



City of Duncanville

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

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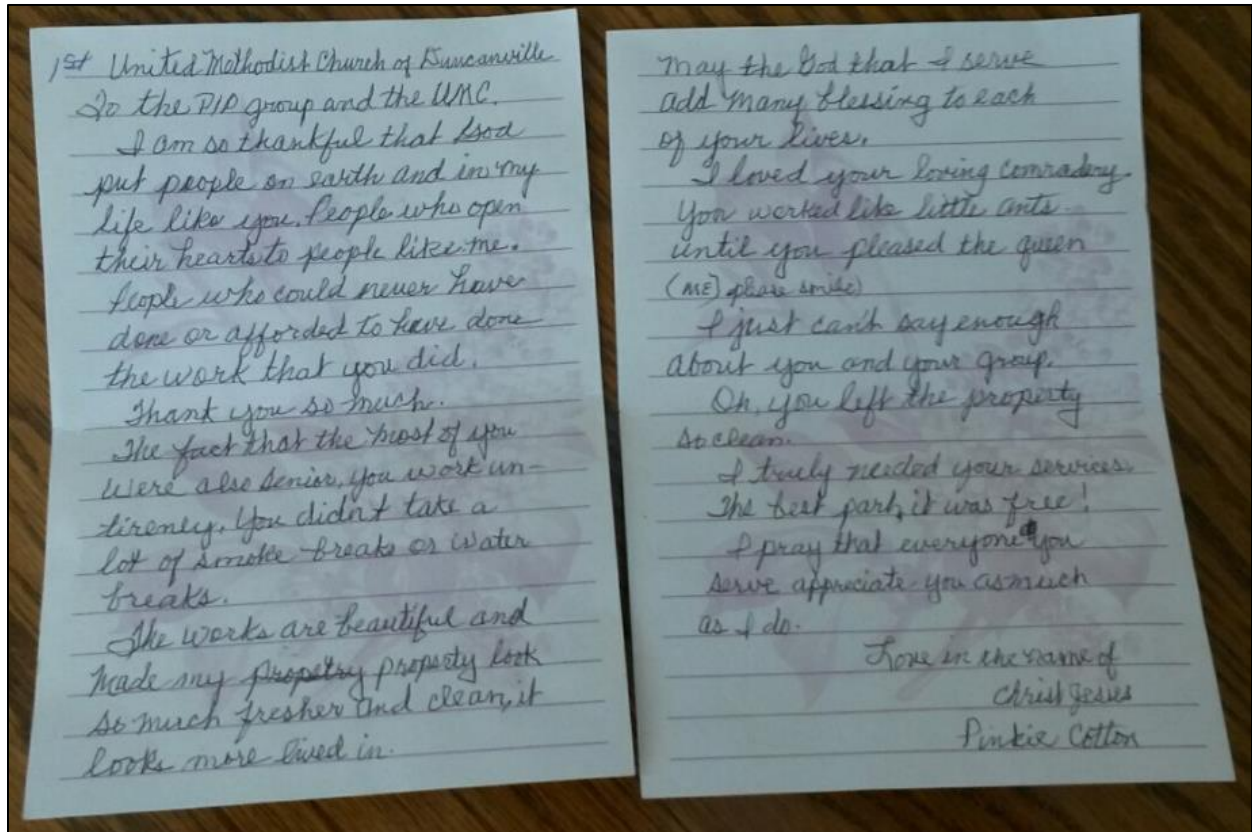
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Duncanville Panthers Celebrate with State Finals Pregame Party – Join Duncanville High School as they celebrate the undefeated Duncanville Panthers football team with a special sendoff to State! It has been 20 years since the Panthers competed in the State Championship. To celebrate their return, Duncanville High School is inviting the community to a State Finals Pregame Party from 3:00p to 5:00p at the high school. The gathering will be held in the parking lot of Sandra Meadows Arena which is to the east of Panther Stadium on Cathy Self-Morgan Way. There will be music, fun and food trucks available for fans to purchase a pregame meal.

Around 4:45p, the Duncanville Fire Department will stage its trucks along Cedar Ridge Drive, and fans will gather to cheer on the team before they depart at 5:00p. Duncanville ISD Police and Duncanville Police Department will escort the 23 buses carrying the team, cheerleaders, band and High Hats to AT&T Stadium. The game begins at 7:00p.

State Finals Pregame Party
Saturday, Dec. 22 from 3 - 5 p.m.
Sandra Meadows Arena Parking Lot
Duncanville High School
Family | Festivities | Food Trucks

Property Improvement Project (PIP) Note – Ms. Betty Dunn, PIP Coordinator, received the following letter from Mrs. Pinkie Cotton, owner of a house on Blueridge Drive that was one of the PIP project houses in Fall 2018.



Police Department – Police department personnel and volunteers spent time this week wrapping presents for Santa. The Duncanville Police Department Officers' Association will assist 36 families and 134 children who otherwise may not have had much of a Christmas this year. This was made possible by a tremendous response from the community and business partners for toy and food donations. Delivery will be made this coming weekend by Santa (Mark Stringer), and many police department employees and their families.



The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) partnered with Public Works Service Center employees to further enhance the police department's ability to use a surveillance camera already owned by the department. Previously, this camera was a fixed camera. It could be moved, but only by the service provider at \$500 per relocation, due to having to lower and raise the camera from its previous fixed location to another fixed location where we wanted it deployed. CID personnel inquired of any pickups the city may be retiring that could be repurposed, and one was available. The truck was freshly painted, and modifications made to accommodate the camera unit. CID now has a mobile surveillance camera which can be used anywhere we can park the truck, with a huge cost savings! Kudos for the great idea and great teamwork!



Notes on recent successes:

- As a day patrol sergeant was doing extra patrols of a motel which he knew to be a high crime area, he noticed a parole violation warrant for an individual attached to a vehicle, however the subject was not visible in the area. Later, the sergeant was in the area of that motel again and noticed the vehicle on the roadway and being driven by someone who resembled the wanted individual. The patrol sergeant stopped the vehicle and after a short investigation, was able to positively identify the driver, however, the driver recognizing he was positively identified, fled the scene in his vehicle. Our Police Department policy, as with many departments, do not authorize pursue a fleeing vehicle unless we have information that the subject committed or threatened to commit a violent felony or is suspected of driving while intoxicated. Therefore, the subject was not pursued, but is now wanted on a third-degree felony for fleeing an officer.
- A night officer towed an abandoned vehicle from the inside lane of westbound traffic of 200 E. Danieldale. The vehicle was a traffic hazard to other motorists because of its location and lights not working.
- While on an extra patrol of a convenience store, an officer in field training and his training officer noticed an individual attempting to steal cigarettes from behind the counter. The training officer confronted the subject who immediately fled. The officers chased the subject and after physical resistance by the suspect, were finally able to place the subject in custody.

- A night shift officer responded to a theft at a grocery store in which a subject stole two bottles of wine and six boxes of detergent. The subject had fled from the store, but with a description of the subject, officers were able to locate him behind the store and recover the property. Because of arrest authority assigned by the code of criminal procedure, officers did not make an arrest but did file a warrant for the subject's arrest.

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

Four candidates were interviewed this week for open positions and all four were offered conditional employment, contingent upon successful completion of psychological, polygraph and medical testing. Two of the candidates have taken their Texas Commission on Fire Protection test and are awaiting notification from TCFP so they can be certified. One of the candidates is certified as a firefighter and the other one is a certified firefighter paramedic. If they successfully complete these exams, we anticipate them being able to start employment near the end of January.

Public Works – Water usage was 24.394 MG the week of December 10 through December 16, down slightly from 24.416 last week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Sunday, December 16, when 3.494 MG was used. There was 0.001 inches of precipitation that week.



The concrete construction crew installed an ADA ramp at 611 Peach Street and repaired sidewalks at 311, 322, 334, 342, and 346 Van Rowe Avenue.

The drainage crew installed ten bollards at Bow Creek and Escuela to block access to Escuela.

Construction Update

- Atmos relocated a gas main that was in conflict with the placement of a storm sewer main, so Muniz Construction has scheduled the installation of the storm sewer main next week. This is the alley reconstruction at Granada-Flamingo.
- Vortex Turnkey Solution LLC began the FY18 Pipebursting Program in the Daniieldale Acres area. The project includes pipebursting approximately 11,233 linear feet of substandard 6- and 8-inch sanitary sewer main with 8-inch new High-Density



Polyethylene (HDPE) sewer pipe and replacement of adjacent private sewer laterals, appurtenances and landscaping. The work is being performed to address sanitary sewer overflows and is divided into four areas. Vortex will move into the Forest Hills Addition upon completion of Daniieldale Acres.

Library – Library Director Julio Velasquez recently attended The Library Journal Director’s Summit in San Diego. The two-day event hosted 150 library directors from across the country to discuss issues related to public libraries in the modern era. Topics included working with immigrant populations, homeless initiatives, libraries as first responders, libraries as social safety-nets, targeted collection audits, and embedded librarianship. Director Velasquez was able to interact with colleagues from across the country and brought back several new tools and processes to aid in making the Duncanville Public Library a more welcoming, inclusive, and effective institution for the community.

The library will host a practicum student from Texas Women’s University who is completing her library degree this spring. She will complete 120 hours of hands on work at the library from January through May, and assist with various projects, programs, and outreach initiatives. The library is excited to host our first practicum student and hope to make her experience worthwhile!

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- The maintenance crews are using the slower time of year to assemble new picnic tables and bleachers purchased in the FY18 replacement programs for delivery to the parks this winter in preparation for the spring season.

Senior Center:

- The seniors visited Grapevine, the “Christmas Capital of Texas,” on Tuesday to get into the Christmas spirit with the fantastic décor and pageantry of Main Street Grapevine.
- The seniors were treated to a holiday concert from their very own choir led by the talented Sue Pointer who volunteers her time to direct the long-standing group at the center.



Fieldhouse:

- The new Google Tour is now visible on the Fieldhouse website at duncanvillefieldhouse.com/venue.

- Staff is working with FOX to host “So You Think You Can Dance” auditions in February 2019
- This coming weekend we have:
 - Hoop Play Basketball Tournament - 9:00a to 6:00p Saturday; (6) court
 - Fieldhouse Feeder League - Sunday 6:00p to 9:00p; (2) courts

Recreation:

- The credit card software has been updated to fix bugs with the system and now the Rec Center is able to process credit cards again.
- Several new staff have been hired and interviews are being conducted to fill the remaining positions.

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

- Provided a tour of the TIF #1 District to a new TIF Board Member.
- With the City Manager, met with the Design Studio Committee and discussed potential future projects and provided ideas on how to promote and expand public art in Duncanville and promote the arts community.
- Continues to work with a developer interested in the DCEDC’s Rail Road Flats Property.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- MML Wireless LLC; 1438 Acton Ave. (Cellphone Retail Store)
- Casas and Houses Property Management; 515 N. Cedar Ridge Dr. Ste. # 5 (Property Management Office)
- Kiss Transmission and More; 602 E. Red Bird Ln. Ste. # E (Mechanic Shop)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- Thomas Fried Chicken; 306 N. Cedar Ridge Dr. (Fast Food Restaurant)
- Dallas Diesel Performance; 218 Woodhaven Blvd. (Mechanic Shop)
- RB Auto Body Repair; 706 E. Red Bird Ste. #121 (Body)
- Kentucky Fried Chicken; 243 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. (Fast Food – Change of Ownership)
- Family Faith Day Hab; 707 Center Ridge Dr. (Day Hab for Individuals with Dependent Disabilities)
- Tex Star Computers, Inc./XYZ Auto Sales; 125 W. Fairmeadows Dr. (Computer Repair Service)
- D-Autoworks Collision; 1143 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. (Collision Repair)
- Judy’s Café #2; 126 W Camp Wisdom Rd. (Replacement CO)

Public Information – The Police Department and City Facebook pages shared information regarding the police switchover to Chevy Tahoe vehicles this week. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive.

 **Duncanville Police Department** •
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The Duncanville Police Department recently transitioned from Ford Explorers to the Chevrolet Tahoe police package. The changeover to the Tahoe is part of the City's vehicle replacement program and helps improve the department's ability to provide excellent service to the community. The Tahoe offers more space to store police equipment and technology, allows for easier entry and exit of the vehicle and gives officers more efficient functionality overall. Check out the 360 degree photos for an in-depth look at our newest patrol vehicle.

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Explore Duncanville PD - 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV in 3D
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City news coverage for this week:

Title: His father in prison for life, his mother battled drugs: The success story of Duncanville's Marquez Beason – a family lost and a new family gained.

Link: <https://sportsday.dallasnews.com/high-school/high-schools/2018/12/18/father-prison-life-mother-battling-drugs-success-story-duncanvilles-marquez-beason-family-lost-new-family-gained>

Source: Sports Day Dallas News

Date: December 18, 2018

Title: Looking for FOX Sports Southwest Plus? Here's how to find the TV channel to watch the Duncanville-North Shore high school football title game

Link: <https://sportsday.dallasnews.com/high-school/high-schools/2018/12/20/looking-fox-sports-southwest-plus-find-tv-channel-watch-duncanville-north-shore-high-school-football-title-game>

Source: Sports Day Dallas News

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Title: Fox Sports SW Will Provide Live Coverage Of 2018 UIL Football State Championships

Link: <https://kfdm.com/news/local/fox-sports-sw-will-provide-live-coverage-of-2018-uil-football-state-championships>

Source: 6KDFM

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From Duncanville ISD – Media Stories of Interest:

- Fox4 interview with Coach Samples prior to the Allen Game. Anchor Edward Egros [teased](#) the interview in the 6:00 p.m. newscast. He started the station's Free for All sports show with a [tease](#) about the sportsmanship displayed during the Southlake game. Here is the complete [segment](#) with the Coach Samples interview.
- *Dallas Morning News* reporter [profiled](#) **Marquez Beason** and what he has overcome to succeed.
- News coverage of the Hastings elementary choir at the city's tree lighting ceremony and the construction students working at the Dallas Zoo.
- FOX4 [showed](#) our **Hastings choir kids** during a short video on the Duncanville Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- *Focus Daily* news picked up our [story](#) about the **construction project at the Dallas Zoo**.