



City of Duncanville

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: January 5, 2018

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Police Department – The Santa Cop program provided assistance to 29 families and 83 children this past Christmas, allowing them to have a better holiday than they would have had otherwise. Kudos to the Police Department personnel and all those who contributed to this worthy program!

Chief Brown has been exploring having an outside agency conduct an operations and management study of the Police Department. The purpose of the study is to review recruiting and hiring practices, attrition and retention patterns and issues, and departmental operations and effectiveness in order to assess how the Duncanville PD can upgrade the effectiveness and productivity of police services. He has recommended that the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) be selected to conduct the study. They were the least expensive of the organizations he contacted, but we feel is also the most capable of conducting this assessment. The cost of the study will be \$34,000 and will be funded from asset forfeiture (seized funds) accounts. The study is expected to take four to five months and we intend to begin the study in spring based on the availability of the assessors.



The next civil service entrance exam for police officer candidates will be Saturday, January 27, 2018.

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

Fire shifts have been receiving training on the aerial ladder of the new quint this week. There are still a few items of equipment to install, but we are waiting for appropriate mounting brackets to arrive. We are tentatively planning on February 8, 2018 to place the vehicle in service. There will be a short ceremony at which the Council will be invited to participate in, prior to placing it into service. We will provide more definitive information as we get closer to the readiness date of the quint.

Public Works – Water usage was 24.045 MG last week, down from 29.068 MG the prior week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Sunday, December 31, when 3.672 MG was used. There was 0.01 inches of precipitation last week.

There have been no positive West Nile traps reported by Dallas County. However, residents should continue the use of an insect repellent containing DEET and remove all areas of standing water. Report pools and abandoned homes where mosquitos are likely to breed to Code Services at 972-780-5040.

There will be no P&Z commission meeting on Monday January 8, 2018 since there are no items on the agenda.

During the winter weather event on December 31, street crews spread “ice chat” on icy pavement surfaces at various locations throughout the city, including the major highway overpasses and sections of Main Street, N. Cedar Ridge, Danieldale, and Santa Fe Trail. Ice chat is a specially graded aggregate primarily used to increase vehicle traction on icy patches on roads and bridges. Its dark, contrasting color is deliberately designed to alert motorists of potential icy and/or hazardous conditions on overpasses and curves in the road.

The attached monthly Code Enforcement Report compares the 2016-2017 notices of violations and citations issued for the month of December and year-to-date. For the month of December 2017, notices of violation are at 189.4% and citations are at 50.0% of those issued in December 2016. Year-to-date, notices of violations are at 72.0% and citations are at 83.7% of those issued as compared to the same period in 2016.

Construction Updates:

- The concrete construction crew poured and finished sidewalk repairs at 303 Fouts.
- The North Main Street Pump Station Phase II Improvements project is ongoing. Work completed this past week included installation of the emergency generator, variable frequency drive and the ammonia and chlorine buildings. Remaining work to be done includes completion of wiring and plumbing for these buildings, testing and startup, and site restoration. The project is scheduled for completion on January 12, 2018

Library – The library continues to expand its community outreach by working with Laurenwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to provide bi-weekly delivery of library

materials for its residents. This collaboration will allow residents to request desired materials from the library and enjoy delivery and pick-up directly to their residence.

Library Director Julio Velasquez was featured in this month's Southwest NOW magazine in a new feature entitled "Zoomed In."

Parks and Recreation

Parks – Christmas decorations are being removed this week and should be completed by January 10, including the Christmas tree at Memorial Park.

Recreation – the events calendar for 2018 has been published and disseminated. Staff is planning for the Daddy Daughter Dance to be held on Saturday, February 10 from 6:00p to 9:00p.

Senior Center – memberships at the Senior Center in 2017 were up 30% from the previous year!

Fieldhouse – The Fieldhouse will host the Hype Sports 2018 Winter Jam this weekend January 5-7, and the Fieldhouse Feeder League begins January 7 and runs through March 14, 2018.

Facility Services – installation of the new parking lot light poles at Station #1 began this week.

Economic Development – The DCEDC's monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:00p in the City Council Briefing room.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued

- Talk4less Wireless Communications (Cricket Wireless); 116 W Camp Wisdom Rd. (Cell Phone Company)
- Duncanville Children's Pediatric Care; 777 E Wheatland Rd. Ste. # 108 (Medical Office)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received

- Domino's Pizza; 402 E Wheatland Rd. (Change of Ownership)
- Adekunie Tometi; 700 S Cockrell Hill Rd. Ste. # 188 (Pharmacy)
- Promo Signs Ink, LLC; 1030 Explorer St. (Signs Fabrication & Installation/Printing)
- Grace Place Food Pantry; 202 W Center St. Ste. # D (Food Pantry)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Sandra Meadows Tournament: PISD girls show out early

Link: http://starlocalmedia.com/planocourier/sandra-meadows-tournament-pisd-girls-show-out-early/article_935de366-ecc6-11e7-9f44-7737def019fb.html

Source: Plano Star Courier

Date: December 29, 2017

Duncanville's defense makes the difference in its Sandra Meadows Classic title game victory

Link: <https://sportsday.dallasnews.com/high-school/high-schools/2017/12/30/duncanvilles-defense-makes-difference-sandra-meadows-classic-title-game-victory>

Source: Dallas Morning News Sports Day

Date: December 31, 2017

Dallas County's First Black Sheriff Sworn Into Office

Link: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Dallas-Countys-First-Black-Sheriff-Sworn-Into-Office-467554723.html>

Source: NBC DFW

Date: January 1, 2018

Duncanville school bus driver uses chess to help students make the right moves

Link: <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/duncanville/2017/12/31/duncanville-school-bus-driver-uses-chess-help-students-make-right-moves>

Source: Dallas Morning News

Date: January 1, 2018

It's a New Year's Baby Girl and Boy

Link: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2018/01/01/new-years-baby-girl/>

Source: CBS DFW

Date: January 1, 2018

New Years Baby Has Older Brother With Memorable Birthday

Link: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/New-Years-Baby-has-Older-Brother-with-Memorable-Birthday-467582913.html>

Source: NBC DFW

Date: January 1, 2018

Duncanville Police Department Tips on Winter Fires

Link: <https://www.bestsouthwestguide.com/duncanville/407-news-stories-du/7260-duncanville-police-departments-tips-on-winter-fires>

Source: Best Southwest Guide

Date: January 2, 2018

Duncanville school bus driver uses chess to help students make the right moves

Link: <https://www.bestsouthwestguide.com/duncanville/407-news-stories-du/7267-duncanville-school-bus-driver-uses-chess-to-help-students-make-the-right-moves>

Source: Best Southwest Guide

Date: January 3, 2018

Monthly Summary of Code Enforcement Activity
December 2017

	2017				2016			
	December		YTD		December		YTD	
	Notices of Violation	Citations	Notices of Violation	Citations	Notices of Violation	Citations	Notices of Violation	Citations
Building Code Violations								
Construction w/o Permit or Illegal Construction	9		115	28	8	2	91	18
Driveway in Disrepair			1				1	
Fence in Disrepair	8		144	30	19		138	11
Installation of Illegal Driveway			1				5	
No Water Service	3		4				2	
Other Violations	19		28					
Parking Lot in Disrepair			5	1			9	3
Plumbing Violation			1		1		8	1
Substandard Building	7		88	12	9		95	10
Nuisance Violations								
Dumpster & Dumpster Enclosure			5				2	
Graffiti	2		16	1			14	
Growth Limitations - Plant Life	12		105	1			3	
High Grass	44		650	41	24	3	1233	167
Illegal Dumping			15	1	2		31	5
Illegal Open Storage	174	2	730	198	58	9	674	115
Illicit Discharge	1		1				9	
Illegal Truck			1					
Junked/Inoperable/Illegal Vehicles	10	1	134	3	24		195	2
Junked Vehicles - Private Property or Street			6				14	
Parking Trucks in Commercial Areas							1	1
Vehicle over 1.5 tons capacity in Residential Areas	2		12	3	2		33	18
Visibility obstruction			7				7	
Other Violations								
Dead trees or Vegetation	8		37	2	2		65	3
Dumpster Screening Required			1				4	
Garage Sales w/o Permit			2				14	
Illegal Placement of Trash			8		1		46	2
Other Violations	3	1	33	3	1		21	2
Over 5 Vehicles on Residential Prop.	1		7		1		12	1
Parking on Sidewalk			13	8	1		17	3
Parking on Sidewalk or Unimproved Surface	50	7	164	39	22	6	153	50
Trash Containers Left Open	11		3				1	
Trash Out Early			13	2			136	21
Vegetation Encroachment or on Sidewalk or Curb	7		55	6	16		293	8
Vegetation on Sidewalk/Curb/Gutter							9	
Vehicles Displayed for Sale			3		2		8	1
Sign Violations								
Banner Permit Expiring			3	1			5	2
Banner w/o Permit			7	2			10	1
Blinking or Flashing Sign							1	
Dilapidated & Deteriorated Condition			4				11	3
Illegal Placement of Sign			3				5	
Illegal Sign	1		18	3			20	3
Over 40% Window Signage			4	3			1	2
Pennants Displayed							2	
Sign w/o Permit			3	2				
Obsolete Sign			13	2				
Swimming Pools								
Improper Fence around Pool			9	2	3		15	3
Pool Not Maintained	2		31	4	1		44	10
Zoning Violations								
Containerized Storage			3	3			5	4
Illegal Home Occupation			8	1	1	2	11	4
Illegal Outside Display of Goods							2	
Illegal Use	1		10	3			15	4
No Current C.O.			4				12	6
Parking Requirements			4				15	
Screening Requirements							1	
TOTALS	375	11	2532	405	198	22	3519	484
Compared to Same Previous Period	189.4%	50.0%	72.0%	83.7%				