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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter



Dear Kingsbury,

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

St. Patrick's Day

Today, Sunday, March 17th, is St. Patrick's Day!

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman

Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a **slave** at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. Interestingly, however, the first parade held to honor St. Patrick's Day took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as with fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.



There's A Day For Everything

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:

March 17th - St. Patrick's Day, National Corned Beef And Cabbage Day, National Biodiesel Day

March 18th - National Sloppy Joe Day, National Lacy Oatmeal Cookie Day, National Awkward Moments Day, National Supreme Sacrifice Day

March 19th - National Backyard Day, National 3-D Day (Third Day Of The Third Full Week Of The Third Month), Spring Begins, National Ag Day, National Certified Nurses Day, National Let's Laugh Day, National Chocolate Caramel Day, National Poultry Day

March 20th - National Proposal Day, National Ravioli Day

March 21st - National Memory Day, National Spray Tanning Day, National Absolutely Incredible Kids Day, National Countdown Day, National Farm Rescuer Day, National French Bread Day, National California Strawberry Day, National Fragrance Day, National Single Parent Day, National Common Courtesy Day, National West Virginia Day

March 22nd - National Bavarian Crepes Day, National Goof Off Day

March 23rd - National Tamale Day , National Chia Day, National Melba Toast Day, National Near Miss Day, National Chip And Dip Day, National Puppy Day



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](#)

First Day Of Spring

Tuesday, March 19th, is the Vernal Equinox which marks the first day of Spring.

Astronomically speaking, the equinox falls on March 19 or 20 every year, marking spring's beginning in the Northern Hemisphere (whereas it announces fall's arrival in the Southern Hemisphere). The equinox happens at the same moment worldwide, even if our clock times reflect a different time zone.

At the Vernal Equinox, the Sun crosses the celestial equator on its way north along the ecliptic. All over the world, days and nights are approximately equal. The name equinox comes from Latin words which mean "equal night"—*aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). Enjoy the increasing sunlight hours, with earlier dawns and later **sunsets**.

Equinoxes are the only two times a year that Sun only rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth!

While the Sun passes overhead, the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. (Note, however, that the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.)

After the Spring equinox, the Norther Hemisphere tilts toward the Sun, which is why we start to get longer, sunnier days



SIGNS OF THE EQUINOX IN NATURE

The vernal equinox signals the beginning of nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere. Worms begin to emerge from the earth. Even the March Moon is called "The Full Worm Moon" for this reason. Notice the arc of the Sun across the sky as it shifts toward the north. Birds are migrating northward, along with the path of the Sun.

The increasing sunlight triggers bird song. Trees, shrubs and flowers are sensitive to temperature and daylength, too. Since ancient days, people have used them as indicators of when the weather is right for planting. For example: Blooming crocus are your cue to plant radishes, parsnips and spinach. Of course, the longer days bring warmer weather. Both we and the animals around us strip off our clothes and heavy coats.

March is time to start gardens and sow seeds in many regions.



EQUINOX FOLKLORE

According to folklore, you can stand a raw egg on its end on the equinox.

In earlier times, the vernal equinox was considered the beginning of the new year. It has always been an important day to those who work the land because it signifies the beginning of the season of regeneration and growth.

There are many ancient sites that mark the equinoxes (and solstices). One of the most famous ancient Spring equinox celebrations was at Chichen Itza in Mexico. The Mayans built a huge pyramid around the year A.D. 1000. The play of the Sun's light on it signals the beginning of the seasons. On the spring equinox, it looks like a huge snake is slithering down the steps. Mayans called this day "the return of the Sun serpent."



SPRING VERSE

"One swallow does not make a spring."

"Bluebirds are a sign of spring; warm weather and gentle south breezes they bring."

"In spring, no one thinks of the snow that fell last year."

"Don't say that spring has come until you can put your foot on nine daisies."

*"Spring-time sweet!
The whole Earth smiles, thy coming to greet."*

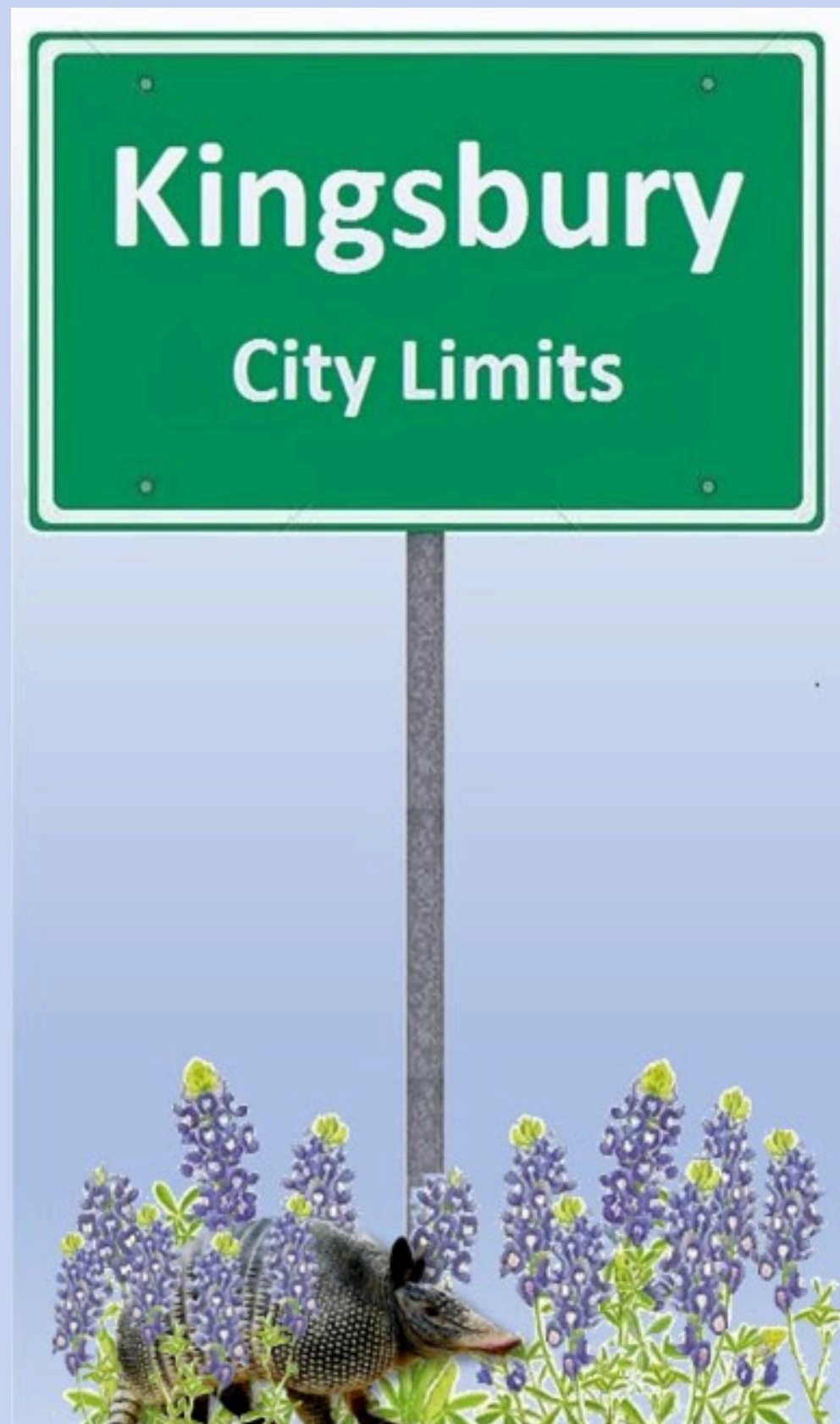


Kingsbury City Limits

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!



Battle Of Coleto Creek

This week in Texas history, the Battle of Coleto Creek, also known as the Battle of the Prairie, was fought on March 19 and 20, 1836, during the Goliad campaign of the Texas Revolution.

In February, General José de Urrea led a branch of the Mexican army up the Gulf Coast of Mexican Texas toward Goliad, where a large contingent of soldiers from the Texian Army were garrisoned under Colonel James W. Fannin. Simultaneously, Mexican president Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna led a larger force into the Texian interior, where on March 6 his troops won the Battle of the Alamo. After learning of the Alamo's defeat, Texian general Sam Houston ordered Fannin to retreat from Goliad and join the rest of the army in Victoria.

On March 19, Fannin led his men on a leisurely retreat from Goliad. Mexican troops **surrounded** the Texians on the open prairie later in the day, before Fannin could reach the shelter of a grove of timber at Coleto Creek, some 400 yards away. Texians formed a square in the middle of the prairie and attempted to defend their position. Although Mexican troops launched three separate attacks against the square, they could not penetrate the Texian position. However, the Mexicans received overwhelming reinforcements and heavy artillery. As night fell, Mexican sharpshooters were able to wound and kill more Texians. In this critical predicament, with little water to give to the wounded or to cool their artillery, Fannin and the majority of the men voted to surrender the Texian forces on March 20. Led to believe that they would be released into the United States, they were returned to the fort at Goliad, now their prison.

Also happening around Goliad, Albert Clinton Horton and his company had been acting as the advance and rear guards for Fannin's company. Surprised by the overwhelming Mexican force, they were chased off and escaped, however 18 of the group were captured and marched back to Goliad.

The 75 soldiers of William Parsons Miller and the Nashville Battalion were captured on March 20 and marched in on March 23. They were kept separate from the other prisoners, as they had been unarmed and surrendered without a fight.

On March 22, William Ward and the Georgia Battalion (80 men plus Ward) surrendered after escaping from the Battle of Refugio. About 26 men were retained at Victoria as laborers, but 55 of the prisoners were marched into Goliad, on March 25.

The stage is now set as the last of the prisoners arrives at La Bahia in Goliad. Urrea attempts to secure honorable terms for his Texian prisoners. However, Santa Anna had received authorization from the Mexican Congress to treat all captured Texian troops as pirates rather than prisoners-of-war.

The Mexican sentence for piracy is death . . .



Chili Cookoff

Big Easy Saloon Kingsbury

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COOK-OFF



Join us for our 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff!
Chili, Bean, and Bloody Mary Tastings

Saturday March 30

Big Easy Saloon Kingsbury
620 Railway St, Kingsbury, TX 78638

Scan the QR Code for
Rules and Regulations!





Kingsbury News Past

All the **news** that's fit to print about what *was* happening in Kingsbury . . .



The Thursday Morning, August 10, 1876 edition of the *San Antonio Express* had a little blurb about Kingsbury and water. It seems we lack water and have to import it but we have whiskey and beer "in any desired quantities"! That's a wild west town for sure!

—The main lack of the Kingsbury people is water. They have to import the fluid from some distance. Whiskey and beer, however, can be procured in any desired quantities.

In other 1876 news, the "exercises" of Mrs. L. N. Edmonds' School For Young Ladies and Misses will resume in September and "board can be had" for \$20 per month, "Agents" (aka Salesmen) are wanted to sell the "Western Border" book which as "not a dull page", and the City and Country Dots section includes a note that an "immense pile" of freight is sitting in Kingsbury.

Elsewhere, J. Sheern, Undertaker, does "every department of the Undertaking Business" and is located "Second door west of Engine House" (this was still the day before street addresses), scouts are "still hotly in pursuit of the Indians", for "50 cents" you can get your 400-page book on Mind Reading, Soul Charming, and how to "gain the love and affection of any person they choose" (what a deal?!), "dead animals" are being carted to the suburbs "to decay and

poison the air" (eww), and give Sheridan's Cavalry Powders to your horses.

Also in 1876, Jessy Pomeroy "drags on a miserable existence in jail" (Pomeroy kidnapped, tortured, and killed children as a teenager and was sentenced to spend the rest of his life in solitary confinement at age 16), Wagner & Rummel are the "Western Tex." agents for E. Anheuser & Co. "BEER BEER BEER" (I wonder what Mr. Busch was at the time?), a poor "German wagoner from Fredericksburg" "wept and sobbed" (and is apparently still weeping!) after his thirsty oxen ran into the water ditch "spilt some of the goods into the water", and more hides are coming in than usual with a lot coming from Ft. McKavett (now a ghost town up near Menard).

MRS. L. N. EDMONDS' SCHOOL

—FOR—
Young Ladies and Misses.

The exercises of this school will be resumed on the first Monday in September next. Only a limited and select number of pupils will be admitted, and those not known must give satisfactory references. Board can be had in the family at \$20 per month, payable invariably in advance, one half upon entrance, and balance at expiration of first half of session. No deduction will be made for boarders leaving before the end of the session.

For further particulars apply to

ELIAS EDMONDS.

San Antonio, Aug. 2, '75 1wd wlm

Agents Wanted for the new Historical
Work Our

Western Border.

A complete and graphic History of American Pioneer Life 100 Years Ago. Its thrilling conflicts of red and white foes. Exciting adventures, captivities, forays, scout, pioneer women and boys, Indian war-paths, camp life and sports. A book for old and young. Not a dull page. No competition. Enormous sales. Agents wanted everywhere. Illustrated circulars free. J. C. McCurdy & Co., Cincinnati, O.

CITY AND COUNTRY DOTS.

—Centaur Liniment for sale by J. Clayton, Druggist.

—Heavy rains fell west of the city, in the vicinity of Castroville, last night.

—There is an immense pile of freight resting at Kingsbury awaiting shipment.

—For ready made clothing that will give you satisfaction, go to Pancost & Son.

—The Governor of Chihuahua fell into the hands of the revolutionists a few days ago, and is now in prison.

A CURIOSITY

A ten dollar bill of 1776 worth five for a stamp. Address Hurst & Co., 11 Nassau street, New York.

J. Sheern,

UNDERTAKER,

Wareroom on Market St.,

Second door west of Engine House, opposite Braden's Hotel,



Is prepared at all times to furnish Wood, en and Metalic

Burial Cases and Caskets!

Every department of the Undertaking Business attended to on careful principles and at moderate charges. J. Sheern & wife

FROM THE WEST.

Special to the EXPRESS.]

UVALDE, Aug 9th, 1876.

The scouts sent after the Indians were seen in the Nueces Canon this morning at daylight, still hotly in pursuit of the Indians, following up their trail. Nothing further. JINX.

MIND Reading, Hypnotism, Fascination, Soul Charming, Mesmerism, and Marriage Guide, showing how either sex may fascinate and gain the love and affection of any person they choose instantly, 400 pages, by mail 50 cents. Hunt & Co., 139 S. 7th St. Phila. Pa.

Persons living about the suburbs complain that dead animals are carted to the vicinities of their homes, from the city, and left to decay and poison the air. Let the guilty punished.

All the year round, SHERIDAN'S CAV-ALRY POWDERS should be given to horses that are "kept up." To horses and cattle that graze in summer they should only be given in winter and spring.

JESSE POMEROY, the boy fiend of Boston, still drags on a miserable existence in jail, although he has been sentenced to death for his many horrible crimes. It would be a mercy to the murderer and in the interests of justice if the sentence were carried out without further delay.

BEER, BEER, BEER.



FOR SALE BY

WAGNER & RUMMEL,

SOLE AGENTS WESTERN TEX.
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—A young German wagoner from Fredericksburg, engaged to haul for the Post-trader at Fort McKavitt, started out with his load evening before last up Flores street. His oxen, having stood in the sun all day, and being famished for water, ran into the ditch in front of Mrs. Harris' residence, overturned the wagon, and split some of the goods into the water. The poor fellow, thinking he was ruined, wept and sobbed like a child and was found again weeping yesterday morning. It was not his fault, and we hope the damage will not be charged to him.

—Hides have been arriving in larger quantities the past few days than for some weeks past. A lot came in from Ft. McKavitt on Tuesday and more from other points are on the road to the city.

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
25 Market Day	26	27	28	29	1 First Day of ...	2
3 Market Day	4 Community ...	5	6	7 Card Raffle D... + 3	8 Fish Fry Winter Clear...	9 Volunteer Wo... Winter Clear...
10 Daylight Savi... Market Day	11	12 Developmen...	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's ... Market Day	18 Kingsbury Ci...	19 First Day of S...	20	21	22	23
24 Market Day	25 Full Worm M...	26	27	28	29 Fish Fry	30 Chili Cook Off
31 Easter Sunday Market Day	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4 KVFD Auxilia... KVFD Fire Fi...	5	6

The Kingsbury City Commission has a Regular Commission Meeting on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be

Monday, March 18th

at 6:30 in the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire station at [1060 FM 1104](#).

Items on the **agenda**:



Plans for Kingsbury waste transfer station



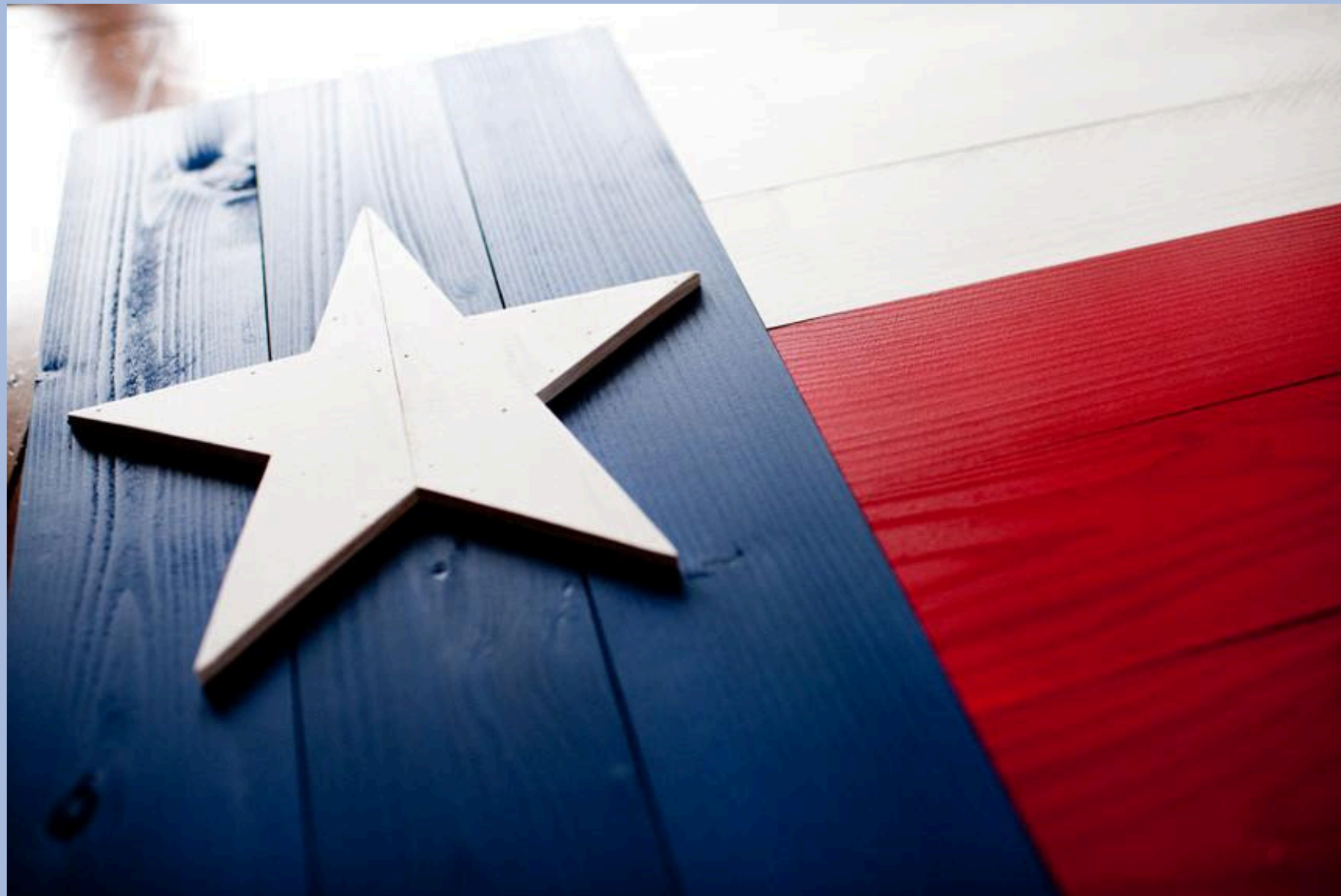
Kingsbury recycling program



Interlocal agreement on subdivision regulation

You can always find the meetings in the Kingsbury Calendar on the [website](#).

All city commission meetings are open to the public.

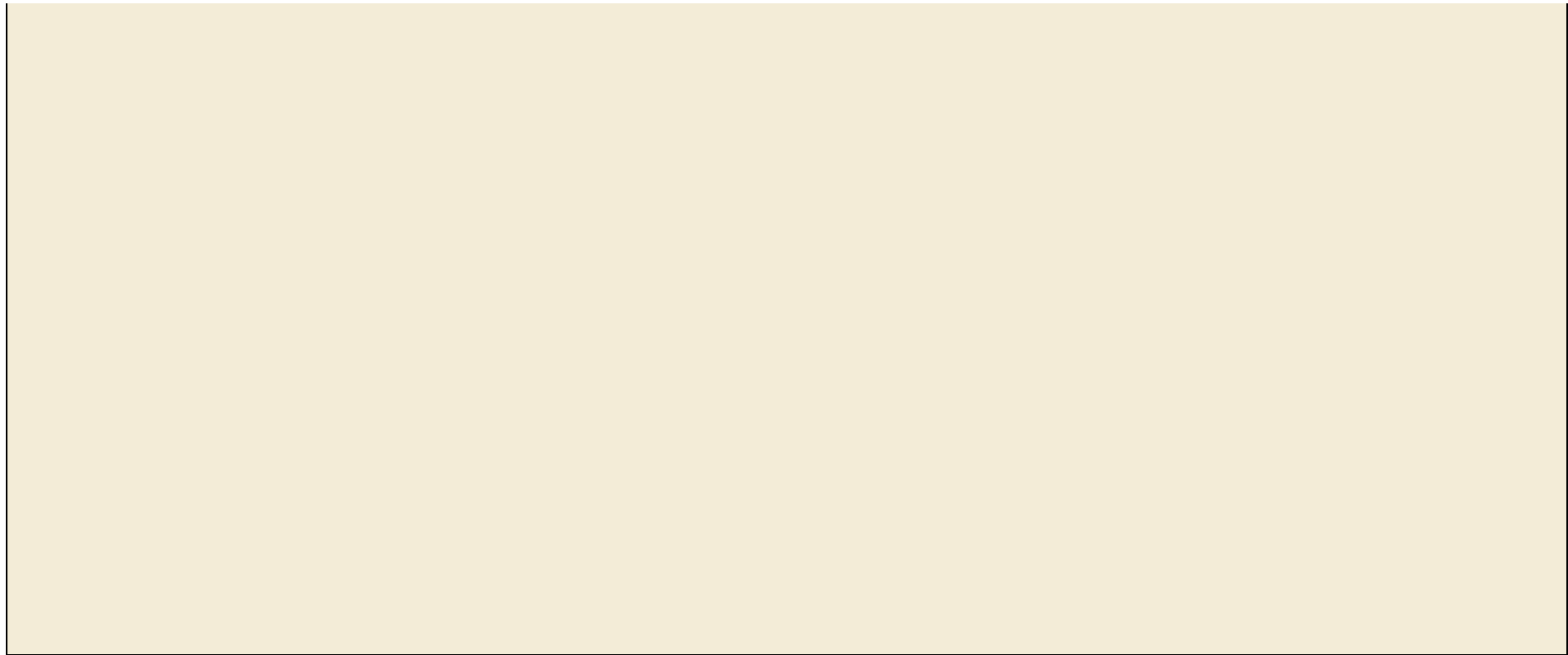


Kingsbury Group

A wonderful picture of some kids just hangin' out in Kingsbury some time in the 1940s.

There are no names attached to the picture but it looks like a great group of **friends** that got together for a picture on a nice summer day. I love the way the young men have their hats at a jaunty tilt!





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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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