

FEB 2018 CHAMPION

City Council

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972.780.0348

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972.572.1238

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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.

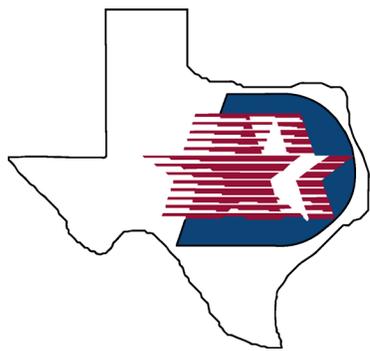
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The perfect blend of **family,**
community and **business!**
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Get involved! Serve on the City's Boards and Commissions (pg. 3).
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February Calendar

- 2: Keep Duncanville Beautiful Board Meeting
8:30 am, City Hall Briefing Room
- 6: City Council Regular Meeting
Briefing Session - 6 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
Regular Session - 7 pm, City Hall Council Chambers
- 10: Daddy Daughter Dance
6 pm, Duncanville Recreation Center
- 12: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
6:30 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
- 13: CANCELLED - Sister City Commission Meeting
- 15: Multicultural Social Engagement Partnership Meeting
7 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
- 16: 2018 City Officers Election Details:
Deadline to turn in candidate application
Must be turned in to City Hall by 5 pm
- 17: DuncanSwitch Street Market
8 am - 2 pm, DuncanSwitch
- 19: DCEDC Regular Meeting
6:00 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
- 20: City Council Regular Meeting
Briefing Session - 6 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
Regular Session - 7 pm, City Hall Council Chambers
- 28: Neighborhood Vitality Commission Meeting
7 pm, City Hall Briefing Room



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For updates to the city event calendar or to learn more about the city of Duncanville, visit: www.duncanville.com.

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

Boards and Commissions Openings

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 citizen and City Council, forging the future of Duncanville!

Currently, there is one opening on each of the following Boards: Sign Control Board; Animal Control; and Sister City.

If you have interest in serving on either of these two Boards, contact Mary Jones, City Secretary, to obtain an application. Applications can be submitted via e-mail to mjones@duncanville.com or dropped off at City Hall, 203 E. Wheatland Rd., Duncanville.

For more information about the Boards and Commissions, visit:
www.duncanville.com/government/boards-commissions/.

Preparations Begin for 2018 City Officers Election

The 2018 City Officers election will be held Saturday, May 5. Duncanville voters will go to the polls to elect the Mayor and Councilmembers to represent Districts 2 and 4 for the upcoming two-year term.

The first official day to file an application for a place on the ballot was Wednesday, January 17. **The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, February 16.** Candidate filing packets are available in the City Secretary's office.

City qualifications for candidacy include:

- Qualified voter
- Resident of the State of Texas for one year
- Resident of the City and district for six months
- Hold no other public office

All registered voters in the City of Duncanville may vote for the Mayor. Residents of Districts 2 and 4 may vote for their respective candidates. Anyone not currently registered to vote has until April 5, 2018, to register in order to cast a ballot in the May 5 election. Voter registration applications may be obtained at City Hall or the Duncanville Public Library.

Questions concerning voter registration should be directed to the Dallas County Voter Registration Department at 214.637.7937. Additional information regarding the upcoming election may be obtained by contacting Duncanville's City Secretary at 972.780.5017.

Election details will also be available at www.duncanville.com.

Welcome to Code Enforcement



Please join us in welcoming Code Compliance Officer Angelica Garcia Saucedo to the City of Duncanville. Angelica is a certified Code Enforcement Officer licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services with an extensive knowledge and understanding of local government ordinances and codes.

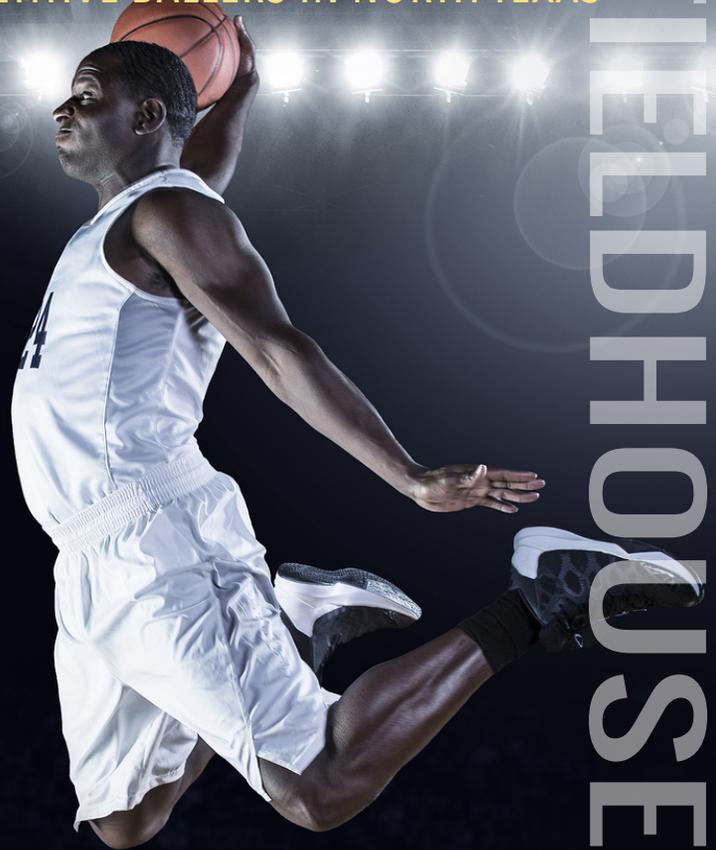
Angelica brings two years of experience in code enforcement services and previously served as a Code Compliance Officer for the City of Lancaster. She has also served as housing inspector/manager for the cities of Lancaster and Ferris.

As a Code Enforcement Officer, Angelica will monitor and inspect commercial and residential buildings and properties for compliance with various codes and regulations.

Please feel free to contact Angelica or any of the Code Compliance Officers at 972.780.5040 with any code enforcement questions you may have. To learn more about Code Services, visit: www.duncanville.com.

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Heating Fire Safety



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Follow these heating tips to help maintain a fire-safe home this winter.



Space Heater

- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.



Fireplace

- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Put the fire out **before** you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 3 feet from your home.



Wood Stove

- Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- Put the fire out **before** you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.



Furnace

- Have your furnace inspected each year.
- Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.



Kerosene Heater

- Only use kerosene heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Refuel your **cooled** heater outside.

For more information and free resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach.

U.S. Fire Administration



FEMA

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE 2018



FIND YOUR GOLDEN TICKET!

Saturday
Feb. 10

6 PM to 9 PM

Duncanville
Recreation Center

\$50/Couple :: \$15 Each Additional Daughter

Registration Begins Jan. 2
Space Limited To 200 Couples
Guests Receive Free Photo!

Music, Food,
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For More Information:

Duncanville Recreation Center :: 972.780.5070 :: www.duncanville.com



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Duncanville Citizen Police Academy Seeking Citizens



The Duncanville Police Department is currently seeking individuals who live or work in Duncanville and are interested in learning more about the police. The Duncanville Citizen Police Academy will be starting its 56th session and 28th year as a program. During this time, the Duncanville Police have graduated more than 950 students through this 11-week course. This course offers classes such as: DWI Investigation; Criminal Investigations; Patrol Procedures; Police Administration; Family Violence; Tactical Team; and Traffic Stops. Refreshments are brought for the class during each break period by past CPA graduates who have formed the Duncanville Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. The best part about the Citizen Police Academy is there are no tests, and it is FREE. Each class is held on a Tuesday from 7p-10p, with the first class starting February 27, 2018. We encourage and welcome you to come by the police department and pick up an application and enjoy an 11-week course that will pass quickly. Applications are available in the police station lobby or visit: <http://www.duncanville.com/departments/police/crime-prevention/citizen-police-academy/>.

The Duncanville Police Department is located at 203 E. Wheatland Rd., Duncanville, TX. Contact Crime Prevention/Community Relations Officer Doug Sisk at 972.780.5027 or dsisk@duncanvillepd.com if you have any questions.

Police Promotions

Lieutenant Matthew Stogner, Duncanville Police Department

The Duncanville Police Department is a civil service agency, which means it operates under Local Government Code Chapter 143. Chapter 143 covers municipal civil service for firefighters and police officers working in cities that have a population of 10,000 or more, have paid fire and police departments, and have voted to adopt Chapter 143 or the law it codifies.

Chapter 143 provides guidelines that run the gamut from hiring new officers, to appointing the department head or Chief of Police. This chapter also includes specific guidelines for promotions within the police department. The department's rank structure in ascending order is Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Assistant Chief of Police, and Chief of Police. This discussion assumes an officer is interested in promoting to Sergeant.

While one may assume that promotions are made solely on excellent work, such is not the case according to Chapter 143. Under Chapter 143, the first step toward promotion is to give a written test, but prior to that, the promotional material such as the specific books from which the test is derived, must be appropriately posted. Currently, the department uses three books for the Sergeant's test, inclusive of 935 pages. Also included in the study material are the department's Regulations, Code of Conduct, General Orders, Texas Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, Transportation Code, Family Code, and finally Chapter 143.

Once the test material has been confirmed, the next step is to give the appropriate notice, as alluded to above, of the test at least 90 days before the test is to be held. The announcement must include the sources from which the examination questions will be taken. Then, 30 days before the test is given, the Commission shall post a notice of the examination in plain view on a bulletin board located in the main lobby of city hall and in the Commission's office. The Commission shall also furnish sufficient copies of the notice for posting in the police department. Any officers interested in taking the test are provided the books from the study material to use, but many times the officers purchase their own books so that they can highlight important items.

On the test day, the officers arrive and take a 100-question, multiple-choice test, which they must complete in two hours. The test is immediately scored for any officer who wants to remain during the grading. Each Police Officer is entitled to receive one seniority point for each year as a classified Police Officer for a maximum of 10 points. The seniority points are then totaled and added to that officer's raw score. For example, if an officer has 5 total years of service at the police department, he or she would have 5 points added to his or her score. If an officer has a raw score of 80, he or she would then receive 5 seniority points for a total score of 85.

There are times when officers tie on the promotional exam. The first tiebreaker would be the raw score. If both raw scores are the same, then the tiebreaker would be badge number, with the most senior officer prevailing.

This process, though somewhat confusing, is by far the fairest. If an officer puts in the work by studying the material and arrives at the test prepared, then there is a good chance that officer will promote.

How Your Landscaping Can Keep Burglars Away

Prevent home break-ins with strategic landscaping and good practices instead of menacing, and maybe less effective, measures.

Spring is just around the corner and with everyone starting to work in their yards, it is important to note the below tips.

Article By: Julie Kim

A Washington Post feature, "The Anatomy of a Burglary," uncovered interesting details about the typical American burglary: burglars prefer to spend no more than 60 seconds breaking into a home; most burglaries occur between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and last eight to 10 minutes, and the typical house burglar is a male teen who lives within a few miles of the home, not a professional thief. Clearly, strategies for deterring break-ins should consider that most burglaries are the quick, disorganized work of an amateur.

A police officer interviewed by the Sun Sentinel suggested that landscaping and lighting are more critical to securing your home than replacing doors, locks and windows. The article referred to an approach called "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design," which uses natural surveillance, territorial reinforcement, access control and "target hardening" to deter crime.

Increase visibility by trimming all bushes and hedges to 3 feet or shorter.



Anything taller and you create a hiding place for criminals. Lower shrubs also increase visibility for your neighbors and pedestrian onlookers, who can report fishy activity.

Interestingly, police officers at Tulane University have indicated that an ideal target for a criminal is a house surrounded by large hedges and shrubs, because they block visibility from the street and neighbors' homes.

Cover the ground near your windows with gravel.



The loud crunch of footsteps on gravel is enough of a deterrent for a burglar to search for another target.

Plant low, thorny bushes beneath your windows.



Bougainvillea, barberries, roses or any prickly specimen ought to deter break-ins. Yuccas and other large succulents are a lower-maintenance option.

How Your Landscaping Can Keep Burglers Away Continued...

Make your home appear occupied when away.



Leave your car in your driveway or carport, turn on your radio or TV loudly using a timer, and ask a neighbor to pick up your newspaper, mail and flyers attached to your door every day if you are on vacation.

Request a free survey of your property from your local police station.

Most stations will survey your property for potential weaknesses if you ask.

Install a security system.



The *Washington Post* feature revealed that homes without security systems are three times more likely to be broken into than homes with systems. Prominently displaying a sign on your front lawn might be enough to deter some criminals, even if it is fake.

Light up dark exterior corners with motion-activated lights.

The solar-powered LED motion-activated light is ideal for outdoor use. It frightens would-be trespassers, who think a person has switched on the light. No need to worry about connecting a power source or about the batteries' running out, either.

Be a good neighbor.

Rather than shutting out your neighbors with "Beware of Dog" signs and tall hedges (which don't seem to work well anyway), befriend them and become one another's allies. Maintain upkeep on your own property and show your neighbors that you care, and watch them follow suit.

For more information about home security surveys or burglary prevention tips, contact the Duncanville Police Department's Crime Prevention/Community Relations Officer Doug Sisk at 972.780.5027 or dsisk@duncanvillepd.com.

Information About Amber Alerts



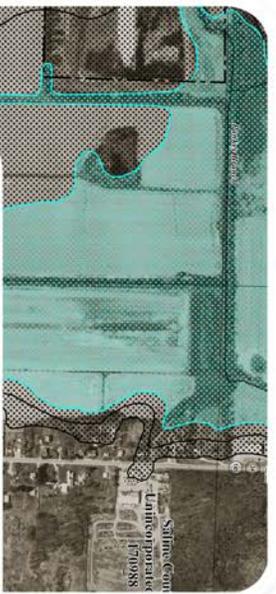
The Public Works Department is pleased to announce the addition of a new Planning Technician, Athena Seaton, to the City of Duncanville.

Athena is a Certified Public Manager with a vast knowledge and understanding of local government ordinances and codes. She will be assisting the City Planner in the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. Please join us in welcoming Athena to the City.

Athena most recently served as a Workforce Development Intern for the North Central Texas Council of Governments. She has also served as a Community Development Intern for the City of Benbrook.

Athena holds a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Art from the University of North Texas and is working toward a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Please feel free to contact Athena at 972.707.3878 with any planning or zoning questions you may have.

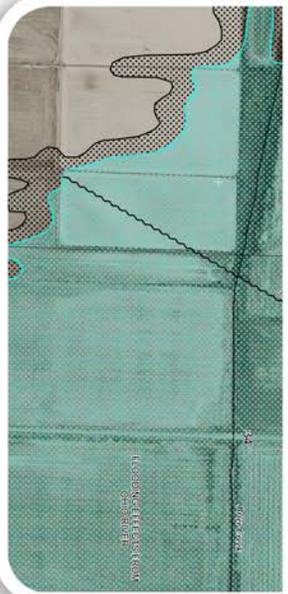


NEW FLOOD HAZARD MAPS

What Property Owners Should Know



MAPPING THE RISK



Flood Maps And Flood Insurance

With the release of the new maps, some property owners will learn that their risk is higher or lower, than they thought. If there is a change in your flood risk status, the change may affect what you pay for flood insurance.

Flood insurance is a federally underwritten program that can help you repair or replace your structure and belongings after a flood. The federal government requires most mortgage holders in high-risk areas (known as Special Flood Hazard Areas) to carry flood insurance. However, if you are newly mapped into a high-risk area, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has cost-saving options to help reduce the cost of flood insurance. Most property owners can purchase a low-cost Preferred Risk Policy for the first two years after the maps become effective and then **after that**, grandfather the lower-risk zone for future rating. Property owners should contact their insurance agent for more details. Flood maps are available for viewing at the Public Works Department and on our website at www.duncanville.com.

IF MAPS SHOW...

THESE REQUIREMENTS, OPTIONS AND SAVINGS APPLY

Change from low or moderate flood risk to high risk

Flood insurance is mandatory. Flood insurance will be federally required for most mortgage holders. Insurance costs may rise to reflect the risk. **Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) Extension & "Grandfathering" offers savings.** The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has extended the purchasing of low-cost PRP for two years for properties newly mapped into a high-risk zone. In addition, there are "grandfathering" rules to recognize policyholders who have built in compliance with the flood map or who maintain continuous coverage. Your client's insurance agent can provide more details on how to save.

Change from high flood risk to low or moderate risk

Flood insurance is optional, but recommended. The risk has only been reduced, not removed. Flood insurance can still be obtained, at lower rates. More than 20 percent of all flood insurance claims come from policies in moderate- and low-risk areas. **Conversion offers savings.** An existing policy can be converted to a lower-cost Preferred Risk Policy.

No change in risk level

No change in insurance rates. Property owners should talk to their insurance agent to learn their specific risk and take steps to protect their property and assets

FOR MORE INFORMATION Visit www.msc.fema.gov to view the new digital flood maps, and learn how Duncanville will be affected. Visit www.FloodSmart.gov for more information about how to protect against flooding and the steps local residents may need to take to ensure that they have proper insurance coverage to protect their investment. Maps are available for viewing at the Public Works Department and on the Duncanville website at www.duncanville.com.

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
Natorium.....	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.....	972.780.5069
Assistant 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.....	972.707.3871
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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District 5 - Johnette Jameson	972.780.8887

**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