

JULY 2017 CHAMPION

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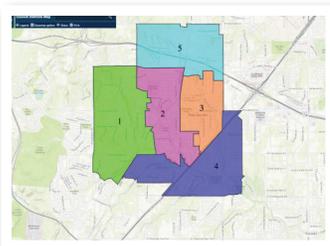
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About Duncanville

Situated just minutes from both downtown Dallas and downtown Fort Worth, Duncanville offers the repose of a small town, while maintaining vital access to everything that makes DFW what it is today. With a reputation for excellence in both education and athletics, Duncanville is also committed to recruiting top businesses to provide first-rate services. For more information, visit:

www.duncanville.com.

“The perfect blend of family, community and business!”



The City Launches New Interactive GIS Maps. See page 20 for more details.

July Calendar

4: Independence Day Celebration
Parade: 9 am, Begin on Wheatland Rd. at Freeman St. heading West, turn North on Main St. ending at Freeman St.

Evening Events: 6 pm, Armstrong Park (Wristbands required)

FREE Shuttle Service: 5 pm - end of event - Due to various street closures and limited parking, the City will offer the service to and from designated remote parking locations before, during and after the event festivities. Remote parking will be available at Costco and the Duncanville High School.

4: CANCELLED - City Council Regular Meeting

10: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
6:30 pm, City Hall Briefing Room

13: DCEDC Regular Meeting
6:30 pm, City Hall Briefing Room

13: Duncanville Senior Advocacy Commission Meeting
7 pm, D.L. Hopkins Jr., Senior Center Northside Room

13: Sister City Commission Meeting
7 pm, Library Meeting Rooms

15: DuncanSwitch Street Market
8 am - 2 pm, DuncanSwitch

18: City Council Regular Meeting
Briefing Session - 6 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
Regular Session - 7 pm, City Hall Council Chambers

20: Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission Meeting
6:30 pm, City Hall Briefing Room

20: Social Engagement Partnership Meeting
7 pm, Duncanville Fieldhouse

25: TIF Board Meeting
6 pm, City Hall Briefing Room

25: Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting
7 pm, Library Programming Room

Get In Touch

After Hours 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

City Hall

203 East Wheatland Road
PO Box 380280
Duncanville, Texas 75138-0280

For updates to the city event calendar or to learn more about the city of Duncanville, visit: www.duncanville.com.

Bob Knight's Fieldhouse



Nationally Recognized Basketball Tournament July 20th - July 23rd

- 450 + Teams
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for more info and to get started

FOR TEAMS:



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- join a team in your area
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Campfire Safety

Visiting your favorite camping spot should always be a safe, enjoyable experience. Sitting around the campfire can be a memory building event that lasts a lifetime. Most of the time, fires are built and monitored correctly and enjoyed by all. However, there are times when preventable accidents or injuries happen. Wildfires can start from an unattended campfire, people can trip and fall into fires and of course, there are others. Using fire safety habits can prevent injury and unintentional fires.

- Always abide by the park rules if in a state or national park. ASK if unsure.
- If high winds are present, do not start a fire – even if fires are allowed in the park being visited. Embers can travel great distances and start unwanted fires.
- If on private land, take every possible preventive action to prevent grass or brush fires starting from a campfire. Mow the grass as short as possible and remove all brush. The fire should always be on bare dirt and in a safe fire pit or ring.
- Maintain a clear area of at least 10 feet in all directions of any combustibles including the campfire wood (wood should be stacked upwind from the fire).
- Do not add wood late into the fire. If going to sleep soon, let the fire die down and extinguish completely.
- NEVER use liquids such as gasoline to get a fire going. Vapors can hide and are unpredictable when ignited causing an explosion that throws burning material in any direction.
- Keep all tripping hazards away from the fire.
- Have an extinguisher or water source nearby in the unlikely event of clothes or other materials catching fire. Remember: Stop, Drop and Roll.
- The fire pit or ring should be at least 50 percent larger than the fire it contains. Be sure it is continuous with no breaks and replace rocks or stones as needed.
- Small children should be constantly supervised around all fires, especially campfires. Campfires are on the ground right where kids can get hurt. Teach children about fire safety early.
- Keep the fire small. If it is too hot to sit nearby, it is too big.
- NEVER leave a campfire unattended. If part of the fire falls out of the fire ring, it can start an unintended fire. Again, the fire ring should be larger than the fire.
- Always make sure the fire is “cold out” before turning in for the night or leaving the campsite. Use more water than you think it needs. Embers can continue to burn and smolder in hidden areas. Use a shovel or other metal tool to “stir” the remaining ashes and continue to apply water. This one step is probably the most important in preventing wildfires.

Enjoy your adventures in the great outdoors and remember what Smokey the Bear teaches us, “Only YOU can prevent forest fires!” For additional campfire information, visit <http://smokeybear.com>.

Open fires such as campfires are not permitted in Duncanville. Contact the Duncanville Fire Prevention office at 972.780.5047 or 5049 for more information.

Service Awards

Thank you for your years of service to the city of Duncanville! It is with grateful appreciation you are recognized for your commitment to excellence.

Jerry Christenson, Retired in June

Police Department
32 Years

Danene Hudson

Youth Services Librarian
5 Years

Kelvin Horton

Traffic Operations Technician
10 Years

For questions or career opportunities with the city of Duncanville, visit:

www.duncanville.com.

Thank You



Assistant Chief of Police, Brian Heard, presents Officer Christenson with his service award.

The official record of awards and service for Officer Christenson:

- 32 years, 1 month with Duncanville PD
- Master Peace Officer
- 2 Life Saving Bars
- 2 Police Commendation Bars
- 4 Certificates of Merit
- 5 Year Safe Driver
- 2 Civic Achievement Bars
- Expert Shooter Bar
- Field Training Officer
- Founding member of SWAT Team
- 45 Departmental Commendations

Manga Toshokan for Teens

If you love Manga, Anime, and all things Japanese, the library has a club just for you. Manga Toshokan is for teens 13+ and features Manga, Anime, crafts, art, contests, snacks and more! Tell your friends, and we hope to see you there on Thursday, July 13 at 7 pm in the library program room.

For more information, visit: www.duncanville.com.





HEALTHY SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

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 COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

PARKS & RECREATION

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DUNCANVILLE

DUNCANVILLE FIELDHOUSE

MWF 4:45 am,
 MWF 6:00 am

1700 S Main St
 Duncanville, TX TX

WHERE TO MEET
 Front Parking Lot

ALTERNATE LOCATION
 Awning On The Side of The Building

DUNCANVILLE

RECREATION CENTER

MTTH 5:15 am

201 James Collins Blvd
 Duncanville, TX 75116

WHERE TO MEET
 Library Parking Lot (East End of the Parking Lot)

ALTERNATE LOCATION
 Inside of the Recreation Center

DALLAS

KENNERMER MIDDLE SCHOOL

TTH 6:30 pm,
 TTH 7:45 pm

7101 W Wheatland Rd
 Dallas, TX TX

WHERE TO MEET
 Parking Lot to the Right of the School

ALTERNATE LOCATION
 Pavilion at Armstrong Park

DUNCANVILLE

ARMSTRONG PARK

MW 7:00 pm,
 MW 5:45 pm,
 S 8:00 am,
 MWF 8:00 am

389 East Wheatland Road
 Duncanville, TX 75116

WHERE TO MEET
 In the Field Across from the Library and Recreation Center

ALTERNATE LOCATION
 Under Pavilion on the Wheatland Road Entrance of the Park

DUNCANVILLE

DUNCANVILLE FRESHMAN CAMPUS

MTTH 4:30 am

900 W. Camp Wisdom Road
 Duncanville, TX 75116

WHERE TO MEET
 Parking Lot West of the Freshman Campus

ALTERNATE LOCATION
 Steps on Camp Wisdom, near Tennis Courts (call 2145510719 if you cant find the CG Table)

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D.L. Hopkins Jr., Senior Center

206 James Collins Blvd., Duncanville, Texas 75116



Mesquite Rodeo

July 8, 2017

Leave at 6:30 pm.

Cost: \$13.00



Ellis County BBQ

July 11, 2017

Leave at 4:30 pm.

Cost: \$3.00 + meal



George Bush Presidential Library

July 20, 2017

Leave at 9:00 am.

Cost: \$20.00 + meal



Rice Pot

July 27, 2017

Leave at 4:30 pm.

Cost of meal: \$0

Membership Required: For Further Information Call 972)780-5073

Keep Texas Beautiful Announces New Board Members

Posted by East Texas Review | Jun 27, 2017

Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) announces the selection of four new members to serve on its Board of Directors, as well as its officers and board members for 2017-2018. Nominations were voted on by KTB's membership at its 50th Annual Conference recently held in San Antonio.

Joining the Board of Directors are Tony Arce, Jr., Amy Reed, Tamara Wallace and Tim Hamilton. "We are delighted to welcome these four professionals to the KTB board. They each bring expertise and skills to ensure that KTB continues to thrive well into the future," said Dan Eden, Board President.

Tony Arce, Jr., is Manager of External Affairs at AEP Texas. As a resident of Laredo, he has been involved with numerous organizations and has served as past President of both the Uvalde Area Chamber of Commerce and Uvalde Area Development Foundation.

Amy Reed of Avangard Innovative, which is based in Houston, has been involved with Keep Texas Beautiful and its affiliates for many years. Amy has served as an affiliate coordinator and KTB affiliate representative board member, and recently chaired KTB's marquee 50th Anniversary Committee. She is also currently on the executive leadership team for the Katy Relay for Life with the American Cancer Society.

Tamara Wallace is Chief Operating Officer of National Recycling Solutions/Recycle2Support based in Dallas. She has more than 20 years of financial experience and ten years of nonprofit volunteer experience with the Parks & Recreation Board and other Frisco-area organizations.

Tim Hamilton is the Affiliate Coordinator of Keep Duncanville Beautiful. He has served on the Affiliate Committee for two years, judged the prestigious Governor's Community Achievement Awards for KTB and has presented at the organization's annual conference. Previously, Tim served as Vice President of Keep Grapevine Beautiful and is involved with the Trinity River Environmental Society (TREES) in North Texas.

KTB is also pleased to recognize its 2017-2018 officers: Dan Eden of Dan Eden Consulting as President, Dan Harbeke of Union Pacific as Vice President, Johnny Womack of City of Big Spring as Treasurer, Cheryl Brock of Republic Services as Assistant Treasurer, and Joan Meeks of Commodity Recycling Solutions as Secretary.

For more information on KTB's Board of Directors, please visit: <http://bit.ly/KTBBOD>.



You're invited!

The City of Duncanville invites you to bring your family and friends to its annual Independence Day Celebration on

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH 2017

9AM PARADE | 6PM LIVE MUSIC | 9PM FIREWORKS

ADMISSION IS FREE * WRISTBANDS REQUIRED

Junked and Abandoned Vehicles

Duncanville's Code Enforcement Officers receive calls regarding vehicles appearing to be inoperable, unused or abandoned. Article III of Chapter 12 of Duncanville's Code of Ordinances mirrors the requirements of Chapter 683 of the Texas Transportation Code, which lists the requirements for any vehicle visible from a public place or from public right-of-way.

JUNKED VEHICLES (Administered by Code Enforcement Officers)

Section 683.071 describes the first two criteria for a junked vehicle: it must be self-propelled; and must display an expired license plate or no license plate.

If a vehicle meets those criteria it must ALSO be one of the following: wrecked; dismantled or partially dismantled; discarded; and inoperable for 30 consecutive days on private property.

Any vehicle meeting these criteria is declared a public nuisance and a violation of the law, which may be abated by the City by the following process:

- If possible, a courtesy notice may be issued verbally or by means of a sticker applied to the vehicle describing its condition, and stating it may be in violation of City ordinance requirements (this courtesy notice is not required by state law or city ordinance).
- If the vehicle remains in the same condition seven days after the courtesy notice is issued (or if the courtesy notice cannot be issued), a formal notice is sent by certified mail giving the recipient 10 days to remove the vehicle or to request a hearing before the Municipal Judge. This notice is sent to: the last known registered owner of the vehicle; any lienholders; and the owner or occupant of the property on which the vehicle is located.

Before the City can remove a vehicle, a hearing must be held by the Municipal Judge, who decides whether or not the vehicle meets the necessary criteria for a junked vehicle. If the judge finds the vehicle does meet criteria, an Order of Removal is issued. The City is ordered to remove the vehicle to the City's impound lot.

Such a vehicle may be sold at public auction; however, state law specifies once a vehicle is declared a junked vehicle and removed, it may never be operated as a vehicle again and must be sold for parts or scrap.

ABANDONED VEHICLES (Administered by Police Department)

Section 683.002 defines an abandoned vehicle as one that is: inoperable and more than five years old.

If a vehicle meets those criteria, it must ALSO be one of the following: remained illegally on public property for more than 48 hours; remained on private property without consent of the owner or person in charge of the property for more than 48 hours; and left unattended on the right-of-way of a county, state or federal highway for more than 48 hours.

Officers apply a sticker to an abandoned vehicle stating it must be removed within 48 hours. After that time, the vehicle may be towed to the City impound lot.

Within 10 days, the Police Department must send notice via certified mail to: the last known registered owner of the vehicle; and any lienholders. The notice must include: location where vehicle is being held; and inform owner and lienholder of their right to claim the vehicle within 20 days upon payment of all fees or charges resulting from removal of the vehicle.

If the vehicle remains unclaimed after that time, it may be sold at public auction. Unlike a junked vehicle, an abandoned vehicle may be operated again by anyone claiming it or purchasing it at auction.

To report a possible abandoned vehicle, call the Duncanville Police Department's non-emergency number at 972.223.6111. To report a possible junked vehicle, contact the City's Code Services Department at 972.780.5040.

Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting #2 Recap



The second Comprehensive Plan community wide meeting, held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, was a successful and well-attended event! Over 70 people attended and participated in a variety of interactive exercises. The meeting began with a presentation by the consultant, Freese and Nichols. They provided a recap about comprehensive planning that included: what it is; what it is not; and the overall planning process. There was a summary presented of all the public input that has been gathered since the process began in August 2016. Each guiding principle and major elements of the plan were also presented including neighborhoods, future land use, transportation, gateways and implementation.

Citizens were directed to participate in the interactive exercises by voting on four topics. Participants were asked to vote on which two opportunity areas should be addressed first. Opportunity Areas are identified on the Future Land Use Plan as areas having potential for development and redevelopment. These areas should be targeted for reinvestment and strategies applied encouraging revitalization activities. The citizens chose Downtown and Opportunity Area #1 (HWY 67 and Cockrell Hill, from Wheatland to S. Alexander) as the two areas to tackle first.



Participants were asked to vote on the four gateways that should be implemented/ addressed first. Gateways fall into three categories: major; minor; and district/area entry. Major gateways are those marking the entrance to Duncanville from a major road, such as IH-20 or HWY 67. Minor gateways also mark entrances to the City but at lower capacity roadways. District/area markers are similar to minor gateways in that they are placed at the entrance to a focus area; however, perimeter markers signify entrance into a district or opportunity area for which the City has established an image zone. The four chosen gateways were all along IH-20 and HWY 67. The future capital improvements planned for IH-20 and HWY 67 through Duncanville could present the perfect opportunity for the City to plan, fund and build interstate/highway gateways.



Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting #2 Recap Continued

Attendees were asked to identify which two roadways should be improved first. The roadways identified were those recommended in the plan by applying one or more roadway treatments to enhance the corridor. Some of the proposed roadway treatments include: raised crosswalks; sidewalks; pedestrian lighting; bike lanes; and landscape medians. Not each roadway would receive each treatment as the specified treatment would be dictated by a number of factors. The two roadways receiving the most votes were Main Street and a tie between Daniieldale Road and Camp Wisdom Road.

The final board presented 17 of the over 40 recommendations that will be presented within the plan. Citizens were asked to vote on which three priority recommendations should be addressed first. The top three chosen were as follows:

1. Identify and prioritize shopping centers opportune for pad site development and work with necessary entities to pursue target businesses.
2. Review and revise Downtown District regulations to better address redevelopment and non-conforming uses.
3. Continue and expand upon existing crime prevention efforts through the Police Department to collaborate with neighborhood groups to increase awareness and help mitigate crime.

While all the proposed recommendations are important, those attending the Community Meeting felt these recommendations warranted more urgent action.

The meeting concluded with the sharing of the votes from the exercises and an explanation of next steps. The presentation and activity boards from the Community Meeting are provided on the project Website:

www.DestinationDuncanville.com.

Once the draft comprehensive plan document becomes available for public review, a copy will be accessible on the City's Website, www.duncanville.com, or the project Website. A hard copy will be available for checkout from the Planning Division at City Hall. Updates on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan, as well as information on opportunities for further public input will be provided on the City's and project's Websites, as well as two City newsletters, the Spotlight Duncanville and the Champion.



Fourth of July Tips

CELEBRATORY GUNFIRE

The Fourth of July can be a great time to socialize with family, friends and neighbors. It is a time for celebrating our independence and coming together. Party down, barbecue, do whatever you do on the Fourth. Celebrate without firing guns in the air – when a bullet goes up, it is coming back down.

Bullets fired into the air usually fall back with terminal velocities much lower than their muzzle velocity when they leave the barrel of a firearm. Nevertheless, people can be injured, sometimes fatally when bullets discharged into the air fall back down to the ground. Bullets fired at angles less than vertical are more dangerous. As the bullet maintains its angular ballistic trajectory, it is far less likely to engage in tumbling motion and travels at speeds much higher than a bullet in free fall.

Bullets often lodge in roofs causing minor damage requiring repair in most cases. Normally, the bullet will penetrate the roof surface through the roof deck leaving a hole where water may run into the building and cause a leak.

Celebratory gunfire remains a problem in many cities, particularly during the July 4 holiday season, and sadly, it can often have tragic results when innocent people are injured or killed by stray bullets.

To report illegal celebratory gun fire, contact Duncanville Police Dispatch (SWRCC) at 972.223.6111.

OTHER TIPS

Grill with care. Keep your brats and burgers tasty, the hair on your arms un-singed and the fire where it is supposed to be.

- Keep your grill clear from overhanging branches, grass and other dry or flammable areas and materials.
- Never grill under a tent, canopy or in a garage.
- Do not leave the grill unattended.
- Use long utensils and do not wear loose-fitting clothes.
- Always keep children and pets at least 3 feet away.
- Keep a garden hose, fire extinguisher or buckets of water available where grilling.

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water and be cautious of alcohol and caffeine consumption, especially in the heat.

Designate a driver. Have a designated driver for your car or boat and be sure to have plenty of water on hand, whether you are consuming alcohol or not.

Know before you go. Regardless of your plans, check the weather, traffic, water conditions and any other relevant information before you head out for the day.

When thunder roars, go indoors. Your safety is never worth that last at-bat, the ninth hole, the fish on your hook or your backyard fiesta. In the event of thunder, lightning or threat of severe weather, move your activities and celebrations indoor and out of harm's way.

Fourth of July Travel Tips

AROUND THE HOUSE

- Get help in gathering yard items needing to be stored. Do not make it easy for casual thieves.
- Remember to use your locks – on all doors and windows – even if you will “only be gone a minute” or “just down the block.” It does not take long for a crook to take advantage.
- Check your smoke detector before the cooking starts.
- Have a trusted neighbor keep an eye on your place if you go away – picking up mail and papers, checking around your home. Put some lights on timers and keep shades and drapes in normal positions.
- Be sure guests know how to operate locks, and they help keep doors and windows appropriately secured.
- If going out of town, fill out a vacation check request form with the Duncanville Police Station.

ON THE ROAD

- If traveling by car, remember to “lock up, roll up and look around.” Keep doors locked, windows rolled up and stay alert to surroundings at all times.
- Be sure to carry only the cash and credit cards absolutely needed. Keep possessions in your control at all times.
- Fanny sack style bags are good to keep money, identification and other needed items in a place where an eye can be kept on them while having empty hands.
- When renting a car, choose a commonly available type in the local market visited so attention is not drawn.
- Wear seatbelts.
- Do not pick up hitchhikers, men or women, even if they look innocent or attractive.
- If you see suspicious looking people around, do not get out of the car.
- Do not park in a remote area overnight.
- Try and avoid driving at night.
- There are many scams, which lead to carjacking. Carjackers and thieves operate at gas stations, parking lots, in city traffic and along the highway. Be suspicious of anyone who hails you or tries to get your attention when you are in, or near your car.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

- Take only what is needed in a purse or wallet and keep a tight hold. Carry purses close and snug against your body. Carry wallets in front pants pockets or a coat pocket. Pick-pockets are out this time of year looking for holiday cash. Do not let it be yours!

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Officer Doug Sisk, Certified Crime Prevention Specialist/Community Relations, Duncanville Police Department, at 972.780.5027 or dsisk@duncanvillepd.com.

Operation Conversation

Gary McDaniel, Administrative Services Lieutenant
Duncanville Police Department

We live in a time when there seems to be some division between the citizens and law enforcement in our nation's communities. Within various communities, there are many members who are good and occasionally some who are bad. Law enforcement is a part of these communities and is not totally exempt from this. However, we need to remember that even when there is occasionally bad, the vast community majorities are good. When our communities work together to unite the good, the bad will never thrive. There are also additional divisions within our communities involving things such as religion; race; and politics. Like many people, we all search to find the causes deteriorating unity and division on these subjects. I believe one of the main causes of the deterioration of unity is people not believing their voice is being heard.

One thing we as people want in all aspects of our lives is someone to listen. When nobody listens to us, we become angry. Sometimes anger turns to mistrust, desperation and even destruction. We see this in many areas from the relationships with our children, marriages, schools and even the relationship of the community and law enforcement. When a spouse or child feels they are not being listened to, their anger sometimes turns to destruction of property in the home. When citizens voice their anger in protests, it sometimes results in the destruction of property in neighborhoods. How do we stop this escalation to the destruction of not only property but of our trust of one another? We start with the simple task of listening to each other. Listening is communication flowing both ways. When we listen to each other, we learn that although we may have different views and opinions from each other, our outlook is now not based solely on our own assumptions. It is from the listening we learn it is not a bad thing to be different. It is through these conversations we get to know each other as people. It is amazing how differences become more acceptable when one has learned to understand the differences of someone else. The more you understand other's differences, the more you are willing to work together and form a trust. When we have trust we are unified.

The Police Department has a mission to listen, to get to know those of you in the community better and to provide service above self. The first Capstone of the Duncanville City Council is to have the "most engaged citizens in America." This cannot happen without conversation and knowing one another. Just like communication flowing both ways, so does engagement. I challenge my fellow police officers and the citizens of Duncanville to listen and get to know one another. I encourage everyone to attend a community event and meet and talk with the members of the Police Department. Together we can become the example for unity in other communities.

The Police Department participated in a fantastic event called Community in Unity on October 29 at Armstrong Park. Ten Duncanville churches came together to organize an event to foster unity in the city. There were bounce houses, games and kids playing basketball with our police officers. There were great music performances and stories that made us all reflect on how our city can be an example for others.

You could see the spirit of the event when many attendees were surprised by a flash mob performance culminating with hundreds of people circling the park hand in hand. If you missed it, do not worry, there is already talk of repeating the event next year.

Let us start the conversations!

What to do about Scavengers?

Incidents of scavenging should be reported to the Police Department. Scavenging is prohibited by the City Code of Ordinances. Anyone who observes scavenging taking place, or has already taken place, should contact the PD non-emergency line (unless the person is being aggressive and threatening) and report the following information:

- Date, time and location of incident
- Description of vehicle and license plate number
- Direction of travel
- Description of person(s) scavenging
- What items/material were being scavenged
- Your name and telephone number (optional)

With a description of the vehicle, responding police officers can detain a vehicle matching the description. It is also possible such individuals are involved in thefts and knowing the vehicle descriptions and descriptions of the individuals gives police more to go on when looking for them. PD can also issue citations for scavenging if sufficient evidence exists.

It is highly encouraged to keep garage doors down while away from the rear of your residence. Many thieves/burglars drive the alleys looking for open garage doors.

Stay tuned for a code-related article in the September issue of The Spotlight Duncanville newsletter for citizen education.

To report scavenging, call the Duncanville Police Department's non-emergency number at 972.223.6111.

Floodsmart and the Community Rating System

Floodsmart is the education component of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Local governments work closely with Floodsmart and the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) to provide tools and resources for citizens. These tools are available online and can be used to help communities improve their CRS rating, which provides discounts on flood insurance. Utilizing and applying these free resources will ultimately lower the cost of flood insurance for the City of Duncanville's residents by improving the CRS rating upon which insurance rate discounts are based.

To access these free online tools, visit: Floodsmart.gov. Next, navigate to the **Community Resources** section. The tools are designed to help residents assess their flood risk and demonstrate the consequences of a flood. The dollar amount of damages can be estimated using the Cost of Flooding Tool. The most common misconception about flooding is homeowners underestimate their risk and cost of damages. Remember, flooding is not always caused by excessive amounts of rain. Check out the Floodsmart Website and learn more about the importance of flood insurance.



The City Launches New Interactive GIS Maps

Public Works has developed an Interactive Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Map Portal which is available to the public through the City's Website.

ESRI, the City's GIS software provider, made an on-site visit in March to train staff on the development of the portal and associated maps.

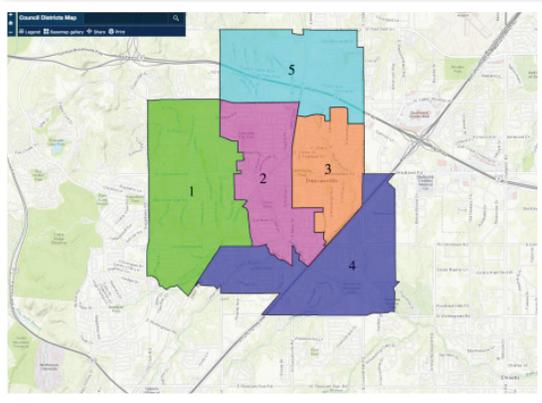
The maps will allow access to information to improve transparency of data and communicate information frequently requested by the public, including citizens and development professionals.

The maps currently available on the portal include: council districts; zoning; stormwater and floodplain; TIF District; and utilities. The maps are searchable by address or intersection. There is a tutorial video and PDF help guide on the Website to assist users in navigating the maps.

The maps may be accessed from the City's homepage, www.duncanville.com, or by going directly to www.duncanville.com/government/city-maps/.

If you have any questions, contact Public Works at 972.780.5015.

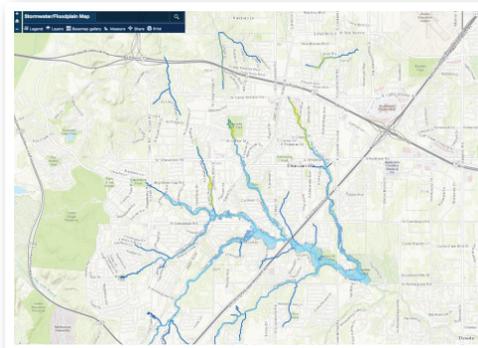
Council Districts



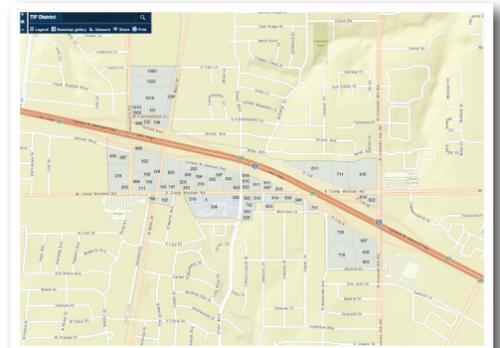
Zoning Map



Utilities

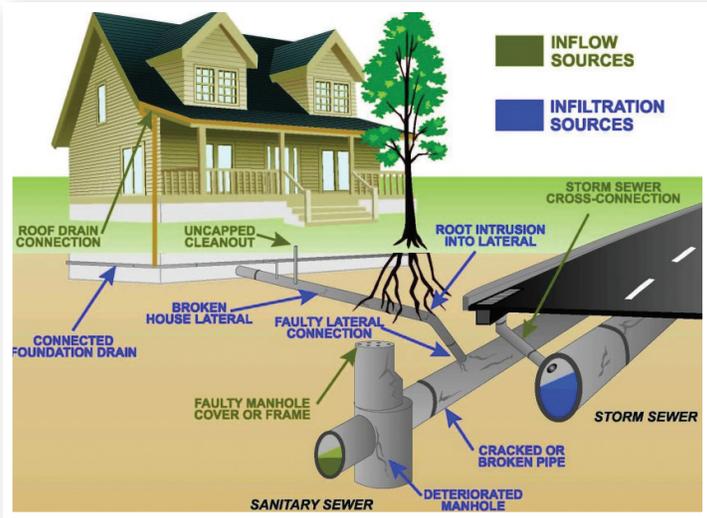


Stormwater & Floodplain



TIF District

Sewer System Preventative Maintenance



As a rain event begins, our sanitary sewer system starts to fill with rain water and/or ground water as a result of leaks and cracks, otherwise known as inflow and infiltration. Once the sanitary sewer system has reached capacity or becomes overloaded, water will flow backward through the sanitary sewer, flooding households and causing manholes to pop open releasing sewage and potential pathogens into the street and surrounding environment.

The city maintains approximately 155 miles of sewer pipe. That is 818,400 feet of sanitary sewer pipe! The city staff has implemented proactive approaches to its management and operation of the sewer system to minimize overflow occurrences associated with inflow and infiltration. These approaches include:

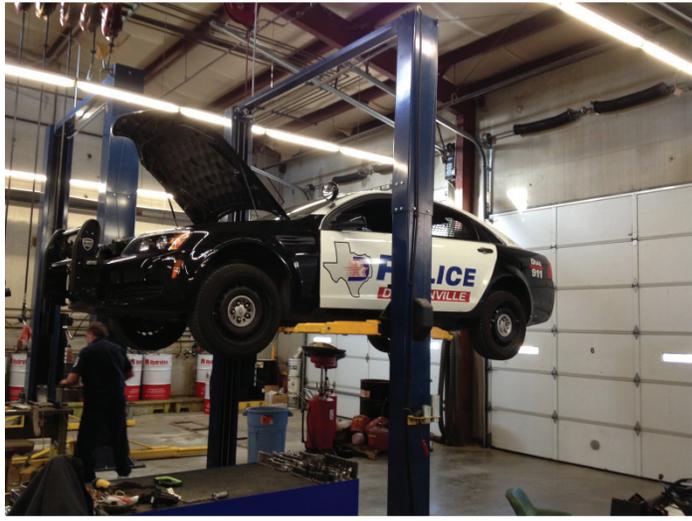
- Creating a prioritized preventive maintenance and sewer cleaning schedule to clean roots and debris.
- Mapping service history and overflow locations into a GIS system.
- Forecasting future repairs and system improvements.
- Implementing a scheduled inspection and condition assessment for sewer pipe.
- Reaching out to homeowners and businesses through public education.

The city performs routine inspections of the sewer system to identify defects in its system and sewer pipes from private homes and businesses. Typical defects in sewer pipe such as cracks, leaking joints, collapsed lines and/or missing cleanout caps serve as points of entrance for inflow and infiltration.



Contact Donald McKinney, Water/Wastewater Operations Manager, at 972.780.4937 to learn more about these programs or actions one can take to minimize inflow and infiltration.

Vehicle Inspections & Maintenance for Summer Weather



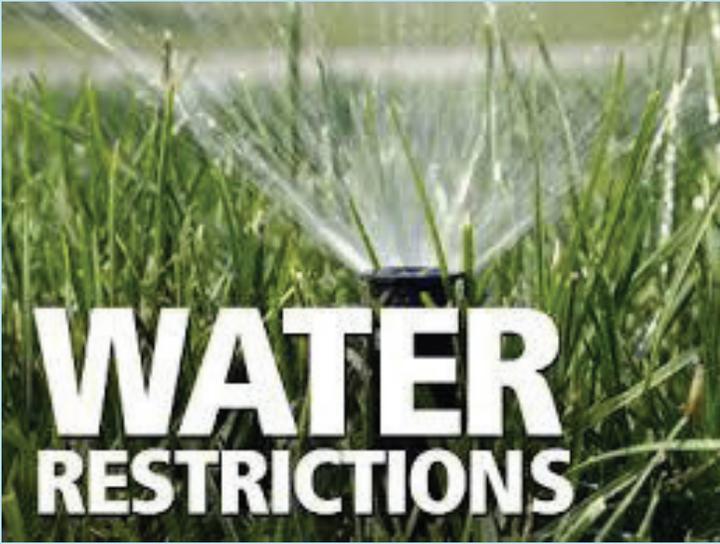
Texas summers can be brutal, and it is important to perform proper inspections and maintenance preparing vehicles for extreme summer conditions. Fleet Services works in conjunction with all City departments to ensure vehicles are prepared for the summer weather.

Mechanics inspect lights and windshield wipers to ensure they work properly. Additionally, they check tire conditions to ensure proper inflation,

as well as check fluids to make sure the coolant/water mix in the radiator is at the proper ratio. The proper ratio provides the maximum protection for the engine to prevent overheating.

In addition, the air conditioning, engine and battery are checked. The air conditioning is checked and maintained to reduce the likelihood of that system failing. Engine oil and oil filters are changed at the proper intervals as well as other filters (air, fuel, etc.). Batteries are tested, and the fluid levels in the cells are checked to make sure they are at their proper levels.

The City encourages all residents to perform these same inspections on personal vehicles. If you have any questions regarding Fleet Services or the inspection of your vehicle, contact Equipment Services Superintendent, Asa Low, at 972.780.5062 or alow@duncanville.com.



Water your yard before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. from April 1 to October 31.

DON'T FORGET WATERING RESTRICTIONS HAVE STARTED!!

Violation of these outdoor watering guidelines can result in fines of up to \$500 per offense, per day.

WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

- It is prohibited to water any lawn or landscape between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm during the period from April 1 to October 31 of any year, except if watering by hand-held hose, drip irrigation, or soaker hose.
- Don't water during any form of precipitation.
- All automatic sprinkler systems must have rain and freeze sensors.
- Repair any broken, missing or misdirected sprinkler heads.
- Watering driveways, sidewalks or streets is prohibited.
- Water resulting from runoff onto streets, sidewalks or other drainage area is prohibited.

Duncanville Water Utilities recommends watering no more than twice a week.

If you give your lawn one inch of water every five to seven days, it will encourage the roots to grow stronger. Deep and infrequent watering is key to keeping your lawn healthy and your costs under control all summer long.

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
Spectrum 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
Suburban.....	972.296.8600

Duncanville ISD:

710 S. Cedar Ridge, 75137	
Administration.....	972.708.2000
Natorium.....	972.708.2370
School Board:	
Carla Fahey.....	972.296.3452
Tom Kennedy.....	972.709.0015
Philip McNeely.....	972.709.7824
Joe Veracruz.....	972.965.7809
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.....	972.709.7784
Internat'l Museum of Cultures...	972.572.0462
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.....	972.780.5095
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.....	972.780.4905
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

City Council (May 7, 2016): **

Mayor - David Green.....	972.780.0348
At-Large - Patrick Harvey.....	972.296.5031
District 1 - Dennis Schwartz	469.567.0780
District 2 - Steven Rutherford.....	972.296.2669
District 3 - Leslie Thomas	214.773.2682
District 4 - Ron Dotson, MD....	972.298.2120
District 5 - Johnette Jameson	972.780.8887

**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: http://dshs.texas.gov/	
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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