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News & Information Newsletter


Dear Kingsbury,

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

Perseid Meteor Shower Peaks

The annual Perseid meteor shower is one of the most beloved meteor showers of the year, especially in the Northern Hemisphere, where the shower peaks on warm summer nights. No matter where you live worldwide, the 2026 Perseid meteor shower will probably produce the greatest number of meteors on the night of August 12 - 13. The New Moon on this night ensures completely dark skies and **optimal** meteor watching!

People tend to focus on the peak mornings of meteor showers, and that's entirely appropriate. But meteors in annual showers – which come from streams of debris left behind in space by comets – typically last weeks, not days. Perseid meteors have been streaking across our skies since around July 17. We'll see Perseids for 10 days or so after the peak morning on August 13.

Also remember, the the Delta Aquariid and Alpha Capricornid meteor showers are still rambling along steadily. You'll see mostly Perseids, but also some others in the mix. The Perseids are active from July 17 to August 24.

They reach a strong maximum on August 12-13 this year. Rates this year as seen from rural locations are expected to range from 50 to 100 shower members per hour at maximum. The Perseids are particles released from comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle during its numerous returns to the inner solar system.

In a typical year, although the meteor numbers increase after midnight, the Perseid meteors still start to fly at mid-to-late evening from northerly latitudes. If fortune smiles upon you, the evening hours might offer you an earthgrazer – a loooooong, slow, colorful meteor traveling horizontally across the evening sky. Earthgrazer meteors

are rare but memorable. Perseid earthgrazers appear before midnight, when the radiant point of the shower is close to the horizon.

General rules for Perseid-watching. No special equipment, or knowledge of the constellations, needed.

Find a dark, open sky to enjoy the show. An open sky is essential because these meteors fly across the sky in many different directions and in front of numerous constellations.

Give yourself at least an hour of observing time, because the meteors in meteor showers come in spurts and are interspersed with lulls. Remember, your eyes can take as long as 20 minutes to adapt to the darkness of night. So don't rush the process.

Know that the meteors all come from a single point in the sky. If you trace the paths of the Perseid meteors backwards, you'd find they all come from a point in front of the constellation Perseus. Don't worry about which stars are Perseus. Just enjoying knowing and observing that they all come from one place on the sky's dome.

Avoid looking at your phone and other light sources. Look for the darkest area of the sky. Keep the moon out of your line of sight as best you can.

Enjoy the comfort of a reclining lawn chair. Bring along some other things you might enjoy also, like a thermos filled with a hot drink.

Remember ... all good things come to those who wait. Meteors are part of nature. There's no way to predict exactly how many you'll see on any given night. Find a good spot, watch, wait.

You'll see some!



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:

August 9th - National Book Lovers Day, National Veep Day, National Spirit Of '45 Day, National Passion Fruit Day, National Rice Pudding Day

August 10th - National Lazy Day, National S'mores Day, National Agent Orange Awareness Day, National Connecticut Day, National Shapewear Day

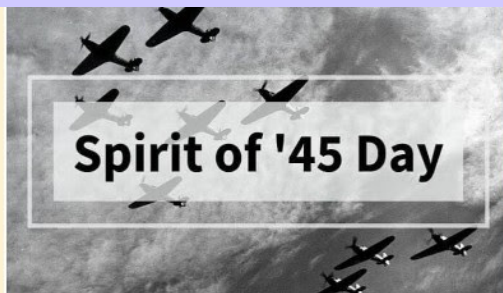
August 11th - National Son's And Daughter's Day, National Presidential Joke Day, National Play In The Sand Day, National Raspberry Bombe Day, Global Kinetic Sand Day

August 12th - National Middle Child Day, National Vinyl Record Day, National Julienne Fries Day

August 13th - National Prosecco Day, National Filet Mignon Day

August 14th - National Creamsicle Day, National Navajo Code Talkers Day

August 15th - National Relaxation Day, National Lemon Meringue Pie Day, National Leathercraft Day, National Homesteaders Day, International Homeless Animals' Day



Fellowship

The Kingsbury Lutheran Church will be having weekly Fellowship gatherings every Thursday.

These get-togethers start at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall and the **activities** could be a mix of food, Bible study, games, etc.

Everyone is welcome!

Fellowship

Town Hall Renovation Workshop

The Kingsbury City Commission will be having a Workshop at 7571 Kingsbury Road on

**Tuesday, August 11th
at 6:00 pm**

The Workshop is to discuss the **renovation** plans for the location of the future Town Hall and community space.

The Workshop is open to the public, however the location is under renovation and may not be wheelchair accessible. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. For assistance, or additional information on any item on this agenda, please call (323) KINGSBURY (323-546-4728).



Kingsbury Weather

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



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](#)

Volunteer Work Day

The Old Kingsbury Aerodrome and the Pioneer Flight Museum are on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104 in Kingsbury.

They usually have one or two days a month where they invite **volunteers** to come and help with the buildings, grounds, planes, vehicles, and other equipment.

The next Volunteer Work Day will be

Saturday, August 15th

There's always projects that should pique a variety of interests: the WWI Dodd Field Hangar and Car Barn, are still "works in progress", plus there are always aircraft and Model T's that need TLC. Please consider joining and helping out!



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 out Kingsbury.

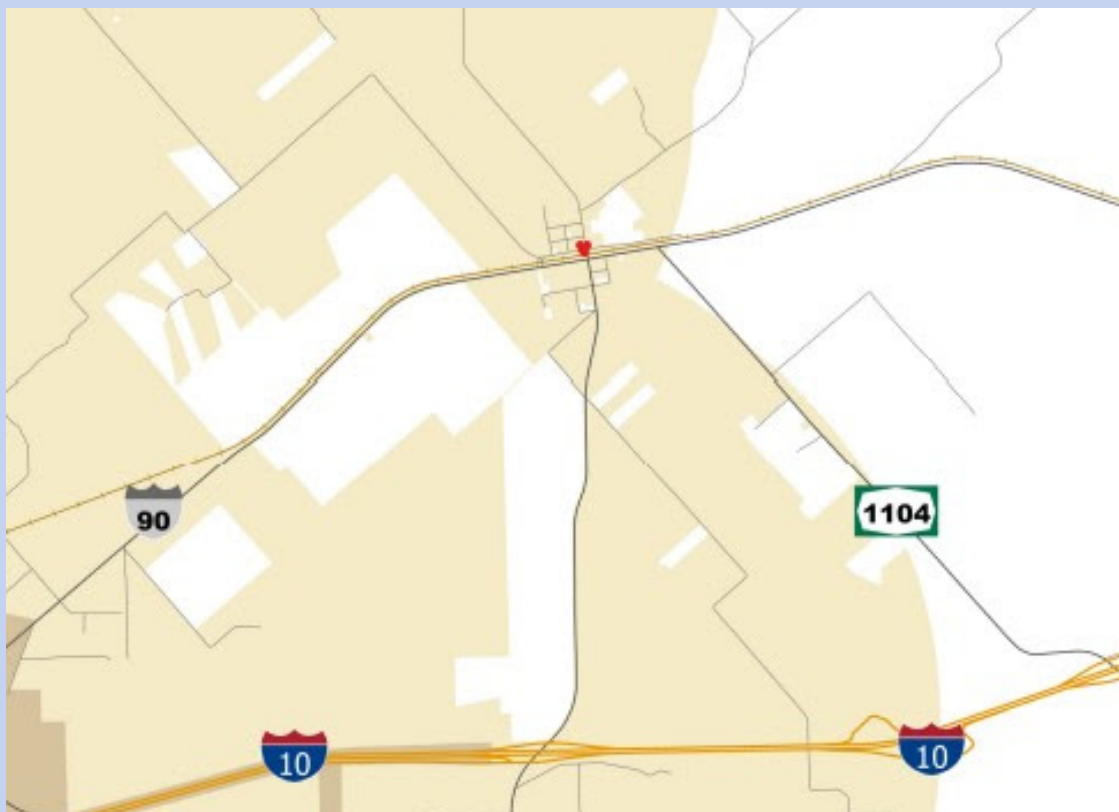
Check out the "Kingsbury City Limits" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) to see the current map, get a petition form, and find more information on voluntary annexations.

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!

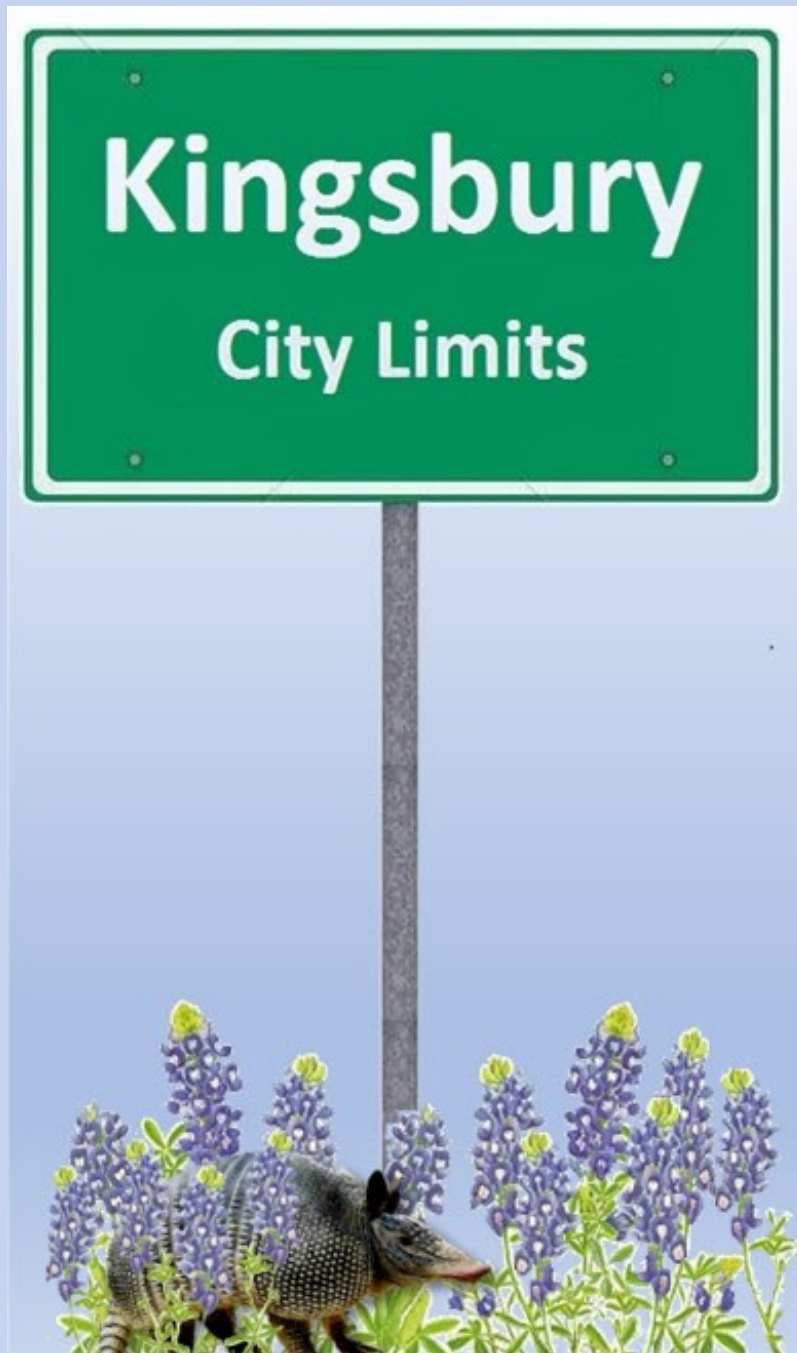
Pictured below is the Seguin thoroughfare plan with their "Outer Loop" coming up FM2438.



This plan once came up into downtown Kingsbury, but due to changes in Texas law, a property owner can now be removed from an ETJ (extraterritorial jurisdiction which is an area outside of any city's limits) and therefore be removed from their control. Shown below is Seguin's ETJ around Kingsbury (red dot) in tan with the white areas being landowners that have removed their properties from that ETJ.



To see forms and learn more about being removed from Seguin's ETJ click [here](#).



Jackass Mail Has First Run

This week in Texas history, the first overland mail coach left San Antonio for San Diego on August 9, 1857.

The San Antonio–San Diego Mail Line, also known as the Jackass Mail, was the earliest overland stagecoach and mail operation from the Eastern United States to California in operation between 1857 and 1861. It was created, organized and financed by James E. Birch the head of the California Stage Company. Birch was awarded the first contract for overland service on the "Southern Route", designated Route 8076. This contract required a semi-monthly service in **four-horse** coaches, scheduled to leave San Antonio and San Diego on the ninth and the 24th of each month, with 30 days allowed for each trip.

Foundation of the Line

Birch envisioned that at New Orleans, one could take a five-times-a-week mail steamer to 540 miles to Indianola, Texas. There one transferred to a daily line of four-horse mail coaches traveling 140 miles to San Antonio. Then

one would take the San Antonio and San Diego Line 1,476 miles from San Antonio via the San Antonio-El Paso Road and then continue north to Mesilla and take the Southern Emigrant Trail from there to San Diego. Once on the Pacific Coast the passenger could board a California Steam Navigation Company vessel to San Francisco.

To accomplish this Birch entered a partnership with George H. Giddings, of the San Antonio-El Paso Mail that already ran over half of the route to La Mesilla. 87 watering places and stage stations were organized by Superintendent Isaiah C. Woods, formerly of Adams & Company of California in San Francisco. On the first mail run, they were setting up the line as the mule trains and coaches journeyed west from San Antonio. Superintendent Woods prepared a self-contained outfit for this journey across the unsettled country of Texas, New Mexico Territory and Southern California with almost no existing infrastructure. The vehicles used were celerity wagons or mud wagons, also called ambulances (which was the military use for the same type of vehicle at that time), rather than the better known Concord stagecoach.

Stations, water stops and camping places

Water holes were set up at 30 mile intervals but many were unmanned and actual stations sometimes were separated by as much as 100 miles. These first stations were at most a brush corral and a jacal to house the keeper, while most were merely camping places at springs or stream crossings; camps would be made where the coaches stopped for the night. Only the three at San Antonio, El Paso and San Diego had substantial buildings.

The largest and most important station between El Paso and San Diego was at Maricopa Wells, Arizona, the dividing point on the route, where the eastbound and westbound mails met and turned back. Here was erected an adobe house and corral. During the company's existence it employed 65 men in all capacities, and owned 50 coaches and 400 mules.



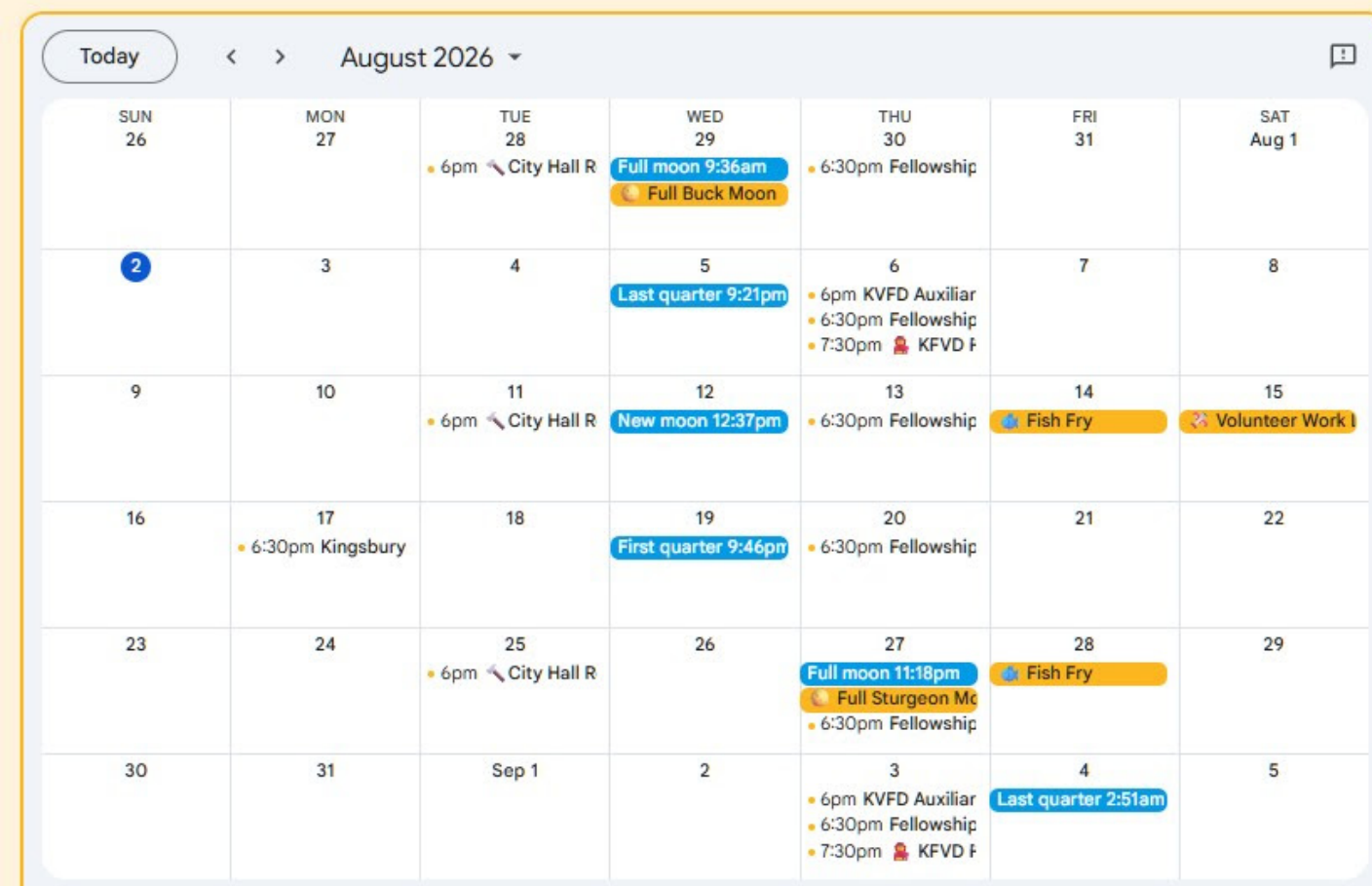
Kingsbury Calendar

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



Fish Fry Time!

John Bohannon has long been in the catering business and is now serving up fried catfish at his place on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. The next fish fry is

August 14th

Each plate comes with all the fixin's - fries, **coleslaw**, hushpuppies, and homemade tartar sauce.

You can order up:

Fish & Shrimp plate - \$15
Fish & Shrimp & Oysters plate - \$20

Just call or text John Bohannon at (210) 269-1108 and tell him what you're hungry for! Make sure you put in your order a day or two in advance.

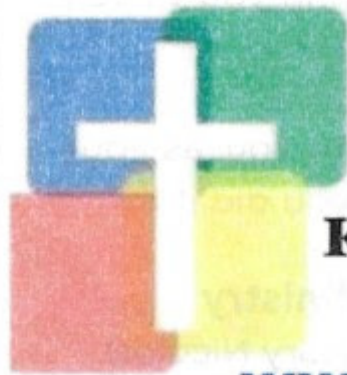
The fryer gets lit around 5:30 pm so you can start picking up your orders of delicious food at 6:00 at 935 Mill Creek Road.



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Inside The Lynch Store

Isn't this a great picture from inside the Lynch store in Kingsbury in the 1920's? Mr. Lynch is the older gentleman standing in the middle. And I love the old pressed tin ceiling.

There are tons of boots and shoes on the left with some hanging on hooks. The glass case in front has some of the latest footwear on display. Down the counter from the shoes is a big paper roll holder (that says ROYAL on it) for packaging up customers purchases I would think. The middle row of tables has big trunks underneath - maybe for sale, maybe for storage - and lots of pants folded on top. There is a big **stovepipe** coming out of the wall on the right side that elbows down and I'm guessing goes to a stove to keep the place warm. The picture on the post over Mr. Lynch's shoulder appears to be a woman in probably the latest 1920's fashion.

There is so much in this picture when you enlarge and "walk around" inside. There appears to be general merchandise, tack, large bags of probably flour, hardware, dresses, tools, luggage, and a lot of stuff on the shelving on the wall.



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Send them this email! All they need to do is go to the [Kingsbury website](http://www.kingsburytexas.org), 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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