



City of Duncanville

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: August 4, 2017

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Library Director – I am pleased to report that we have hired Mr. Julio Velasquez as the new Library Director. His tentative date of employment is Monday, August 21. Mr. Velasquez has a Bachelor’s degree in English from Trinity University in San Antonio, and a Masters in Library Science from the University of North Texas. He brings more than 20 years of experience in library services, fifteen of those being in public libraries. He currently serves as the Creative Content Manager for the Dallas Public Library System, and has served as a branch manager and district manager for DPL as well. Prior to joining the Dallas Public Library System in 2012, he also worked for the Arlington Public Library as an Information Services Librarian and the Carrollton Public Library as a Senior Library Technician.

I am appreciative to Parks and Recreation Director Bart Stevenson, Youth Services Librarian Danene Hudson and Cedar Hill Library Director Toni Simmons, for assisting me in the interview and selection process. Their insight and input were very helpful to me in making my decision. We look forward to having Mr. Velasquez on board and continuing the great efforts we have made so far to further our services to the citizens of Duncanville!

Fire Department – The Department has not had any major fire or EMS incidents in Duncanville this week.

Battalion Chiefs Robert Hancock and Robert Gideon applied for the National Fire Academy (NFA) and have been accepted to attend February 18-23, 2018. The course is limited in number, so being accepted from among all the candidates who applied is quite a distinction for them. The course they will be attending is “Command and Control – Decision Making at Multiple Alarms”.

The new MICU has been outfitted with the additional equipment and should be placed in service very soon, awaiting only a state inspection.

Public Works – Water usage was 36.189 MG last week, down from 41.194 MG the prior week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Saturday, July 29, when 5.701 MG was pumped from ground and elevated storage tanks.

Due to positive test results for West Nile in the Thrush and Meadow Green areas, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) conducted ground spraying on Thursday, August 3, and will again on Friday, August 4, from 9:00p to 5:00a, weather permitting. The Thrush spray area is bounded by the northern city limit at North Cedar Ridge Drive to the intersection of West Camp Wisdom Road and North Cedar Ridge, north of Camp Wisdom to Main Street, then east of Main Street to East Wheatland Road, and east on Wheatland Road to the east city limits. The Meadow Green area is bounded by West Wheatland Road, South Clark Road, Santa Fe Trail, and the southern city limit. Both areas are shown on the attached map. Residents living near these areas are encouraged to remain indoors and bring their pets inside during spraying.

Viking Construction applied micro-surfacing to 14 streets in Duncanville. Treated streets include Katherine, Kelly, and Camellia Courts; Tanglewood, La Plata, Camellia, and Statler Drives; Rita, Bayless, Magnolia, and Azalea Lanes; Gardenia Circle; Royal Avenue; and Mizell Street.

Warranty repairs on the Clark Road Elevated Storage Tank were completed this week. All bacteria samples passed, and the tank has been filled and placed back in service.

Construction Update:

- A pre-bid meeting was held on Thursday, August 3, for the FY2018 Water Line Improvements project. These improvements include replacing water lines on Daniel Street, Nance Street, and Vinyard Road. There was one contractor in attendance. The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$150,000.
- A preconstruction meeting was held Tuesday, August 2 for the FY17 Milling and Overlay program. TexasBit will provide the overlay services, and Dustrol will provide the milling services. Work is tentatively set to begin Monday, August 21 at Softwood Drive by Alexander Elementary so that area can be completed prior to start of school on August 28. The cost of the overlays will be \$309,911 and milling services will be provided at a cost of \$35,707.
- Wintergreen Road construction – monthly coordination meetings between the County and participating cities continue. The County is working on acquisition of three parcels. The schedule calls for property acquisitions to be complete by spring 2018, utility relocations to occur early 2018 to summer 2018, and project construction to begin early fall 2018.

Parks and Recreation

Parks -- Pipe and cable fencing installation will begin Monday, August 7 at Harrington and Lakeside parks. The pipe and cable will confine vehicles to the designated parking areas and keep park visitors safe while protecting the park turf and infrastructure.

Terry Kelly, a 15-year employee of the Parks Department retired this week. Terry's contribution to the beautification of Duncanville can be seen throughout the community as a key member of the horticulture team. We wish Terry well in his well-earned retirement. On a side note, I spoke with a local business owner today who just opened a new business in Duncanville. She was commenting on how beautiful the city is with the landscaping and flowers and said Duncanville looked like a "south Highland Park!" I thanked her and noted how hard our Parks crews work to accomplish this. Terry was one of those employees and we will miss him.

Recreation – Staff training concludes this week with the new recreation software RecTrac. We will begin running parallel with our existing system next week and plan to go live the following week.

Library – The Youth and Adult Summer Reading series concluded this week with prizes, discount event coupons, food coupons and other awards for the participants. The four grand prize winners of a Kindle Fire tablet (donated by the Friends of the Duncanville Public Library) were:

- Richard Eastman, 2nd grader, Hyman Elementary
- Sydney Harper, 3rd grader, homeschooled
- Jesse Leija, 8th grader, Reed Middle School
- Rosa Juarez, 12th grader, Duncanville High School

Twelve teens contributed a total of 223.5 hours of volunteer time in support of the Summer Reading Club. The first year of the Adult Summer Reading Club presented 27 programs with a total attendance of 84 persons, and awarded the grand prize of an Echo Show to Mr. Nik Goodnight. We look forward to growing the program next year.



Economic Development – ED staff is providing support and working on the following projects:

- Pitched Duncanville to five restaurants.
- Reviewed a manufacturing lead from the State of Texas that could bring 150 jobs to Duncanville however the city does not have the available land and building needed.
- Working on a complete Duncanville business database to help City staff review available local businesses for purchasing needs, and assist with business

retention efforts and possible future business notification needs. ED Staff already utilizes a database with specific Duncanville building information for recruitment purposes, but this database will include additional information that can be used for a variety of purposes.

- The Development Team met with an investor interested in opening a Bed and Breakfast in the downtown area.
- ED staff, Parks, and Public Information interviewed two firms specializing in logo design and branding of municipalities. The City Council will make the final selection of a firm to assist in the development of a new City logo and branding needs at a future City Council meeting.

The DCEDC regular monthly meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2017, at 6:00p in the City Council Briefing Room.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued

- Ram Concrete & Asphalt; 1211 Crest Lane Dr. (Construction Company)
- Thibodeaux's Cajun Cookin'; 107 N. Cedar Ridge Dr. Ste. #106 (Restaurant Expansion)
- All Saints Care Injury and Rehab Clinic, Inc.; 606 Oriole Dr. Ste. # 100C (Injury & Rehab, expansion –meeting room)
- SheLuvLashes Glamtique; 1019 S. Main St. Ste. # 128 (Salon)
- Helping Hands; 328 E. Camp Wisdom Rd. (Life Skills Center for Adults)
- The Mane Spot; 335 E. Camp Wisdom Rd. (Barbershop)
- Haylow Insurance; 515 N. Cedar Ridge Rd. Ste. # 6 (Insurance Office)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received

- Give Me Body; 107 N. Cedar Ridge Dr. Ste. # 116 (Body Sculpting)
- Book My Braids; 111 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. Ste. # 130 (Hair Braiding)
- Raaz DFW Corp. DBA - Comet Cleaners; 215 W. Camp Wisdom Rd. Ste. #100 (Dry Cleaning)
- The Emma Rose Room; 928 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. Ste. # A (Office Only for Event Planning)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

MADD Enforcement Hero Award Awarded to Duncanville Police Officer

Link: <http://www.focusdailynews.com/2017/07/31/madd-recognizes-work-duncanville-police-officer/>

Source: The Focus Daily News

Date: July 31, 2017

DWI victim faces weeks of therapy

Link:

<http://epaper.dallasnews.com/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubid=d7d94d17-1cc1-4585-94e9-f98d19763bdb&edid=7c170ea8-ff8c-4f15-b3e6-928b6ee2d64c&pnum=17>

Source: Dallas Morning News

Date: July 31, 2017

Water spills out from Duncanville water tower

Link: <http://www.fox4news.com/news/271259023-story>

Source: Fox 4 News

Date: August 1, 2017

Duncanville Chamber of Commerce Stays Busy Year Round

Link: <http://www.focusdailynews.com/2017/08/02/duncanville-chamber-commerce-stays-busy-year-round/>

Source: The Focus Daily News

Date: August 2, 2017

Why hasn't Texas high school basketball adopted a shot clock yet?

Link: <https://sportsday.dallasnews.com/high-school/high-schools/2017/08/01/texas-high-school-basketball-adopted-shot-clock-yet>

Source: SportsDay

Date: August 2, 2017

Phillips Column: Landers and Thomas, two of the finest coaches I know

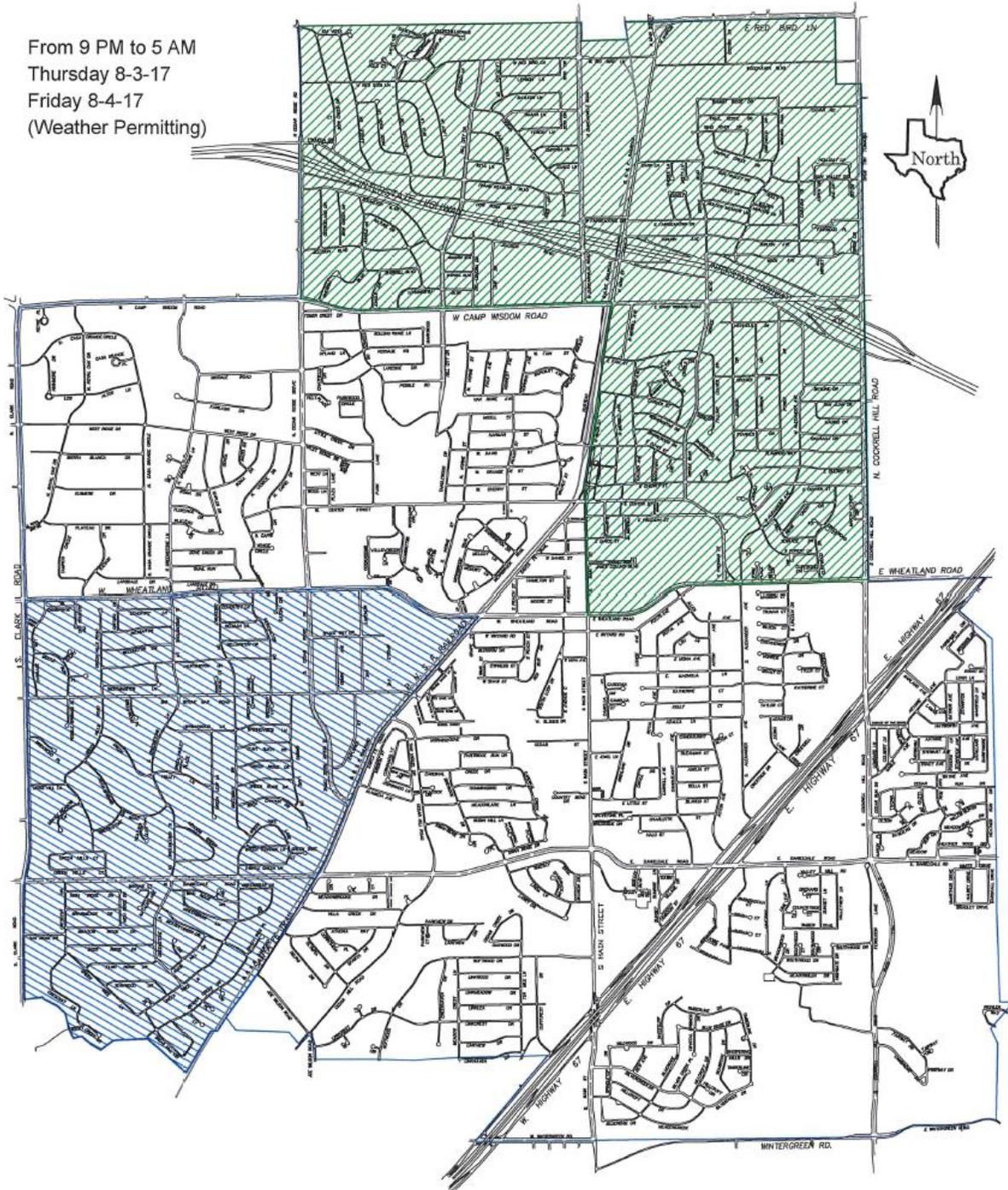
Link: http://www.corsicanadailysun.com/sports/phillips-column-landers-and-thomas-two-of-the-finest-coaches/article_60c441ea-78b6-11e7-8d06-3fc31476592d.html

Source: Corsicana Daily Sun

Date: August 3, 2017

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

From 9 PM to 5 AM
Thursday 8-3-17
Friday 8-4-17
(Weather Permitting)



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