



City of Duncanville

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: March 23, 2018

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Police Department – Police Recruit Trevin Green graduated from the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Police Academy on Friday, March 23, 2018. He performed well and had an overall grade point average of 92.33. Trevin will report to the Duncanville Police Department on Monday, March 26 to begin field training. In addition, two applicants have been hired and will begin employment on Monday, April 9 and enter the NCTCOG Police Academy on April 16. This will leave us with seven (7) vacancies currently as we continue the process with other applicants who successfully passed the most recent civil service exam.



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

The next scheduled Civil Service entrance exam will be this Saturday March 24, 2018. There are approximately 90 individuals who signed up to take the test, however there are often a number of people who fail to show up for the exam. We will take the top 15 candidates passing the written test and administer the physical agility test that afternoon.

Public Works – Water usage was 24.851 MG the week of March 12 through March 18, up from 23.153 MG the prior week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Thursday, March 15, when 4.188 MG was used. There was 2.15 inches of precipitation that week.

City Planner Chasidy Allen Benson, AICP, gave a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan to Leadership Southwest on Wednesday, March 21, at the EON Reality building. Leadership Southwest is a cooperative effort sponsored by the Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville and Lancaster Chambers of Commerce and is designed for the development

of tomorrow's leaders and community volunteers on boards, councils, and commissions who can then make significant contributions to the future of Southwest Dallas County. Participants hear presentations from high-profile community and business leaders; receive personal leadership skills training; gain increased awareness of community issues; and provide a networking source of other business leaders sharing a common goal of growth in the southern sector. Economic Development also assisted with the Duncanville day for Leadership Southwest.

There will be no Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on Monday, March 26, 2018, due to lack of agenda items.

The drainage crew cleaned several problem areas identified during a drainage tour. The crew removed 20 cubic yards of trash and debris from the flowline of the creek in the 200-500 blocks of West Redbird in Thoroughbred Hills, and 14 cubic yards of trash and debris from the drainage easement between the 200-500 blocks of West Camp Wisdom and West Fain.



BEFORE



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Operation Cleanup Duncanville 2018 will be held on Saturday, April 7, from 8:00a to 1:00p in the parking areas on James Collins Boulevard. Residents will be able to recycle electronics, and drop off paper shredding and Goodwill donations. Dumpsters will be available for bulk trash and brush drop off. The City is seeking volunteers to help with this event, and they will be provided lunch. To volunteer, contact Jessica Smith, Solid Waste Coordinator, at 972-780-4900.

Water and Wastewater crew leaders and maintenance technicians attended training for Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities provided by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service on Monday and Tuesday, March 19 and 20. The training

was funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is considered vital to the public health and economic development of a community. The training focused on disaster impacts to the water sector and guided participants through issues concerning preparation, response, mitigation and recovery from incidents affecting water and wastewater facilities.

Construction Updates:

- The concrete construction crew removed paving at the police station for the new fencing to be installed, and completed construction of the ADA ramp at 302 Fouts Avenue. They also repaired the pavement damage on Duncanville Road at Fairmeadows Drive resulting from the water main break that occurred March 13.
- The FY18 Water Improvements being performed by LaBanda Contractors is substantially complete. Staff met with the contractor on Tuesday, March 20, to discuss the punchlist and when they would be able to complete the project. La Banda will be back in town next week to work on the punchlist and the project should be complete within two weeks of the day they return.
- The North Main Street Pump Station Phase II Improvements construction project is still pending completion of some punch list items. The final punch list walk-through with the contractor is scheduled for the week of April 2.

Library -- Library Associate Olga Rodriguez received a wonderful note from a patron she assisted recently. Recognizing the patron's need for more in-depth assistance, Olga went above and beyond to ensure that the patron could accomplish his task with as few obstacles as possible. The letter from the patron is attached. Kudos to Olga for demonstrating the City's core value of "service above self!"

Technical Service Library Hannah Olsen ran for and was elected to two positions within the Texas Library Association: She is now the Treasurer for District 5 (which includes the majority of DFW libraries) and Councilor-Alternate for the Cataloging and Metadata Round Table. We are very proud of Hannah's accomplishments and this reflects highly on her skills and abilities as well as the regard for the Duncanville Public Library amongst our peers. Congratulations to Hannah!

Parks and Recreation

Parks:

- The 2018 KDB Annual Garden Workshop was held last Saturday, March 17 and had approximately 60 attendees, a nearly 20% increase over last year.

Recreation:

- A new security camera TV was installed behind the main desk to monitor the gymnasiums, walking tracks and other areas at all times.

Fieldhouse: This coming week we have:

- Japanese Dance Team - Friday 10:00a to 5:00 utilizing (6) courts + Banquet Room
- DFW Elite Marchfest Basketball Tournament - Saturday 9:00a to 10:00p and Sunday 9:00a to 4:00p; utilizing (6) courts

Economic Development – ED staff is providing support and working on the following projects:

- With Planning staff, hosted the Leadership Southwest Group at EON Reality. An overview of the Comprehensive Master Plan was provided to the group along with a presentation and demonstration from EON Reality. Economic Development also highlighted the potential partnerships with EON and businesses in the different communities the group represented. EON provided a flyer to the group on its upcoming events.
- Assisted with planning and preparation for the BSW Regional Economic Development Summit which was held Thursday. The Mayor provided a welcome during the business roundtable event and the DCEDC highlighted Ten Hagen Excavating, GK Steel Fabrication, Inc., and La Quinta Inn & Suites for their investment into the Duncanville community.
- Met with two different Duncanville property owners to discuss potential businesses for their property.



The DCEDC held their monthly meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018, and approved a façade grant for the Weitzman's Group property located at 219 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. (Cedar Park Shopping Center) in an amount not exceed \$2200.

City Council Members, DCEDC Board Members, and City Staff attended the McDonald's ribbon cutting. The Mayor provided a welcome and McDonald's donated \$1,000 each to the Fire and Police Departments.



Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- Pure Heavenly Esscents Fragrances; 514 N Main St. (Retail Business Expansion)
- Dula's Angels Assisted Living; 1119 Dula Cir. (Assisted Living)
- Tony's Salon; 242 W Wheatland Rd. (Barber Shop/Salon Business Expansion)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received

- Nail Art Creation; 215 Wisdom Rd. Ste. # 7 (Nail Salon)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Texas Rangers Investigate Officer-Involved Shooting in Duncanville

Link: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Texas-Rangers-Investigate-Officer-Involved-Shooting-in-Duncanville-477475703.html>

Source: NBC DFW 5

Date: March 20, 2018

Duncanville officer responding to welfare call shoots person

Link: <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/crime/2018/03/20/duncanville-officer-responding-welfare-call-shoots-person>

Source: Dallas Morning News

Date: March 21, 2018

Thank You Letter to Library Assistant Olga Rodriguez

March 15, 2018

Dear Olga,

You are one of God's very special angels! I will always be grateful to you and to God for sending you to provide such excellent assistance.

As I mentioned to you, earlier the morning of March 12th I went to the Driver License place at 300 W. Camp Wisdom Rd. in Dallas, and I saw a very long line of people waiting to enter the big building. So I went back to my car. Just as I was about to get in it, I met a lady who asked me what I was planning to do. After I told her that I hoped to renew my driver license, she suggested that I should go to a library and do as much as I could on line.

So I went to the Duncanville Library, since we had just moved back here, and I asked the lady at the front desk if I could see someone who might help me to renew my driver license. She introduced me to a very special lady, named Olga. And what wonderful help you gave!

You got the right forms on line, and then filled them out with the information I gave you. That was a big job! Thank you for your wonderful patience and expertise! When that was completed as far as it could go, you asked me to meet you at the library the following day, March 13th, to try to get the estimated time of meeting with someone at the Driver License building in Dallas. You found out that the estimated time would be about 2:31 pm, and you suggested that I should arrive at 2:15 pm.

So that afternoon I returned to the Dallas Driver License place at 2:10 pm, and a very courteous policeman escorted me to a chair very close to the sign that would tell me when number C7025 was called. There were literally hundreds of people there waiting for their numbers to be called. When I saw number C7023 flash on, I knew my number would light up soon. Actually, I didn't see my number or hear it announced, but someone nearby told that it had been called.

So I stood up and another one of God's angels directed me to the proper kiosk, where a very courteous man took care of me. Thanks to your wonderful work of getting the forms filled out, the time with this gentleman was quite brief. In short order, he gave me an eye test, took my thumb prints and several pictures. Then he made a print-out of my temporary driver license, congratulated me and said I could go.

When I got back to the car, it was only 3:16 pm, even though there were hundreds of people still waiting in that building to renew or get their driver licenses. As I drove back to our new home in Duncanville, I was overwhelmed with God's graciously using you as His messenger to help one of the least of His children who had a specific need.

Thank you so much for your wonderful help! I pray that God will continue to bless you and your family as you serve Him as "His hands and feet."

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

Shirley A. ...