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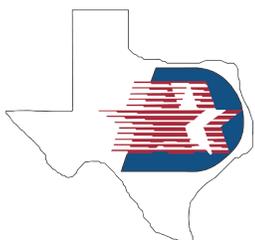
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About Duncanville

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.

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The perfect blend of **family,**
community and **business!**
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Duncanville
City of Champions



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November Calendar

- 3: City Council Retreat
- 4: City Council Retreat
- 7: City Council Regular Meeting
Briefing Session - 6 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
Regular Session - 7 pm, City Hall Council Chambers
- 9: DCEDC Regular Meeting
6:30 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
- 9: Duncanville Senior Advocacy Commission Meeting
7 pm, D.L. Hopkins, Jr. Senior Center Northside Room
- 9: Library Advisory Board Meeting
6:30 pm, Library Conference Rooms
- 10: Keep Duncanville Beautiful Board Meeting
8:30 am, City Hall Briefing Room
- 13: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
6:30 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
- 14: Sister City Commission Meeting
7 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
- 16: Multicultural Social Engagement Partnership Meeting
7 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
- 18: Duncanville Lions Pancake Breakfast
7 am to 10 am, Lions Club
- 18: DuncanSwitch Street Market
8 am - 2 pm, DuncanSwitch
- 21: City Council Regular Meeting
Briefing Session - 6 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
Regular Session - 7 pm, City Hall Council Chambers
- 22: Neighborhood Vitality Commission Meeting
7 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
- 28: TIF Board Meeting
6 pm, City Hall Briefing Room

Get In Touch

- After Hours Water Emergency
972.780.4959
- Animal Control
972.223.6111
- Auto Impoundment
972.298.9932
- 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.

Duncanville Fieldhouse Partners with RISE Clothing



L to R: Tim Maiden, Fieldhouse GM Craig Brasfield and Terrence Maiden

The City of Duncanville is proud to announce a partnership between the Duncanville Fieldhouse and RISE Clothing. RISE Clothing is expanding its *athleisure wear* brand with a storefront location in the Fieldhouse, as well as the ability to order online through the Fieldhouse's website.

Through this partnership, the Fieldhouse has designated an area in the General Store as a RISE Merchandise Store area. RISE is responsible for the cost of stocking merchandise, displays and equipment. In addition, RISE is paying the Fieldhouse a sponsorship, a monthly rental fee and a percentage of all sales net tax.

Fieldhouse General Manager Craig Brasfield said partnering with RISE Clothing is a great opportunity for the City and the Fieldhouse.

"We have had the vision of incorporating a merchandise store at the Fieldhouse for quite some time," Brasfield said. "We are excited to have RISE as a partner and for the future opportunities of evolving with RISE."

Identical twin brothers, Terrence and Tim Maiden, acquired RISE Clothing in 2015 with the heartbeat of RISE being driven by a passion to deliver a fashionable product that is well-crafted, comfortable and inspires others to 'RISE higher'. The Maiden brothers are native of southern Dallas and attended Carter High School and TCU.

"The Fieldhouse has been a great alignment for us," Terrance said. "This is an opportunity to engage the youth who live in the southern Dallas region. The City has been very gracious with us, and we are excited to see what the future holds."

RISE is currently working on Fieldhouse branded apparel for staff and employees and is looking to co-brand apparel specific to the Fieldhouse, stated Tim.

For more information about RISE Clothing, visit www.riseclothing.com.

To order online, visit www.duncanvillefieldhouse.com, or visit the storefront during seasonal published hours, which can be found online.

Fire Safety for People With Disabilities



Millions of Americans live with physical and mental disabilities. It is important to know your risk and build your fire prevention plans around your abilities.

- ✔ Have smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect your alarms, so when one sounds, they all sound.
- ✔ If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use smoke alarms with a vibrating pad, flashing light or strobe light. These accessories start when your alarm sounds.
- ✔ Test your alarms every month.



Plan your escape around your abilities.

- ✔ Know two ways out of every room.
- ✔ If possible, live near an exit.
- ✔ You'll be safest on the ground floor if you live in an apartment building.
- ✔ If you live in a multistory home, sleep on the first floor.
- ✔ Being on the ground floor and near an exit will make your escape easier.

For more information and free resources, visit

www.usfa.fema.gov



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Destination Duncanville Comprehensive Plan Adopted



The City Council unanimously adopted the Destination Duncanville Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, September 19, 2017! The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and Planning and Zoning Commission both unanimously recommended approval of the plan. During the public hearings at both Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council, citizens had an opportunity to give input on the plan. Overall, the comments

during the public hearings were supportive of the direction of the plan and the implementation that will occur post adoption.

Destination Duncanville is an important first step in planning for the future, and it is now up to current and future members of the Duncanville community to turn the energy from this planning process into tangible change. As a 20-year plan, there will be many long-term initiatives taking place over time. It is impossible to implement every aspect of the recommendations in the plan overnight. The City Council will prioritize which recommendations will be tackled first, and there will be necessary subsequent actions to ensure the plan comes to fruition. Some of those steps include policy changes, ordinance updates, implementation of new strategies and funding of capital projects.

It is necessary to acknowledge all of those who helped to create Destination Duncanville and participated in the 14-month planning process. First, the citizens of Duncanville. For everyone who came to a public meeting, attended a stakeholder meeting, wrote comments on the vision boards, shared information via social media, completed the online survey and emailed comments...thank you! The citizen input created the basis of the plan. The Steering Committee's diligent work throughout the process was vital to the success of the planning process and the crafting of the plan. The Staff Work Group, Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council were active participants throughout the process and their comments, feedback and vested interest in the plan ensures it will be put into action.

The Destination Duncanville Comprehensive Plan is accessible on the City's website, www.duncanville.com, the project website, www.DestinationDuncanville.com, and a hard copy will be available at the library.

Holiday Tips



The busiest shopping season is after Thanksgiving. Stores run sales and give consumers great deals. But, it is also the time of year the Scrooge's are out to find great and fantastic deals at your expense. Thefts, burglary of motor vehicles and auto thefts increase. People leave valuables in their vehicles and forget to lock their cars giving a thief an open invitation.

Holiday Shopping at the Stores

Enjoy the decorations and merchandise but stay alert. Always be aware of what is going on around you.

Do not leave packages visible through car windows; lock packages in the trunk or if possible take directly home.

Never walk alone. Walk with someone, or have someone from the store or a security guard walk you out to your vehicle.

When carrying purchases, do not overburden yourself making it impossible to react quickly and easily if needed.

Take only what is needed from a purse or wallet and keep a tight hold. Carry a purse close and snug against your body and carry a wallet in a front or coat pocket. If possible, use a fanny pack to carry what is needed. This keeps the hands free, and the fanny packet is concealed under a jacket.

File receipts in your wallet immediately. Identity thieves can get important personal information from receipts.

Park and walk in well-lit areas.

Lock cars after entering or exiting vehicles and look inside and around the vehicle before getting in to make sure no one is inside or around the vehicle.

Teach children to go to security or store employees if they get separated from you. Be sure children know your name and not just mom or dad so they can tell the security or store employee for use on the intercom system.

Shopping Online

Beware of "bargains" from companies not familiar – if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Shop with companies you know and make sure the site uses a secure connection for purchases.

Keep personal information private and passwords secure. Do not respond to requests to verify passwords or credit card information, unless you ask. Credible retailers should already have that information!

If you have any questions about other holiday safety tips, contact Officer Doug Sisk, Duncanville Police Department Community Relations/Crime Prevention Officer at 972.780.5027 or dsisk@duncanvillepd.com.

Thanksgiving Travel Tips

Around the House

If not already done, get help in gathering items in the yard needing to be stored. Do not make it easy for casual thieves.

Use locks on all doors and windows, even if not going to be gone long. It does not take long for a crook to take advantage.

Check smoke detectors before the cooking starts.

Make sure a trusted neighbor is keeping an eye on the place if gone – picking up mail and papers and checking around the home. Put lights on timers and keep shades and drapes in normal positions.

Be sure guests know how to operate locks to help keep doors and windows appropriately secured.

On the Road

If traveling by car, “lock up, roll up, and look around.” Keep all doors locked, all windows rolled up and stay alert to the surroundings.

Carry only the cash and credit cards needed. Keep possessions under your control.
Holiday Shopping

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

Review with children the family's rules for shopping safety and whose houses they can visit. Talk about what they should do if family is away from home, and they get lost. Remind them they are never to eat treats given by strangers, unless you have checked it first.

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.

Tips on Avoiding Home Burglaries

Chris Freis, Sergeant
Duncanville Police Department

Although it is not the holidays, every citizen should try and be vigilant throughout the year in order to help deter home burglaries. The FBI reports over 2,000,000 home burglaries are reported each year totaling an estimated loss of \$4.6 billion in lost property. So what can you, as a home owner or renter, do to help decrease your chances of becoming a victim?

First, be cognizant of what you place on the curb on trash days. Laptop and computer boxes and other electronic boxes give potential burglars a snap shot of what may be inside your home. Break down boxes, and ensure they are placed completely inside a trash bag or appropriate receptacle.

Give specific instruction on your online orders. You can indicate to the delivery driver to not leave your package on the front patio. Instead, ask they place it on the side of your house out of view.

Make your presence known when you are home. Many burglaries fit a similar mold; a person will knock on the front door, and when they receive no answer, they assume no one is home and go to the back door to force entry. If you are home and someone knocks on your door, be sure to answer them. Don't open the door if you are not comfortable doing so, but the fact of you acknowledging your presence will deter many would be burglars.

Invest in some type of motion detecting patio camera. Whether it is a doorbell camera or a mounted camera capable of two-way communication, it allows you to speak directly to anyone on your front porch without having to be home.

It is impossible to completely ensure you will never be a victim of a home burglary, but there are certain steps you can take to minimize your risk. As always, if you see anything suspicious, do not hesitate to contact the Duncanville Police Department. You know your neighborhood and neighbors better than anyone. If something doesn't seem right – call us.

Flood Insurance

What is Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)?

A FIRM is a flood map created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) used by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for floodplain management, mitigation and insurance purposes. A FIRM will generally show:

- Roads and map land marks
- Community's base flood elevations
- Flood zones
- Floodplain boundaries

How Do I Use a Flood Insurance Rate Map?

As a property owner, a FIRM can be used to get a reliable indication of the flood zone in your area. Contact your insurance agent, insurer or the City for help with questions about whether your property is inside a flood zone. For questions about flood insurance, how to locate an insurance agent or flood map related issues, visit Floodsmart.gov, or contact Duncanville's representative, Jon Bunner, at 972.780.5008 or jbunner@ci.duncanville.tx.us.

Source: FloodSmart.gov

Keep Your Drains Clear This Holiday Season



After cooking this holiday season, collect grease and oils in a sealable container. Fats, oils and grease (FOG) come from meats, butters and margarine, lard, food scraps, sauces, salad dressings, dairy products and cooking oil. When FOG goes down the drain, it hardens and causes sewer pipes to clog. This can lead to a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO), where raw sewage backs up into your home, lawn, neighborhood and streets. Not only does this nasty mess cause health issues, but it also can run into nearby streams or rivers adversely which affects drinking water. Clogged pipes due to FOG can be an expensive problem to fix. To avoid household and environmental damage, as well as costly bills, NEVER put FOGs down the drain!

The City of Duncanville provides reusable fat trapper bags and reusable can lids at the Public Works counter in City Hall or at the Service Center located at 330 Shady Trail.

Wipe pans clean with a paper towel and place the paper towel in the trash. Scrape off excess food from pots, pans and plates into the trash before rinsing them in the sink with cold water. Dispose of large quantities of cooking oil by contacting Jessica Smith, Solid Waste Coordinator, at 972.780.4946 to find the nearest household hazardous waste collection station.

Winter Storm Preparation

The first freeze typically occurs in Duncanville during the last two weeks of November. Be prepared and know when inclement weather is approaching.

When winter storms threaten, monitor broadcast media and NOAA Weather Radio for information.

The City's citizen alert emergency notification system will allow the City to send informational messages and emergency alerts about situations as they occur. Visit www.duncanville.com to sign up for emergency alerts.

Keep your gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines. On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping. Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads.

If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops. Report debris in roadway and hazardous road conditions to Public Works at 972.780.4900.

Emergency Supplies for Vehicle

- Blankets/sleeping bags and extra clothing, gloves and hat
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight, extra batteries
- First-aid kit and pocket knife
- High calorie, non-perishable food, bottled water
- Sack of sand or cat litter for de-icing roadway
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and shovel

Emergency Tips for Home

If heavy ice on power lines cuts utility service, be extremely careful using generators or gas-powered equipment. Carbon monoxide (CO) is invisible, odorless and deadly. It can build up in a matter of minutes. Do not use generators, charcoal or gas grills inside the house, garage or enclosed space. Do not try to heat the house using a gas range or oven. Bring pets indoors or provide adequate shelter and non-frozen water for pets and livestock.

Emergency Supplies for Home

- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio, batteries, flashlights, cell phone and chargers, manual can opener
- One-week supply of food, water, medicine, medical supplies and items for special health care needs, babies and the elderly
- Pet supplies: food and water for pets, medicine, kitty litter
- Kitty litter or sand for de-icing steps and walkways
- Heating fuel, properly ventilated emergency heating source such as a fireplace, wood stove or space heater
- Fire extinguisher, smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector
- Warm clothing and extra blankets

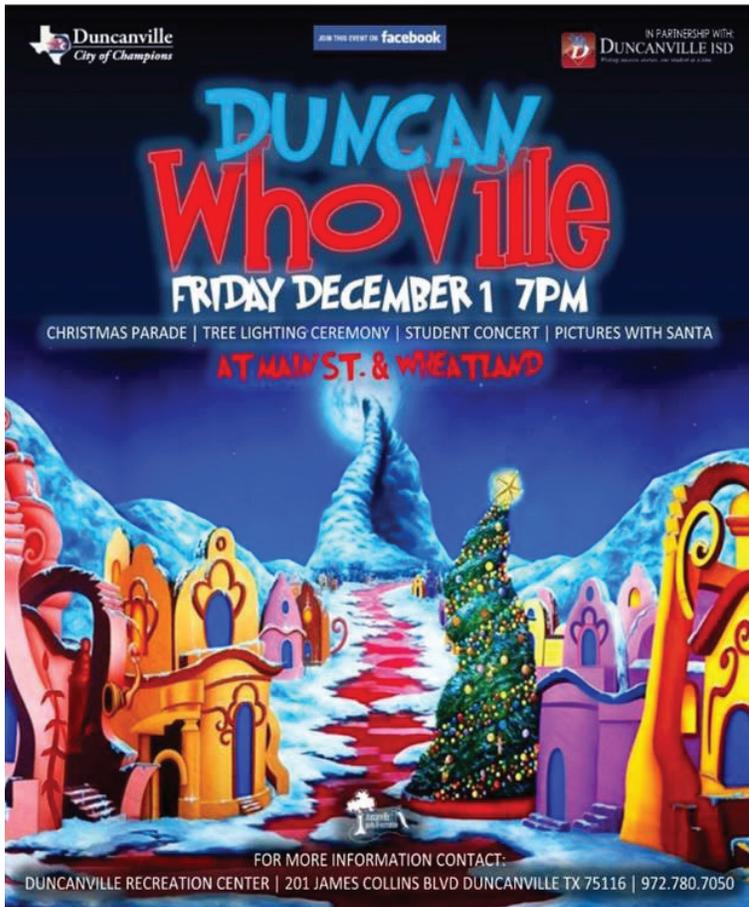
Winter Weather Sanding Operations

During the winter months when ice or snow is anticipated, the Duncanville Street Department monitors predicted weather conditions. At least one week in advance of predicted winter weather, employees will check all equipment required during icing conditions to ensure it is working properly. Two days prior to anticipated icing conditions, one dump truck will be loaded with a sander and a de-icing aggregate called "ice chat." At the time of the event, a duty crew will be on standby.

Sanding operations will be conducted on a pre-planned, systematic basis, organized into route sanding teams. Sanding units' priorities include bridges, major thoroughfare intersections and streets around all schools. Sanding units will respond to problems developed at locations that are not designated sanding routes but are critical to health and public safety. Sand will not normally be provided for private individuals, businesses or residential streets unless requested by the Police or Fire Departments in the event an emergency exists.

The Traffic Operations Department will change signal lights in intersections to a four-way flash if an intersection becomes hazardous. If the Texas Department of Transportation closes U.S. Highway 67 and/or IH 20, traffic will be detoured onto local streets with signs, arrow and message boards until the freeway(s) open.

After the ice or snow event, the City street sweeping contractor will remove debris from bridges and intersections.



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.....	214.330.3958
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
Natatorium.....	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
Asstistant 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.....	972-298-9932
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
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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: 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

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*Voter Registration "**Application**" Cards available at City Hall