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SPOTLIGHT Duncanville

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CITY CALENDAR

JUNE

- 2: Summer Reading Club Begins
- 5: Fieldhouse Metro S.A.F.E. Camp
- 5: Summer Camp: Find Your Adventure
- 6: City Council Regular Meeting
- 17: Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration
- 17: DuncanSwitch Street Market
- 20: City Council Regular Meeting
- 21: City Council Budget Workshop
- 21: Comprehensive Plan Town Hall Meeting

JULY

- 4: Fourth of July Celebration
- 14: Boards & Commissions Applications Due
- 15: DuncanSwitch Street Market
- 18: City Council Regular Meeting
- 31: Summer Reading Club Ends

AUGUST

- 1: City Council Regular Meeting
- 15: City Council Regular Meeting
- 18: DFH Metro S.A.F.E. Camp Ends
- 18: Summer Camp: Find Your Adventure Ends
- 19: DuncanSwitch Street Market

Upcoming Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting

Development of Destination Duncanville, the Comprehensive Plan, is nearing completion! The Steering Committee has been meeting since December 2015 to assist in guiding the plan creation. Public input was received through a variety of efforts, which generated the basis of the plan. Input included: the Community Meeting in August 2016 and online survey; various stakeholder and staff meetings; Planning and Zoning Commission; and City Council input.

Another community meeting will be held to share a summary of the input received, elements of the draft plan, proposed recommendations and strategies to implement the vision set out by

the public. The meeting will be an opportunity for citizens to participate in interactive exercises and discussion facilitated by the consultant, Freese and Nichols, Inc. **The community meeting will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at the D.L. Hopkins, Jr. Senior Center, located at 206 James Collins Blvd, Duncanville, TX 75116.** Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

For progress updates on the plan and information on opportunities for public input, visit www.duncanville.com, www.DestinationDuncanville.com, or sign up for the city's newsletters, the Spotlight Duncanville and the Champion.

CONTACT CITY HALL

- After Hrs Water Emergency: 972.780.4959
- Animal Control: 972.223.6111
- Auto Impoundment: 972.227.5188
- City Hall: 972-780-5000
- Code Services: 972.780.5040
- Crime Victim Advocate: 972.780.5037 ext. 0
- Fire Administration: 972.780.4920
- Hopkins Senior Center: 972.780.5073
- Jail: 972.780.5039
- Municipal Court: 972.780.5055
- Non-Emergency Dispatch: 972.223.6111
- Personnel: 972.780.5095
- Police Administration: 972.780.5038
- Public Library: 972.780.5050
- Public Information: 972.780.5043
- Recreation Center: 972.780.5070
- Utility Billing: 972.780.5010
- Warrants: 972.780.5092

Fourth of July Parade and Celebration

The Fourth of July Celebration returns to Duncanville on Tuesday, July 4. The parade starts at 9 am. Parade floats and entries are needed. To enter, contact Don McBurnett with the Lion's Club at 214-918-9981.

The evening activities will begin at 6 pm in Armstrong Park. The evening fun is free, but wristbands will be required for entry into the park. Wristbands will be available

at the Recreation Center, 201 James Collins Boulevard, starting on June 12. For more information, visit www.duncanville.com.

HAPPY
Fourth of July



Quality of Life Issues

Everyone deserves to have a peaceful, safe and secure neighborhood. The City has several ordinances that cover quality of life issues.

Enforcing municipal ordinances aimed at controlling physical disorder (i.e. dilapidated houses, abandoned vehicles, trash and graffiti, etc.) and nuisances is often used as a quality-of-life policing strategy. If left unchecked, visible social (i.e. panhandling, loitering and prostitution, etc.) and physical disorders lead to increased fear of crime, and residents come to believe their neighborhood is unsafe leading to physical withdrawal, and withdrawal from neighborhood social networks. Additionally, there is negative impact on economic development in the city. All city departments continue to work hard at addressing these issues.

Animal Nuisance

City Ordinance Section 4-17

Running At Large (Animals)

City Ordinance Section 4-12

Peddlers, Solicitors and Itinerant Vendors

City Ordinance Section 13

Graffiti or Vandalism

City Ordinance Section 12-115

Loud and Raucous Noise

City Ordinance Section 12-3

Abandoned Vehicles

City Ordinance Section 12-35

Curfew

City Ordinance Section 12-95

For more city ordinance information and descriptions, visit:

www.municode.com/library.

Duncanville Open Storage Ordinance

As summer approaches, people will spend more time outdoors. There are some items that should not be left outdoors.

Article VIII-B of Chapter 12 of Duncanville's Code of Ordinances regulates what may be kept outside on residential property in the City.

The most important definition associated with this ordinance is found in Section 12-91. "Open storage" is defined as the outside placement of any article for a continuous period in excess of 24 hours, other than those objects described in Section 12-92(3).

Section 12-92 specifies a number of conditions considered a public nuisance and are subject to abatement by the City:

1. Keeping junk, trash, or debris, or abandoned, discarded or unused objects or equipment. A few items include (but not limited to): furniture; appliances; cans; containers; discarded and/or inoperable motor vehicles; any item which is not customarily used or stored outside on property used for residential purposes; and any item which is not made of a material that is resistant to damage or deterioration from exposure to the outside environment.
2. Parking of any vehicle over 1½ tons capacity for any purpose other than supervised loading or unloading of goods or passengers. This applies to all areas of residential property, including in driveways, and prohibits such vehicles as buses, trucks and tractors.
3. Objects that may be stored outdoors would include: decorative or landscaping elements; one barbecue grill or smoker; lawn furniture made for outdoor use; motor homes or recreational vehicles (on paved surfaces only); camper trailers or boat trailers (with boat) are the only trailers that may be parked in a front or side yard (on a paved surface); motor vehicles of capacity of 1½ tons or less; and remember ALL vehicles and trailers parked on a front yard driveway must display a current registration.

Notices of violation may be issued verbally, by mail or by leaving a door hanger. The notice will describe the violation and specify a time by which it must be corrected.

If the violation is not corrected within the time allowed, a citation may be issued.

The City may also take action to abate the violation by sending a contractor to remove junk, trash or other illegally stored objects. An invoice is sent to the property owner and if not paid, a lien is placed against the property.

Copies of the complete ordinance are available at City Hall or online: www.municode.com/library/tx/duncanville/codes/code_of_ordinances

Code enforcement officers are available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To speak with a code enforcement officer, call 972.780.5040.

Duncanville Fire Department Has Heart

The Duncanville Fire Department was named a Mission: Lifeline® Emergency Medical System (EMS) Recognition recipient and honored with a Bronze Award by the American Heart Association on May 15.

The Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition acknowledges the work, training and commitment of EMS agencies and Medical First Responders to ensure rapid treatment for ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) patients by directly influencing the STEMI system of care.

The goal of Mission: Lifeline® is to ensure rapid and appropriate treatment for every heart attack patient through a cohesive and coordinated system of care. Three levels of recognition are awarded: Bronze designates performance for a calendar quarter; Silver for a full calendar year; and Gold for two or more consecutive calendar years.

"The quality of care our patients receive has been and always will be a top priority for the Duncanville Fire Department," said Assistant Fire Chief, Greg Chase. "This award is a reflection of the hard work and dedication displayed by our paramedics."

The Fire Department serves a population of 39,000 in Duncanville and covers over 11 square miles, and the automatic aid agreements with DeSoto, Cedar Hill and Dallas increase the response area to over 85 square miles with a population of 166,000.

For more information about Mission: Lifeline®, visit www.heart.org/missionlifeline. For more information about Duncanville's Fire Department, visit www.duncanville.com, or contact EMS Division Chief, Mike Ryan, at 972-780-4920.



A Proclamation recognizing the week of May 21-27, 2017, as Emergency Medical Services Week, with May 24 being Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day was presented to the Duncanville Fire Department by Mayor Green at the City Council Meeting held on May 16.

Park Master Plan

The Park Master Plan is on its way to completion with the first of two phases recently completed including data collection and initial citizen input. Dunaway and Associates, the consultant for the master plan project, reported their progress to the Park Board at the May 8 meeting. Dunaway anticipates the master plan to be finalized by late summer/early fall.

Significant citizen feedback was obtained from two public meetings held in January, and a comprehensive online survey resulted in 483 responses from residents. This data has been compiled into a preliminary report that was distributed to the Park Board and City Council and will be used by the consultants in drafting the master plan recommendations. The following are highlights of the input received from citizens:

Biggest Needs/Vision for the Current Park System:

1. Bike, walking and natural trails
2. Workout stations in parks and along trails
3. Splash pad
4. Upgrade the senior center
5. Dog park

Top Programs and Activities of Interest:

1. Walking/hiking
2. Festivals/concerts/events
3. Fitness classes
4. Arts and crafts
5. Swimming/aquatics

Most Needed Athletic Facilities:

1. Outdoor basketball courts
2. Soccer fields
3. Tennis courts
4. Baseball/softball fields
5. Football fields

The second phase includes assimilating the information and data collected from the first phase and presenting recommendations. Once approved, the park master plan will be utilized by City leaders in guiding development and expansion of the parks and recreation system over the next ten years. For questions, contact Bart Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, at: bstevenson@ci.duncanville.tx.us or 972-780-5076.



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Council Seeks Citizens to Serve on City Boards & Commissions

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

Applications are being accepted for the following Boards and Commissions:

- City Planning & Zoning Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Library Advisory Board
- Sign Control Board
- Duncanville Community & Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC)
- Keep Duncanville Beautiful Board
- Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission
- Senior Advocacy Commission
- Civil Service (Term beginning October 1, 2017)

Applications will be accepted from June 1, 2017, thru July 14, 2017. Following the application deadline, each applicant will be contacted to schedule a brief interview with the City Council. Appointments to the Boards and Commissions will be made by City Council during their August 15, 2017, regular meeting with new appointments beginning on September 1, 2017, with the exception of Civil Service Commission which will begin on October 1, 2017.

Anyone interested in serving is encouraged to forward a completed application **no later than July 14, 2017**. Materials can be sent: Mary E. Jones, City Secretary, P.O. Box 380280, Duncanville, Texas, 75138-0280; mjones@ci.duncanville.tx.us; or in person to City Hall, 203 East Wheatland Road. An application may be obtained at City Hall or by visiting the City's website: www.duncanville.com. For more information, call 972.780.5017.