



City of Duncanville

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Weekly Update

PIP Weekend – this weekend, Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27, and next Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, are the Spring 2019 PIP Days. Five houses are being worked on. Yesterday, Friday, April 26, a number of the city executive staff volunteered to work on two of the PIP houses, taking one project entirely by city staff, and assisting members of First United Methodist Church on another property. City staff replaced some wood trim, did exterior painting, and trimmed shrubs at 323 Meadowcreek Drive. We also assisted FUMC at 502 Meadowglen with extensive demolition of a deteriorating wood deck and above ground pool.

Police Department – On Tuesday, the Duncanville Police Department's Advanced Citizen Police Academy Class concluded with a presentation by Immigration and Customs. Over 50 previous graduates of the regular Duncanville CPA class gained insight from agencies with which our department interacts.

Notes on recent successes:

- Day shift officers were dispatched to a Dollar General Store for a report of a major disturbance in which three female suspects used pepper spray and threatened store employees with a metal rod after being confronted by the employees for allegedly stealing items. Upon arrival in the area, the officers located the three female suspects within close proximity of the store. Ultimately, officers arrested two of the three suspects for lying about their identities and one for robbery.
- A night patrol officer stopped a vehicle pursuant to a license plate violation and based on information suggesting the vehicle owner was wanted for other violations. Upon stopping the vehicle, the officer could smell the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. The officer also found the driver and lone occupant of the vehicle to be wanted by several agencies. After arresting the driver, the officer located and recovered a stolen pistol within the vehicle.
- Day shift officers took a report of a stolen vehicle from Hilton Garden Inn. Within a few hours, officers located the stolen vehicle via tracking technology and arrested

three individuals for various charges, including Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. A bank bag with identifying information and bank receipts for large amounts of cash, as well tools to break into vehicles and steal them, were located in the bank bag.

- Night officers responded to gunshots being fired on W. Fain St. A description was provided for the person firing a pistol in a backyard. Upon arrival, officers located the individual and confirmed he was armed with a small caliber pistol. He was also confirmed to be a convicted felon and was arrested for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon.
- Day shift officers towed an abandoned, wrecked vehicle from Thrush Ave. after it had been tagged for removal for 48 hours.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – (3)citations
 - North and South Main St. – (27) citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – (2) citations
 - East Wheatland Rd. – (1) citation
 - West Wheatland Rd. – (4) citations, (1) warning
 - Cedar Hill Rd. (1) citation

Fire Department – The Department has not had any major EMS events in Duncanville this week. On Tuesday, April 23, the department responded to a report of a two-story apartment complex fire at 1415 Acton Ave. Smoke was showing upon arrival of first apparatus. The fire was started between the first and second floors of the complex by a plumber doing work, then traveled into the attic where crews extinguished it. There were fifteen (15) people displaced by the fire operations. Red Cross was notified, and the apartment complex sheltered those displaced. There were no reports of any injuries.

Regional Emergency Management Coordinator Tonya Hunter conducted debris assessment training with Duncanville and DeSoto staff this past week and will complete training on Monday and Tuesday of this coming week for Cedar Hill and Lancaster. On May 9, Duncanville, Cedar Hill and DeSoto will participate in a full-scale exercise for damage assessment following a tornado. Lancaster will have an exercise later.

The Department is currently in the process of filling the current four vacancies. There are 10 candidates remaining on the current Civil Service List, and a physical agility test has been scheduled for May 11 for the remaining 10 candidates. The previous candidates in the process failed to satisfactorily compete the hiring phases.

Public Works – Water usage was 25.004 MG the week of April 15 through April 21, down from 25.732 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Thursday, April 18, when 4.343 MG was used. There was 0.59 inches of precipitation that week.

Planning Technician Athena Seaton participated in the Duncanville ISD Career Day at Bilhartz Elementary. She discussed the job of a City Planner, future city changes, and received feedback on what the students, as future citizens, would like to see in the City.

On Monday, April 22, the Building Inspections Division performed an annual apartment inspection for the Sunset Villa Apartments located at 400 N Merrill Ave. Deficiencies were noted on the exterior of the buildings, and 4 vacant units were inspected. No violations were found in 3 of the vacant units but in one unit, fixtures needed to be secured, repaired, or replaced. 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. Seven apartments have been inspected year-to-date and a total of 12 apartments remain.

Eight properties were registered for the residential rental property program since last week's report, for a total of 453 registered properties year-to-date. Nineteen properties were inspected. Eight inspections passed and 11 failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, GFCI protection, and vacuum breakers on hose bibs were primary. Eight residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 95 certificates issued year-to-date.

Construction and Maintenance:

- The Concrete Construction crew repaired 604 sq. ft of sidewalk at 203 Harman St.
- The Street Division continued maintenance activities on Main St. in preparation for microsurfacing later this year.
- Vortex Turnkey Solution LLC continues the FY18 pipebursting project in the Flame East Addition. Crews also completed street restoration in the Flame East Addition.



Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- The Lakeside Park men's restroom received more vandalism damaging the stall dividers. Staff is looking at alternative repairs such as a concrete masonry wall that will stand up better to the kicking actions.

Fieldhouse:

- The FH will host the Great American Shoot-Out (GASO) Tournament this weekend with 150 Teams and 17 courts reserved in Duncanville (City = 8 courts, with 2 courts being at the Recreation Center; DISD = 7 courts). We expect more than 150 college 1coaches to attend for scouting purposes.
- Staff added boxing to the sports performance options, with training scheduled to begin May 1.

- This coming week, the Fieldhouse will host:
 - Champion After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 6:30p
 - B.O.S.S. Spring Basketball League - Monday 6:00p to 9:00p; (3) courts
 - GASO Basketball Tournament - Friday 7:00p to 10:30p, Saturday 8:30a to 10:00p & Sunday 8:00a to 3:30p; (6) courts
 - Fieldhouse Youth Basketball League - Sunday 4:00p to 9:00p; (5) courts

Recreation:

- This past Tuesday concluded the inaugural season for the Men's Basketball League. Staff will schedule the Tournament Bracket this week and have two more weeks of playoff play.
- At the request of some citizens, staff will conduct a trial day for pickleball to see if we have enough interest from local seniors in the community. If we have a good turn out, we will start a free program for seniors to utilize the equipment we have to offer. The trial date for pickleball will be Monday, May 20 from 6:30a – 2:30p.

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

- Staff attended the Texas Downtown Association's Redevelopment Workshop in Garland.
- The Development Team met with the developer of the property next to Costco on Hwy 67. A banking business and a fast food restaurant is scheduled to develop on the property.

The DCEDC held their monthly meeting and approved a \$5,000 Design Incentive Paint Grant to Gil Hudson, owner of Redbird Skateland.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Exterior Consulting Innovations, Inc.; 1406 S. Clark Rd., Suite #2 (Consulting Waterproofing, Roofing, Restoration Office Space Only)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

April 23, 2019 – [Museum of International Cultures Displays "The Last Supper" Quilt](#)

April 24, 2019 – [Duncanville Hires One of its Own to Take Over Girls' Basketball Program](#)

April 24, 2019 – [Duncanville City Council and School Board Candidates Attend Forum](#)

April 24, 2019 – [ICYMI: NBC 5 Investigates Legality of CBD Oil](#) (updated from February 9, 2019 article)

April 25, 2019 – [Duncanville Public Library Switching to New Integrated System](#)