



# City of Duncanville

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: May 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

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**Best Southwest Scholarship** – On Thursday, May 24, each of the twelve Best Southwest cities presented a deserving high school graduate from their respective city, with a \$1,000 scholarship to college. The applicants were selected by the mayors of each city. Duncanville received applications from fourteen (14) highly deserving high school graduates. Mayor David Green selected Ms. Nariah Drake as the scholarship recipient for Duncanville. Ms. Drake is graduating from Duncanville High School with a 3.9 GPA. She will attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Psychology, with her career aspiration being to attend medical school and earn a doctorate in neonatology. We congratulate Ms. Nariah Drake for her achievements and know she will do well in college and be a great representative of her home town of Duncanville!



**Police Department** – The Police Department sponsored its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Duncanville Fire Truck Pull on May 19, 2018. Twenty-three (23) teams competed this year, an increase from previous years. All told with donations, sponsors, merchandise sales, and in-kind donations, over \$28,000 was raised for Special Olympics Texas! For the fourth year in a row, the Duncanville Fire Truck Pull has been the largest event of this kind in Texas benefitting Special Olympics Texas. Congratulations to all the participants and special thanks to Community Service Officer Doug Sisk who coordinates this event.



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

We have hired a new employee, Edward Valenzuela. He will start his orientation and training on May 29, 2018. With his employment, the Department has filled all the current vacancies, but Captain David Leath will retire on June 21, 2018. There are still three candidates on the Civil Service list that we are processing for background checks and will try and fill the upcoming vacancy from this list.

**Public Works** – Water usage was 32.422 MG the week of May 14 through May 20, down from 44.994 MG the prior week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Wednesday, May 16, when 6.147 MG was used. There was 0.08 inches of precipitation that week.

A Specific Use Permit for a Pet Daycare and Overnight Boarding Facility (Kennels) was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting held on Monday, May 14, 2018. A Public Hearing for the City Council to hear this case is scheduled for the June 5 regular City Council meeting.

Construction Update:

- The concrete construction crew repaired 560 square feet of sidewalk at 331, 335, 339, and 343 West Fain Street.
- The FY18 Water Improvements being performed by LaBanda Contractors is substantially complete. The 2-inch water line on West Avenue C and West Nance Street was uncovered and plugged. Remaining work to be completed includes asphalt repair and the encasement and burying of the remaining uncovered valve on West Nance Street. The project is scheduled for completion next week.

Parks and Recreation

Parks:

- The Traffic Signal Box art contest initiative was re-launched this week with the assistance of PIO Cody Bainter. The new deadline is the end of June.
- The landscaping around the Police Station has been updated to include the removal of shrubs near the sally-port and removing sod inside the gates and replacing with decomposed granite to reduce lawn maintenance within the secured area.
- Crews found evidence of a small homeless camp along the west side of the railroad tracks, south of Wheatland. The area has been cleaned up.

Recreation:

- The Catfish Catch is this Saturday at Lakeside Park from 10:00a to 2:00p.
- The annual Memorial Day event is this Monday at 10:00a at Memorial Park.



Fieldhouse:

- This coming week we have:
  - HYPE Sports Basketball Tournament - Saturday 8:00a to 10:00p (6) courts; Sunday 8:00a to 10:00p (6) courts; and Monday 8:00a to 4:00p (6) courts
  - Fieldhouse Feeder Men's League - Sunday 6:00p to 9:00p (3) courts

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

- Met with the U.S. Small Business Administration to discuss SBA programs for small businesses including potential loan options, business counseling, and contracting. Small business loans of up to \$5 million are available through the program. Eleven loans were approved last year in Duncanville totaling \$4,045,700. There were 48 jobs created and 57 jobs retained through the use of the loan program. More information about this program, as well as starting a business, can be found on the Duncanville Community and Economic Development Corporation's website at [www.duncanvilleedc.com](http://www.duncanvilleedc.com).
- ED Staff assisted HOT Fund grant applicants fill out grant requests for FY 18-19.

There will be a Duncanville Logo Design Advisory Committee held on May 30, 2018, from 3:00p to 5:00p in the City Council Briefing Room at City Hall.

The Duncanville Community and Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) will hold its monthly Board meeting on May 31, 2018 in the City Council Briefing Room at City Hall. The meeting will start at 6:00p.

**Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:**

- None this week

**Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received**

- MYI Auto Repair; 207 Woodhaven Ste. # A (Auto Repair)
- Studio 204; 210 S Cedar Ridge Dr. (Beauty Salon)

**Public Information** – News coverage for this week:

**Kids WIN Big and Catch Catfish in Duncanville – May 26**

**Link:** <https://www.bestsouthwestguide.com/duncanville/390-events-duncanville/7756-kids-win-big-and-catch-catfish-in-duncanville-may-26>

**Source:** Best Southwest Guide

**Date:** May 21, 2018

**City of Duncanville to host Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony – May 28**

**Link:** <https://www.bestsouthwestguide.com/duncanville/390-events-duncanville/7757-city-of-duncanville-to-host-memorial-day-commemoration-ceremony-may-28>

**Source:** Best Southwest Guide

**Date:** May 21, 2018

**McNeely Inducted into Hall of Fame**

**Link:** <https://www.bestsouthwestguide.com/duncanville/414-school-news-du/7755-mcneely-inducted-into-hall-of-fame>

**Source:** Best Southwest Guide

**Date:** May 21, 2018

**Four Dallas Heritage Village junior historians open a new photography exhibit, exploring preservation in their won neighborhoods**

**Link:** [http://starlocalmedia.com/mesquiteneews/news/four-dallas-heritage-village-junior-historians-open-a-new-photography/article\\_add549c6-5d1b-11e8-885c-238aaabfc178.html](http://starlocalmedia.com/mesquiteneews/news/four-dallas-heritage-village-junior-historians-open-a-new-photography/article_add549c6-5d1b-11e8-885c-238aaabfc178.html)

**Source:** Mesquite News

**Date:** May 21, 2018

**Junior Historians Open Photography Exhibit**

**Link:** <http://www.focusdailynews.com/2018/05/22/dallas-heritage-village-open-photography-exhibit/>

**Source:** Focus Daily News

**Date:** May 22, 2018

**Duncanville PD Chooses Integrated Body Cameras for Officers**

**Link:** <https://www.officer.com/on-the-street/body-cameras/press-release/21006652/duncanville-pd-chooses-integrated-body-cameras-for-officers>

**Source:** Officer.com

**Date:** May 24, 2018

**Edgewood ISD board names superintendent finalist**

**Link:** <https://www.kens5.com/article/news/education/edgewood-isd-names-lone-superintendent-finalist/273-558171644>

**Source:** KENS 5

**Date:** May 24, 2018

**Edgewood ISD board names superintendent finalist**

**Link:** <http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/edgewood-isd-board-names-finalist-for-superintendent>

**Source:** Fox 29 San Antonio

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