

# SPOTLIGHT

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## Duncanville

### West Nile

DUNCANVILLE HEALTH DEPARTMENT URGES CITIZENS TO HELP PREVENT MOSQUITO BREEDING TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Duncanville residents must be on the lookout for more than West Nile virus this upcoming mosquito season that begins in May. With Zika virus in the forefront and both Chikungunya and Dengue still looming in the tropics, the Duncanville Health Department is urging citizens to take precautions to protect themselves from mosquitoes.

“The most important thing I can tell Duncanville residents is to prevent mosquitoes from breeding,” said Michael Plemons, Duncanville Health Inspector. “If we can drain standing water and larvicide in areas where complete draining is not possible, we may be able to ward off a potential threat before it happens.”

Duncanville residents can get one free package of mosquito larvicide dunks, while supplies last, by visiting the City Hall

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### Spring 2016

### Parks and Recreation

Great things continue to happen in Duncanville Parks and Recreation! The new playground at Harrington Park has opened to great citizen fanfare. The playground includes a covered play structure for 2-5 year-olds, two larger play structures for 5-12 year-olds, swings, and a modern merry-go-round. The playground is highlighted by rock-climbing challenges as well as opportunities to find numerous small animals imbedded in the rocks. Harrington Park is located at 1815 S. Cockrell Hill Road. Two additional playgrounds will be installed in the next few months at Willow Run and Lakeside parks. Bring the family out to enjoy the many benefits our parks have to offer!



### July 4th Fireworks are back!

This great Duncanville tradition returns to Armstrong Park on Monday, July 4th, with the annual Lion’s Club Parade starting at 9:00 am, and evening activities starting at 6:00 pm. There will be live music, bounce houses, vendors and much more family fun. This will be a free event, but entrance to the park will require a wristband. Stop by City Hall or the Recreation Center to get yours today! For more information, please visit our website at [www.duncanville.com](http://www.duncanville.com).

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Parking On Grass And Driving Over Curbs Not Permitted

While it may sometimes seem convenient to park your car in your yard, or across a sidewalk, doing so actually poses some serious safety concerns, and is against the law.

In accordance with a 2001 ordinance, it is unlawful to drive or park a vehicle on an unimproved surface in the front yard or side yard of a residential property. It is legal to park in your back yard, but if you have a corner lot, your vehicle has to be hidden from view by a six-foot solid screening fence.

In neighborhoods without curbs or gutters, vehicles may be parked parallel to the street, facing with the flow of traffic, except in areas designated as no-parking zones. But where there are raised curbs, vehicles must remain on the street or in a driveway. It is illegal to drive over a raised curb.

Lastly, it is unlawful to park a vehicle on a public sidewalk, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control device. Please do your part to keep our streets and sidewalks safe!

If you have any questions or concerns, or simply want to learn more about our parking ordinances, you can visit us online at [www.duncanville.com](http://www.duncanville.com), or call us at 972-780-5040.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Your local government and public access TV channels will be changing soon!

Starting May 31, Charter Communications will be discontinuing all analog channels, leaving only 100% digital channels. As a result, many of your channel numbers will change. Here are how your local government and public access channels will be affected:

Channel Name	Current Channel	New Channel
Public Access	8	190
Local Origination	11	191
Government Access	26	192
Educational Access	27	193

Additionally, in order to continue your TV service, your television will need to be equipped with Charter Digital equipment, such as a set-top box or CableCard. If you don't currently have this equipment, Charter will provide it to you at no cost for a specified period of time, depending on your current level of service.

For further information or assistance regarding this change, please contact Charter Communications at 1-888-GET CHARTER (1-888-438-2427).

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Building Inspection Department.

Larvacides are products used to kill immature mosquitoes before they become adults. Applied directly to stagnant water sources that hold mosquito eggs, larvae or pupae, larvacides can help reduce the overall mosquito burden by limiting the number of mosquitoes produced.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, individuals should take the following measures to prevent mosquito breeding:

- At least weekly, empty or get rid of cans, buckets, old tires, pots, plant saucers and other containers that hold water.
- Keep gutters clear of debris and standing water.
- Remove standing water around structures and from flat roofs.
- Change water in pet dishes daily.
- Rinse and scrub vases and other indoor water containers weekly.
- Change water in wading pools and birdbaths several times a week.
- Maintain pools or hot tubs clean and clear with the bottom drain clearly visible, the pump running at least eight hours per day, and free available chlorine level at least 1 ppm.
- Cover trash containers.
- Water lawns and gardens carefully so water does not stand for several days.
- Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns.
- Treat front and back door areas of homes with residual insecticides if mosquitoes are abundant nearby.
- If mosquito problems persist, consider pesticide applications for vegetation around the home.

As a reminder as the weather gets warmer, mosquito season will be upon us before you know it!

Be sure to protect yourself, your family, and your pets from West Nile Virus by remembering the four D's:

**DEET:** Use insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

**DRAIN:** Remove all areas of standing water. Change water in wading pools, pet dishes, and birdbaths several times per week.

**DRESS:** Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing that fully covers your arms and legs.

**DUSK & DAWN:** Stay indoors during dusk and dawn hours, when mosquitoes are most active.

## CITY CALENDAR

### June

- 7: City Council Regular Meeting
- 16: Library/Carter Blood Drive
- 18: Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration
- 18: DuncanSwitch
- 21: City Council Regular Meeting
- 25: Summer Concert Series

### July

- 4: 4th of July Parade and Fireworks
- 5: City Council Regular Meeting
- 16: DuncanSwitch
- 16: Summer Concert Series
- 19: City Council Regular Meeting

### August

- 2: City Council Regular Meeting
- 6: Back to School Bash
- 16: City Council Regular Meeting
- 19: Movie in the Park / Kids Night Out
- 20: Summer Concert Series
- 20: DuncanSwitch

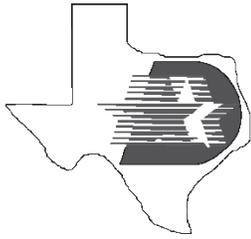
Visit [www.duncanville.com](http://www.duncanville.com) for event details!



Text-to-911 is now available in Duncanville. Text-to-911 is the ability to send a text message to 911 in the event that you are unable to call.

This service comes after the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) implemented a rule that called for all wireless carriers to make sure their service had the ability to send emergency text messages. If service is not available in a specific area/city, the FCC requires carriers to provide a bounce-back message that alerts the sender that text-to-911 is not available in that area.

We encourage voice calls to 911, but we understand that there are situations in which a text message is most appropriate. For more information, contact Officer Doug Sisk with the Duncanville Police Department at (972) 780-5027 or [dsisk@duncanvillepd.com](mailto:dsisk@duncanvillepd.com).



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## Council Seeks Citizens to Serve on City Boards & Commissions

The Duncanville City Council is currently accepting applications from citizens interested in volunteering their service on one of the City's boards or commissions. To be eligible to serve, one must be a resident of the City of Duncanville, and not be in arrears on City of Duncanville ad valorem taxes or fines or fees.

Applications are being accepted for the following Boards and Commissions: City Planning & Zoning Commission; Zoning Board of Adjustment; Park & Recreation Advisory Board; Library Advisory Board; Sign Control Board; Duncanville Community & Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC); Keep Duncanville Beautiful Board; Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission; Duncanville Social Engagement Partnership; and the Regional Animal Shelter Board.

Applications will be accepted from June 1, 2016 through July 15, 2016. Following the application deadline, each applicant will be contacted to schedule a brief interview with the City Council. Appointments to the Boards and Commissions are then made in August by the City Council.

Anyone interested in serving is encouraged to forward a completed application no later than July 15, 2016 to Mary Jones, City Secretary, P.O. Box 380280, Duncanville, Texas, 75138-0280; or to [mjones@ci.duncanville.tx.us](mailto:mjones@ci.duncanville.tx.us); or in person at City Hall, 203 E. Wheatland Road. An application may be obtained at City Hall or by visiting the City's web page at [www.ci.duncanville.tx.us](http://www.ci.duncanville.tx.us). For more information, please call 972-780-5017.

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