



City of Duncanville

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: March 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

DHS Football Team Recognition – Below is the photo of the City Council with the Duncanville High School Panthers football team, following special recognition of the team by the City Council at the Duncanville ISD Board meeting this past Monday, February 25.

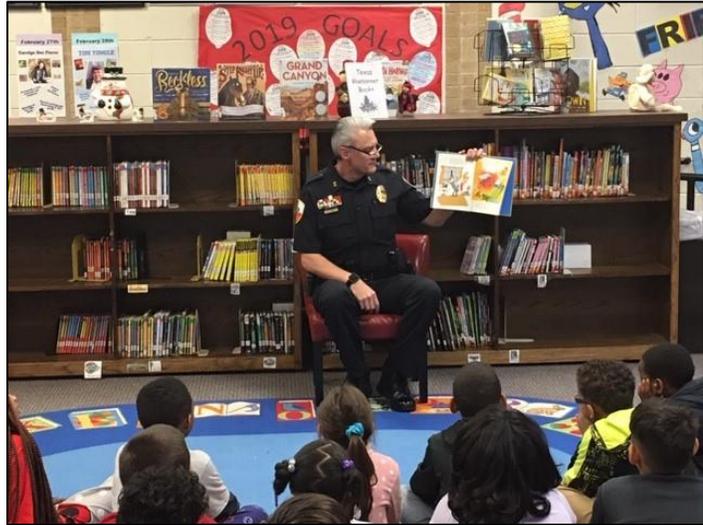


Police Department – Today, Chief Robert Brown participated in Smith Elementary School's Black History Month program, and Assistant Chief Mark LiVigni read to second and third graders as part of their "Read Across America" celebration! Smith Librarian Ms. Dalen explained to the students that they were also celebrating the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel (March 2), so Chief LiVigni chose to read one of Dr. Seuss' books. Kudos to Chief Brown



and Assistant Chief LiVigni for sharing their time with the students, and undoubtedly making a very positive impression with them!

Tuesday began the Duncanville Police Department's Advanced Citizen Police Academy Class. More than fifty (50) previous graduates of the regular Duncanville CPA class signed up for this course, which will provide instruction from agencies with which our department might interact. The Chief Investigator for the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office presented to the class during its first session.



Notes on recent successes:

- Night patrol officers were dispatched to a suspicious person call in the early hours one morning regarding a suspect who was damaging several vehicles with a baseball bat. Upon arrival, officers found the suspect had been subdued by the vehicle owners who advised he would not stop even when confronted. The suspect was transported to the hospital due to injuries. When released, he was arrested on unrelated warrants. PD will file warrants for the offenses related to damaging the vehicles when damage estimates are provided by the victims since the penalty is based on the dollar amount of damage.
- Early one morning a night officer arrested a suspect from a convenience store for trespassing after he had previously been warned to stay off of the property.
- Early one morning a vehicle was towed as a traffic hazard after being left unoccupied and blocking the intersection of the northbound U.S. Hwy 67 SR and Daniieldale Rd.
- Early one morning an unoccupied, wrecked vehicle was towed as a traffic hazard from the intersection of S. Clark and Daniieldale Rd.
- An abandoned vehicle was also towed from Shaw Street.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement:
 - W. Daniieldale Rd. – (15) citations, (4) warnings
 - North and South Main St. – (18) citations, (3) warnings
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – (2) citations
 - East Wheatland Rd. – (2) citations, (1) warning
 - West Wheatland Rd. – (6) citations, (2) warnings

Fire Department – The Department has not had any major fire or EMS events in Duncanville this week, but did assist in an early morning structure fire in Cedar Hill on

Thursday. Unfortunately, three occupants of the structure perished, but four were able to escape the structure with assistance from Cedar Hill Police. Six (6) Cedar Hill Police officers were treated for smoke inhalation. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal Mike Trousdale celebrated his retirement this week after 36 years of service to the citizens of Duncanville. We wish him well in the next chapter of his life and thank him for his dedication and service.

Public Works – Water usage was 23.095 MG the week of February 18 through February 24, down slightly from 23.758 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Monday, February 18, when 3.679 MG was used. There was 0.07 inches of precipitation that week.

Health Inspector Tammy Island attended a mosquito season kick-off meeting last Thursday, February 21. Mosquito season runs from May through November, but traps are inspected by Dallas County personnel for the West Nile virus throughout the year. There were no reported human cases of West Nile virus in Duncanville last season.

Sixty-four properties were registered for the residential rental property program since last week's report, for a total of 219 registered properties year-to-date. Thirteen properties were inspected. Nine inspections passed, and three failed primarily due to electrical and/or plumbing problems, and one failed for lack of a carbon monoxide detector. Five residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 22 certificates issued year-to-date.

Construction and Maintenance:

- The concrete construction crew repaired 1,284 square feet of sidewalk at 207, 211, 218, 219, 222, 226 and 234 Walnut Circle.
- The Granada/Flamingo Way Alley Reconstruction project is complete. A final walkthrough was completed with the consultant and Assistant Director Culton.
- Vortex Turnkey Solution LLC continues the FY18 Pipebursting project with the removal and installation of a manhole at Candlelight and Acton Avenues in the Candlelight Addition.



Library – Computer Classes – The basic computer classes offered at the library continue to be popular and well utilized. Patrons have enjoyed Basic Word and Basic Excel, and we greatly appreciate and thank the Tech-Tutor volunteers who give generously of their time to give back to our community.



ESL – The Library will be expanding the offerings of ESL classes, with Thursday evening classes beginning in March. We are currently signing up students with class sizes limited to 20 people. This will be an ongoing curriculum-based class.

Children’s Tech Expansion – We are very thankful to the Friends of the Library who provided funds to purchase two new Playaway Launchpads – tablets with preloaded educational apps. Youth Services staff reconfigured the children’s computer section to offer a better experience for our young patrons. The new launchpads proved to be instantly popular and offer a wider range of interactive educational experiences. Thank you to the Friends for their dedication and generosity to the Duncanville Public Library!



Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- The Park Maintenance staff held a team training day on Wednesday hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife at the Fieldhouse that focused on communication and leadership.
- Keep Duncanville Beautiful will host their annual Garden Workshop next Saturday, March 9 from 9:00a-12:00p at the D.L. Hopkins Jr. Senior Center. Topics will include choosing the right perennials, rainwater harvesting, modern landscaping, and good bugs for your garden. Pre-registration is not required, and the event is free to everyone.
- Staff met with Icon Shelters/Playwell this week for the pavilion bond projects at Harrington and Lakeside. They also met with the Rotary Club President and Icon Shelter representatives at Rotary Park to discuss the Rotary Club’s interest in funding a pavilion at Rotary Park and discuss pavilion options. Any recommendation for pavilion construction will of course come before the Parks Board and City Council.

Fieldhouse:

- The annual agreement with Coach Pearson for Summer Day Camp was completed this week. Advertising for the program has already begun as this is a big revenue generator for the Fieldhouse.
- This coming week we have:
 - Big City Hoops Basketball Camp - Sunday 9:00a to 3:00p x 1 court
 - Fieldhouse Youth Basketball League - Sunday 5:00p to 9:00p x 5 courts

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

- Assisted District 4 Council Member Cooks with his business-oriented Lunch, Laugh, and Learn at Luby's Cafeteria on Thursday, February 28. Staff provided information on available business grants and incentives.
- Assisted a new small business in locating resources on how to start and grow a business.

Pappas BBQ began site work today at their new location by Costco off the US 67 service road.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Cox Farms Nursery: 110 Azalea Ln. (Plant Nursery)
- The Dollhouse: 1019 S. Main St., Suite #125 (Beauty Salon)
- Syncfit, LLC: 100 S. Main, Suite #114 (Gym/Fitness)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

- Feb 21, 2019 – [119 Million Gallons of Sewage Overflow in DFW, by the Numbers](#)
- Feb 23, 2019 – [UNCF Celebrates 75 Years of Lighting the Way to Better Futures \(benzinga.com\)](#)
- Feb 23, 2019 – [UNCF Celebrates 75 Years of Lighting the Way to Better Futures \(prweb.com\)](#)
- Feb 28, 2019 – [3 Killed, 1 in Hospital After Cedar Hill House Fire](#)
- Feb 28, 2019 – [Dozens of Crashes Reported Throughout Dallas, Tarrant Counties](#)