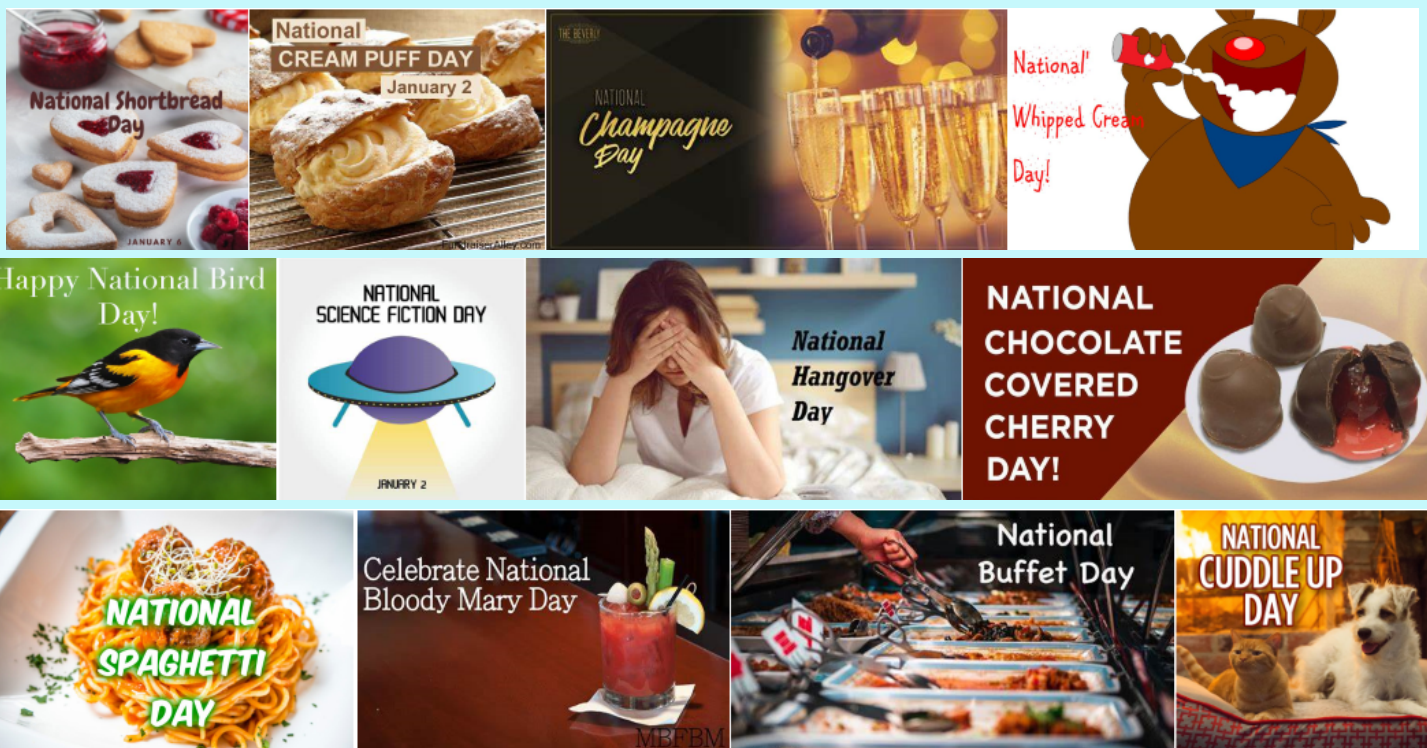
January 2nd - National Cream Puff Day, National Buffet Day, National Personal Trainer Awareness Day, National Science Fiction Day

January 3rd - National Drinking Straw Day, National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day

January 4th - National Missouri Day, National Trivia Day, National Spaghetti Day

January 5th - National Keto Day, National Screenwriters Day, National Whipped Cream Day, National Bird Day

January 6th - National Play Outside Day, National Cuddle Up Day, National Technology Day, National Shortbread Day, National Bean Day

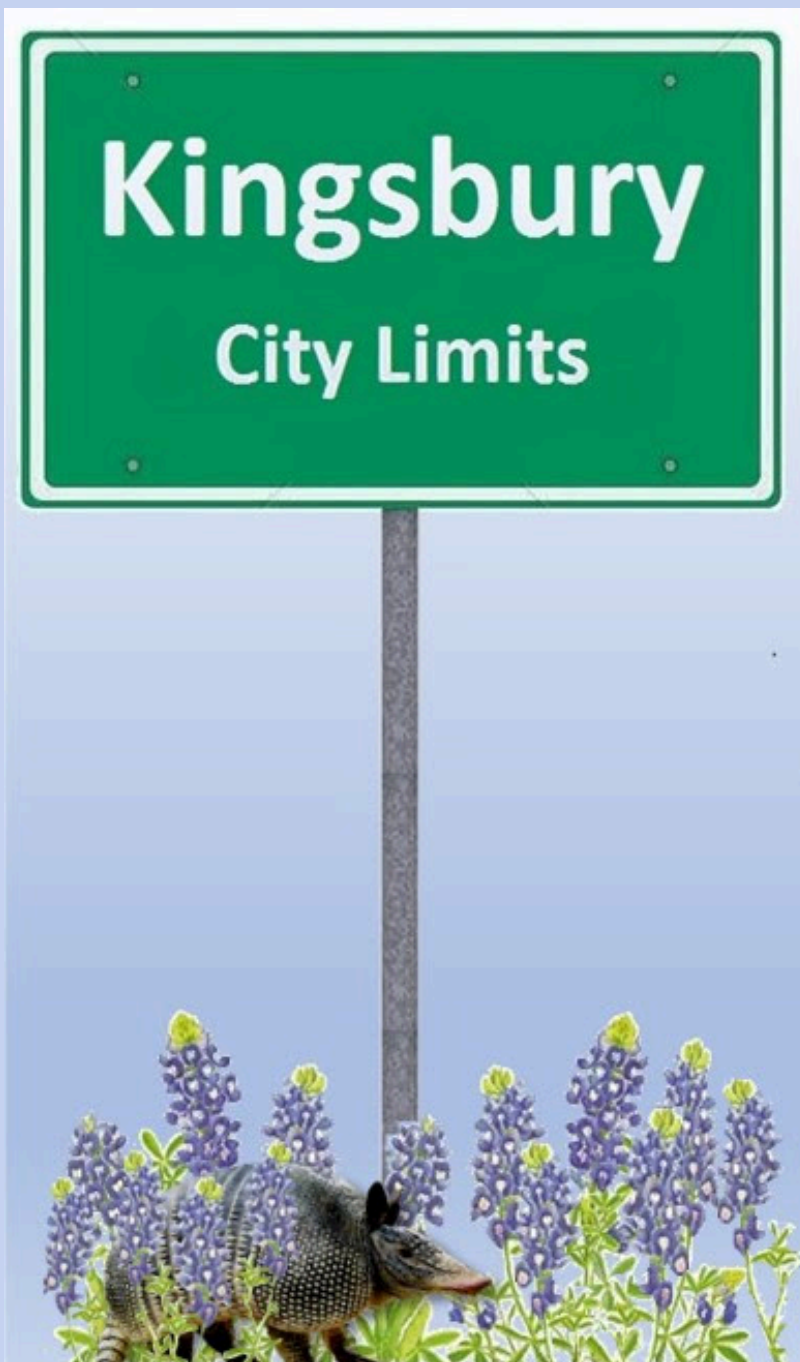


Kingsbury City Limits

Do you have property in the Kingsbury area but not in the **official** Kingsbury city limits? Would you like it to be a part of the new city of Kingsbury? Let Kingsbury know! It's a simple "Voluntary Annexation" petition form to fill out and you can be on the list to be part of our Kingsbury.

Check out the "Kingsbury City Limits" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) to see the current map, get a petition form, and find more information on voluntary annexations.

Also, check out the Kingsbury "[Blog](#)" to see pictures of the first voluntary annexations! Need more information? Just fill out the "Contact" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) and a city official will get it to you. It's so easy!



Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).

Kingsbury, Texas,
Sun, Dec 31, 2023

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



69°F

Sunny

Wind: S 11.0 mph

Humidity: 63%

Visibility: 10.0 miles



61°

42°



55°

43°



60°

36°



58°

45°



63°

40°



63°

39°

For current temperature, rainfall totals, wind speed, etc. just click on the bar at the bottom to go directly to the Baker Ranch weather station in Kingsbury. You can view local conditions and all the other weather stations in the TexMesonet network.



[Click here to check out the Texas Water Development Board "Baker Ranch" weather](#)

January

In addition to the first of the new year, this is the first week of the new month of January.

January was originally the eleventh month, not the first, until at least 153 B.C.

January is named after the Roman god *Janus*, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one. The Roman New Year festival was called the *Calends*, and people **decorated** their homes and gave each other gifts.



*Janus am I; oldest of potentates;
Forward I look, and backward, and below
I count, as god of avenues and gates,
The years that through my portals come and go.*

---- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet (1807–82)



The January birthstone, the garnet, is thought to keep the wearer safe during travel. Garnets were also thought to prevent nightmares. If you dream of losing a garnet necklace, unexpected good fortune is in your future.

The January birth flowers are the carnation and snowdrop.



The carnation comes in several different colors, which convey different meanings, much like roses. A pink carnation means affection, while a red carnation means 'I love you.' White carnations mean pure love, striped carnations mean regret that a love is not shared, and yellow means rejection or disappointment.



Good luck because it always seemed to grow in graveyards, but nowadays, this delicate flower signifies hope and beauty.

*The new year opens—old is past,
Stern winter comes with its rough blast:
See the farmer shivering with cold,
Driving his flocks and herds to fold.*

—The 1793 Old Farmer's Almanac

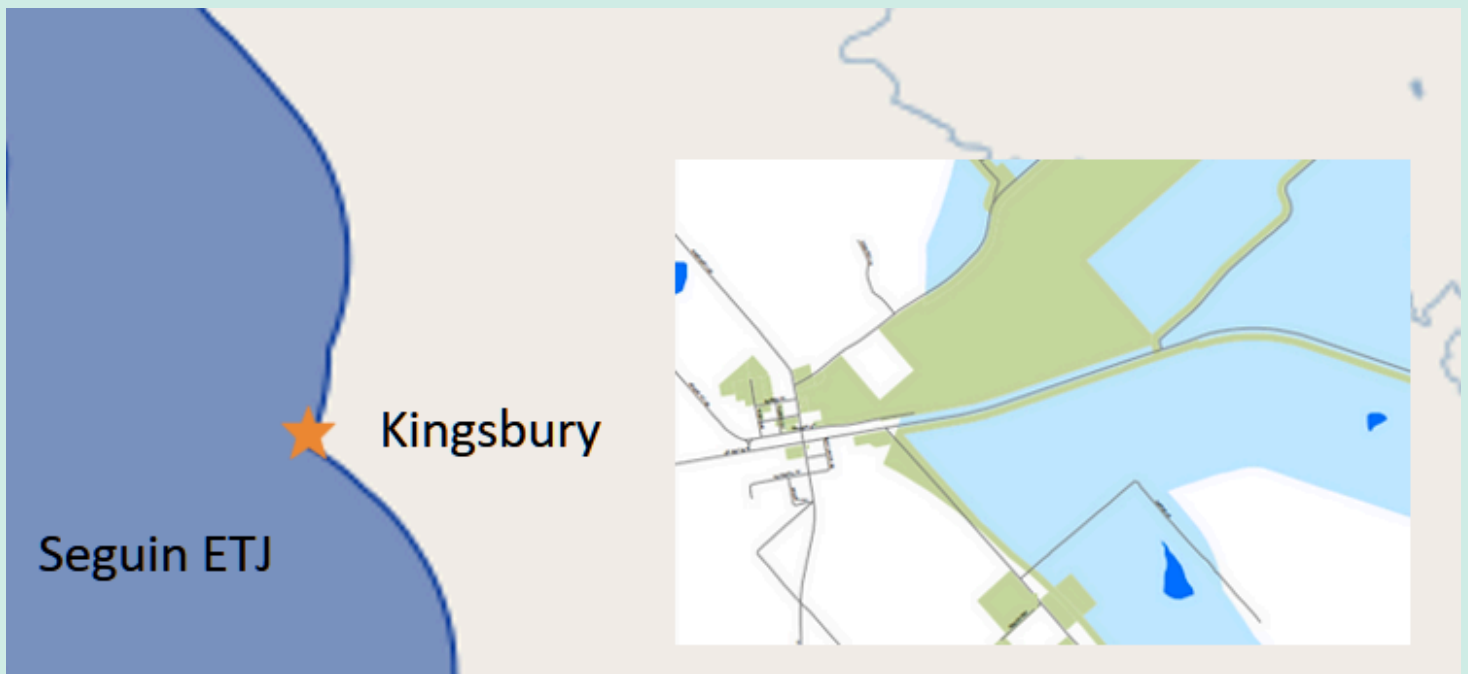


Release From Seguin ETJ

If you live in the Kingsbury area west of FM1104, there is a good chance that you are in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Seguin. An ETJ is a designated buffer area located outside of city limits used as a method of defining potential growth and the land in an ETJ is **controlled** by certain city laws. Seguin has even defined their future "outer loop" as coming up FM2438 into Kingsbury.

The City of Kingsbury continues to fight against the Seguin ETJ and, as of September 1st this year, landowners were handed a way to help do this. Senate Bill SB2038 became law and now any landowner can just petition a city to be removed from their ETJ. The form is simple and a city has no choice by law but to grant the release.

Forms, information, and assistance are available at the Kingsbury Country Store on Railway Street. The forms will also be available on the [Kingsbury website](#) soon.



Kingsbury Calendar

Do you have a meeting or public event that you want people to **know** about? Just let us know and we'll get it into the Kingsbury Newsletter and on the [Calendar](#) page of kingsburytexas.org!

Get in touch by replying to this email or by going to the Contact page on the Kingsbury [website](#).

It's a great way to find out what's going on around town and to let others know what meetings or events you have planned that your friends and neighbors might like to attend.

KINGSBURY CALENDAR & WEATHER

Time zone: (GMT-06:00) ▾

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Today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 12:00pm M...	27 Full Beaver ...	28	29	30	1	2
3 12:00pm M...	4	5	6	7 7:30pm KfV...	8	9 10:00am Fa...
10 12:00pm M...	11	12 6:30pm Dev...	13	14	15	16 Booze & Per...
17 12:00pm Ma...	18 6:30pm Kin...	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve 12:00pm M...	25 Christmas Day	26 Full Cold Moon	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's E... + 2	1 New Year's D...	2	3	4 6:00pm KfV... 7:30pm KfV...	5	6

At the Halm's Red & White

What a wonderful picture of girls and their dog in front of the Halm's Red & White grocery store in downtown Kingsbury in October of 1946.

Leonora Schmidt is holding the little dog and Mary Jane Appling is standing behind her and both girls are all smiles! It looks like a nice summer day with their sandals on and cute little dresses.

Red & Whites were a grocery store chain popular in small towns back in the day. The screen doors have a Dr. Pepper push bar and it looks like a **thermometer** to the right. The window on the left has the Red & White Foods logo and says Groceries and Meats below that. At the bottom of the window is a sign promoting Tschoepe for District Clerk.

The awning front is painted red and white and all of that is still there today, minus the red and white paint. But it's still under there somewhere!



Know someone that should be on the Kingsbury Newsletter eMail List?

Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the [Kingsbury website](#), click on the weird little **dog** at the bottom of any page, and fill out their name and email address. It's so easy! Let's get everybody to be "in the know" about what's going on in their community.



Thanks!

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