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Fiscal Year 2016-17 Proposed Budget Overview

The City of Duncanville is in the process of adopting a new budget for the FY 2016-17. A proposed budget has been developed by staff with direction from City Council and input from citizens of Duncanville. The City Council will now consider the proposed budget at upcoming public hearings and may adopt the proposed budget with or without changes as they desire. The proposed budget focuses on three main goals:

1. Support the City Council's strategic priorities and ensure continuing and cost-effective, quality service delivery. The proposed budget is what will define the business of City staff for the next fiscal year and therefore, it is extremely important to align the available resources with the priorities established by City Council.
2. Utilize sound financial principles. The proposed budget has been constructed within the context of multi-year financial planning, analysis of the economic environment and trends, and adherence to recommended financial practices

First Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting Draws Community Interest

The first Comprehensive Plan community wide meeting was a successful, well-attended event! Over 75 people attended and participated in a variety of interactive exercises. The meeting began with a presentation by the consultant, Freese and Nichols. They provided an introduction to comprehensive planning: what it is, what it is not and the overall planning process. The presentation concluded with a polling exercise where participants used polling devices to answer the question: What do you like most about living in Duncanville? Participants cast their vote and saw the results in real time.



Citizens were then directed to participate in one of four focus/input groups centered on four different topics: housing and neighborhoods, quality of life, future land use/transportation, and

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The Perfect Blend of Family, Community & Business

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and principles such as fund reserve balances and cost accounting methods.

3. Maintain expenditures within expected revenues. The proposed budget is structurally balanced; meaning ongoing operating expenditures are held below expected, ongoing revenues, and fund balance reserves are not used to fund ongoing operations. The proposed budget does not anticipate a tax rate increase and maintaining or lowering the tax rate is a priority consideration when developing the budget.

The City's budget must reflect the needs of the community. On January 12th of this year, a Town Hall meeting was held in the D.L. Hopkins Senior Center with more than fifty citizens in attendance. Following a budget overview presentation, attendees provided input on what they believed the City should spend more, less, or the same money on and prioritized their responses. The results were highly considered in the creation of the proposed budget and include:

- Less money spent on legal fees. The proposed budget has reduced legal fees by as much as 50% from the amounts spent in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.
- More Economic Development initiatives will be possible with an expected 174% increase in the Duncanville Community Economic Development Corporation (DCEDEC) Fund Balance achieved in part through cost savings in bond refinancing. These are funds then available for incentive opportunities.
- Construct more on-road and off-road walking and bicycle trails in Duncanville using a Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Trail Master Plan that will guide future priorities and budget efforts.
- Adequate funding for street maintenance to include an additional \$1,000,000 proposed to be set aside to "pre-fund" 2018 and subsequent years' maintenance needs.
- A continued safe and enjoyable 4th of July celebration at Armstrong Park in 2017.
- Increased average wages for Fire/Police Departments to be more competitive with our surrounding markets plus security enhancements for the Police Department.
- Enhanced branding for the Senior Center including a sign reflecting a new name along with interior renovations to the facility.

There is still time for Duncanville citizens to voice their opinion before City Council considers a vote on the proposed budget. A second of two Public Hearings will be held during the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at the Duncanville City Council Chambers located at 203 E. Wheatland Road.

The Duncanville City Council will consider approval of the FY 2016-17 Proposed Budget during the Tuesday, September 20th City Council Meeting. For more information on the proposed budget visit the City's website at www.duncanville.com.

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.

\$919,568.00 – Duncanville Sales Tax Revenue for the month of August 2016
This is a **2% decrease** or **\$16,116** less than the same month last year (August 2015)

Where does the total 8.25% sales tax go?

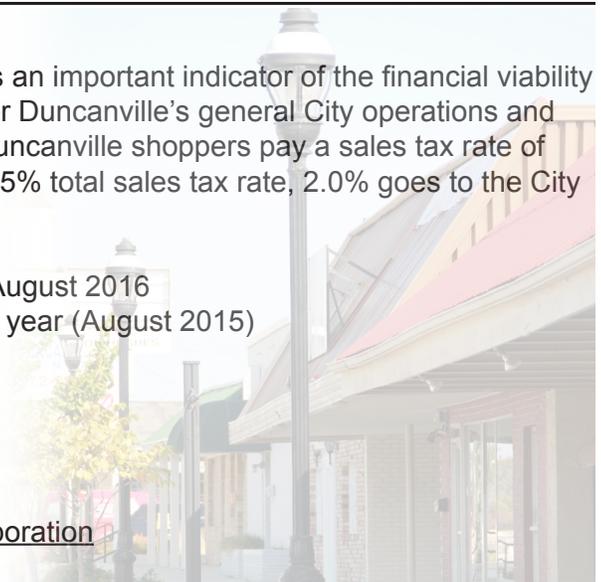
6.25% State of Texas

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



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downtown. Each focus group was facilitated by a member of the Freese and Nichols consulting team. Participants shared their ideas about what they would like to see in the future for these various areas, what currently works well, and what needs improvement. Attendees had the opportunity to rotate to each group and share their ideas on each topic.

There were input boards around the room where participants could write down their favorite thing about Duncanville and their vision for the city in 10-20 years. There were also two boards that citizens placed stickers on to identify where they lived and worked and identified areas in need of traffic improvements. A board with demographic information was displayed which informed citizens of the current population, housing values and existing land use.



An interactive exercise allowed participants to vote on the top three amenities they believed to be missing from Downtown Duncanville. The options were office, entertainment venues/public spaces and facilities, boutique retail, hotel/motel/bed & breakfast lodging, restaurants and housing choices.



There were examples provided of each option to assist participants in their decisions.

Two laptops were set up for attendees to take the online community survey. To date over 380 people have completed the online survey! The survey is still accessible through the project website, www.DestinationDuncanville.com.



The input received during the community meeting was extremely valuable and will be used throughout the plan development. The planning team will be meeting with various stakeholders in the community to gain further insight into specific topics to be covered in the plan and there will also be future community wide meetings. There are also opportunities for citizens to provide input through the Meeting in a Box. The Meeting in a Box is a box of resources to allow anyone to facilitate a meeting on their own and provide the feedback to the City. The box includes a flash drive with

a preloaded presentation, handouts, questionnaires, and survey cards. The Meeting in a Box may be checked out from Chasidy Allen, City Planner by contacting her directly at 972-707-3871.

Updates on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan as well as information on opportunities for further public input will be provided on the City of Duncanville website as well as through the DestinationDuncanville.com website, and the Spotlight Duncanville and The Champion newsletters.



City of Duncanville Calendar

- September 1** Library Advisory Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m. @ Library/Rec Center Conference Room, 201 James Collins Blvd.
- September 2** Keep Duncanville Beautiful Board Meeting: 8:30 a.m. @ City Council Briefing Room
- September 8** Duncanville Community Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) Regular Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ the City Council Briefing Room
- September 8** Duncanville Senior Advocacy Commission Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ D.L. Hopkins Senior Center Northside Room
- September 10** Summer Concert Series Rescheduled: 7:30 p.m. @ Armstrong Park
- September 12** Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ City Council Briefing Room
- September 12** Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting: 7:00 p.m. @ City Council Chambers
- September 13** Social Engagement Partnership Regular Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ City Hall Conference Room B
- September 13** City Council Meeting/Public Hearing: 6:00 p.m. Work Session/Briefing @ City Council Briefing Room: 7:00 p.m. Regular Session @ City Hall Council Chambers
- September 14** Virtual Reality Innovation Commission Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. @ City Hall Conference Room B
- September 15** Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ City Council Briefing Room
- September 15** Duncanville Sports Legacy Commission: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ City Hall Conference Room 2
- September 17** Festival en Duncanville: 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. @ Armstrong Park
- September 17** Tri-City Annual Animal Shelter Gala: 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. @ Alan E. Sims Recreation Center
- September 19** Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m. City Council Briefing Room
- September 20** City Council Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Work Session/Briefing @ City Council Briefing Room: 7:00 p.m. Regular Session @ City Hall Council Chambers
- September 28** Neighborhood Vitality Commission Meeting: 7:00 p.m. @ City Hall Briefing Room

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

***Duncanville Town Hall Meetings return this Fall with the first meeting scheduled for October. Be sure to visit duncanville.com for specific dates and locations.



Festival en Duncanville

A cultural celebration with food, music, and fun!

September 17th 4PM-10PM @ Armstrong Park

*Paws, Claws
& Outlaws*

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016



Join the Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter for their 8th Annual Gala! The event takes place on September 17, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center in Cedar Hill. There will be silent and live auctions. Buy your ticket today, visit tricityfriends.org or call 972-832-1413.



Have You Heard? The City of Duncanville is now on Facebook! Like our page for official information on City news and events. www.facebook.com/cityofduncanville



NOTICE OF 2016 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF DUNCANVILLE

A tax rate of \$0.758447 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of the City of Duncanville. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Duncanville proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of funding ongoing maintenance and operations including streets, parks, and municipal buildings and facilities.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	ROLLBACK TAX RATE
		\$0.758447 per \$100	
		\$0.758447 per \$100	
		\$0.704578 per \$100	
		\$0.763848 per \$100	

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Duncanville from the same properties in both the 2015 tax year and the 2016 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Duncanville may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact: John R. Ames, PCC, CTA
Dallas County Tax Assessor/Collector
1201 Elm Street, Suite 2600, Dallas TX
214.653.7811
TNTHELP@dallascounty.org www.duncanville.com

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearing on the proposed tax rate: September 13, 2016 at 7:00pm at 203 E. Wheatland, Duncanville, TX.

AROUND TOWN



Thank You for Attending the Safety Rally - Crime Watch Meeting on San Pedro

Duncanville Police Officers and the Duncanville ISD Safety Director were joined by 50 to 60 attendees at the San Pedro Safety Rally on August 6th. Topics included crime watch, anti-theft programs, peer pressure, making good choices and picking good friends, City programs, and personal safety among others. To help prevent theft, the City's Crime Prevention Officer installed hose clamps on truck tailgates of residents in the neighborhood.

Duncanville's Kroger Completes Four-Month Remodel

On Wednesday, August 17, the Kroger located at 200 West Camp Wisdom Road hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of its latest remodel. The store now features new décor, improved deli, updated bakery, refreshed produce department, and enlarged pharmacy-waiting area.



The Library's Summer Reading Club Was Hot!

Each year, the Library offers a host of summer activities aimed at keeping students involved with learning and exploring year-round. This year, the Library's summer was better than ever!

On Your Mark, Get Set... READ! was this year's Summer Reading Club theme. The 2016 Summer Reading Club saw 817 participants, a 15% increase over 2015. During the months of June and July, readers ages 4-18 logged a total of 18,650 hours of reading time, while 71 children ages 0-3 completed a set of 25 early literacy activities with their parents and siblings to prepare them for school in the coming years. In exchange for a completed reading log, each participant received goodies from local establishments.



Additionally, two Kindle Paperwhites (courtesy of the Friends of the Library) were awarded as grand prizes to two winners selected randomly out of 817 kids and teens who completed reading logs this summer. Participants Olivia Cunningham and Isabella Tyler are the grand prize winners this year.

A total of 3,015 children and adults attended the 62 programs and events offered during the summer months. New to the Library's summer programs this year were Lego Maniacs (an active-learning free-play program, also made possible by support from the Friends of the Library), and a family movie series that included showings of The Peanuts Movie, Like Mike, and Zootopia.

Studies show that participation in summer reading programs enables children to maintain essential reading skills during their summer vacation and as a result, they are better prepared for the upcoming school year.

Library Director Dennis Quinn commends Youth Services Librarian Danene Hudson for her hard work in planning and coordinating all the above summer activities. Library Staff also thanks the Friends for their continued support, the many partner organizations who provided reading log prizes listed above, and the crew of 19 volunteers who gave a total of 153 hours of their time to help make it all happen. It would not be possible to offer such an array of activities and programs without help from our many community partners.

Visit www.duncanville.com/library or call 972-780-5050 for more information about the Duncanville Public Library.



YOUR MONEY AT WORK:

City Completes Annual Asphalt Overlay Program

The Public Works Department recently completed its annual asphalt overlay program. Asphalt concrete pavement is a bound layer of coarse and fine aggregate and asphalt binder that allows water to run off the surface area, minimizing seepage and further deterioration to soil beneath the roadway surface. This process will add additional life to our streets and provide a smooth riding surface.



The overlay program consisted of placing 5,698 tons of asphalt on 14 streets. These streets included portions of Meadowglen Drive, Southwood Drive, Meadowwood Drive, Villa Creek Drive, Big Stone Gap, Greenstone Lane, Greenstone Court, Greenstone Circle, Florence Drive, Plateau Drive, Plateau Circle, Venice Drive, Lodema Drive, and Lodema Circle.

To best use citizens' tax dollars, the work was done using Dallas County's competitive bidding process. Using this process results in a 15% to 20% savings compared to using an independent contractor. The work was completed at a cost of \$392,612.

Should you have any questions regarding the asphalt overlay program or the services the Public Works Department provides, please contact Jon Bunner, Civil Engineer, at 972-780-5008.



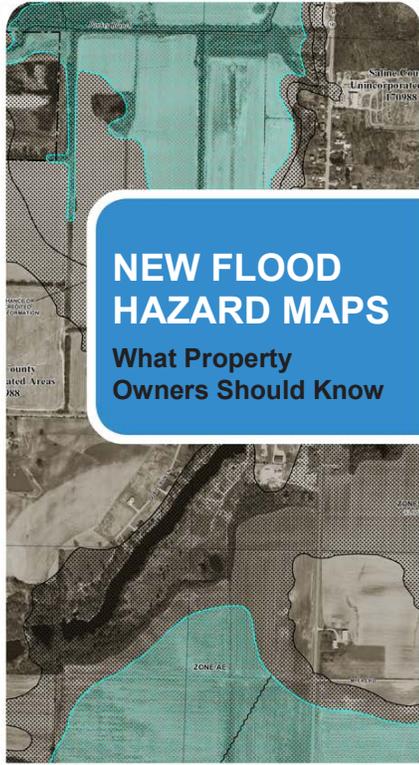
Did You Know?

The Equipment Services division provides invaluable behind the scenes support for City departments that directly serve the citizens of Duncanville. City vehicles and equipment are used extensively and daily to keep the City operating. The Equipment Services division ensures that units are maintained

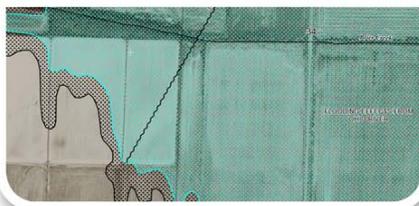
regularly and repaired as needed. Repairs range from a simple replacement of lights and batteries to more complex repairs to unit engines and hydraulics. Regardless of the problem, units must be fixed in order to continue serving the citizens in the best possible manner.

For questions regarding City Equipment Services or the maintenance of City vehicles, please contact Equipment Services Superintendent Asa Low at 972-780-5062.





MAPPING THE RISK



Flood Maps And Flood Insurance

With the release of the new maps, some property owners will learn that their risk is higher or lower, than they thought. If there is a change in your flood risk status, the change may affect what you pay for flood insurance.

Flood insurance is a federally underwritten program that can help you repair or replace your structure and belongings after a flood. The federal government requires most mortgage holders in high-risk areas (known as Special Flood Hazard Areas) to carry flood insurance. However, if you are newly mapped into a high-risk area, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has cost-saving options to help reduce the cost of flood insurance. Most property owners can purchase a low-cost Preferred Risk Policy for the first two years after the maps become effective and then **after that**, grandfather the lower-risk zone for future rating. Property owners should contact their insurance agent for more details. Flood maps are available for viewing at the Public Works Department and on our website at www.duncanville.com.

IF MAPS SHOW...	THESE REQUIREMENTS, OPTIONS AND SAVINGS APPLY
Change from low or moderate Flood risk to high risk	<p>Flood insurance is mandatory. Flood insurance will be federally required for most mortgage holders. Insurance costs may rise to reflect the risk.</p> <p>Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) Extension & "Grandfathering" offers savings. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has extended the purchasing of low-cost PRP for two years for properties newly mapped into a high-risk zone. In addition, there are "grandfathering" rules to recognize policyholders who have built in compliance with the flood map or who maintain continuous coverage. Your client's insurance agent can provide more details on how to save.</p>
Change from high flood risk to low or moderate risk	<p>Flood insurance is optional, but recommended. The risk has only been reduced, not removed. Flood insurance can still be obtained, at lower rates. More than 20 percent of all flood insurance claims come from policies in moderate- and low-risk areas.</p> <p>Conversion offers savings. An existing policy can be converted to a lower-cost Preferred Risk Policy.</p>
No change in risk level	<p>No change in insurance rates. Property owners should talk to their insurance agent to learn their specific risk and take steps to protect their property and assets</p>

FOR MORE INFORMATION Visit www.msc.fema.gov to view the new digital flood maps, and learn how Duncanville will be affected. Visit www.FloodSmart.gov for more information about how to protect against flooding and the steps local residents may need to take to ensure that they have proper insurance coverage to protect their investment. Maps are available for viewing at the Public Works Department and on the Duncanville website at www.duncanville.com.

Call 811 Before You Dig: It is the Law!

Calling 811 Reduces Risk of Damaged Utility Lines by 99 Percent

Did you know that, before you dig, it is required by law to call 811 to have all buried utility lines located and marked? Atmos Energy wants to thank homeowners and excavators alike for observing the law and keeping our communities safe by always calling 811 before digging.

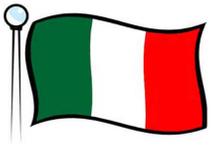


Since 2008, Atmos Energy has seen a 36 percent increase in requests by the public to have underground natural gas lines marked. Once underground utility lines are marked, it is important to take special care around all line markings by digging by hand.

"The greatest risk to our natural gas pipelines is accidental damage while digging," said John Paris, president of Atmos Energy's Mid-Tex division. "Even minor damage, such as a scrape, dent, or crease in a pipeline or its coating, can cause a leak."

Every time the excavating public calls 811 before digging, the chance of hitting an underground utility line decreases to 99.9 percent. When calling 811, homeowners and contractors are connected to their local one-call center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the digging site to mark the locations of underground utility-owned lines with flags and spray paint, free of charge. For more information, visit atmosenergy.com/811 or call 811.com.





City Honored with a “Duncanville Tower” in Italy

Duncanville’s Sister City, Monasterolo di Savigliano in Italy, has dedicated a special corner of its remodeled castle entitled “The Duncanville Tower.”

The corner, located in the southeast tower of Il castello di Monasterolo di Savigliano, displays a movie about the City of Duncanville and the history of the Sister City relationship. A grand opening was held in June during Texas Senator Jane Nelson’s visit to Monasterolo di Savigliano.

“It has been a great moment where we remembered the history of the Twin City Relationship and the big friendship between our cities,” said Marco Cavaglià, Mayor of Monasterolo di Savigliano.

In March of this year, Mayor Cavaglià visited Duncanville to reaffirm the partnership and friendship between the two cities. City leaders showcased Duncanville and held a reception at City Hall honoring Mayor Cavaglià and wife.



The relationship had its earliest beginnings in 1994 and 1995 through the friendship between Drs. Nancy and Cecil Wood (Dentists in Duncanville at the time) and Mr. Dario Crosetto (a Physicist formerly with the "super collider" and a native of Monasterolo di Savigliano, Italy).

The friendship blossomed into a semi-formal visit to Duncanville in 1997 by a delegation of Italians, including Monasterolo di Savigliano Mayor Antonio Prochietto. Under the leadership of then Mayor Ed Purcell, the City of Duncanville sponsored a reception at City Hall in recognition of the Italian guests.

In 1998, the Duncanville City Council passed a resolution supporting the "twin-city" (Gemelaggio, in Italian) relationship. In July, a delegation of 13 Texans including State Senator Jane Nelson, were led by Mayor Glenn Repp to Monasterolo di Savigliano to participate in a formal ceremony instituting the arrangement. Italian dignitaries attended the celebration.

In September 1999, a delegation of 39 Italians from all walks of life visited the City of Duncanville to formalize the Sister City program. During their stay, they were hosted by local citizens. A formal ratification ceremony was held at City Hall on September 28th with an exchange of documentation and gifts. Local dignitaries, including City Council Members and Staff, Duncanville Independent School Administration Officials, and the Honorary Vice Council of Italy participated. The visitors were treated to tours of local businesses, as well as a visit to the State Capitol, San Antonio, Galveston, and the Houston Space Center. They witnessed the Duncanville ISD homecoming parade as well as a football game.

Exchange visits to Italy and Duncanville continued from 2003 to 2006, where cities such as Venice and Lake Como were toured, and more memories were created.

Since these initial visits, there have been numerous personal exchanges between citizens of both cities while friendly communication continues to this day between families and young people in both communities.

The City hopes to renew visits to Italy in the coming years. Plans include establishing a committee made up of citizens and staff that would facilitate this opportunity to other Duncanville citizens.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Child Passenger Safety Awareness

The Duncanville Fire Department reminds everyone to practice safe riding when having a child in your vehicle. Unsure of which car seat is best for your child or how to properly install it? Follow this checklist to help you:

- **Inch Test.** Once your car seat is installed, give it a good tug at the base where the seat belt goes through it. Can you move it more than an inch side to side or front to back? A properly installed seat will not move more than an inch.
- **Pinch Test.** Make sure the harness is tightly buckled and coming from the correct slots (check your car seat manual). With the chest clip placed at armpit level, pinch the strap at your child's shoulder. If you are unable to pinch any excess webbing, you're good to go.
- For both rear and forward-facing child safety seats, use either the car's seat belt or the lower attachments. For forward-facing seats, use the top tether to lock the car seat in place. Do not use both the lower attachments and seat belt at the same time. They are equally safe, pick the one that gives you the best fit.
- If you are having even the slightest trouble, questions or concerns, certified child passenger safety technicians are able to help or even double check your work. A certified technician can confirm your car seat is properly installed. Find a technician or car seat checkup event near you at

www.safekids.org or www.nhtsa.gov.



James Roote
Fire Assistant
Chief

"It amazes me to see parents driving around town without their children wearing a seatbelt or in a proper child safety seat. In this day and age, there should not be anyone who hasn't heard about the importance of seatbelts. Yet, I still see parents driving along with their children jumping, standing, or just outright playing all over the back seat; or a young child (under 13) riding in the front seat of an airbag-equipped vehicle."

"Just last week, the Duncanville Fire and Police Departments responded to vehicle crashes involving children. Fortunately, all were restrained in either car seats or booster seats. Two of them went to Children's Hospital to get checked out and were cleared after no associated trauma was found. The other children were cleared at the scene with no injuries found. Not every child is as lucky, and statistics are verification of that. Having the right car seat is your child's best chance for survival, but it needs to be installed correctly. Unfortunately, many are installed wrong. Installation should really be performed by a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. Parents can also use this website find a technician: <http://cert.safekids.org/>."



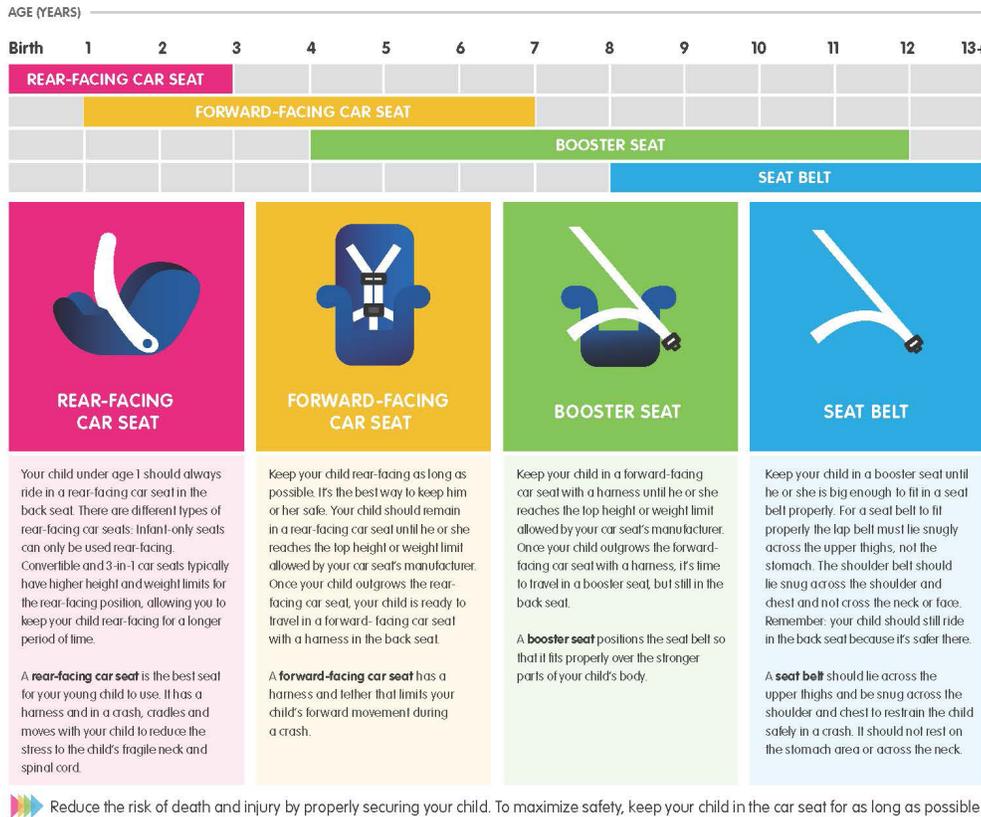
Mikka Ryan
CVMS Division Chief

Did You Know?

- Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children
- Of those children ages 8 and under who died in vehicle crashes in 2014, 26 percent were not restrained by an age-appropriate device such as an infant seat, booster seat or seat belt
- Children should ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old
- Every 34 seconds one child under age 13 is involved in a crash
- From 2009 to 2013, 3,335 children under age 13 were killed and an estimated 611,000 children were injured in car crashes
- In 2013 alone, 126,000 children under age 13 were injured as passengers in car crashes
- On average, nearly 2 children under age 13 were killed, and 345 children were injured every day in 2013 while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups, and vans
- From 2009 to 2013, 1,552 tweens (ages 8 to 14) were killed in cars, vans, and SUVs
- In 2013, over one-third (38%) of children (under 13) killed in car crashes were completely unrestrained – they were not in car seats, booster seats, or seat belts.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Car Seat Recommendations: Choosing the Right Seat

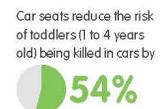
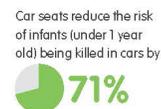


Car crashes are a **leading killer of children** ages 1 to 13.

In crashes from 2007-2011, **3,661 children** (under 13 in cars, SUVs, vans, and pick-ups) were killed. An estimated **634,000 children** under 13 were injured.



In 2011, **655 children** (under 13 in cars, SUVs, vans, and pick-ups) were killed in crashes.



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Car seats, booster seats, and seat belts save lives

- In 2013, among children under the age of 5 in cars, an estimated 263 lives were saved by child restraints
- An additional 55 children could have survived if car seat use was at 100 percent

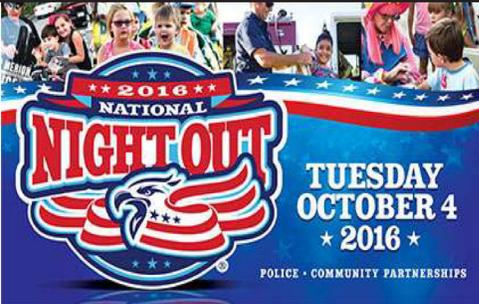
Car seats work best when used correctly

- In passenger cars, child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers. For infants and toddlers in light trucks, the corresponding reductions are 58 percent and 59 percent, respectively
- Most parents are confident that they have correctly installed their child's car seat, but in most cases (59%) the seat has not been installed correctly

Child passenger safety laws

- For the past 30 years, all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories have had laws requiring children to be restrained while riding in cars
- Some States now require kids to ride in appropriate car seats or booster seats until age 9

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 and fighting 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.

The purpose of National Night Out is a number of simple things:

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



**Officer
Doug Sisk**
Community Relations/
Crime Prevention



POLICE BEATS

The Journey of Your Police Report

By Sergeant Ross Dobelbower

Most citizens equate filing a police report with a Police Officer in a uniform arriving at their door and scribing down the information the citizen provides. But what happens to this report once it has been initiated? Where does it go and what is the process?

There are many types of reports, some for crimes that have occurred and some for informational purposes only. Information reports can be completed to document an occurrence or for insurance purposes such as damage to property which does not require criminal prosecution, or the loss of an article such as a cell phone or credit card. The other type of report, the one commonly referred to as an offense report, is the one we will focus on in this article. Offense reports are generated in two ways, either by citizen request or by an officer acting on behalf of the State. These two types of reports travel the same path but can have different end destinations. Reports requested or initiated by a citizen are completed by a Police Officer and submitted electronically through the Duncanville Police Departments Records Management System or RMS. These reports can be submitted via the laptop in the Officer's patrol car or from a desktop in the police station. Once the report has been submitted it goes into a queue to be read and approved by a supervisor. This is the first layer of quality control for not only legal matters but also grammatical errors and substance.

Reports generated by a patrol officer can have a large impact on any subsequent investigation. Details provided in a report can allow a detective to be able to link multiple crimes to one suspect or even detail a crime in such a way that only the suspect and the police will know how the crime was committed. The substance of a well written report is a crucial first step and must be reviewed by a first line supervisor.

Once the report has been approved by the Police Officer's first line supervisor it is submitted back into RMS where it goes into a second queue called records review. At this level the report is reviewed by either the Lieutenant or Sergeant over the Criminal Investigations Division and assigned to a detective. The Duncanville Police Department Detectives specialize in certain areas of crime. Some of these specialties are crimes against persons such as assault, robbery or murder, burglaries of residences and business locations, auto theft and burglaries of motor vehicles.

Detectives receive the newly assigned report and are required to attempt contact with the victim or complainant within 48 hours of the report arriving in their inbox. This notifies the citizen that their report has been assigned to a detective. The Detective assigned to the case then reviews the report and assesses it for solvability factors. The detective will pursue all leads and most likely contact the victim or complainant to obtain information such as damage estimates, medical bills or a description of injuries sustained in an assault. Once all of the information is gathered and the investigation is complete, the Detective will present the case to either a municipal judge for arrest warrant issuance, or the Dallas County District Attorney's office for further consideration of prosecution. Some reports of crimes that have little or no solvability are suspended, which means closed but with the option to re-open in light of new evidence or information. A small percentage of cases initiated by a report are closed for lack of support or cooperation by the citizen who initially filed the report. These types of case dispositions are not the preference of the Police Department but the end result in these cases is driven by the citizen.

From its creation at the scene of a call for service or a criminal act, the police report travels a long journey with many steps along the way. Modern technology has been an incredible asset in this journey and allows the time required for a report to be actioned to be reduced many times over. Gone are the pen and paper reports which took weeks to get into the capable hands of a detective. Arrived is the digital age of electronic records filing and management. One thing that will never change is the need for the human interaction between the citizen and the officer who starts the police report on its journey.

Duncanville Public Library presents



Fall Clean Out



E-Waste Recycling

Bring:

- Wiring/Cable
- Cell Phones
- Game Consoles
- Audio/Visual - Equipment
- Computers
- Laptops
- Printers
- Copiers
- Scanners
- Monitors
- Circuit Boards
- PC Cards
- Batteries (includes household, vehicle, lap top, and UPS batteries)
- Appliances



Paper Shredding

5 boxes or bags per vehicle



Food Drive for

Duncanville Outreach Ministry

Donate 10 non-perishable food items and receive a voucher for \$5 off Library fines!



**DUNCANVILLE
OUTREACH MINISTRY**



**Goodwill
Truck
On Site**

*Clean out your closets and donate:
gently used clothes & shoes,
home décor, kitchenware,
books, collectibles, jewelry.*

Will not accept big furniture items, mattresses, medication, automobile parts, building materials, gas lawn mowers or tools, insecticides, & paint.



September 17, 2016

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Library parking lot

201 James Collins Blvd.

Duncanville, TX 75116

Call 972-707-3830 for more information



What's Happening

September 2016

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

09/01/2016 Food/Coat Drive Begins
09/17/2016 Festival en Duncanville

October 2016

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

10/28/2016 Boo Bash

November 2016

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

11/21/16- Thanksgiving Break
11/25/16 Camp

FESTIVAL EN DUNCANVILLE

A Cultural Celebration with Food, Fun, Music and More!
Saturday | September 17, 2016
4PM - 10PM
Armstrong Park | James Collins Blvd

SAVE THE DATE

HALLOWEEN!

BOO BASH

Oct 28th, 2016

Duncanville Parks & Recreation | 201 James Collins Blvd Duncanville TX 75116 | 972.780.5070

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

Starting at age 3

Beginner
Intermediate
Advanced

Elementary
Teens
Adults

JAZZERCISE

Instructor: Sheilla Johnston-Conte

ZUMBA fitness

Instructor: Letty Mota

KARATE

Instructor: Kris Howerton

Ballet

Instructor: LaShonda Price

Self Defense Distinct Dance

Texas Dance/Cheer

Instructor: William Walker

Duncanville Recreation Center

972-780-5070

D. L. Hopkins Jr. Senior Center Field Trips

206 James Collins Blvd. Duncanville, TX 75116



September 8, 2016 @ 4:30 pm
Cost: Price for your dinner



September 13, 2016 @ 9:00 am
Cost: \$3.00 + your meal



September 22, 2016 @ 9:00 am
Cost: \$2:00 + your meal

Mystery Dinner



September 29, 2016 @ 4:30 pm
Cost: \$2.00 + your meal

Membership Required
For Information: Please Call 972-780-5073



FREE EYE SCREENING FOR SENIORS

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
D.L. Hopkins, Jr. Senior Center

Call 972 780-5073



~Relaxation Spa~
At The D.L. Hopkins Senior Center
206 James Collins Blvd.
Duncanville, TX 75116

Meet Spa Consultant, Linda Reid
Mondays, September 12 & 26 at 12:30 pm
For a pampering treatment



Tuesdays, September 13 & 27 at 10:30 am
For a manicure treatment and
hand/arm massage.

Compliments of BeautiControl
First come, first served

Membership required. Please call (972) 570-5073 for further information

THE CITY OF DALLAS IS HOSTING A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

AT THE
SOUTHWEST CENTER MALL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016
9 AM - 3 PM

Free to Duncanville Residents
Bring ID and Utility Bill

For questions, please contact Jessica Smith, Solid Waste Coordinator
At 972-780-4946 or jsmith@ci.duncanville.tx.us



DO NOT BRING:

BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL WASTE
CONTAINERS LARGER 5 GALLONS
EXPLOSIVES OR AMMUNITION
SHOCK SENSITIVE MATERIALS
SMOKE DETECTORS
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS
MEDICAL WASTE
COMMON TRASH AND
RECYCLABLES
CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS
TVs, APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS

DO BRING:

CHEMICAL PRODUCTS FOR HOME USE
PAINT AND HOME REPAIR PRODUCTS
LAWN AND GARDEN CHEMICALS
AEROSOL SPRAYS
POOL CHEMICALS
CRAFT & HOBBY SUPPLIES
CLEANERS AND POLISHES
BATTERIES OF ALL KINDS
AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS AND OIL FILTERS
FLUORESCENT LIGHT TUBES

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:

DMN	214.745.8383
Focus	972.223.9175

Duncanville ISD:

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:

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:

Charlton Methodist Hospital	214.947.7777
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CITY OFFICES

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

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