

AUGUST 2018 CHAMPION

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972.709.8239

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The Official Newsletter for the City of **Duncanville**.

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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.

“The perfect blend of **family, community and business!**”



Duncanville
City of Champions



Duncanville Receives Bronze Award for Scenic City Certification

August Calendar

- 7: City Council Regular Meeting
Briefing Session - 6 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
Regular Session - 7 pm, City Hall Council Chambers
- 9: Duncanville Senior Advocacy Commission Meeting
7 pm, D.L. Hopkins Jr., Senior Center
- 13: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
6:30 pm, Recreation Center Conference Room
- 14: Sister City Commission Meeting
7 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
- 16: Multicultural Social Engagement Partnership Meeting
7 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
- 18: DuncanSwitch
9 am to 3 pm, DuncanSwitch
- 21: City Council Regular Meeting
Briefing Session - 6 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
Regular Session - 7 pm, City Hall Council Chambers
- 22: Neighborhood Vitality Commission Meeting
7 pm, City Hall Briefing Room
- 27: DCEDC Regular Meeting
6 pm, City Hall Briefing Room

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

ENGAGE WITH THE CITY

Facebook: @CityofDuncanville

Nextdoor: City of Duncanville

Twitter: @CityDuncanville

Youtube: City of Duncanville

The City welcomes and encourages community members to stay up-to-date on City activities and projects, while increasing public awareness of the things the City does on a daily basis.

The City Manager provides a weekly update to City Council of departmental activities and other significant items of interest, and in the interest of also keeping the public better informed, the City is pleased to offer the updates available to citizens.

Visit www.duncanville.com to read weekly updates, view the events calendar, learn about the City's departments and programs and to sign up for digital communications such as e-newsletters and e-blasts.

“Build a vibrant inclusive community driven by a commitment to democratic principles and service above self.”



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Registration **NOW OPEN**

Before & After SCHOOL Champions

The Before and After School Champions program provides children the opportunity to thrive in an environment that encourages exploration and creative expression by providing inspiring and enriching activities the kids cannot get elsewhere. The After School program allows children to discover their potential and uncover their interests so they can confidently become part of their own community. This structured and resourceful program offers an environment that invests in a child's development to include: emotional development; better understanding of their interests and goals; identifying their likes and dislikes; valuing team efforts; and taking chances in a safe environment where they are mentored and encouraged.

- For children 5–14 years of age
- Before School:
Monday – Friday 6 AM (Arrival) – 7 AM (Departure)
- After School:
Monday–Friday 3 Hours Daily: 3:30–6:30 PM
- Transportation provided to and from school via City of Duncanville Buses & Vans
- Dedicated meal time, food provided
- Dedicated Help/Homework Assistance time
- Dedicated Fun/Exercise Curriculum
- Friendship Building
- Career Speakers

August 15, 2018 - June 22, 2019

Structured Program

- Encouraging *Word of the Day* for Before School Students
- Exercise Activities – 1 hour
- Lunch meal – 30 mins
- Homework Assistance – 1 hr
- Free Time – 30 mins

Uplift

Encourage

Inspire

With Kelly Williams – Before/After School Program Coordinator

DuncanvilleFieldhouse.com/after-school-champions



Home Fire Sprinklers Save Lives



Fire sprinklers and smoke alarms reduce your risk of dying in a fire by 82 percent.

Fire sprinklers protect your home and your family. Learn the facts:

- ▶ Home fire sprinklers keep fires small by reducing the heat, flames and smoke made in a fire.
- ▶ Only the home fire sprinkler closest to the fire will spray water.
- ▶ Home fire sprinklers put much less water on the fire than a fire department hose.
- ▶ Home fire sprinklers can be installed in new and already built homes. Install a home fire sprinkler system if you are remodeling or building a home.



For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.



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Join

TEAM DUNCANVILLE

The City is always on the lookout for talented and motivated candidates. Visit www.duncanville.com to view current openings or to fill out an application.

BECOME A 911 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER MAKE A DIFFERENCE, SAVE LIVES

Southwest Regional Communications Center (SWRCC) is searching for committed individuals who are ready to make a difference in the community. SWRCC welcomes anyone who can remain calm under pressure, has a positive attitude, is dependable, is coachable and wants to be part of an elite team.

Benefits

- 80 hours paid vacation per year
- 11 paid holidays per year
- Paid sick leave
- Longevity pay - degree pay
- 12-hour shifts / work only 15 days a month
- Retirement with TMRS: 20-year, 5 year vesting, 2 to 1 city match, 7% employee contribution
- Advancement opportunities
- Training opportunities
- Health, vision and dental insurance

Salary: \$35,982.61 – \$44,978.26

Requirements

- Must be a citizen of the United States
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must possess a high school diploma or GED
- Pass a thorough background investigation, psych evaluation, drug screen, basic physical evaluation and hearing screen
- Be able to work in an environment that operates 24/7

To apply, visit www.ci.desoto.tx.us (click on Careers).

NOTE:

Southwest Regional Communications Center (SWRCC) is a consolidated communications center that serves the communities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto and Duncanville. SWRCC is a primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), which answers incoming 9-1-1 calls and seamlessly integrates with the Police and Fire departments of each city to dispatch response equipment and personnel. By coordinating the three cities' resources, the citizens of each city benefit by receiving the highest quality of service.

SEPTEMBER

CONCERT SERIES

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
DUNCANVILLE
PARKS & RECREATION

FREE ADMISSION
ARMSTRONG PARK

September 8
Pop

September 16
Día de la Independencia

September 22
R&B / Jazz

September 29
Tejano



More information:
P: 972.780.5070
www.duncanville.com

Active Shooter: Preparing & Responding

By: Sergeant McCarty, Duncanville Police Department

Active shooter incidents are becoming an increasingly frequent reality. Recent incidents include shootings in our schools, at outdoor events, in the workplace and inside churches.

First responders, including law enforcement, fire fighters, and EMTs know all too well the ever-changing landscape of terroristic threats and are constantly training and preparing to respond to a wide range of incidents.

Most active shooter incidents are over within minutes, many times prior to the arrival of first responders. For this reason, it is important for citizens to be educated on how to prepare, respond and react if an active shooter incident should occur where they are. The US Department of Homeland Security has created several training aids that can be used for educational purposes. These materials can be accessed at:

www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness. In addition to the training materials provided on the website, there is also an interactive web based course "IS-907: Active Shooter: What You Can Do", which any person can take at no cost.

PREPARE

- Have a plan (should include your workplace, church, mall, etc)
- Rehearse your plan (ensure your family, friends and co-workers know what to do)
- Know what to expect once first responders arrive
- Seek out training (ie., Self-defense, First Aid, Firearms Training)
- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers

RESPOND

- RUN
 - Attempt to evacuate, have an escape route and plan in mind
 - Leave your belongings behind
 - Keep your hands visible
 - Call 911 when it is safe to do so (provide locations, number of shooters and descriptions, number of victims, types of weapons, etc)
- HIDE
 - Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
 - Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
 - Remain quiet and silence your cell phone
 - Call 911 when it is safe to do so (provide locations, number of shooters and descriptions, number of victims, types of weapons, etc)
- FIGHT
 - As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
 - Attempt to incapacitate the active shooter
 - Act with physical aggression

REACT (When first responders arrive)

- Remain calm and follow officer's instructions
- Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid making quick movements toward the officers, such as attempting to hold on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or directions when evacuating, proceed in the direction officers are entering the premises

There are a number of variables that can occur during an active shooter incident; there is no way to know exactly what will happen, where it will happen or when it will happen. We can only prepare ourselves for the unimaginable and hope we never have to face it.



WANTED!

Do you live or work in Duncanville?

Participate in the 57th Duncanville Citizens Police Academy.

The class begins on August 28 at 7 pm.
Classes are on Tuesday nights for 11 weeks.

Pick up an application at the Duncanville Police station or visit www.duncanville.com.

For more information, contact Officer Doug Sisk at 972.780.5027 or dsisk@duncanvillepd.com.

Duncanville Receives Bronze Award for Scenic City Certification



The City of Duncanville applied for and received the Bronze level of certification through the Scenic City Certification Program. The Scenic City Certification Program recognizes cities for their demonstrated commitment to high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and public spaces. The Scenic City Certification Program is an excellent diagnostic tool to assist cities for future growth and development. The City of Duncanville is proud of their Bronze certification level for their first application to this program and look forward to satisfying further criteria as Duncanville continues to elevate levels through the Scenic City Certification Program.

The City will be presented with the Scenic City Certification award on Thursday, October 11, 2018, during the annual awards reception at the Texas Municipal League's Annual Conference at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Duncanville will be one of the four Texas cities in the state to earn first-time certification for 2018. Thirteen cities were recognized for the 2018 Certified Scenic City award. There are only 75 total certified cities in Texas.

The mission of the Scenic City Certification Program is to support and recognize Texas municipalities that implement high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and public spaces. The Scenic City Certification Program provides a proven, highly-regarded tool to Texas cities for assessment, evaluation and recognition of infrastructure standards. The Scenic City Certification Program is a project of Scenic Texas and its program partners, and is the first in the U.S. to incorporate a comprehensive set of model standards for design and development of public roadways and public spaces into one program. The program draws a direct correlation between the success of a city's economic development efforts and the visual appearance of its public spaces and recognizes municipalities that implement high-quality scenic standards efforts.

Earning certification is straightforward: a city must initially meet three criteria before applying to the program including having a strictly regulated and enforced sign code, a ban on new billboards, and a landscaping and tree planting program. Then, a city's existing standards are assessed and scored based on a model of 70+ possible criteria ranging from percentage of park and open space, strong litter enforcement laws, street lighting standards, to parking lot landscaping, utility line management, and more. Under the scoring system, an applicant earns Recognized, Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Certification.

Scenic City Certification Program Partners include Texas Downtown Association, American Council of Engineering Companies Houston, American Planning Association-Texas Chapter, Texas Municipal League, Urban Land Institute – Austin, Houston and San Antonio, Texas Historical Commission, Keep Texas Beautiful, North Central Texas Council of Governments, Texas Economic Development Council, Scenic Houston and Scenic America.

Resources:

<https://www.txplanning.org/news/13-texas-cities-earn-prominent-scenic-city-certification-in-2018/>
<https://sceniccitycertification.org/13-texas-cities-earn-prominent-scenic-city-certification-in-2018/>

Floodsmart and the Community Rating System

Floodsmart is the education component of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Local governments work closely with Floodsmart and the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) to provide tools and resources for citizens. These tools are available online and can be used to help communities improve their CRS rating and, thereby, provide discounts on flood insurance. Utilizing and applying these free resources will ultimately lower the cost of flood insurance for the City of Duncanville's residents by improving the CRS rating upon which insurance rate discounts are based.

To access these free online tools, visit [Floodsmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) and navigate to the Community Resources section. The tools are designed to help residents assess their flood risk and demonstrate the consequences of a flood. The dollar amount of damages can be estimated using the Cost of Flooding Tool. The most common misconception about flooding is homeowners underestimate their risk and cost of damages.

Remember, flooding is not always caused by excessive amounts of rain. Check out the Floodsmart Website and learn more about the importance of flood insurance.



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
Natatorium.....	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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City Council (May 7, 2016): **

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District 1 - Dennis Schwartz	469.567.0780
District 2 - Don McBurnett.....	972.298.9190
District 3 - Leslie Thomas	214.773.2682
District 4 - Mark D. Cooks.....	972.974.7643
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

*Voter Registration "**Application**" Cards available at City Hall