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SPOTLIGHT Duncanville

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CITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 5: City Council Regular Meeting
2nd Public Hearing on tax rate & budget
- 16: DuncanSwitch Street Market
- 18: Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- 19: City Council Regular Meeting
Approval & Adoption of tax rate & budget

OCTOBER

- 3: City Council Regular Meeting
- 3: National Night Out
- 13: 2017 Smokin' Blues & BBQ Festival
- 14: 2017 Smokin' Blues & BBQ Festival
- 16: Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- 17: City Council Regular Meeting
- 21: DuncanSwitch Street Market
- 27: Boo Bash

NOVEMBER

- 7: City Council Regular Meeting
- 18: DuncanSwitch Street Market
- 21: City Council Regular Meeting

GK Steel Fabrication, LLC Receives Incentive Grant

The Duncanville Community and Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) recently presented Michael Owens, CEO/President of GK Steel Fabrication, LLC with a \$76,083 incentive grant. The grant was used for assistance with a new indoor sprinkler system in order for GK Steel to expand business and relocate to Duncanville.

GK Steel is a metal fabrication company, which recently

relocated its entire operation to Duncanville.

DCEDC's Incentive Program is aimed at helping businesses improve their buildings and increase their sustainability.

For more information on DCEDC or business incentives, call the Economic Development Department at 972.780.5090 or visit the website: www.duncanville.com.

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



Left to right: Economic Development Coordinator Cynthia Williams; Director of Economic Development Jessica James; DCEDC Board Member Steve Dial; CEO/President of GK Steel Michael Owens; Kathy Owens; and DCEDC Board Members Grady Smithey, Jr. and H. David Galbraith.

Scavenging Issues

Scavenging is the act of unauthorized persons going through recycling or searching for and/or collecting items from discarded waste. Scavenging scatters garbage and makes a mess in streets and alleys.

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 & plate number
- Direction of travel
- Description of person(s) scavenging
- Items/material being scavenged

City Ordinance 1165: Section 1

That section 10-7 of the Code of Ordinances states the following:

"Sec. 10-7. Prohibited acts.

... (e) Scavenging prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person other than an authorized employee of the City of Duncanville or a commercial trash hauler acting under franchise or license from the City of Duncanville to collect, tamper with, interfere with, scavenge from, or otherwise disturb garbage or trash which has been placed for collection on public or private property as provided by this chapter."

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

Determining Your Water Bill

From December through February, the Utility Billing department monitors how much water is being used for all activities causing water consumption such as showering, flushing toilets and washing clothes on each metered household.

The winter average determines the amount the City charges each household, on an individual basis, for wastewater for the next 12 months starting April 1.

December, January and February are the consumption months monitoring takes place (this is the January, February and March bill). Once the month's consumptions have been established, the new average appears on the April bill. The City uses these winter months to average the billing rates to better reflect the actual amount of wastewater a household produces due to the drastic decrease in outside watering, filling pools, etc.

Code of Ordinances: Chapter 20 - Water, Sewer and Sewage Disposal: Article II - Water Service Charges: Section 20-16

"The variable rate for residential users is based on a user charge of \$18.51/1,000 gallons of wastewater. The monthly volume of wastewater generated by a residential user shall be assumed equivalent to the average monthly water consumption for the preceding December, January and February, with a 20,000 gallon maximum. The wastewater fee will become effective and applied to all bills starting with April. This fee will be held constant and reflected in the following months of April through March. In the case of a customer moving into a residence during the months of April through March for which a wastewater charge has previously been established, the new customer shall pay the usage for similar customers or may assume a monthly volume of wastewater of 7,000 gallons wastewater charge for that residence until the next rerating."

To read the full ordinance or for more city ordinance information and descriptions, visit: www.municode.com/library.

For questions or inquiries about utility billing, contact a customer service representative Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm at 972.780.5010 option 7, or e-mail utilitybilling@duncanville.com. After hours customer service 24-Hour Emergency: 972.780.4959.

Configuring Residential Sewer Rates

This worksheet has been created to assist you in figuring the monthly sewer charge. Sewer charges are figured on the consumption or usage on your water meter for the months of December, January and February, which are the **BILLING** months of **January, February and March**.

Residential Address: 123 West Street
Billing usage figures are located in the column marked **USAGE** on your water bill.

January Billing Usage Figure: 7 (usage of December)
February Billing Usage Figure: 7 (usage of January)
March Billing Usage Figure: 7 (usage of February)

Total for the three months: 21

*Divide by three to determine average: 7 (total divided by three)
*Subtract one from the average figure above: 6 (you subtract one for the base charge: $7-1=6$)

*If average is over 20,000 gallons, then the customer will be charged \$168.80/month.

Multiply Above Figure by \$7.91: \$47.46 ($6*7.91=47.46$)
Add Base Charge of \$18.51: \$65.97 ($47.46+18.51=65.97$)

Total charges for sewer each month: \$65.97
(Total sewer charges will be in effect every month until after the next rating period – April 1).

Payment Options:

The City offers several convenient ways to pay monthly utility bills.

- Pay in person at City Hall
(credit card, debit card, cash, check or money order)
- Online
- Mail
- Night Drop Box at City Hall
- Over the Phone by Calling: 844.608.6680

Preparing for Cold Weather

Pipes that go unprotected can freeze and burst with time.

- Identify any water hoses hooked up; remove and empty
- Protect outside faucets or piping with heat tape or pipe insulation - wrap the tape or insulation around exposed outdoor pipes
- Use a heat lamp in the late evening hours to prevent freezing

Winterize your sprinkler system and piping.

- Turn off water to the irrigation system at the main valve
- Set the automatic irrigation controller to the "rain" setting or turn off controller altogether. Turn on each valve for the various zones to release pressure in the pipes
- Drain water out of any irrigation components

City Receives Recognition

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that Duncanville is the latest local government entity to achieve specific transparency goals through the Comptroller's Transparency Stars program. The City received a star in the area of Traditional Finances, which recognizes entities for outstanding efforts in making spending and revenue information available to the public.

Transparency Stars recognizes local government entities that provide easy online access to important financial data.

"By providing meaningful financial data in addition to visual tools and analysis of its revenues and expenditures, the City of Duncanville has shown a true commitment to Texas taxpayers. This effort achieves the goals set by my office's Transparency Stars program," Hegar said. "I am pleased to award the City of Duncanville a star for its accomplishments."

The City of Duncanville's Finance Department is currently preparing materials to apply for Debt Obligations in the Comptroller's Transparency Stars program.

For more information on the program, visit the Comptroller's Transparency Stars website.

For more information about the City of Duncanville, visit:
www.duncanville.com.





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Draft of the Comprehensive Plan Available for Public Review

The draft of the Comprehensive Plan, Destination Duncanville, is ready for your review! The process started in August 2016 with a series of Steering Committee meetings, community and stakeholder meetings, an online survey, along with Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council workshops. The draft document represents the culmination of all the public input and community effort.

Citizens are encouraged to review the document by visiting the City's website: www.duncanville.com, or the project website: www.DestinationDuncanville.com. The draft can be downloaded and comments may be submitted directly on the project website through September 1, 2017. A hard copy of the draft may be checked out for three days from the Planning Division located at City Hall, 203 East Wheatland Road.

After public review, the draft will be considered and a public hearing will be held by both the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council for adoption. It is anticipated adoption by City Council will occur in September.

Updates on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan, as well as information on opportunities for public input will be provided at www.duncanville.com and www.DestinationDuncanville.com, and the City's newsletters.

**Draft is a large file so expect delayed download time.*