



City of Duncanville

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: January 25, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Greg Contreras' Retirement – as a reminder, there will be a retirement party on Thursday, January 31 from 2:00p – 4:00p for retiring Building Official Greg Contreras. Greg has worked for the city of Duncanville for twenty-eight (28) years, starting in June 1990 as a Building Inspector. He became the Building Official in 1995 and holds various inspector certifications. Greg also served briefly as the interim city manager in 2013. His experience will be greatly missed by the organization!

Police Department – Several Duncanville police officers and Fire Department personnel accompanied Mayor Barry Gordon on a visit to Village Tech Charter School this week. The students enjoyed interacting with the police and fire personnel, and of course, enjoyed seeing the vehicles and apparatus!



Chief Robert Brown and Assistant Chief Mark LiVigni, along with several senior officers, attended an “Active Shooter” seminar free of charge, hosted by the City of Dallas’ Office of Emergency Management. The all-day seminar included lessons learned from presenters who had personally responded to the Route 91 Harvest Fest mass shooting in Las Vegas, the Pulse Night Club mass shooting in Orlando, Florida, and the mass shooting in a Sutherland Springs, Texas church. Many valuable insights were gained by the attendees.

Notes on recent successes:

- As noted last week, personnel of the Duncanville Police Department aided in scene security and case processing for the Cooke County Sheriff's Office when that agency conducted a search warrant on a residence in Duncanville. The Gainesville Daily Register published a story regarding this incident: [Bust Yields More Than \\$100,000 in Drugs](#)
- Duncanville patrol officers assisted officers of the Arlington Police Department after a female offender fleeing from the Arlington PD wrecked her vehicle on Main Street at US Highway 67. The driver fled on foot but was quickly apprehended. The vehicle struck the city's planter and took out many of the flowers in the city's entrance feature.
- A night patrol officer, patrolling the area of the US Highway 67 Service Road at S. Cockrell Hill Rd., noticed an unoccupied vehicle in the outside lane of the service road, adjacent to the 7-11 property. After attempting to locate the driver/owner, the vehicle was towed to prevent a traffic hazard.
- Night patrol officers responded to a call in which a resident reported a stranger in a vehicle parked in the resident's driveway and "talking out of his head." Upon arrival, officers found the subject to be quite erratic and called paramedics to check on the welfare of the individual. Ultimately, the person was transported by the paramedics to a hospital, as it was believed he may have overdosed on some substance. The car was towed from the reporting resident's driveway.
- Day patrol officers responded to a call in Hollywood Park regarding two males observed carrying a TV. Upon arrival in the area, officers noticed two young men fitting the description given by the caller. One subject stopped when ordered to do so by officers, but the other fled. The preliminary investigation resulted in the recovery of stolen property and the identity of the second suspect. Subsequently, police personnel were able to secure confessions from the suspect.

Fire Department – The Department has not had any major fire or EMS events in Duncanville this week but did respond to a minor structure fire on January 23, 2019 in the 400 block of Bella Street. The fire was contained to the room of origin and was caused by oil heating on the stove being left unattended and igniting, causing the fire to spread to the cabinets. The home owner extinguished the fire with wet hand towels before the arrival of the fire department. No injuries were reported.

The Department's three new employees are in the training program and are progressing through the process. We currently have one vacancy to fill.

Public Works – Water usage was 24.422 MG the week of January 14 through January 20, down slightly from 24.548 last week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Friday, January 18, when 3.724 MG was used. There was 0.01 inches of precipitation that week.

Health Inspector: Tammy Bibbs-Island began employment on Tuesday, January 22 as the city's health inspector. She replaces long-time health inspector Michael Plemons, who retired in December. Tammy was most recently employed by the City of Fort Worth as a Consumer Health Specialist. She was previously employed as an Environmental Health Specialist for the Marion County Public Health Department in Indiana. She holds a bachelor's degree in Biology and a master's degree in Adult and Community Education. We are excited to welcome Tammy to the Duncanville team!

Twelve properties were registered for the residential rental property program since last week's report, for a total of 36 registered properties year-to-date. Four properties were inspected, and all four of them failed for issues such as electrical and smoke detector problems. One residential certificate of occupancy was issued this week, for a total of 3 certificates issued to date. A total of 200 letters were mailed to property owners as reminders to register for the new program.

Dallas County awarded the Wintergreen Road construction contract this month. Duncanville Public Works staff will participate in the pre-construction meeting to be held on March 1. Dallas County will have a groundbreaking ceremony hosted by Commissioner Price in April, but the exact date and time are yet to be determined.

Construction Update:

- The concrete construction crew removed and replaced 462 square feet of sidewalk at 506, 507 and 511 Walnut Street and began sidewalk repair/replacement and ADA ramp construction in the West Park subdivision. All sidewalk repair/replacement and ADA ramp construction has been completed in the Flame East and Flame West subdivisions.
- Muniz Construction has completed approximately 70% of the Granada/Flamingo Way alley reconstruction project.
- Vortex Turnkey Solution LLC completed approximately 1,050 LF of pipebursting at Carroll Avenue for the FY18 Pipebursting Program.



Library – staff continues to weed the collection in preparation for our new ILS launch in May. Currently staff and volunteers are relocating the paperback book collection and integrating them into the existing hardback sections. This will free up space to expand and update the layout of the Library's Teen

area. Staff is also looking at relocating the audiobooks closer to other media and establishing a single AudioVisual section.

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- As noted earlier, a police chase ended in a crash through the landscape beds at Main Street and US Hwy 67 access road resulting in approximately \$700 in damage to the pavers, irrigation, plant material, and labor. Our maintenance staff completed the repairs on Thursday.
- The annual winter infield maintenance is underway with delivery of Turface to Lions and Alexander parks. The Turface is tilled into the clay infields to assist with playability following rain events.
- The Town Hall meeting for Kidsville and splash pad at Armstrong Park was very well attended and valuable community feedback was provided to staff and our consultant, Dunaway and Associates. The concept plan was well received by a majority of those who spoke, and we received numerous appreciative comments from citizens afterwards for the manner in which we have listened to the community and provided a plan that is reflective of the feedback to date. There were also several valid concerns/questions shared in the meeting that we will continue to review and address in the planning process moving forward into the design phase of Kidsville and the splash pad. Examples include shade, restrooms, security, and ancillary amenities such as water fountains and benches. The concept plan shown at the meeting last night is attached at the end of this memo. As noted at the meeting, this is an overall concept plan for Armstrong Park. The only projects currently funded are Kidsville replacement and a splashpad. Future items will be constructed in phases as funding allows.



Fieldhouse:

- FH staff is working with IT to explore the best way to add additional computer terminals for the courtside concessions and summer camp rooms
- This coming week we have:
 - Top Gun Youth Winter Basketball League - Saturday 10:00a to 5:00p; (6) courts

- American Grappling Jiu Jitsu Tournament - Sunday 8:00a to 4:30p; (3) courts
- Fieldhouse Youth Basketball League - Sunday 5:00p to 9:00p; (5) courts

Recreation:

- Recreation lead and managerial staff participated in the Active Shooter Summit hosted by the City of Dallas' Office of Emergency Management this past week (discussed earlier under Police section). Information gained by this summit will be used to help prepare and better plan events and make the public buildings safer.
- All screws, bolts and hardware have been purchased to replace the basketball goals in the East Gymnasium of the Recreation Center. Back board padding will also be installed during this work.
- All marketing has been published and tickets have begun selling for the Daddy Daughter Dance, Saturday, February 9, 6:00p – 9:00p.

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

- With the Development Team, met with a property owner interested in building a mixed-use building on their property located at 212 N. Hasting. They plan to have apartments upstairs and retail on the bottom.
- Continues to work with W&B Service Company on their planned business expansion.
- Continues to work with a developer interested in the DCEDC's Rail Road Flats property.

The DCEDC will hold their regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 7:00p at the Senior Center following a joint meeting with the City Council at 6:00p.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Board Walk Ventures, Inc.; 515 N. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #7 E (Investment Consultant Office)
- Carlin's Automotive Repair and Service; 209 S. Hastings St. (Automotive Repair & Service - Name Change)
- Chop-A-Lot Barbershop; 1455 Acton Ave. (Barber Shop)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

- Jan 18, 2019 – [Bust Yields More Than \\$100,000 in Drugs](#)
- Jan 20, 2019 – [Man Arrested in Connection of 22-Year-Old Shot to Death in His Apartment](#)

- Jan 20, 2019 – [Baylor Scott & White Oncology in Duncanville Joins Waxahachie's Sammons Cancer Center Network](#)
- Jan 22, 2019 – [Police Blotter: November 4 to December 9, 2018](#)
- Jan 24, 2019: [2018 Duncanville State of the City & Mayor's Award of Excellence](#)

Armstrong Park Concept Plan



THE PLACES OF KIDSVILLE

- The Beach.....Splashpad w/ Shade Umbrellas
- The Woods.....Picnicking and Study Zones
- The Hills.....Sign Wall and Rolling Berm
- The Village.....New Kidsville / Village Themed
- The City.....Teen Play / Parkour Equipment
- The Meadow.....Rolling Berm Play Area



The Village



The Beach



The Meadow



The Woods



January 24, 2019

Consensus Concept