

# SPOTLIGHT

# Duncanville

## CITY COUNCIL

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## CITY CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

- 1: Duncan Whoville: Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 5: City Council Regular Meeting
- 16: DuncanSwitch Street Market
- 19: City Council Regular Meeting

### JANUARY

- 2: City Council Regular Meeting: CANCELLED
- 16: City Council Regular Meeting
- 20: DuncanSwitch Street Market

### FEBRUARY

- 3: Daddy Daughter Dance
- 6: City Council Regular Meeting
- 17: DuncanSwitch Street Market
- 20: City Council Regular Meeting

## Duncanville Fieldhouse Partners with RISE Clothing

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](http://www.riseclothing.com).

To order online, visit: [www.duncanvillefieldhouse.com](http://www.duncanvillefieldhouse.com), or visit the storefront during seasonal published hours, which can be found online.



Photo from left to right: Tim Maiden, Fieldhouse General Manager Craig Brasfield and Terrence Maiden.

## CONTACT CITY HALL

- After Hrs Water Emergency: 972.780.4959
- Animal Control: 972.223.6111
- Auto Pound: 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

# Tree Regulations

## Section 12-54

"Trees shall be trimmed so as to avoid causing a hazard to public places."

To view the complete ordinance:

[https://library.municode.com/tx/duncanville/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH12MIOFPR\\_ARTIVWEOTVE\\_SEE\\_12-54SPREPETR](https://library.municode.com/tx/duncanville/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH12MIOFPR_ARTIVWEOTVE_SEE_12-54SPREPETR)



# Tree or Shrub Management Responsibilities

The City of Duncanville is asking residents to lend a hand with clearing overgrown trees or shrubs. The goal of this effort is to provide educational information to property owners regarding keeping the public right-of-way adjacent to their properties clear and free of overgrown vegetation.

## Overgrown Vegetation Q&A

Vegetative obstructions include overgrown trees, plants, shrubs, grass or any other vegetation hindering or preventing use of the public right-of-way. Overgrown vegetation is a safety hazard and limits the accessibility and visibility of users.

### What does the public right-of-way mean?

Part of the land in the City is dedicated as public right-of-way for streets, sidewalks, alleys, utilities and must be accessible.

### What is a property owner's responsibility?

Many residents do not know it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain plants, grass, weeds and private trees overhanging in the public right-of-way.

### What is the difference between a public tree and a private tree?

The Public Works Department maintains trees in the right-of-way, also known as public trees. A public tree has at least two-thirds of its trunk diameter in the public right-of-way. Property owners are responsible for maintaining private trees and all other vegetation on their property to the edge of the street or alley.

### How can I help keep the public right-of-way clear and safe?

Citizen safety is the primary concern. Maintain safe travel ways by:

- Sidewalks: Keep tree limbs and vegetation trimmed back from the edge of the sidewalk for a clear pathway and at least 7 feet above sidewalks.
- Streets/Alleys: Keep tree limbs and vegetation trimmed back from the curbline (edge of street or alley) and cut to a height of at least 14 feet above street or alley surfaces.
- General: Trim or remove trees or shrub obstructing traffic control signs such as stop signs, school zone signs, traffic lights and street identification signs.

You can report unmanaged or unsafe conditions described in this article by contacting the City of Duncanville Code Services Department. Visit City Hall at 203 E. Wheatland Road, call 972.780.5040 or visit the City's website, [www.duncanville.com](http://www.duncanville.com). Code compliance officer's office hours are 8 am to 9 am and 4 pm to 5 pm.

Copies of ordinances are available at the Duncanville Library or online: <https://library.municode.com/tx/duncanville/>

# Duncanville & its Sister City

## History

The relationship between Duncanville and Monasterolo di Savigliano (located in the Province of Cuneo in the region of Piedmont, Italy) had its earliest beginnings in 1994 and 1995 through the friendships:

- Drs. Nancy and Cecil Wood (Duncanville dentists at that time).
- Mr. Dario Crosetto (a Physicist formerly with the 'super collider' and a native of Monasterolo di Savigliano).

The friendship blossomed and a semi-formal visit to Duncanville by a delegation of Italians happened in 1997. Monasterolo di Savigliano Mayor Antonio Prochietto was part of the delegation to Duncanville. For the visit, former Mayor Ed Purcell and the City sponsored a reception at City Hall in honor of the guests.

Duncanville City Council passed a resolution supporting the 'twin-city' relationship in 1998. A delegation of 13 Texans visited the 'twin-city' to participate in a formal ceremony instituting the arrangement in July 1998. Delegates included State Senator Jane Nelson, Mayor Glenn Repp and Italian dignitaries.

The Sister City program was formalized on September 28, 1998, when 39 Italians visited the City, and a formal ratification ceremony was held at City Hall.

## Sister City Day

In March 2016, Mayor Marco Cavaglià visited Duncanville to reaffirm the partnership. City leaders showcased Duncanville and held a reception at City Hall honoring Mayor Cavaglià and his wife. A Proclamation was signed decreeing Monday, March 21, 2016, as Sister City Day in Duncanville.

## Duncanville Tower

A special corner of its remodeled castle was dedicated to Duncanville entitled "The Duncanville Tower." Located in the southeast tower of Il castello di Monasterolo di Savigliano, it displays a movie about Duncanville and the history of the relationship. The grand opening was in June 2016 during Texas Senator Jane Nelson's visit.

## Sister City Commission

On March 21, 2017, City Council created the Duncanville Sister City Commission to be an ad-hoc committee with the purpose of facilitating the continued sister-city relationship. The commission plans to strengthen the relationship through periodic exchange visits.

For more information about the Commission or Sister City, visit: <http://www.duncanville.com/government/boards-commissions/sister-city-commission/bio-of-duncanvilles-sister-city/>.

# Upcoming Trip to Italy

A trip to the Sister City is planned and will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the relationship.

## Trip Details

Date: April 18 - 29, 2018

Delegates will participate in the first seasonal City Festival with dancing, dinner and food, as well as April 25 being Italy's Liberation Day.

Delegates will be housed with local citizens and will be responsible for airfare and other ancillary costs (approximately \$2,000 per person).

For more information about the trip as it becomes available and to be placed on an interest list, contact Kristin Downs at 972.780.5069.



## Duncan Whoville

### Christmas Festivities

Date: Friday, December 1, 2017

Time: 7 pm to 10 pm

Join the fun and festivities for the Duncan Whoville Christmas Parade, tree lighting ceremony, student concerts and pictures with Santa!

The parade begins at Main Street and Wheatland Road.

For more information, contact the Duncanville Recreation Center at 972.780.5070 or visit:

[www.duncanville.com](http://www.duncanville.com).

*The event is sponsored by the City of Duncanville and in partnership with the Duncanville Independent School District.*





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*City of Champions*

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## *Council Seeks Citizens to Serve on City Boards & Commissions*

The Duncanville City Council is committed to building a, "vibrant and inclusive community, driven by a commitment to democratic principles and service above self." Through a diverse and inclusive voice from our Boards and Commissions, we hope to bridge the gap between citizens and City Council, forging the future of Duncanville!

Currently, there is one opening on the Sign Control Board and one on the Animal Control Board. Visit: [www.duncanville.com](http://www.duncanville.com) to learn more about each Board.

If you have interest in serving on either of these two Boards or to receive an application, contact Mary Jones, City Secretary, at [mjones@duncanville.com](mailto:mjones@duncanville.com) or visit 203 E. Wheatland Road. Thank you for your interest and desire to serve your community!

## *Donate a Toy this Holiday Season: Duncanville Santa Cop Program*



The Duncanville Police Department Santa Cop program is now accepting new, unwrapped toys or cash donations at the Duncanville Police Department.

Last year, the program assisted more than 25 Duncanville families and more than 91 children as a result of the generosity from the public.

For more information, contact Officer Doug Sisk at 972.780.5027 or [dsisk@duncanvillepd.com](mailto:dsisk@duncanvillepd.com).

This is a joint effort between the Duncanville Police Department, Duncanville Police Association and local volunteers.