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As we settle into 2025, I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished and excited for new opportunities. Kemah's vibrant spirit, strong community, and dedication make it a truly remarkable place to live, work, and visit.

Over the past year, we've made great strides - enhancing public spaces, strengthening local partnerships, and fostering meaningful connections within our community.

This year, we're building on that momentum with a continued focus on public safety, infrastructure improvements, enhancing quality of life, and showcasing Kemah as the unique and welcoming destination it is.

This newsletter is part of our commitment to keeping you informed and engaged. With open communication and participation, we can work together to achieve even greater things for our city. Stay involved—read our updates, attend council meetings, and join city events. Together, we'll ensure Kemah thrives while preserving its charm and character.

Warmly,
Robin Collins
Mayor of Kemah



Flood Protection: What You Need to Know

Flooding is a part of life in Kemah, thanks to our location on Galveston Bay. Tropical storms and heavy rain can bring significant risks, but there's a lot we can do to stay prepared and protected.

Understanding Flood Hazards

Flooding in Kemah usually comes from storm surges or heavy rain, like during Hurricane Harvey in 2017. FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are a great tool to understand your property's flood risk. You can check your risk using the Houston-Galveston Area Council's interactive map. Historical maps from Galveston County can also help with disputes involving insurance or mortgage lenders.

The Harris County Flood Warning System has local rain gauges, including one at Clear Creek and Highway 146. These provide real-time alerts and flood maps from big storms like Hurricanes Ike and Harvey.

How to Protect Your Property

Did you know floodplain properties have a 26% chance of flooding over a 30-year mortgage? Taking action now can make a big difference. Options like elevating buildings, building barriers, or floodproofing your home can help reduce risks.

Because Kemah is also vulnerable to storm surges, it's worth considering wind protection features like storm shutters or reinforced garage doors. You can find helpful guides like FEMA's Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting and explore financial assistance options online or at local libraries.

Keeping Our Drains Clear

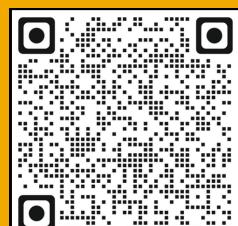
A clean drainage system is critical to prevent flooding. It's illegal to dump debris or pollutants into storm drains or ditches in Kemah (City Ordinance Chapter 46), as blockages can cause flooding and harm the environment. Let's work together to keep ditches and drains clear. If you notice any issues, you can report them to Public Works using the Citizen Request Tracker.

By staying informed and taking small steps now, we can all help protect Kemah from the risks of flooding.

For More Information

Links to all of the resources listed in this article can be found on the City's website at Kemahtx.gov.

Click on the Flood Protection Information link under Public Notices. Or scan this QR Code.



May 3 City of Kemah General Election

The City of Kemah will hold its General Election on Saturday, May 3. Voters will select candidates for Mayor, City Council Position 2, and City Council Position 4.

Interested in Running?

Residents interested in running must file during the candidate filing period: January 15 – February 14, 2025, by 5 PM.

Candidates must meet age, residency, and voter registration criteria. Applications can be submitted in person, by mail, or via email/fax.

Key Voting Dates

Voter Registration Deadline:
April 7, 2025

Early Voting:
April 22 – April 30

Election Day Voting: May 3
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Polling will take place at the Kemah Community Center 800 Harris Ave.

For detailed requirements and the candidate packet, visit kemahtx.gov.

Stay updated on election details at kemahtx.gov or contact the City Secretary's Office at 281-334-1611.

Building a Better Kemah: Strengthening Infrastructure for a Brighter Future

Kemah made big strides in 2024 with infrastructure improvements, and the momentum is carrying into 2025. These projects are all about making our community safer, more connected, and better prepared for whatever comes our way.

Here's a quick look at what's been done and what's next:

- Anders Lane Upgrades:** Residents and businesses are already benefiting from the complete overhaul of Anders Lane. It's now smoother, safer, and better equipped to handle drainage issues.
- Evergreen Memorial Expansion:** This project connects FM 518 and Highway 96, giving us a new north-south alternative to SH 146. Plus, the wide sidewalks make it easy to access Kemah's 57-acre park, which is under development.
- West-Side Drainage Improvements:** Thanks to a crucial grant, we're tackling long-overdue flood control upgrades, easing flooding issues for homes and businesses in the area.
- Golf Cart & Shared Use Path:** Sixth Street now boasts a dedicated multiuse path, making it safer to walk, bike, or cruise around in a golf cart. It's a new, fun way to connect West Kemah to the Lighthouse District and Boardwalk.
- 57-Acre Park Development:** Phase I broke ground in September 2024 and focuses on bringing nature closer to the community. Native grass plantings, trails, a shade pavilion, benches, tables, and playground facilities are all in the works, with construction set to wrap up in early 2025.
- Mural Park Development:** Located in the heart of the Lighthouse Entertainment District, Phase II of Mural Park is nearly complete. New picnic tables, added landscaping, and festoon lighting are making it an even better spot to meet friends, enjoy the outdoors, and snap some photos.

These projects are laying the groundwork for a stronger, more resilient Kemah. Stay tuned for updates as we build on this momentum in 2025 - we're excited to see the positive changes continue!

Community Holidays, Events and Activities

February

2	Groundhog Day
5	City Council Meeting
14	Valentines Day
15	Krewe du Lac
	Mardi Gras Parade
17	Presidents' Day
	City Offices Closed
18	KCDC Meeting
19	City Council Meeting
22	Yachty Gras Grand Boat Parade

March 5

5	City Council Meeting
17	St Patrick's Day
17-21	CCISD Spring Break
18	KCDC Meeting
19	City Council Meeting

For more calendar dates visit kemahtx.gov



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Stay Informed with the Kemah Alert Notification System

The City of Kemah is dedicated to keeping residents informed and safe with our Kemah Alert Notification System.

This easy-to-use platform ensures you receive critical updates directly to your preferred device, whether it's your phone, email, or text.

From emergency weather alerts and road closures to public safety announcements and community events, the system is designed to keep you connected and aware.

Signing up is simple! Just use this QR code to create an account and customize your preferences.



Stay informed.
Stay safe.
Stay connected.