





### *Mission Statement*

*It is the mission of the City of Boerne, Texas, to prepare for and respond to the changing needs of the Boerne community with effective and fiscally responsible municipal services, while furthering our quality of life and preserving our historical and cultural heritage.*

## *Message from the City*

**R**electing on almost 34 years as Boerne's City Manager, I am once again honored to share our various accomplishments from last year. The city team of 250 public service and utility professionals, along with our community partners, are moving forward annually to make Boerne the best of today and tomorrow.

Utility infrastructure improvements continue as we add new residential and commercial customers primarily along State Highway 46 to our east. The new Esperanza master planned community is open for business, and is the first large scale community in the Boerne area to utilize treated water from the city's new wastewater treatment plant for landscape irrigation. With this new reclaimed water supply we have further secured our water future through 2070. The city's utilities— electric, natural gas, water, reclaimed water, and wastewater are now in place to serve a future population of roughly 45,000 — about three times what we serve today.

Transportation needs are being proactively addressed through our partnerships with Kendall County, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO). Since joining the AAMPO in 2013, we have successfully secured, nearly \$100 million in additional public transportation improvement funding. Major improvements are underway at the IH10/Scenic Loop intersection on Boerne's south side. A new frontage road along IH10, just south of Bandera Road, will be complete soon. This project is key to our retail economic goals for development of 500 acres of prime commercial land south of downtown Boerne. The Herff Road transportation mobility project is complete.

I am extremely proud of our employees for the work they do every day. The Mayor and City Council legislate and provide guidance while being very supportive and engaged. My thanks and appreciation also to our community volunteers serving on Boards and Commissions and to all volunteers that support our departmental goals. Finally, heartfelt thanks to all of our residents for their commitment to Boerne's future.

**Ron Bowman**  
City Manager

# 2016 Boerne City Council



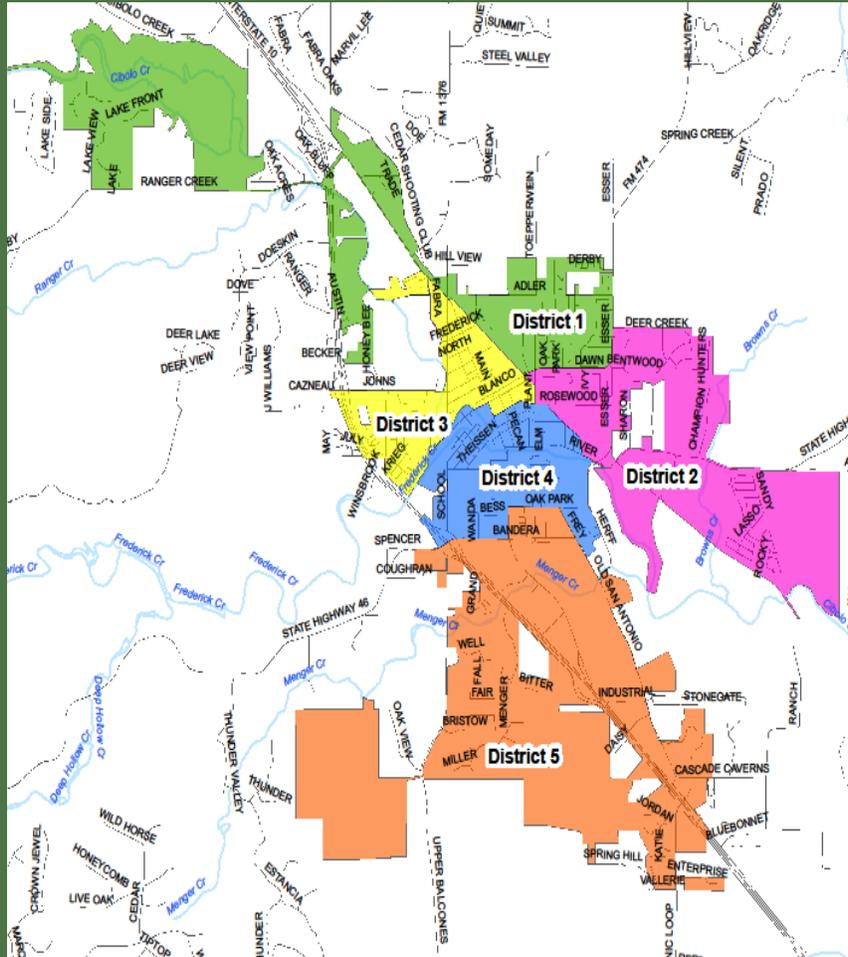
*Mike Schultz  
Mayor*



*Joe Anzollitto  
District 1*



*Nina Woolard  
District 2*



*Charlie Boyd, IV  
District 3*



*Ron Cisneros  
District 4*



*Craig Colvin  
District 5*

## Boards and Commissions

The City of Boerne has seven Council appointed boards and commissions:

Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board

Ethics Review Commission

Historic Landmark Commission

Planning and Zoning Commission

Public Housing Authority

Public Library Advisory Board

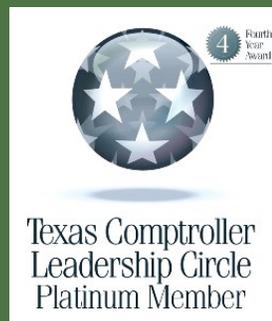
Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals

## City's Financial Position

**B**oerne currently has a bond rating from Moody's Investor Services of "Aa3" on general obligation debt and utility system revenue debt. Fitch Ratings has given the city an "AA-" rating on its general obligation debt and an "A" rating on utility system debt. These excellent ratings are a major acknowledgement of the City's financial management strength and allows the City to issue debt for major projects at very favorable rates.

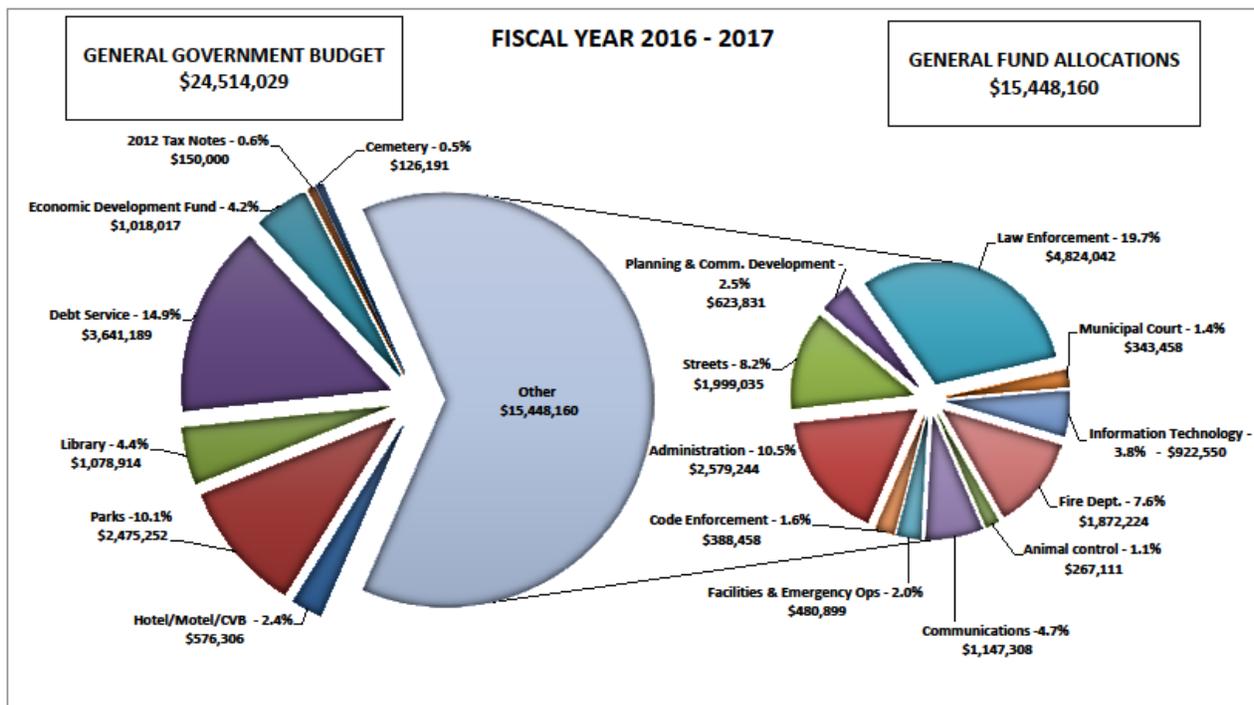
The adopted FY 2016 budget for the City of Boerne was \$59,720,571. The City's General government and Utility budgets continued to be strong with a General Government budget of \$22,246,849 and a Utilities budget of \$37,473,722.

The ad valorem tax rate remained the same as the previous year at \$0.4720 per \$100 valuation and will remain the same into 2017.



Mayor Mike Schultz presents the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award to Finance Director Sandy Mattick, City Manager Ron Bowman and Deputy City Manager Jeff Thompson recognizing their leadership and commitment to best practices and financial transparency.

## Next Year



## Progress and Prosperity as Promised

**E**ach year the City Council approves an economic development work plan with strategies, projects and other initiatives to achieve the city's economic development goals. Implementation of the 2016 Economic Development Work Plan, which is intended to encourage quality commercial and residential development in the city limits, ultimately provides new ad valorem, sales, and hotel motel tax revenue, as well as electric, water, wastewater, natural gas and reclaimed water utility revenues. The Plan is designed to achieve balanced distribution of ad valorem tax revenues between commercial and residential properties. Every unique project requires collaboration with the following partner agencies::

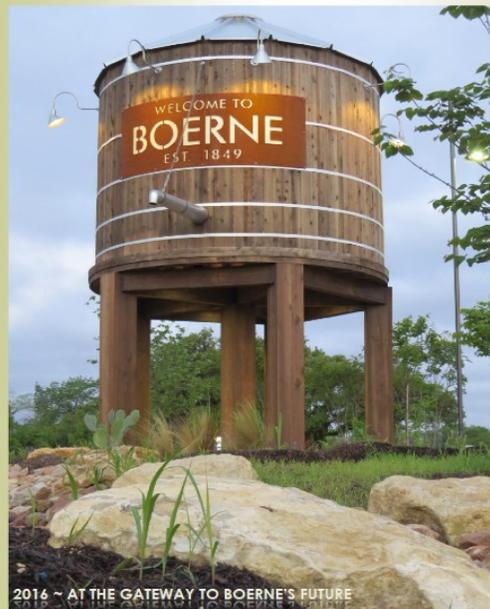
- ⇒ Kendall County
- ⇒ Texas Department of Transportation
- ⇒ Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
- ⇒ Boerne Kendall County Economic Development Corporation (BKCEDC)
- ⇒ Boerne Independent School District
- ⇒ Boerne Chamber of Commerce
- ⇒ GVTC
- ⇒ Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA)

*Top 10 initiatives in the 2016 Economic Development Work Plan included:*

1. Completion of the Herff Road Expansion Project
2. Progress on the IH10 Frontage Road Project
3. Completion and implementation of SOBO study area
4. Ongoing Hill Country Mile initiatives with assurance that SOBO does not conflict with these efforts
5. Completing wastewater service to the North Industrial Park
6. Seek and encourage projects which provide home diversity to include workforce housing
7. Complete 2070 Water Supply Plan and continue to leverage reclaimed water system for expansion of potable water system
8. Encourage gas, wastewater and reclaimed water customer growth
9. Implement a business retention and expansion program.
10. Complete the GigaRegion initiative—actually completed 2 months ahead of schedule.



### 2016 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK PLAN



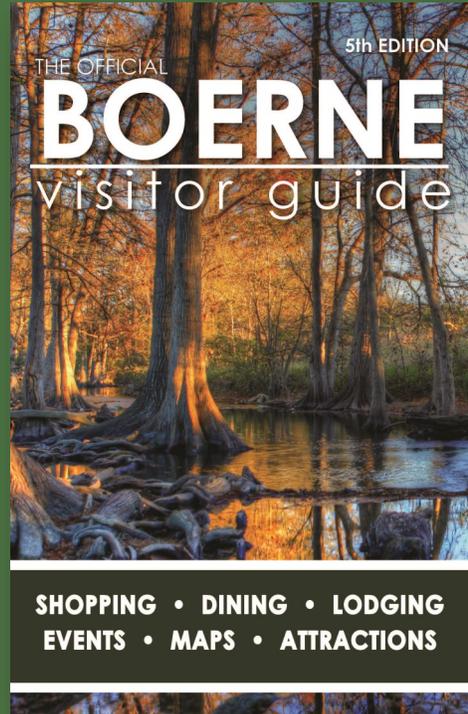
2016 ~ AT THE GATEWAY TO BOERNE'S FUTURE



## A year in pictures



In February 2016 the Boerne Police Department began enforcing the ban on the use of electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle in the Boerne city limits.



The Convention and Visitors Bureau ramped up marketing efforts with the 5th edition of the Boerne Visitor Guide.



Boerne became a Purple Heart City in March as the Alamo Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart recognized Boerne for the continued support shown to veterans and active duty military throughout the year.



In 2016, the city became a funding partner of Boerne Performing Arts. The very popular Japanese drum experience known as TAO returned to Boerne for a second time and hundreds of season ticket holders enjoyed a fabulous line-up of great performances.



We hosted officials from Indonesia who were visiting San Antonio and Boerne to study local election processes and challenges. This is the second time we have been asked by the San Antonio International Visitors Association to host an international group participating in the US State Department Leadership Program.

# A year in pictures



Two Boerne area residents brought national attention to Boerne by earning gold belt buckles at the 2015 National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. Jacobs Crawly won the saddle bronc riding contest, while Callie du Perier won the barrel racing finals. Mayor Schultz and County Judge Lux presented a joint proclamation recognizing their achievements.



Jimmy Walker represented Boerne well by winning the 2016 PGA Championship tournament in Baltusrol. Mayor Schultz and Judge Lux also presented a joint proclamation to the first time major champion and helped him celebrate his winning season. Friday, August 19 was proclaimed as Jimmy Walker Day in Boerne and Kendall County.



Chris Turk, the city's long time Planning and Community Development Director retired after 32 years of public service. He is a major reason that Boerne is the special place it is today.



Last summer, several public forums were held so the public could offer their thoughts and suggestions on a proposed new City Hall and Boerne Utilities building.

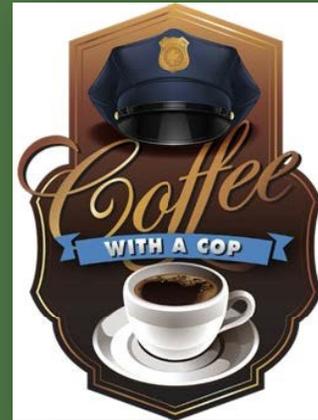


Keeping City Hall wired for business with the latest technology requires staff to get into some tight spots such as this one under the historic City Hall building.

# Public Safety – Top Priority



The annual Neighborhood Night Out program in Boerne is very popular with XX neighborhoods participating in 2016.



The Boerne Police Department began a series of community engagement opportunities and the first event held in 2016 was a huge success.



Police departments across the country suffered an onslaught of negative publicity during 2016. Locally, Mayor Mike Schultz purchased and gave out 1,000 "Support Boerne Police" spirit wristbands.



The Animal Services team ran over 1,500 calls for service and adopted out or returned to their owner 400 dogs and cats. Over 65 volunteers helped out with these efforts.



The Fire Marshal's office completed 2,128 fire inspections; conducted 12 CPR/AED classes for city employees; and investigated 24 fire causes and alarm calls for residents and businesses.



Celebrating Municipal Court Week - Paul Billota, Court Bailiff; Linda Zartler, Assistant City Manager; Kirsten Cohoon, City Attorney; Mayor Mike Schultz, Municipal Court Judge Ed Phillips; Court Clerk Jennifer Castillo; Claudia Lemon, Municipal Court Supervisor; and Court Clerk Jordan Frantzen. New cases filed in Municipal Court were up 55% and city revenue increased 54% over the previous year.

## Emergency Response—Best in Class

The Boerne Fire Department added one additional full-time firefighter in 2016. This brings the total number of career firefighters for the department to 12. The Chief, Assistant Chief and 3 shifts working 24 hours on, 48 hours off. Two of the shifts have 3 personnel on duty, while the 3rd shift now has 4 personnel on duty. Approximately thirty volunteer firefighter/EMTs from the Boerne Volunteer FD also provided as the department responded to 828 incidents during FY2015-2016. The department maintains a Public Protection Class 2 rating from the Texas Insurance Services Office.

In 2016 the Fire Department initiated the installation of GPS based technology to improve safety at intersections for both emergency vehicles and the public. A preemption traffic control system has been installed at eleven traffic signals in the City of Boerne. The system utilizes GIS technology and will allow fire department vehicles to transmit a signal that will request traffic signals to turn green for emergency vehicles during emergency responses.



A new rescue boat was purchased through a grant from the Allison Foundation that will add flexibility and improve capabilities during swift water emergencies. This rescue boat is exceptionally maneuverable in tight spots and responds quickly to the boat operator's needs.



A specialized airbag system was purchased to assist when hydraulic tools are not effective for lifting heavy objects at emergency scenes.

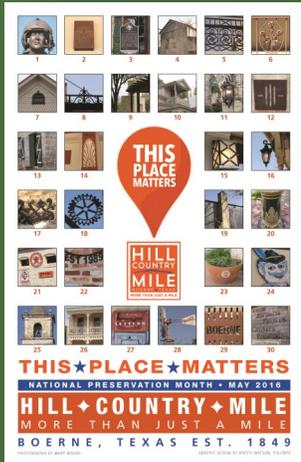


Boerne Fire Department works closely with the other hill country fire departments in response to structure, brush, and vehicle fires and emergency rescue situations.



Every year the firefighters host Fire Prevention Week activities for elementary students who stop by the station to learn about fire prevention as well as techniques to get out of a smoke and/or fire situation.

# Quality of Life in Boerne



The Special Projects Department partners with a variety of community organizations, especially the Boerne Chamber of Commerce to bring unique family events to downtown Boerne. This office also oversees the Historic District Renovation Grant Program ; assists with Texas Department of Transportation Trails Grant Program; manages the Boerne Art Al Fresco project and public art donations /acquisitions; and leads the staff and volunteer team to implement the very successful Dickens on Main holiday spectacular. The construction and grand opening of Boerne’s first amphitheater was a major highlight of the year, along with rebranding of the Hill Country Mile.

# Trails, parks, and fun take center stage



- ⇒ 2,627 – youth and adult sports participants
- ⇒ 597 – students in community education classes
- ⇒ 213 – special events, outdoor movies and concerts, facility rentals
- ⇒ 33,232—people attended Parks and Recreation sponsored events



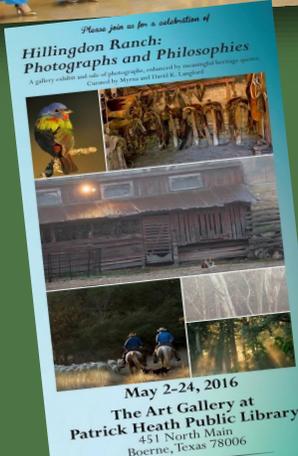
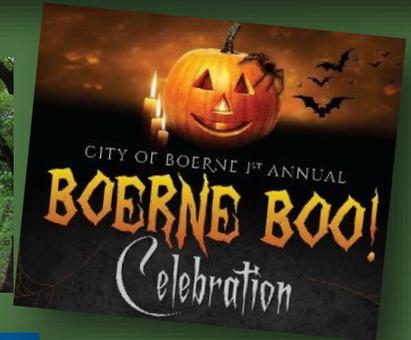
A very popular neighborhood park, formerly known as Optimist Park, was completely renovated with new playground structures and equipment; new trees, seating areas and fencing were also added. The park was also renamed Kinderpark as homage to Boerne's Germanic roots.



The Parks and Recreation Department crews maintain all of the city parks, public trails and landscape beds, as well as the public cemetery grounds. A consultant was hired in 2016 to assess the need for and identify possible locations for a second public cemetery. This department also oversees facility maintenance and cleaning at all of the city government office buildings. The new amphitheater at the Patrick Heath Public Library was added to the list this year.

# Community Gathering Spot—Patrick Heath Public

In June the Patrick Heath Public Library celebrated its 5th anniversary. This public resource is operated by a staff of 15, supplemented by a hardy corps of volunteers. During FY2016, 22,688 digital items were downloaded; 334 people were helped with technology; 4,194 items were catalogued and added to the collection; 44% of all items checked out were checked out at the auto check out stations. The mission — To be the heart and gathering place of the Hill Country community, where anyone of any age may embark on a lifelong journey of learning and find the information they need to spark imagination and encourage curiosity.



The summer reading program continues to grow with varied activities each year for all ages. The library hosted extraordinary exhibits, community education events, cultural performances, book clubs, and physical and mental fitness classes. Teen programming was very popular with 1,200 teens participating in 167 programs.



# Awards and Recognitions



Police Chief James Kohler accepts a renewed accreditation certificated for being one of the best public safety teams in Texas.



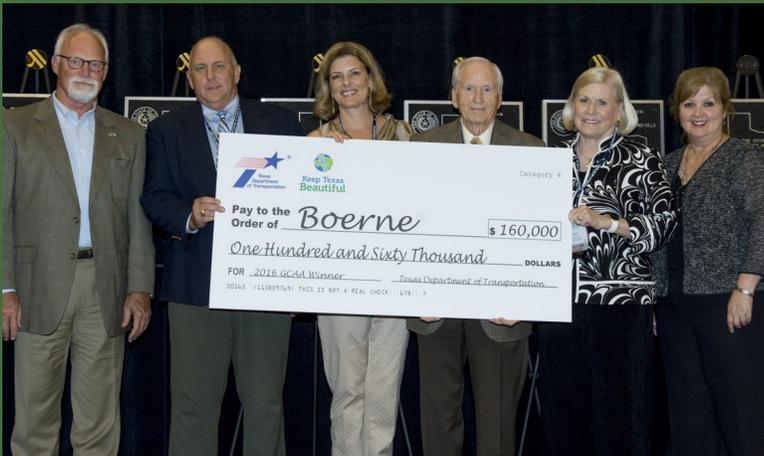
The Boerne Utilities Electric team received a Safety Award of Excellence from the American Public Power Association.



Parks and Recreation Department Director Danny Zincke received a Stewardship Award from the Friends of the Cilolo Nature Center.



Municipal Court Supervisor Claudia Lemon completed the Level III requirements as a Certified Municipal Court Clerk.—1 of 65 in Texas.

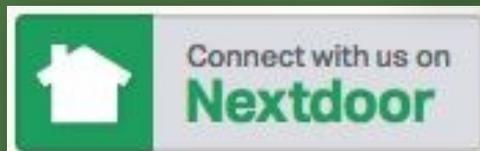
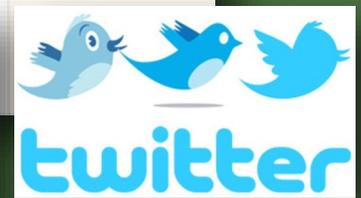


Keep Boerne Beautiful was a recipient of a Governor's Community Achievement Award of \$160,000 to be used for beautification projects in Boerne public spaces.



# Community Engagement

Not only does Boerne use its own award-winning website and mobile app to provide information to the community, various city departments also use a variety of social media platforms to engage with citizens, share information and educate about important city issues and events.



## Boerne Utilities—A full services provider

**B**oerne Utilities is a municipally owned utility providing electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater, reclaimed water, and solid waste collection services. A fourth source of water, non-potable treated water, is now available from the city's new wastewater treatment and recycling center. Approximately 5,000 homes on the east side of Boerne will have purple pipe providing this reclaimed water for all outdoor landscape irrigation. Boerne's water future is secure through 2070.



The new reclaimed water tank serving the Esperanza and Ranches of Creekside neighborhoods received its witch hat top.



A combination sewer clean out/excavator truck was put into service to replace 2 lower capacity trailer-mounted units. (Boerne Star photo)



The Water Department replaced a section of cast iron pipe under Blanco Road this past year.



Mayor Mike Schultz recognizes the city's Electric, Natural Gas, and Customer Service and billing teams during National Public Power, Natural Gas Safety, and Customer Service weeks held in October.



The Street Department also closes the city's low-water crossings as needed to protect motorists and pedestrians.

| Boerne Utilities Customer Growth |       |       |            |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|
|                                  | 2015  | 2016  | % increase |
| Electric                         | 5,202 | 5,301 | 1.95%      |
| Gas                              | 1,725 | 1,867 | 8.25%      |
| Water                            | 5,390 | 5,638 | 4.61%      |
| Reclaimed Water                  |       | 88    | n/a        |
| Wastewater                       | 5,056 | 5,302 | 4.88%      |
| Garbage & Recycling              | 3,953 | 4,137 | 4.67%      |



The Street Department completes a list of street repairs and resurfacing projects each year.

# *City of Boerne Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016*

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