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City Celebrates Arbor Day with Free Tree Giveaway

Arbor Day is celebrated in Texas on the first Friday in November. In celebration of 14 years as a Tree City USA community, the City will be giving away free yearling trees at the Recreation Center parking lot on

November 4, 2016 on a first come, first serve basis beginning at 8am. Limit is 2 per person.

Fall and winter are ideal tree-planting times as it gives roots a chance to settle in during the cooler months. Trees get a jump on the next growing season and are better equipped for the summer's heat. This involves smart planting, plant trees you know you can water and maintain. This is an opportunity to plant drought-tolerant natives in your lawn or garden. Just remember, these future water-savers need some moisture while they establish. It's especially important to keep an eye on them the first two years.

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Fun Activities for the Family

October is full of excitement in the City of Champions with National Night Out taking place on October 4th. This year, the citywide event will be held at the Duncanville Recreation Center from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. It is a great opportunity to mingle with neighbors and learn tips on how to make your community a safer place. Duncanville Police and other City staff will be providing valuable resources and fun giveaways. This event is free and open to the public. Read more about National Night Out on page 11.

Boo Bash is coming back this year with fun for the entire family including a hayride and plenty of candy treats from local businesses.



BooBash takes place on October 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Duncanville Recreation Center. Tickets are now on sale! Visit www.duncanville.com for details!

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The Perfect Blend of Family, Community & Business

City of Duncanville Calendar

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| October 10 | Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ City Council Briefing Room |
| October 11 | Duncanville Sports Legacy Commission: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ City Hall Conference Room 2 |
| October 11 | Social Engagement Partnership Regular Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ City Hall Conference Room B |
| October 12 | Virtual Reality Innovation Commission Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. @ City Hall Conference Room B |
| October 13 | Duncanville Community Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) Regular Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ the City Council Briefing Room |
| October 13 | Duncanville Senior Advocacy Commission Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ D.L. Hopkins Senior Center Northside Room |
| October 14 | Keep Duncanville Beautiful Board Meeting: 8:30 a.m. @ City Council Briefing Room |
| October 18 | City Council Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Work Session/Briefing @ City Council Briefing Room: 7:00 p.m. Regular Session @ City Hall Council Chambers |
| October 20 | Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ City Council Briefing Room |
| October 26 | Neighborhood Vitality Commission Meeting: 7:00 p.m. @ City Hall Briefing Room |

Visit www.duncanville.com for updates to this calendar.



Before a Flood: What would you do if your property were flooded? Are you prepared?

Even if you feel you live in a community with a low risk of flooding, remember that anywhere it rains, it can flood. Just because you haven't experienced a flood in the past, doesn't mean you won't in the future. Flood risk isn't just based on history; it's also based on a number of factors including rainfall, topography, flood-control measures, river-flow and tidal-surge data, and changes due to new construction and development.

Flood-hazard maps have been created to show the flood risk for your community, which helps determine the type of *flood insurance coverage you will need* since standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding. The lower the degree of risk, the lower the flood insurance premium.

In addition to having flood insurance, knowing following flood hazard terms will help you recognize and prepare for a flood.

To prepare for a flood, you should:

- *Build an emergency kit* and make a family communications plan.
- Avoid building in a floodplain unless you elevate and reinforce your home.
- Elevate the furnace, water heater and electric panel in your home if you live in an area that has a high flood risk.
- Consider installing "check valves" to prevent floodwater from backing up into the drains of your home.
- If feasible, construct barriers to stop floodwater from entering the building and seal walls in basements with waterproofing compounds.



As a resident of Duncanville, you are eligible to purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program, since we are a National Floodplain Program partner. Additionally, the City of Duncanville participates in the Community Rating System (CRS), so you can qualify for an insurance premium discount of up to 45% if you live in a high-risk area and up to 10% in moderate- to low-risk area. For more information regarding floodplain areas in Duncanville, or to find out whether your property is in a floodplain, please contact the city Floodplain Administrator, Jon Bunner, at 972-780-5008.



Working Together to Improve Property Values

The Duncanville community came together to continue improving local residential properties through the City’s Property Improvement Project program. Lead by the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Duncanville, in partnership with City’s Neighborhood Vitality Commission, local volunteers performed cosmetic upgrades to bring a local residence back to community standards.

CITY OF DUNCANVILLE CELEBRATES THE 2016

...A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN:

PIP DAYS

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS!

“The team effort seen here reflects the sense of community Duncanville is known for. We couldn’t have accomplished this project without the help of local volunteers and contributions from local organizations. Their dedication and love for the City is what sets us apart and makes the City of Duncanville the best place to live,” said Mayor David Green.

The project marks the second renovation coordinated by the FUMC in Duncanville and the Duncanville Neighborhood Vitality Commission. “It is absolutely rewarding to be able to assist residents in need through programs like these,” said Brenda O’Brien Duncanville Neighborhood Vitality Commission President. “We are fortunate to have local partners that step up to help beautify the city.” Funding for the project was provided by the FUMC Mission Group with donations by local businesses including Republic Services, Costco Wholesale, and Chicken Express.

The City plans to continue with the program with future residential projects. Persons interested in volunteering can contact the FUMC in Duncanville at 972-298-6121. Homeowners that wish to be considered for future renovations should contact the City of Duncanville Code Services at 972-780-5040. Residences are selected based on an evaluation conducted by the City that includes resident’s need, income, and scope of work among other criteria.

For more information about the Duncanville Project Improvement Project, contact the Assistant City Manager at 972-780-5004.

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But dare we grab the shovel, given our drought conditions? Yes, if you can water properly, experts say. This is not as daunting as it may sound. All agree that a few gallons a week will keep a newly planted tree's root ball moist. Although Duncanville homeowners are not currently under any stage of the water restrictions other communities are facing, a homeowner would find that even Stage 1 or 2 restrictions are more than adequate to keep one or two newly planted trees healthy and vigorous when watered correctly. According to the Texas Forest Service, a newly planted tree should be watered three times a week, depending on rain and drainage. With each watering, apply 5 gallons per inch of trunk diameter. For example, a tree with a 1-inch diameter trunk would get 5 gallons three times a week or 15 gallons a week. Weather and seasonal conditions should be considered as well in this equation.

Select trees that will adapt to the sunlight and soil conditions around your home. Consider the tree's mature height and width so you can plant a safe distance from your home and utility lines. A shade tree that matures to 25 or more feet should be planted at least 20 feet from your home and utility lines. A tree that matures to 20 or less feet should be spaced at least 10 feet from the house and at least 5 feet from lines.

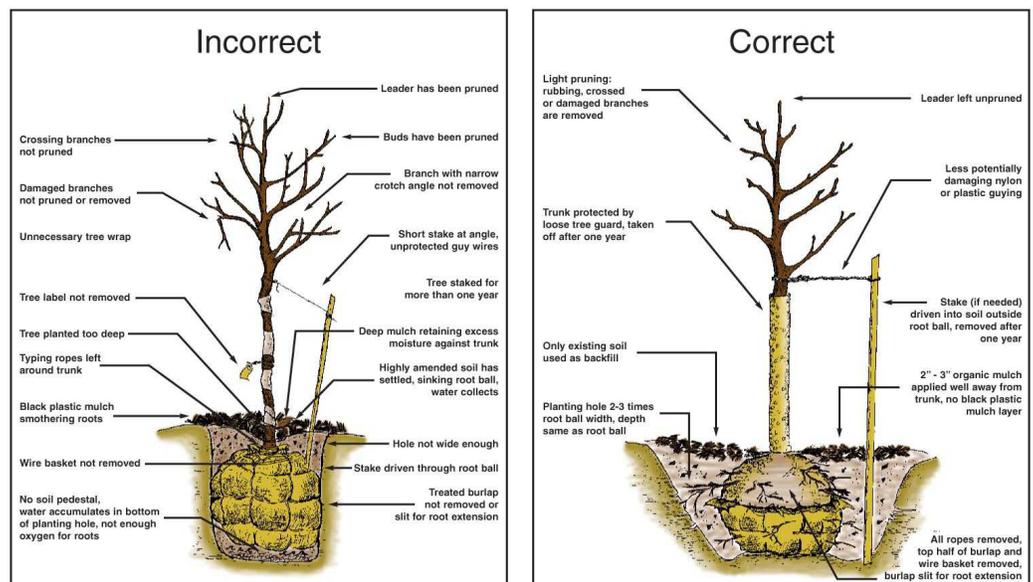
Following are some helpful tips to properly plant your new tree.

TREE PLANTING TIPS

1. Dig a hole two to three times wider than the root ball and slightly shallower. The tree should be planted at or slightly above the original soil level. This is especially important in heavy clay soils to aid drainage.
2. Cut any circling roots along the outer edge of the root ball with pruning shears.
3. Pick the tree up from the bottom, not by the trunk, and place it in the hole. Hold while backfilling around the root ball with original soil from the hole. Tamp the soil lightly to eliminate air pockets. Break apart large clods before backfilling.
4. Remove any grass or weeds within a 3-foot-diameter circle around the tree and create a watering saucer.
5. Cover this bare area with 3 inches of mulch. Don't pile mulch against the trunk.
6. Adequate water is essential at planting time. Place a hose at the base of the tree and allow water to slowly trickle until the soil is saturated.

Tree Planting

To ensure healthy trees, start with Right Tree/Right Location.
Once you select a tree suited for your site and its microclimate, be sure to plant the tree correctly!



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YOUR MONEY AT WORK:

Keeping Up with the City's Infrastructure

The Wastewater Department began its Annual Manhole Rehabilitation program again this fall. Aging sewer manholes throughout the city made from brick, concrete, fiberglass, or a combination of the three, need attention. Manholes suffer cracks, breaks or separations caused by age, ground shifting, and excessive weight from traffic, allowing groundwater to enter the sewer system. This equates to lost money and an inefficient system.

In 2004, the Wastewater Department started using information obtained from sanitary sewer surveys to attack leaking and failing manholes. A yearly program was implemented to identify failing structures so they could be rehabilitated by spray lining. These photos show manholes treated with spray lining.



The city currently budgets \$65,000 annually to rehabilitate these failing structures, equating to approximately 30 to 50 manholes each year. Spray lining is a cost-effective, non-intrusive way of saving our sewer infrastructure. The products used provide a long-lasting, leak-free barrier. Our goal is to provide money saving efforts in keeping our infrastructure up-to-date and maintained. The Wastewater Department also tries to keep up with changing technology to cause the least amount of service disruption and give the longest life possible out of our system.

Sales Tax Revenue

Sales Tax is paid on the sales of certain goods and services. It is an important indicator of the financial viability of our community. Sales tax is one of the top revenue sources for Duncanville's general City operations and makes up 24% of the current General Fund Revenue Budget. Duncanville shoppers pay a sales tax rate of 8.25%, which is \$.0825 for every taxable \$1.00 spent. Of the 8.25% total sales tax rate, 2.0% goes to the City and 6.25% goes to the State of Texas.

\$735,739 – Duncanville Sales Tax Revenue for the month of **September 2016**
This is a **16.5% increase** or **\$104,369** more than the same month last year
(**September 2015**)

Where does the total 8.25% sales tax go?

6.25% State of Texas

1.00% Duncanville General Fund

0.50% Duncanville General Fund for Property Tax Relief

0.50% Duncanville Community and Economic Development Corporation

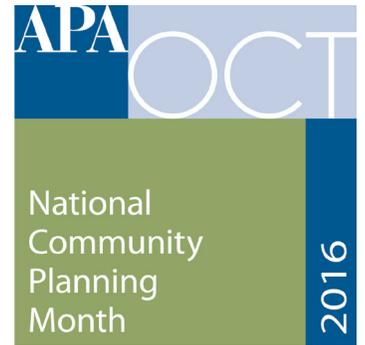
8.25% Total Sales Rate



October Is National Community Planning Month: Celebrate How Planning Benefits Duncanville

Planning plays a vital role in the day-to-day happenings of citizens in every community. How do they get to work or school? Where do they live? Where do they shop?

October has been designated as National Community Planning Month by the American Planning Association (APA) as a way to highlight the role of planners and planning in each community. This year's theme is "Civic Engagement," which acknowledges that thoughtful local planning cannot happen without meaningful community engagement.



[CIVIC ENGAGEMENT]

The month-long celebration is an opportunity to recognize how planning shapes Duncanville, and the work of planners and the planning profession in creating communities of lasting value.

Planning is the process of envisioning, mapping or otherwise conceiving how a community will look, grow, and define itself—its characteristics, attributes, and identity. As our communities continue to change and grow, planners play an important role in ensuring that new developments are designed and built in harmony with existing surroundings and the city's long-range vision. Planners must carefully balance the needs and desires of residents against the challenges presented by growth and change not just in the physical realm, but also economically and socially.

Planning also strives to give residents choices. From the type of home an individual lives in, such as a condominium, apartment, town home or single family, to how an individual gets around, whether taking mass transit, walking, bicycling or driving, planning helps ensure communities address the needs of everyone.

In October 2015, the City of Duncanville hired its first City Planner, Chasidy E. Allen, AICP. The Planning and Zoning Division of the Public Works Department manages the City's long range plans and develops ordinances and policies that implement these plans, and manages land development applications. The mission is to shape the physical development of the City. Chasidy works closely with the development community to ensure careful and thoughtful compliance with applicable policies and ordinances. In doing so, the Planning and Zoning Division helps to establish safe and attractive residential neighborhoods and commercial areas. The major planning initiative currently underway is development of the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will create a vision for the city over the next 20 to 30 years in order to provide a framework for strategic and policy related decisions that are necessary to achieve that vision.



Chasidy Allen
City Planner



The City of Duncanville is embarking upon the development of a Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan is a tool used to plan for future growth of a community. Comprehensive plans serve as guides to address a variety of topics, typically including land use, housing, infrastructure, transportation, and economic development.

A critical part of plan development will be the involvement of property owners, residents, business owners, and other stakeholders in the community. The City needs your input! Visit www.destinationduncanville.com to take a survey.

Dispose of Yard Waste Properly

Do you know what to do with this yard waste?

Sweep up yard debris from streets and sidewalks instead of washing it away. When leaves and grass clippings are left to collect in storm drains or piled on stream banks, yard waste can clog the storm sewer system and harm the environment.

Yard waste that is swept or blown into a nearby storm drain can clog the storm drain and keep water from draining properly. This can cause flooding.



As grass clippings and other organic material decompose, the chemical reaction uses available oxygen to produce carbon dioxide. As they decompose, grass clippings and other organic materials, when introduced to creeks and lakes, remove oxygen from the water, which suffocates fish and other aquatic animals.

Fertilizer and pesticides can be transported in storm water runoff to nearby creeks and lakes, further contaminating the water and harming fish and vegetation.

By ordinance, the City of Duncanville prohibits any person from throwing, sweeping or depositing grass clippings or other debris in the gutter, sidewalk, drain, street or alley. When taking care of your yard:

- Use grass clippings or fallen leaves as mulch or shred them and use them to fertilize your lawn and protect landscape plants from extreme weather. Mulching mowers and blades make this easy.
- Blow leaves and grass clippings back into your yard instead of leaving them in the street to wash down the storm drain.
- Never dump grass clippings and other yard waste into storm drains or on creek banks.

If you use a professional yard care service, it is still your responsibility as a property owner or tenant, to make sure that your landscaper does not contribute to the storm water pollution problem. Here are some things to consider when using a yard care professional:

- Ask them to grasscycle (leave clippings on the lawn).
- Make sure they sweep up stray clippings and dispose of them properly instead of leaving them in the street.
- Know which pesticides and fertilizers are being used, that they are only used when necessary and that they are not applied on a set schedule
- Check to make sure staff are properly trained and licensed to apply pesticides.

Should you have any questions regarding disposal of your yard waste, please contact Kelly McChesney, Streets Superintendent, at 974-780-4935.



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Emergency Preparedness

An emergency is an unexpected or unplanned event that may cause death or injury. Emergencies can disrupt and shut down working operations and cause physical damage to individuals, property, and the environment.



Emergencies most often occur as a result of fires, explosions, chemical spills and/or toxic gas releases. They can also occur as a result of natural disasters such as floods and tornadoes, or human-caused disasters such as vandalism, riots, and terrorist activities.

The ability to respond to all types of emergencies should be an important objective of every municipality. Municipalities should develop plans to prepare for emergencies. They should take the necessary steps to protect its staff and citizens from injuries by implementing procedures and train employees in safe practices. Not knowing what to do in an emergency can often be worse than the emergency itself. To increase individual awareness of the appropriate action needed, the City has developed Emergency Action Plans to protect employees and educate citizens on the importance of being prepared for all emergencies. As a city, we continually evaluate our preparedness to establish procedures to respond to an emergency. We train monthly to evaluate the City's ability to respond to different types of emergency events. One of the most important steps is to be aware of your family's vulnerability to emergency situations and plan to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours.



National Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Common Breast Cancer Myths

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Duncanville Fire Department takes this opportunity to educate its citizens on breast cancer facts vs. myths.

The Breast Cancer Myth: *Finding a lump in your breast means you have breast cancer.*

The Truth: Only a small percentage of breast lumps turn out to be cancer. But if you discover a persistent lump in your breast or notice any changes in breast tissue, it should never be ignored. It is very important that you see a physician for a clinical breast exam. He or she may possibly order breast imaging studies to determine if this lump is of concern or not.

Take charge of your health by performing routine breast self-exams, establishing ongoing communication with your doctor, getting an annual clinical breast exam, and scheduling your routine screening mammograms.

The Breast Cancer Myth: *Men do not get breast cancer; it affects women only.*

The Truth: Quite the contrary, each year it is estimated that approximately 2,190 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 410 will die. While this percentage is still small, men should also check themselves periodically by doing a breast self-exam while in the shower and reporting any changes to their physicians.



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Breast cancer in men is usually detected as a hard lump underneath the nipple and areola. Men carry a higher mortality than women do, primarily because awareness among men is less and they are less likely to assume a lump is breast cancer, which can cause a delay in seeking treatment.

The Breast Cancer Myth: *A mammogram can cause breast cancer to spread.*

The Truth: A mammogram, or x-ray of the breast, currently remains the gold standard for the early detection of breast cancer. Breast compression while getting a mammogram cannot cause cancer to spread. According to the National Cancer Institute, “The benefits of mammography, however, nearly always outweigh the potential harm from the radiation exposure. Mammograms require very small doses of radiation. The risk of harm from this radiation exposure is extremely low.”

The standard recommendation is an annual mammographic screening for women beginning at age 40. Base your decision on your physician’s recommendation and be sure to discuss any remaining questions or concerns you may have with your physician.

The Breast Cancer Myth: *If you have a family history of breast cancer, you are likely to develop breast cancer, too.*

The Truth: While women who have a family history of breast cancer are in a higher risk group, most women who have breast cancer have no family history. Statistically only about 10% of individuals diagnosed with breast cancer have a family history of this disease.

- If you have a first degree relative with breast cancer: If you have a mother, daughter, or sister who developed breast cancer below the age of 50, you should consider some form of regular diagnostic breast imaging starting 10 years before the age of your relative’s diagnosis.
- If you have a second degree relative with breast cancer: If you have had a grandmother or aunt who was diagnosed with breast cancer, your risk increases slightly, but it is not in the same risk category as those who have a first degree relative with breast cancer.
- If you have multiple generations diagnosed with breast cancer on the same side of the family, or if there are several individuals who are first degree relatives to one another, or several family members diagnosed under age 50, the probability increases that there is a breast cancer gene contributing to the cause of this familial history.

The Breast Cancer Myth: *Breast cancer is contagious.*

The Truth: You cannot catch breast cancer or transfer it to someone else’s body. Breast cancer is the result of uncontrolled cell growth of mutated cells that begin to spread into other tissues within the breast. However, you can reduce your risk by practicing a healthy lifestyle, being aware of the risk factors, and following an early detection plan so that you will be diagnosed early if breast cancer were to occur.

The Breast Cancer Myth: *Antiperspirants and deodorants cause breast cancer.*

The Truth: Researchers at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) are not aware of any conclusive evidence linking the use of underarm antiperspirants or deodorants and the subsequent development of breast cancer.

Source: <http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-myths>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 9-15, 2016

This year's Fire Prevention Week is designed to get Americans thinking about the age of their smoke alarms. Smoke alarms do age and become less effective over time. Your family, home and possessions deserve the best protection available and when that protection becomes obsolete or even aged to the point where it is offering little or no warning, it is time to replace it. The industry standard is a life expectancy of 10 years on smoke alarms.



Smoke alarms generally have a date of manufacture displayed by a small sticker attached to the underside of the base. If you cannot locate a date or cannot remember when the smoke alarm was installed, it is probably time to replace it. It is important to note the date of manufacture as the beginning of the 10 year period instead of the date of installation. The material used inside the alarm to detect smoke begins to break down and becomes less efficient over time. Changing the battery at least twice a year is extremely important. Keep in mind that fresh batteries do not increase the life span of the smoke alarm.

Today, a decent battery-powered, combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarm sells for around \$25.00. Over a span of ten years the daily cost of a \$25.00 smoke alarm is 0.006 cents a day (plus the cost of batteries)! Where else can you buy peace of mind for your family for literally fractions of pennies? Smoke alarms continue to be one of the best, low-cost investments for protection of your entire house.

Another reason to replace old smoke alarms is due to the changes in technology. Alarm manufacturers are constantly upgrading their products. Some smoke alarms include lights, voice messages and overall better detection of smoke. Many smoke alarms are now sold with a 10 year battery as well, how easy is that? What a great way to remember when the alarm is due to be replaced.

For more information visit the NFPA website below:

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week>

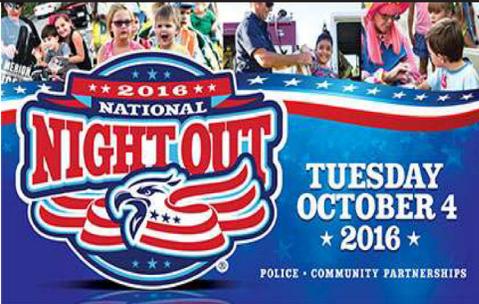
Check your smoke alarms when you change your clock! *Daylight Saving Time ends November 6, 2016: turn clocks backward 1 hour.*

Most fatal fires occur at night. Every home needs working smoke alarms to provide an early warning. Install smoke alarms in all sleeping rooms, hallways that lead to sleeping areas, basements and each additional level of your home.

Smoke alarms should be mounted on the ceiling 4" from the wall; wall mounts should be 4-12" from the ceiling. Do not install near draft areas (windows, vents).



POLICE BEATS



Duncanville Police Department

will be hosting a city wide

National Night Out Event
October 4th, 2016 from 4pm to 8pm

at the

Duncanville Recreation Center
201 James Collins Blvd Duncanville

For more information please contact Officer Doug Sisk
at (972) 780-5027 or dsisk@duncanvillepd.com

National Night Out is just around the corner. We are planning a single citywide event to be held on October 4th, 2016 from 4pm to 8pm at the Duncanville Recreation Center, located at 201 James Collins Blvd.

There is not a more important program that you can get involved in, when it comes to your own neighborhood. Some may know it as Neighborhood Watch, Town Watch, or Crime Watch. No matter what you know it as, this is the program for you. Crime prevention in a neighborhood, business district, or park is a community responsibility. Crime is a community problem and it takes the community becoming partners with the police to fight crime.

The Neighborhood Crime Watch program can also be a springboard for many other efforts to address the causes of crime, reduce crime, and target hardening. Target Hardening is making yourself, your home, your car, your business, and the community a harder target for the criminal. If we make things harder targets, it will drive criminals out of the area. Criminals are lazy and if something is harder for them to take or steal, then they will go somewhere else.

National Night Out has a number of purposes:

1. It heightens crime awareness and crime prevention measures
2. Deters criminal activity
3. Creates a greater sense of security and reduces fear of crime
4. Generates support for and participation in local anti-crime programs
5. Strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
6. Builds bonds with neighbors; people look out for one another; it stimulates neighborhood awareness
7. Sends a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back by calling the police on suspicious activity
8. Instructs residents on how to observe and report suspicious activities in your community
9. Addresses quality of life issues and mutual interests in your community

The Duncanville Police Department would like to heighten crime awareness, drug prevention awareness, and generate support and participation in anti-crime programs like Neighborhood Crime Watch. Crime Watch Programs, Citizens Police Academies, and Citizens on Patrol will give people information about being aware of their surroundings.

CRIME PREVENTION BEGINS WITH YOU!!!! Take a Stand, Get Involved

If your neighborhood would like to reserve an area at the Duncanville Recreation Center to get together as a neighborhood at this event, contact Officer Sisk by September 26th. It is a great opportunity to mingle with neighbors. Potlucks are welcomed!

Call the Duncanville Police Department for more information:
Officer Doug Sisk (972) 780-5027 or dsisk@duncanvillepd.com

POLICE BEATS

Introduction of the Duncanville SWAT Team

By Sergeant Matthew Stogner

The Duncanville Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team began its official existence in 1987 by highly dedicated and professional officers. At that time, the city did not have a specific budget for equipment, so the officers took it upon themselves to purchase necessary items for their safety and to safely negotiate critical incidents. In December of 1993, the Duncanville SWAT team was recognized by U.S. Senator Phil Graham for their diligent work on the war on drugs.



The primary mission of the Duncanville Police SWAT team is to professionally resolve life threatening critical incidents, while striving to minimize any negative impact on Duncanville's residents and visitors. In addition, SWAT is to provide tactical, administrative, and training support to all members of the Department.

Today, the Duncanville SWAT team is comprised of fourteen members consisting of a team commander, primary team leader, assistant team leader, medics, snipers, and entry operators. These highly trained and motivated officers are on call 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Along with being a member on the SWAT team, the officer also works their regular assignment whether it is patrol or CID. The officer must be in excellent physical condition and must pass the SWAT physical assessment test annually to maintain membership on the team. The officer must also demonstrate a high proficiency with departmental issued firearms and must pass the bi-annual SWAT firearms qualification to maintain membership.

When a vacancy occurs on the SWAT team, the applicants submit a letter of interest to the team commander. The applicant must have at least 12 months police experience either with Duncanville PD or other commensurate police experience. The applicant must pass the SWAT firearms qualification and the SWAT physical assessment test. If the officer passes both then he or she must appear in an open forum with the team for his or her interview. The officer will answer questions regarding their police experience, performance evaluations, sick leave record, disciplinary record, goals and objectives, and special skills. If the officer passes all phases of the selection process then he or she is recommended to the Assistant Chief of Police for SWAT assignment. The officer is then sent to a 60 hour basic SWAT school where he or she is trained on safety, team organization, breaching, high risk warrants, covert clearing of a structure, vehicle assaults, arrest procedures, and medical. Upon graduation of the basic SWAT school, the officer is then placed on call along with the existing team for critical incidents.

The intent of the SWAT team is to provide a rapid, deliberate response to critical incidents including; Hostage Situations, Barricade Situations, Sniper Situations, High-Risk Apprehensions, High-Risk Warrant Service, Dignitary Protection, and any assignments approved by the Assistant Chief of Police that are of a high risk level. The SWAT team conducts 24 hours of training a month. The team trains on a wide variety of topics throughout the year. In 2015 the team conducted 1,671.25 hours of training. 64% of this training was spent solely on live fire training at the range. The team also receives training from former military special operations soldiers that have real world experience dealing with critical situations.

Fall Programs

September 12 - December 3, 2016

All programs are free!



Preschool Story Time

Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.
Ages 3-6 years and a caregiver
Stories, songs, flannel stories, puppets, music



Nursery Rhyme Time

Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.
Ages 0-3 years and a caregiver
Stories, songs, fingerplays, nursery rhymes



Tiempo de Historias en Español

Tiempo de Historias en Español

Jueves a las 5:30 p.m.
Todas las edades



Homeschool Board Game Day

Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
A variety of board games for all ages to play

Tail Waggin' Tutors - Therapy Dogs International

Saturdays— September 24, October 22, November 19, December 17
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Children practice their reading skills in a relaxed, dog-friendly atmosphere



LEGO® Maniacs

Tuesdays— September 13, October 11, November 8
7:00 p.m.
Build LEGO® creations at the library



What's Happening

October 2016

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10/28/2016 Boo Bash

November 2016

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11/21/16 Thanksgiving Break
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December 2016

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12/02/2016 LEGO Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting
12/10/2016 Cookies with Santa
12/19/2016 Winter Break Camp

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DUNCANVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION & THE DUNCANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOO BASH SCARY TALES EDITION

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 28, 2016 | 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
201 JAMES COLLINS BLVD. DUNCANVILLE, TX 75116

Come enjoy food, Games, Hayrides, a Fun House and
MUCH MORE!

TICKET PRICES: \$10 CHILD (3 & UP) - \$5 ADULT (OVER 18)

7:30AM - 6:00PM NOVEMBER 21TH - 25TH

THANKSGIVING Camp

GAMES
CRAFTS
& MORE!

AGES 6 - 13 YEARS
\$100 RESIDENT COST
\$110 NON-RESIDENT
\$10 DISCOUNT ON 2ND CHILD
FOR MORE INFO CALL: 972.780.5070

LUNCH & SNACK PROVIDED!

ESSENCE DANCE STUDIOS WANTS YOU

Classes Start September 6th

@ Duncanville Fieldhouse 1700 South Main Street Duncanville, TX 75137

Visit our website for more information
Register now @ www.essencedancecompany.com

Multiple Levels

Beginner
Intermediate
Advanced



Starting at age 3

Elementary
Teens
Adults



Total Body Fitness w/ Shulanda New Schedule

Monday- Hip Hop Cardio 7 PM
Tuesday- Hip Hop Cardio 7 PM
Thursday- Hip Hop Toning 7 PM (weights)
Saturday- Hip Hop Cardio 9 AM

\$7 Drop In Fee
\$40 Monthly Fee

Duncanville Fieldhouse
1700 S. Main
Duncanville

www.facebook.com/BizzyGrowinFitt
bizzygrowinfitt.wix.com/shulandawebsite
469-226-0079

DUNCANVILLE'S
LEGO CHRISTMAS
2016

December 2

You got the theme, now build your team -
CREATE the float of your Christmas
Dreams!

Everything is **AWESOME** this
Christmas!



**BUILDERS
WANTED!**



Register to enter your Christmas Float
TODAY!

For more information call **Duncanville Parks &
Recreation** at (972) 780-5074 or visit
www.duncanville.com/parks-recreation

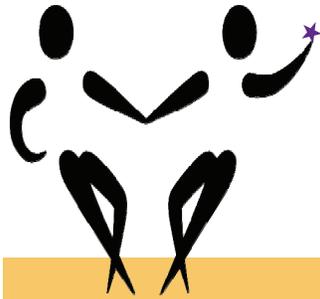


Wednesdays 10/5 & 10/19

Time: 10:00 am - 12 noon

Dancing by Day With the Noise Maker DJ

Joe Deleon



Come Party With Us!

D.L. Hopkins Jr. Senior

206 James Collins Blvd
Duncanville, TX 75116

CALL 972 780-5073 For Information



There is something new happening at the Hopkins Senior Center - It's "Dancing by Day" with DJ Joe Deleon the "Noise Maker"! You will have a great time listening to a variety of music to dance, be happy, and have fun!

- Tejano •Country •R & B
- Line Dancing

So You Think You Can Play?
Please Join Us For Our
Annual Dominos Tournament!



Wednesday, October 20th 9:30 a.m.

D. L. Hopkins Center Where Silver Is Golden!

206 James Collins Blvd. Duncanville, 75116

For Further Information Call 972-780-5073

FREE RAFFLES!
ZUMBA WEAR STORE!

FREE

PINK OUT FITNESS CLASS!

CELEBRATING LETTY'S 7TH YEAR AT DUNCANVILLE REC!

IT'S A PINK THANG!

Supporting Breast Cancer Awareness!
Please WEAR PINK!

FRIDAY 10/7/16

7-8:30pm

Duncanville Recreation Center (Gym)
201 James Collins Blvd
Duncanville, TX 75116

GUEST INSTRUCTORS:
Sheila Davidson Adams
Lupita Lopez
Tamika Handy
Della Gavnar
Didi Lopez

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FITNESS
214-758-0008
www.aypappifitness.com



D.L. Hopkins Senior Center
206 James Collins Blvd. Duncanville, Tx. 75116



State Fair of Texas

Oct. 6th at 9:30 am.

Or

Oct. 13th at 7:30 pm.

Ticket: \$12.00

\$2.00 trip cost



Farmer's Market

Oct. 11th at 9:00 am.

\$2.00 trip cost



Catfish Plantation

Oct. 19th at 4:30 pm.

\$2.00 trip cost + cost of meal



ROMA'S

Oct. 25th at 4:30 pm.

No trip cost

Cost of meal only

Membership Required: Please Call 972)780-5073 For Further information

City Information Index

Duncanville City Offices

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| City Manager | 972-780-5003 |
| City Secretary | 972-780-5017 |
| Public Information | 972-780-5043 |
| Personnel | 972-780-5095 |
| After Hours Calls | 972-780-4959 |

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

| | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Secretary | 972-780-5090 |
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Chief of Police | 972-780-5038 |
| Community Relations | 972-780-5027 |
| Criminal Investigations | 972-780-5037 |
| Animal Control | 972-223-6111 |
| Police Records | 972-780-5024 |
| Non-Emergency | 972-223-6111 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Fire Chief | 972-780-4920 |
| Assistant Fire Chief | 972-780-4921 |

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Director | 972-780-5005 |
| Municipal Court | 972-780-5055 |
| Water Billing | 972-780-5010 |

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| Director | 972-780-5076 |
| Community Center | 972-780-5070 |
| Senior Center | 972-780-5073 |

LIBRARY

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Director | 972-780-5053 |
| Library | 972-780-5050 |
| Adult Services | 972-780-5052 |
| Youth Services | 972-780-5044 |

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Director | 972-780-5015 |
| Building Inspections | 972-780-5040 |
| Garage Sale Permits | 972-780-5040 |
| Health Officer | 972-780-4963 |
| Code Enforcement | 972-780-5040 |
| Trash/Solid Waste Services | 972-780-4946 |
| Water/Waste Water | 972-780-4900 |
| City Engineer | 972-780-5015 |
| PC/CAD Technician | 972-780-5064 |
| Streets | 972-780-4900 |

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

| | |
|------------|---|
| Internet | www.duncanville.com |
| Television | Charter Comm. Cable Channel 26 AT&T U-verse Channel 99 |

SPECIAL INTEREST NUMBERS

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>License Plate Renewal</i> | |
| Dallas County Govt. Center | 214-653-7811 |
| <i>Driver's License Renewal</i> | |
| Department of Public Safety | 469-272-9301 |
| <i>Community Assistance</i> | |
| Duncanville Outreach | 972-296-4986 |
| <i>Chamber of Commerce</i> | |
| Chamber Offices | 972-780-4990 |
| <i>Duncanville ISD</i> | |
| Administration | 972-708-2000 |

CITY COUNCIL

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mayor - David L. Green | 972-780-0348 |
| At-Large - Patrick Harvey | 972-296-5031 |
| District 1 - Dennis L. Schwartz | 469-567-0780 |
| District 2 - Steven Rutherford | 972-296-2669 |
| District 3 - Leslie Thomas | 214-773-2682 |
| District 4 - Ronal L. Dotson, MD | 972-298-2120 |
| District 5 - Johnette Jameson | 972-780-8887 |

HELPFUL NUMBERS

CITY OF DUNCANVILLE

EMERGENCY

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Fire, Police, Ambulance | 911 |
| Water | 972.780.5010 |
| After Hrs Water Emerg | 972.780.4959 |
| FBI | 972.559.5000 |
| Poison Control | 1.800.222.1222 |
| Suicide Crisis Center | 214.828.1000 |
| Domestic Violence Hotline | 1.800.799.7233 |

NEWCOMER INFORMATION

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Atmos Gas | 972.934.9227 |
| Auto Tags/Titles | 214.653.7811 |
| Chamber of Commerce | 972.780.4990 |
| Charter Cable | 1.888.438.2427 |
| DPS: Driver's License | 469.272.9301 |
| Republic | 972.225.4207 |
| Property Tax | 214.653.7811 |
| ONCOR Electric | 1.888.313.4747 |
| US Post Office | 972.780.1695 |
| Passport Information | 972.780.1438 |
| Voter Registration * | 214.637.7937 |
| Water/Trash/Sewer Setup | 972.780.5010 |

Newspapers:

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|-------|--------------|
| DMN | 214.745.8383 |
| Focus | 972.223.9175 |

Duncanville ISD:

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| 710 S. Cedar Ridge, 75137 | |
| Administration | 972.708.2000 |
| Natatorium | 972.708.2370 |
| School Board: | |
| Carla Fahey | 972.296.3452 |
| Tom Kennedy | 972.709.0015 |
| Philip McNeely | 972.709.7824 |
| Marlies Peregory | 972.849.6110 |
| Janice Savage-Martin | 972.709.0777 |
| Elijah Granger | 972.567.9982 |
| Renee McNeely | 972.709.7824 |

Tourism:

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Duncanville Fieldhouse | 972.331.8868 |
| Cedar Hill State Park | 972.291.3900 |
| Community Theatre | 972.780.5707 |
| Cedar Ridge Preserve | 972.293.5150 |
| Internat'l Museum of Cultures | 972.708.7406 |
| Joe Pool Marina | 972.299.9010 |
| Lynn Creek Marina | 817.640.4200 |
| Red Bird Lanes | 972.298.7143 |
| Red Bird Skateland | 972.298.7400 |

Hospitals:

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Charlton Methodist Hospital | 214.947.7777 |
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CITY OFFICES

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|---|--------------|
| City Hall | 972.780.5000 |
| City Manager | 972.780.5003 |
| Assistant City Manager | 972.780.5004 |
| City Secretary | 972.780.5017 |
| Building Inspections | 972.780.5041 |
| Bldg & Sign Permits, Certificate of Occupancy | |
| Code Services | 972.780.5040 |
| Code Enf., Garage Sale Permit | |
| Economic Development | 972.780.5090 |
| Finance | 972.780.5094 |
| Health Inspector | 972.780.4963 |
| Hopkins Senior Center | 972.780.5073 |
| Municipal Court | 972.780.5055 |
| Parks/Athletics | 972.780.5072 |
| Personnel | 972.780.5012 |
| Job Line | 972.780.5006 |
| Planning & Zoning | 972.780.5016 |
| Public Library | 972.780.5050 |
| Public Relations | 972.780.5043 |
| Public Works | 972.780.5015 |
| Recreation Center | 972.780.5070 |
| Service Center | 972.780.4900 |
| Special Events | 972.780.5074 |
| Utility Billing | 972.780.5010 |
| After Hrs Water Emerg | 972.780.4959 |

Police:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Administration | 972.780.5038 |
| Animal Control | 972.223.6111 |
| Auto Pound | 972.227.5188 |
| Crime Prevention | 972.780.5027 |
| Crime Victim Advocate (ext 0) | 972.780.5037 |
| Internal Affairs | 972.780.4912 |
| Jail | 972.780.5039 |
| Non-Emergency Dispatch | 972.223.6111 |
| Records | 972.780.5024 |
| Tri-Cities Animal Shelter | 972.291.5335 |
| Warrants | 972.780.5092 |
| Or | 972.780.5068 |

Fire:

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Administration | 972.780.4920 |
| Fire Station (W Camp Wisdom) | 972.780.4923 |
| Fire Station #2 (S Main St.) | 972.780.4922 |

City Council (May 19, 2015): **

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**Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS

| | |
|---|----------------|
| AARP | 1.888.687.2277 |
| Better Business Bureau | 214.220.2000 |
| Dallas Central Appraisal Dist | 214.631.0910 |
| Dallas County: | |
| General (Including DBA's) | 214.653.7099 |
| Health & Human Services | 214.819.2000 |
| MY RIDE-Dallas | 972.855.8084 |
| Records | 214.653.7131 |
| Section 8 Housing | 214.819.1871 |
| Tax Office (Property/Vehicle) | 214.653.7811 |
| Duncanville Outreach Ministries | 972.296.4986 |
| Evictions | 214.589.7000 |
| Home Instead-Rides for Shut-Ins | 972.262.7787 |
| HUD | 214.767.8300 |
| MADD | 214.744.6233 |
| Meals on Wheels | 214.689.2639 |
| Project Duncanville | 214.206.0198 |
| American Red Cross | 469.261.5614 |
| Red Cross | 214.678.4800 |
| Salvation Army | 214.630.5611 |
| Social Security | 1.800.772.1213 |
| State Comptroller's Office | |
| Tax ID & Sales Tax Permit | 972.709.4357 |
| On-line: www.window.state.tx.us/taxpermit | |
| Texas Dept of Human Services: | |
| Food Stamps/Medicaid | 972.709.8075 |
| WIC | 214.670.6875 |
| Texas Workforce Commission: | |
| Dallas | 972.709.5377 |
| Grand Prairie | 972.264.5881 |
| United Way | 214.978.0000 |
| Vital Statistics: | |
| Birth/Death Certificates: | |
| Dallas (City) | 214.653.7099 |
| Grand Prairie (State) | 214.751.4040 |
| On-line: www.dshs.tx.us | |
| Marriage License: | |
| Downtown Dallas- 8-4 M-F | 214.653.7559 |
| East Dallas*** | 214.321.3182 |
| North Dallas*** | 214.904.3032 |
| Justice of the Peace Offices:*** | |
| 7201 S. Polk, Dallas | 972.228.0280 |
| 106 Church St., Grand Prairie | 214.751.4040 |
| 1411 W. Beltline, Richardson | 214.904.3042 |
| 841 W Irving Blvd, Irving | 214.589.7000 |
| ***Call for office hours | |
| Local Rental Facilities: | |
| Best Western | 972.283.3000 |
| City Parks and Facilities | 972.780.5070 |
| Duncanville Fieldhouse | 972.331.8868 |
| Hilton Garden Inn | 972.283.9777 |
| Holiday Inn Express | 972.298.8000 |
| Lion's Club Center | 214.557.1581 |
| Motel 6 | 972.296.0345 |

*Voter Registration "Application" Cards available at City Hall