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## A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM MAYOR HARRISON

Introducing *Candidly Krum*: created to keep our community informed, connected, and engaged. Each edition will highlight recent events, city projects, important updates, and information we believe our citizens want and deserve to know. Our goal is to communicate with honesty and transparency so that facts are shared clearly and our community stays informed together.

### CITY STAFF PLANS FOR KRUM'S FUTURE PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS

As the City of Krum continues to grow, city leaders are taking proactive steps to ensure our public safety facilities meet the needs of both today and tomorrow.

Recently, Police Chief Terry Hargis, Fire Chief Adam North, Fire Administrative Captain Raquela Cornelius, Fire Inspector Scott Hickey, City Administrator Nick Vincent, and Mayor Rhonda Harrison toured several combination fire and police facilities in the neighboring communities of Celina, Aubrey, and Little Elm. The purpose of the tour was to gather ideas, evaluate facility designs, and learn from other cities that have successfully integrated police, fire, and EMS operations under one roof.

The tour is part of the planning process for Krum's future public safety facility that will be constructed on North Masch Branch Road. The new building will serve as the city's second fire station and provide expanded fire and EMS coverage for the east side of town. It will also house a police facility, marking the first purpose-built police station in Krum's history. By visiting facilities already in operation, city officials were able to observe different layouts, operational features, and design elements that enhance efficiency, improve emergency response capabilities, and support the needs of public safety personnel.

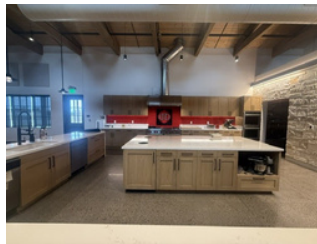
This project represents a significant investment in Krum's future and demonstrates the city's commitment to providing high-quality public safety services while planning responsibly for continued growth. As development moves forward, residents can expect updates as the design and construction process progresses.



### More news from

#### Krum Fire Department:

- KFD Participated in the Medal of Honor Motorcade from DFW Airport to Gainesville.
- All certified Wildland Firefighters completed the annual refresher and arduous work capacity test.
- KFD personnel had 26 days deployed on wildfires and 2 days deployed for severe weather.
- Grants received - \$10,000 training grant and \$25,000 protective clothing grant
- All personnel completed training and recertification for advanced cardiac life support and pediatric life support courses
- KFD had an unannounced Texas Department of State Health Services inspection for our ambulance service with zero deficiencies.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR



The City of Krum is pleased to announce Liz Schrier as the new Director of the Krum Public Library following the retirement of longtime director Donna Pierce, whose final day with the library was April 24.

Mrs. Schrier has served at the Krum Public Library for nearly two years, working closely alongside Mrs. Pierce and becoming a trusted and valued member of the library team. During that time, she has gained firsthand knowledge of library operations, community engagement, and the important role the library plays in serving Krum residents.

In addition to her work in Krum, Liz has served as the Chief Technology Officer for the North Texas Library Consortium of Denton County since January 2025. She also maintains professional affiliations with the Texas Library Association, the American Library Association, and the Public Library Association.

Mrs. Schrier holds a Master of Library Science degree from Texas Woman's University, a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing and English from Southern New Hampshire University, and both an Associate of Science in Information Technology and an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts from SNHU.

Library staff and patrons alike have welcomed Mrs. Schrier with open arms, as she is well-liked and highly respected within the community. The City looks forward to the leadership, knowledge, and enthusiasm she will bring to the continued growth and success of the Krum Public Library.

## MAYORAL RED KETTLE CHALLENGE

At the May 4 City Council meeting, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented in recognition of support for The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign during the Christmas season.

Through online donations, \$225 was raised, along with an additional \$102.95 collected while ringing the bell outside Sam's Club in December. Every dollar donated stays in our Denton County communities to provide meals, shelter, and care for our neighbors in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Your generosity brings hope and continues a tradition of compassion that has lasted for more than 130 years.



## NEW LAW FIRM ENGAGED BY KRUM CITY COUNCIL

The City of Krum has selected Brown and Hoffmeister, L.L.P. of Richardson, Texas, as its new legal counsel following a competitive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process.

Earlier this year, longtime city attorney Lance Vanzant of Hayes, Berry, White & Vanzant LLP notified the city that he would be transitioning away from municipal law to focus on his real estate law practice. As a result, the city initiated a search for new legal representation and published an RFQ seeking qualified firms.

The city received four submissions, with two firms meeting the established and advertised deadline requirements. Following in-person interviews with both firms, Brown and Hoffmeister, L.L.P. was selected to serve as the city's legal counsel. Attorney Amanda Davis will serve as the primary attorney for the City of Krum and attended her first City Council meeting on June 1.

Also during the June 1 council meeting, Mayor Harrison presented Lance Vanzant with a plaque in recognition of his 21 years of dedicated service to the City of Krum. Vanzant attended the beginning of the meeting to receive the honor and was thanked for his many years of legal guidance and commitment to the city.

The City of Krum looks forward to working with Amanda Davis and Brown and Hoffmeister, L.L.P. while expressing its sincere appreciation to Lance Vanzant for more than two decades of service to the community.

## CITY COUNCIL ADDRESSES TRAFFIC CONCERNS ON EAST SIXTH STREET

At the June 1 City Council meeting, council members considered concerns raised by residents regarding speeding along East Sixth Street. Several citizens shared their experiences and expressed a desire for measures to improve safety and reduce vehicle speeds in the area.

After reviewing the concerns and discussing possible solutions, the City Council chose not to install speed humps on East Sixth Street. While speed humps can be effective in reducing speeds, council members also considered factors such as emergency vehicle access, roadway maintenance, and overall traffic flow.

Instead, the council directed staff to pursue alternative traffic-calming measures. These improvements will include the installation of additional traffic signage, including new stop signs at select intersections along the corridor. The goal is to encourage safer driving behavior, increase driver awareness, and help reduce speeds without the use of physical roadway obstructions.

The City of Krum appreciates residents who take the time to bring concerns and ideas forward. Public input plays an important role in helping city leaders evaluate issues and make informed decisions that balance safety, accessibility, and the needs of the community. Staff will begin evaluating locations and implementing the approved signage improvements in the coming weeks.

## JUNE COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The official Oath of Office was administered to Richard Troth, re-elected on May 2<sup>nd</sup> as Councilmember Place 4, and Rhonda Harrison, re-elected to serve as Mayor. Both will serve for a three-year term.

Mike Strand was elected to serve as Mayor-Pro-Tem for the coming year.

New appointments were accepted for members of the Parks Board and the Crime Control & Prevention District Board. Mr. Joseph Militor will be joining the CCPD, taking the place vacated by StephaNie Powell. Mrs. Tracy Troth and Ms. Marsha Thompson will begin serving on the Parks Board. There are currently vacancies for alternate positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Anyone who wishes to serve on a committee or board is encouraged to contact the City Secretary's office, or visit our website to obtain the application.

Nick Vincent, Director of Finance and City Administrator, updated the council on the financial status of the city for the current fiscal year and gave projections for year's end.

City Council adopted a new Streets Reconstruction and Standards Manual to guide city officials and contractors in appropriate specifications for future streets repair and reconstruction.

Council voted to sponsor the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> festival that is being organized by Keaton Meyer.



*Mayor Harrison thanks outgoing city attorney Lance Vanzant for his 21 years of service at the June 1 council meeting.*

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER! NO TURNING LANE AT FOUR-WAY STOP

Drivers are reminded to use caution when making a right turn onto FM 156 from FM 1173 in front of the Krum Historical Museum. There appears to be some confusion regarding the intersection, as some motorists mistakenly believe there is a dedicated right-turn lane. There is not.

Please do not advance to the right of a vehicle that is already stopped at the intersection. Doing so can create unsafe conditions and increase the risk of accidents. We encourage all drivers to exercise patience, obey traffic laws, and help keep our roadways safe for everyone.

## **CITY SECRETARY LISA CABRERA RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS STATEWIDE AWARD**



The City of Krum is proud to congratulate Lisa Cabrera on receiving the Texas Municipal Clerks Office Achievement of Excellence Award, one of only 42 awarded statewide.

The mayor was notified on May 13 of Lisa's selection for this distinguished honor, which recognizes municipal clerks across Texas for excellence in fulfilling the many responsibilities required of the office. To qualify, recipients must demonstrate compliance and achievement in at least nine of twelve rigorous professional standards, including records management, government transparency, elections, professional development, the Texas Public Information Act, the Texas Open Meetings Act, boards and commissions, policies and procedures, innovation, departmental training, and other key areas of responsibility.

Lisa has faithfully served as the City Secretary for the City of Krum for more than five years. During that time, she has demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to serving both our city government and our residents with integrity and excellence.

Recipients of this award will be recognized in the June issue of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association (TMCA) newsletter and will be officially acknowledged during the TMCA Advanced Institute awards ceremony in October.

On behalf of the City of Krum, we would like to commend Lisa Cabrera for this outstanding achievement and thank her for the exceptional work she continues to do for our community.

## **CANDID CONVERSATIONS: MEET THE TEAM**

### **Santos Hernandez – Water & Wastewater Foreman**

Mr. Santos Hernandez began his employment with the City of Krum over two and a half years ago, coming from the City of Aubrey after serving thirteen years there.

He is the proud father of two: his daughter who is twenty years old and a sixteen year-old son. The family has one beloved pet, a sweet little female chihuahua.

When asked what he feels the best part of his job is, Santos answered, "I am helping to preserve the health of the citizens of Krum." He is passionate about expanding his knowledge in order to provide high quality water and safe sanitary sewer utilities. He enjoys learning, and realizes the importance of staying up-to-date with state regulations and compliance training. His next goal is to obtain his AA operator license in both water and wastewater so that he is better prepared for the growth that Krum will continue to experience.

Santos is an employee that makes a difference each day, and we are very proud of him and his contributions to the city!

