

Kingsbury News & Information Newsletter - July 27, 2025

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News & Information Newsletter*Dear Kingsbury,**Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!*

Hello August

This Friday will be the first day of the month of August.

August is the eighth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and the fifth month to have the length of 31 days.

In the Southern Hemisphere, August is the seasonal equivalent of February in the Northern Hemisphere. In many European countries, August is the holiday month for most workers.



Certain meteor showers take place in August. The Kappa Cygnids take place in August with the dates varying each year, the Alpha Capricornids meteor shower takes place as early as July 10 and ends at around August 10, and the Southern Delta Aquariids take place from mid-July to mid-August with the peak usually around July 28–29. The Perseids, a major meteor shower, typically takes place between July 17 - August 24, with the peak being August 11th and 12th this year.



The star cluster of Messier 30 is best observed around August.

This month was originally named *Sextilis* in Latin, because it was the sixth month in the original ten-month Roman calendar under Romulus in 753 BC, when March was the first month of the year. About 700 BC it became the eighth month when January and February were added to the year before March by King Numa Pompilius, who also gave it 29 days. Julius Caesar added two days when he created the Julian calendar in 45 BC giving it its modern length of 31 days. In 8 BC it was renamed in honor of Augustus (despite common belief, he did not

take a day from February. According to a Senatus consultum quoted by Macrobius, he chose this month because it was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the **conquest** of Egypt.

*Summer declines and roses have grown rare,
But cottage crofts are gay with hollyhocks,
And in old garden walks you breathe an air
Fragrant of pinks and August-smelling stocks.
—John Todhunter (1839-1916)*

August's zodiac signs are

 Leo (July 23–August 22) and
 Virgo (August 23–September 22).



AUGUST FACTS & FOLKLORE

On August 17, the Cat Nights begin, harking back to a rather obscure Irish legend concerning witches and the belief that a witch could turn herself into a cat eight times, but on the ninth time (August 17), she couldn't regain her human form. This bit of folklore also gives us the saying, "A cat has nine lives." Because August is a yowly time for cats, this may have prompted the speculation about witches on the prowl in the first place!

As August, so February.

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*Observe on what day in August the first heavy fog occurs, and expect a hard frost on the same day in October.*

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If the first week of August is unusually warm, The winter will be white and long.

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*So many August fogs, so many winter mists.*

~ ~ ~

*When it rains  
in August,  
It raises honey  
and wine.*

~ ~ ~

August's birth flowers are the gladiolus and the poppy.



The gladiolus means strength and sincerity.



A red poppy symbolizes pleasure or consolation; scarlet, extravagance; white, sleep.

August's birthstone is peridot, which is said to symbolize strength.



The peridot is a gem form of the mineral olivine that appears in various shades of green, sometimes with a brown or yellow tinge. Called "evening emerald," the peridot was often mistaken for that other gem. It symbolizes strength and was said to protect the wearer from nightmares.



A previous birthstone for this month was sardonyx, which is characterized by alternating bands of sard and onyx, both forms of chalcedony. Although it can appear in several colors, it is usually reddish and white. It is thought to

bring courage, happiness, and eloquence.

Legend says that Queen Elizabeth I once gave the Earl of Essex a ring made of sardonyx, pledging her aid if he was ever in need. Later on, when accused of treason and scheduled for execution, he tried to send the ring to her but an enemy intercepted it. The queen learned of his plea only years later, after he had been beheaded.



## 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.





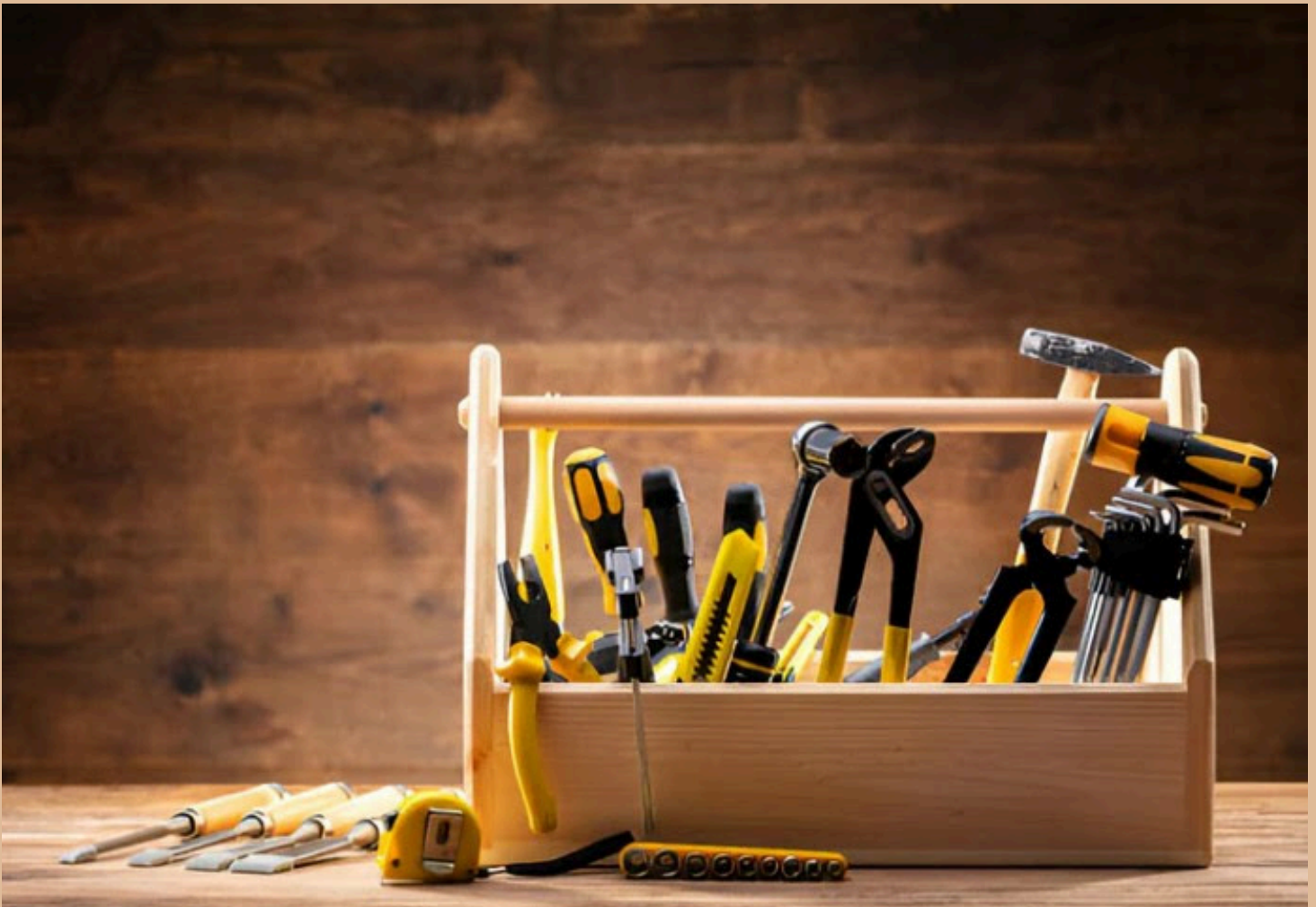
## Kingsbury Commission Workshop

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

**Wednesday, July 29th  
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).



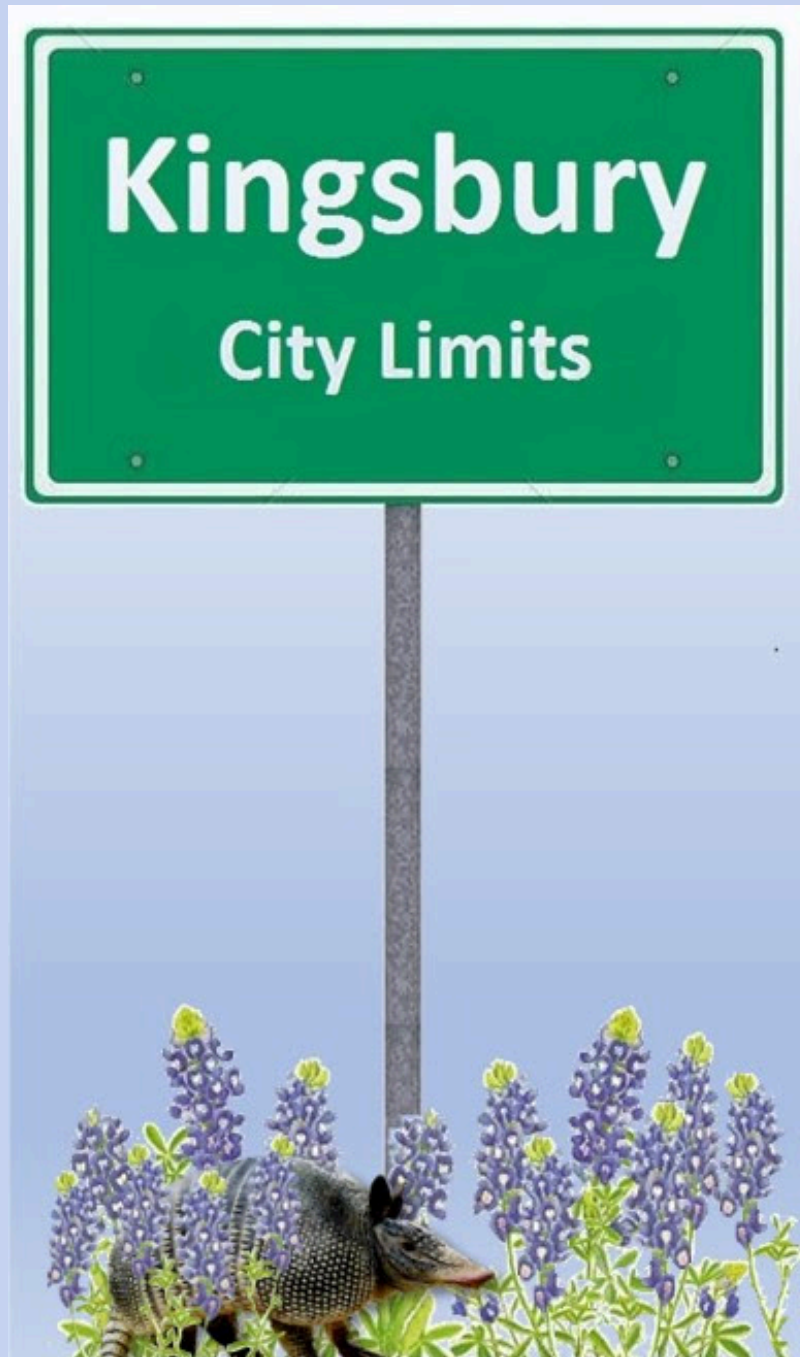
## Kingsbury City Limits

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!



## Holding The Dead Man's Hand

This week in American history, on August 2, 1876, "Wild Bill" Hickok, one of the greatest gunfighters of the American West, is murdered in Deadwood, South Dakota.

Born in Illinois in 1837, James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok first gained notoriety as a gunfighter in 1861 when he coolly shot three men who were trying to kill him. A highly sensationalized account of the gunfight appeared six years later in the popular periodical Harper's New Monthly Magazine, sparking Hickok's rise to national fame. Other articles and books followed, and though his prowess was often exaggerated, Hickok did earn his reputation with a string of impressive gunfights.

After accidentally killing his deputy during an 1871 shootout in Abilene, Texas, Hickok never fought another gun



battle. For the next several years he lived off his famous reputation, appearing as himself in Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West show. Occasionally, he worked as guide for wealthy hunters. His renowned eyesight began to fail, and for a time he was reduced to wandering the West trying to make a living as a gambler. Several times he was arrested for vagrancy.

In the spring of 1876, Hickok arrived in the Black Hills mining town of Deadwood, South Dakota. There he became a regular at the poker tables of the No. 10 Saloon, eking out a meager existence as a card player. On August 2nd in 1876, Hickok was playing cards with his back to the saloon door. At 4:15 in the afternoon, a young gunslinger named Jack McCall walked into the saloon, approached Hickok from behind, and shot him in the back of the head. Hickok died immediately. McCall tried to shoot others in the crowd, but amazingly, all of the remaining cartridges in his pistol were duds. McCall was later tried, convicted, and hanged.

When the cemetery was moved in 1881 and Jack McCall's **grave** was opened, he still had the noose around his neck.

Hickok was only 39 years old when he died. The most famous gunfighter in the history of the West died with his Smith & Wesson revolver in his holster, never having seen his murderer. According to legend, Hickok held a pair of black aces and black eights when he died, a combination that has since been known as the Dead Man's Hand.



ASSASSINATION OF WILD BILL (J. B. HICKOK) BY JACK McCALL, AT DEADWOOD CITY, D. T.



## Fellowship

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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!





## Application For Place On Ballot

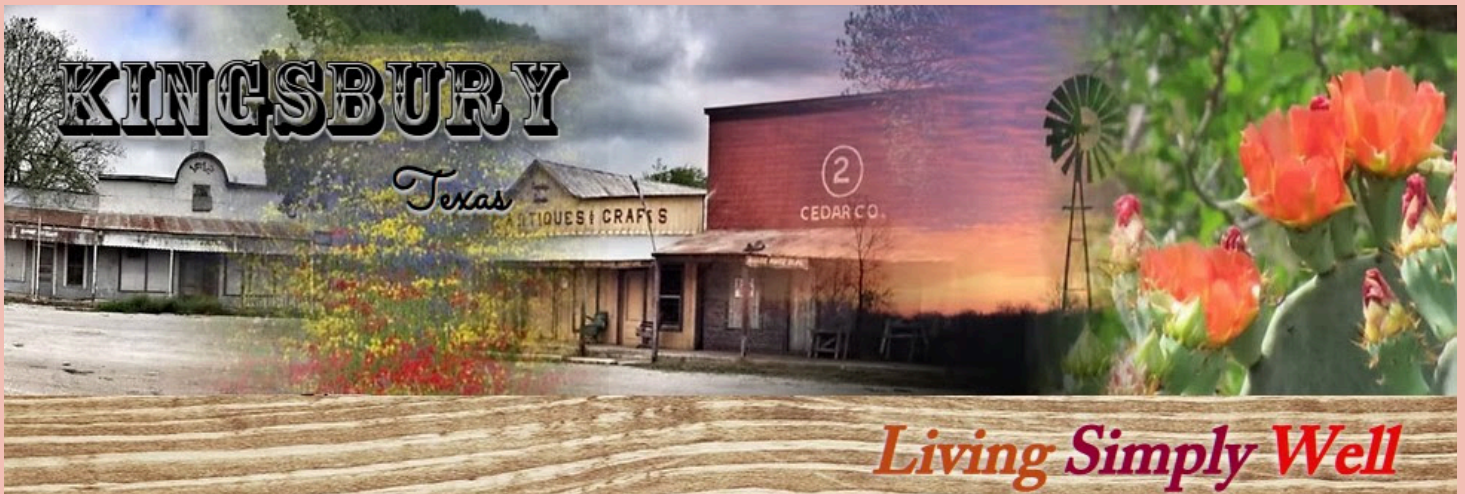
There are two seats on the Kingsbury City Commission that are up for **election** in November - mayor and one city commission member.

Anyone filing for a place on the ballot must:

- ✎ Be a U.S. citizen
- ✎ Be a Texas resident 12 months prior to the filing deadline
- ✎ Be a resident within the Kingsbury city limits for at least 6 months prior to the filing deadline
- ✎ Be registered to vote in Kingsbury by the filing deadline
- ✎ Be at least 18 years of age

The filing period runs from July 19th to August 18th at 5:00 pm.

Applications and a drop box are available 24/7 on the outside message board at the Fire Station #1 ([1060 FM 1104, Kingsbury](#)).



## 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](http://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

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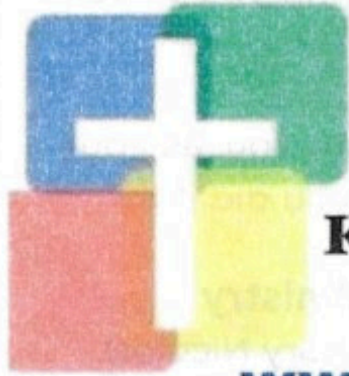
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| 13                    | 14                      | 15<br>City Hall Wor... | 16  | 17<br>  Fellowship                                                                                                   | 18                  | 19<br>Mayor & Comm...                                                                                    |
| 20<br>Mayor & Comm... | 21<br>  Kingsbury Ci... | 22                     | 23  | 24<br>  Fellowship                                                                                                   | 25                  | 26<br>   KVFD An... |
| 27<br>Mayor & Comm... | 28                      | 29                     | 30  | 31<br>  Fellowship                                                                                                   | 1                   | 2                                                                                                        |

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### Busy Highway

A picture of a very **busy** Highway 90 in the early 1940s where some Kingsbury girls have taken over the road!

The girls are (L to R): Gloria Halm, Joyce Hurt, Dorothy Chessher, and Glenda Ferrell.

I like the "access road" on the left where it appears people were driving instead of getting on the highway when they just needed to go somewhere along that side.





## 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](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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