



City of Duncanville

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: November 30, 2018

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Police Department – again, this year, the Police Department and Duncanville Police Association are sponsoring the Santa Cop program. Association members, volunteers, and friends and family members of the department work hard each year to provide families an opportunity for a Christmas dinner and Christmas presents for the children, who otherwise may go without. Families are nominated by community members and police officers who engage with the community first-hand. Donation boxes are located throughout the city, including:

- Duncanville Police Department - 203 E. Wheatland Rd.
- Duncanville City Hall - 203 E. Wheatland Rd.
- Champions Cove - 1600 S. Main St.
- Duncanville Senior Citizen Center - 206 James Collins Blvd.
- City Credit Union - 506 E. Highway 67
- Jane Moore's Farmers Ins. - 1314 S. Main St.
- Assured Storage -1410 N. Duncanville Rd.
- Duncanville Lions Club
- Inwood Bank – 219 E. Camp Wisdom Rd.

A new, unwrapped toy can be dropped off at any location. Police Association members regularly gather and secure the donated gifts during the donation season. Monetary donations can also be made, in person, during normal business hours at the Duncanville Police Department or Inwood Bank. The Saturday prior to Christmas, police officers, volunteers, family members and Santa Claus will deliver the toys and food to the nominated families.

The Police Department also wants to acknowledge the generosity of the American Legion, Love Field Post #453 and Duncanville resident Juanita. Officers working during the Thanksgiving holiday were pleasantly surprised with Thanksgiving dinner from the post and Juanita. This marks the 24th year the post has done this for our officers.



Notes on recent successes:

- In an effort to address package thefts, Duncanville detectives, with approval of the homeowner, are placing delivery packages with tracking devices at certain residential locations throughout the city. A few tips to help guard against package theft include:
 - Help your neighbors by calling in suspicious activity, especially for people showing up after these types of deliveries;
 - If your employer allows, have your packages delivered to work;
 - Use a P.O. Box, especially this time of year;
 - Some delivery companies will either notify you, via text or phone, of your delivery;
 - Some merchants will allow you to set when a delivery will be made so you can ensure someone is at home to receive the package.
- Duncanville Animal Control Officers coordinated with a resident on Eaton Circle to trap a bobcat overnight. Earlier in the week, the bobcat had scaled the resident's eight-foot fence and attacked the owner's domesticated animals. Our animal control officers remind residents:
 - Duncanville, because of its natural topography, is often a haven for wildlife;



- Usually, these types of animals stay close to creek beds;
- They are normally not a danger to human adults unless cornered;
- Residents should be vigilant over small domesticated animals and small children;
- When walking, have some means to make loud noises. Doing so typically runs the wild animals away;
- If you experience a wild animal, contact animal control officers. They will be happy to evaluate the situation.

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

The Department interview panel has reviewed the candidates' Personal History Statements and we are in the process of setting up interviews with five of the candidates for December 17, 2018. There are currently four (4) vacancies to fill.

Public Works –

Water usage was 26.658 MG the week of November 19 through November 25, up from 23.630 the prior week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Wednesday, November 21, when 4.025 MG was used. There was no precipitation that week.

The mosquito season has ended. Fortunately, there were no reported human cases of West Nile virus in Duncanville this season. Even so, continued use of an insect repellent containing DEET and removal of standing water in all areas is recommended. Residents should report dirty pools at abandoned homes where mosquitos are likely to breed to Code Services at 972-780-5040.

City Planner Chasidy Allen-Benson provided a presentation during the Central Elementary Career Day on November 29. Students discussed zoning and what makes a great city, then designed their own cities with city-provided worksheets. The students were engaged and very insightful about what they envision for Duncanville.

Construction Update:

- The concrete construction crew and concrete repair crew joined forces to remove and replace 305 square feet of sidewalk at 714-715 Walnut Street and 136 square feet of sidewalk at 302 West Center Street. The crews also installed ADA ramps at 239-307 Van Rowe Avenue and 302 West Center Street.
- Muniz Construction began surface removal for the Granada-



Flamingo Way alley reconstruction project. The estimated completion date for this project is spring 2019.

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- The installation of Christmas decorations continued this week with City staff completing installation of lights on City facilities, lighted decorations and holiday banners on the street lights, and wooden figurines in the downtown area. Christmas by Zenith is onsite installing the lights in the trees at Memorial Park and completing the tree as soon as possible.

Senior Center:

- The Senior Center hosted a trip to the Pocket Sandwich Theatre on Thursday evening to see Joe Dickenson's "Ebenezer Scrooge," a musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."
- Carter Eye Care will be at the Senior Center for free eye screenings from 10:00a-1:00p, Monday, December 3.
- EMS Division Chief Mike Ryan will host a lunch and learn on Tuesday, December 4 at 11:30a regarding senior health emergencies.
- The new Senior Center bus has been put into service and will begin use next week!



Fieldhouse:

- Aimee's 360 Panoramic Photography was onsite this week to create a virtual video tour of the Fieldhouse that will be placed on Google Maps along with links that we will be able to post on our website. Users will be able to walk from the entryway into all the major spaces of the facility and get a full 360-degree view of the facility. This will be a great tool for our team to sell our facility without the customer having to travel to the Fieldhouse for a tour. Here is a link to Aimee's 360 for an idea of what we can expect. This new tool should be ready by the first of the new year. <http://aimeeiarussiphotography.com/>
- This coming weekend we have:
 - Nationwide Sports Toys for Tots Basketball Tournament - 9:00a to 6:00p Saturday & Sunday 9:00a to 4:00p; (3) courts
 - Fieldhouse Feeder League - Sunday 6:00p to 9:00p; (2) courts

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

- The Development Team met with a local business considering expansion of their existing business in Duncanville.
- The Development Team toured the Desoto Marketplace to learn more about the latest “green” cooking equipment available for restaurants. The Team met with a prospective restaurant to learn how this technology could be introduced in Duncanville, while maintaining kitchen safety. The ventless fryers are completely contained and allow restaurant owners to reduce their start-up costs by purchasing more economical kitchen vent hoods.



Congratulations to local business Quality Cabinets whose parent company Masco, was recognized by Forbes in 2018 as one of the top 500 places in the world to work!

https://www.forbes.com/world-best-employers/list/#tab:rank_search:Masco

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Redic & Banks Distribution LLC's; 210 S Main St. Ste. # 14 (Art Gallery)
- The Shop; 602 E Red Bird Ln. Ste. # C (Body Shop)
- D-Autoworks Collision; 1143 S Cedar Ridge Dr. (Collision Repair)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- Bella Custom Metal Works; 711 Woodhaven Blvd. Ste. # E (Manufacturing of Warehouse Iron Doors)
- Décor Attic; 712 N Main St. Ste. # A (Retail Home Décor and Furniture)
- Sky Pharmacy; 1427 Oak Ridge Dr. Ste. # B (Pharmacy)
- 3 R's Cigars; 100 S Main Ste. Ste. # 116 (Retail sale of Cigars and Accessories)
- Osaki Sushi Cuisine LLC; 749 W Wheatland Rd. (Japanese Restaurant- Change of Ownership)
- Braids by Kie & Bonds & Beads Bro; 1019 S Main St. Ste. # 125 (Hair Braiding Only)
- DLT and On the Path to Success Private School; 202 W Center Ste. # G-H (Private School for Pre-K3)
- Ashley Nicole's Hair Boutique; 215 E Freeman St. Ste # 103 (Hair Salon)
- 5 Lunas Body Repair; 602 E Red Bird Ln. Ste. #F (Auto & Body Repair)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Title: New Duncanville ISD Police Department Officers Take Oath

Link: <https://www.focusdailynews.com/new-duncanville-isd-police-department-officers-take-oath/>

Source: Focus Daily News

Date: November 16, 2018

Title: Baby Alligators Go Flying When Driver Fleeing Game Wardens Crashes into Duncanville Building

Link: <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/duncanville/2018/11/20/baby-alligators-go-flying-after-driver-fleeing-game-wardens-crashes-duncanville-building>

Source: Dallas News

Date: November 20, 2018

Title: Everyone Loves A Holiday Parade

Link: <http://www.focusdailynews.com/everyone-loves-a-holiday-parade/>

Source: Focus Daily News

Date: November 21, 2018

Title: Police Search for Suspects Tied to 15 Robberies Across DFW

Link: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Police-Searching-For-Suspects-Tied-To-15-Robberies-Across-DFW-501498441.html>

Source: NBCDFW

Date: November 28, 2018