



# City of Duncanville

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Weekly Update

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**Police Department** – Officer Kamecha Johnston resumed her Park Ranger duties on Sunday, March 10 after having been assigned to Day Shift Patrol to help with staffing. She attended the Park Board meeting this past Monday as she had previously done, and the Board was very excited to have her back.

Officer Ben Luna, assigned to the Traffic Division as a motorcycle officer, recently attended the National Child Passenger Safety Certification program in Hutto, Texas, where he received his certification to install and check child safety seats. The Duncanville PD Facebook page has information for citizens to contact Officer Luna to assist with installation or with checking the installation of their child safety seats to ensure the protection of their children.

On Friday, March 8, new Police Academy graduates Ambrosio Hernandez and Tiffany Manning were officially sworn in as Duncanville Police officers and began their first phase of field training on Sunday, March 10.

On Thursday, March 14, from 4:00p to 8:00p, the Duncanville Police Department participated in the “Flavor of Duncanville” at Duncanville High School, promoting Crime Prevention Programs, ProTechDNA identification program, and passing out recruiting information.



**Notes on recent successes:**

- While on routine patrol a day shift officer noticed a vehicle sitting in a turn lane and not moving in the 800 block of N. Duncanville Rd. The officer found the vehicle in drive and the occupants asleep. Further investigation revealed that the driver was

not intoxicated but the passenger was in possession of more than 6 grams of the controlled substance K2, a synthetic form of marijuana. A semi-automatic pistol was also confiscated from the vehicle.

- A night patrol officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 600 block of N. Cockrell Hill Rd. The officer could smell an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, and a subsequent search of the vehicle and occupants revealed one subject in possession of a prohibited weapon (knuckles). The second subject was in possession of marijuana, a Glock semi-automatic pistol, and magazines with ammunition.
- A night patrol officer located a vehicle with its driver door open and abandoned in a traffic lane in the 1300 block of W. Wheatland Rd. Prior to towing the abandoned vehicle, the officer inventoried the vehicle and found a small clear vial containing a brown liquid substance believed to be PCP (Phencyclidine) and a cigarette that appeared to have been dipped in the PCP.
- Very early one morning, a night shift officer located a vehicle occupied by three subjects in Lakeside Park. Further investigation revealed that two of the subjects were in possession of marijuana and both were charged with possession of marijuana in a drug free zone.
- While on routine patrol, a day shift patrol officer checked a location on S. Cedar Ridge known to be frequently used to dump or hide stolen vehicles. The officer located a vehicle at the back of the property near a tree line and his investigation of the vehicle showed it to have been reported stolen out of Grand Prairie.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
  - Frank Keasler/Hill City – (5) citations, (2) warnings
  - W. Danieldale Rd. – (6) citations, (3) warnings
  - Johnson Dr. – (4) citations, (1) warning
  - Cedar Hill Rd. at W. Danieldale Rd. – (7) citations, (3) warnings
  - Officers worked Hollywood Park for parking violations, stop sign violations, and speeding but no offenses were observed

**Fire Department** – The Department has not had any major fire or EMS events in Duncanville this week but did respond to a motorcycle accident Wednesday afternoon at Santa Fe and Cedar Ridge. EMS personnel performed CPR on the motorcycle rider and transported the patient to the ER, but unfortunately, the patient did not survive.

EOC training this week was a joint training with Duncanville, Desoto, Cedar Hill and Lancaster staff participating in a Regional Disaster Debris Management Planning Project. The discussion was on the key components of the Disaster Debris Management Plan so that personnel have a fundamental understanding of the plan and their roles in implementing the plan.

**Public Works** – Water usage was 24.513 MG the week of March 4 through March 10, down slightly from 24.552 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred

on Saturday, March 9, when 4.564 MG was used. There was 0.032 inches of precipitation that week.

The Planning and Zoning Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019. The agenda included a request for an amendment to a Planned Development District and a Development Plan for residential and/or commercial (mixed use with loft apartment) at 212 N Hastings Street. The request was recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission by a 5-1 vote and will proceed to City Council on April 2, 2019.

The Planning Division participated at the “Flavor of Duncanville” on Thursday, March 14, to obtain additional public input on the Zoning Ordinance update, which kicked off last month. Public input will continue to be used to formulate the diagnostic report which will help develop strategies in the ordinance update to address certain development concerns.

City management staff, the city’s prosecuting attorney, and code enforcement personnel took a bus tour of the city on Wednesday, March 13, to view properties for violations and look at those areas that have presented special challenges. Discussion with management and the attorney helped code enforcement personnel establish strategies in the future to address these problems and several properties were identified for code enforcement follow-up.

On Monday, March 14, the interim building official and code enforcement officers performed the first of the annual apartment inspections starting with the Bella Ruscello Apartment complex located at 250 East US Highway 67. Some deficiencies were noted on the exterior of the buildings and five vacant units were inspected with no major problems. A few appliances needed to be repaired, and some window locks and doors needed replacement locks. The property manager was given 30 days to ready the property for reinspection. One complex will be inspected per week until the annual inspection program has been completed.

Fifty properties were registered for the residential rental property program since last week’s report, for a total of 318 registered properties year-to-date. Nineteen properties were inspected. Thirteen inspections passed and six failed. Reasons for the failures varied, but lack of smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors, GFCI protection, and vacuum breakers on hose bibs were primary. Eleven residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 37 certificates issued year-to-date.

Construction and Maintenance:

- The concrete construction crew repaired 738 square feet of sidewalk at 102-104 Walnut Circle.
- Vortex Turnkey Solution LLC continues the FY18 Pipebursting project with the completion of services at Mona Avenue in the Flame East Addition. Crews are currently working on wastewater lateral services.

**Library** – Spring Break Week at the library has been a busy and exciting time! The library hosted the final session of Baby Sign Story Time with Miss Amy and is already planning the next series due to overwhelming requests. Approximately 120 families attended the popular event over the eight-week course.

The Spring Break week of events kicked off with a visit from Tharpo the Clown on Monday, with nearly 100 excited fans in attendance. The Library also hosted a showing of “The Incredibles 2” on Tuesday with 75 movie goers enjoying free popcorn along with the film. Tuesday evening saw a great turnout for Lego Maniacs, with approximately 60 creative kids snapping together colorful bricks.

The library once again hosted Ewe Pet Petting Zoo on Wednesday morning, and despite the rainy, chilly weather, 263 animal lovers visited. There were llamas, goats, rabbits, piglets, chickens, a pony, and a baby brahma. Various other city departments shared their rain canopies with the library to allow craft stations to be set up as well as to shelter patrons and animals during the inclement weather. Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who helped with all our spring break events!



## **Parks and Recreation** –

### **Parks:**

- Lions Park trail light LED conversion has been completed after phasing in over the last couple of years utilizing the annual operating funds in the Parks Maintenance budget. The light bulb conversion at Lions Park cost approximately \$8,000, but the return on investment (ROI) is expected to be approximately 2.5 years. Electrical savings alone is a 70% reduction in electrical costs, in addition to the much longer bulb life and higher lumens that leads to a safer user experience for our citizens.

### **Fieldhouse:**

- The Fieldhouse participated in the “Flavor of Duncanville” event.
- A new sponsor was added this week: Orangetheory for a two-year deal worth \$7,200.
- This coming weekend we have:
  - Mustangs Basketball Tournament - Saturday 9:00a to 8:00p & Sunday 9:00a to 4:30p; (6) courts

- Fieldhouse Youth Basketball League - Sunday 5:00p to 9:00p; (5) courts

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

- ED staff, Police, Fire, and Public Works met with representatives of Rodeway Inn to discuss issues and complaints with the hotel. The representatives seemed receptive to addressing the concerns, but staff will continue to monitor the property.
- Board Members and staff hosted a booth at the “Flavor of Duncanville” where they educated business-owners on how to do business with the City of Duncanville.
- ED staff and Public Works held a viewing of the Paint Booth for sale located on the City property at 730 E I-20 in Duncanville.

The DCEDC will hold a driving tour and planning session on March 19, 2019. The Board will take a driving tour at 6:00p followed by the planning session at 7:30p in the City Council Briefing Room at City Hall.

**Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:**

- El Chef Picosos Taqueria: 1211 S. Main St., Bldg. C (Restaurant)
- 7 Eleven Convenience Store #24039J: 615 S. Main St. (Convenience Store - Change in Ownership)
- Serenity Counseling & Consulting Services, PLLC: 423 W. Wheatland Rd, Suite #101 (Counseling Office)
- Brown & Assoc. Carpet Cleaning, Inc.: 1184 Explorer, Suite #B (Office & Warehouse for Carpet Cleaning Company)
- Main Stop C – Store: 1211 S. Main St., Bldg. A (Convenience Store – General Merchandise)
- Raymond James: 222 E. Wheatland Rd., Suite #100 (Financial Services)
- Alecia Francis State Farm Agency: 222 E. Wheatland Rd., Suite #200 (Insurance and Financial Services)

**Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:**

- Embrace Me/ (Jewelry, Treasures): 1182 Explorer St., Suite #J (Storage/Warehouse, for Jewelry – Beads, Bracelets, Etc.)
- Carbin Repair: 706 E. Red Bird Ln., Suite #111 (Automotive Repair and Accessories)

**Public Information** – News coverage for this week:

- March 12, 2019 – [Hackers Set Off Emergency Sirens in Southern Dallas County](#)
- March 13, 2019 – [Retiring Duncanville Fire Marshal Mike Trousdale Recognized](#)
- March 13, 2019 – [Storm Recovery: U-Haul Offers 30 Days Free Self-Storage Across Dallas-Fort Worth](#)