



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Memorial Day Event / 50th Anniversary -- Staff was provided a video this week of the dedication in 1969 of the War Memorial. The original video was taken in Super 8mm and had no sound. The video has been placed on the City's YouTube channel. In the video, Army Cadet Ronald L. Munden and Midshipman Charles S. Young are seen unveiling this very memorial 50 years ago. Now retired Army Colonel Ronald Munden will be the guest speaker at the event next week. Unfortunately, CDR Charles S. Young (U.S. Navy Ret.) passed away September 8, 2011 after an illustrious career and a courageous battle with brain cancer.

https://youtu.be/fm-is_EEf1A

The City of Duncanville is honoring the 50th anniversary of Memorial Park with a commemorative War Memorial challenge coin marking the event.



Police Department – Sergeant Adrian Tijerina was recently recognized for his “professionalism and commitment to excellence” while attending a Train the Trainer Defensive Tactics Course.

The Police Department and Fire Department held the Annual Fire Truck Pull event to raise funds Texas Special Olympics. A team comprised of Duncanville High School football players took overall honors. Luckily, Officer Doug Sisk, who coordinates this event, was able to get all the competition events in before the rain began last Saturday.



Notes on recent successes:

- During the investigation of a minor vehicle accident in which one vehicle rear-ended another vehicle at a reported “high rate of speed,” the investigating night patrol officer suspected the driver who caused the accident might be intoxicated. Field sobriety tests confirmed the suspicion and the driver was arrested for investigation of DWI. When the driver refused to provide a blood sample to determine the presence of intoxicants in the driver’s blood system, the officer obtained a search warrant and had a trained medical technician obtain the sample of the driver’s blood.
- A day patrol officer towed an abandoned vehicle from the 1100 block of Heather Wood Drive.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – (6) citations
 - E. Danieldale Rd. – (2) citations
 - North and South Main St. – (26) citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – (3) citations
 - East Wheatland Rd. – (6) citations
 - West Wheatland Rd. – (3) citations

Fire Department – The Department has not had any major EMS events in Duncanville this week but did respond to a structure fire at 218 Martin Luther Circle. As the fire apparatus arrived they encountered heavy smoke and flames showing from a window. The fire was quickly contained to the room of origin. This appeared to be a suspicious fire, so the Fire Marshal was called to investigate the cause of the fire.

At approximately the same time as this structure fire and because both Duncanville fire units were on that call, DeSoto Fire Rescue performed a swift water response Wednesday afternoon to rescue a teenager injured in a swimming accident in Ten Mile Creek in Duncanville’s Harrington Park. The teen was injured after he and his friends jumped into

the creek and he failed to see a ledge a few feet below him. A swift water technician/firefighter was sent across the creek to perform the rescue. DeSoto Fire Rescue transported the patient to a trauma center. This is another great example of our regional cooperation and automatic response system.

The Fire Department took second place in their division in the Annual Fire Truck Pull for Special Olympics.

Public Works – Water usage was 26.09 MG the week of May 13 through May 19, up from 24.771 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Thursday, May 16, when 4.475 MG was used. There was 1.10 inches of precipitation during this period.

On Monday, May 20, the Building Inspections Division performed an annual apartment inspection of Vista Ridge Apartments located at 605 N Alexander Ave. Deficiencies were noted on the exterior of the buildings, and 2 vacant units were inspected. No violations were found in one vacant unit and in the other unit, fixtures needed to be installed. The property manager was given 30 days to ready the property for reinspection. Ten apartment complexes have been inspected year-to-date and a total of 9 apartment complexes remain. One apartment complex will be inspected per week until the annual inspection program has been completed.

Eleven properties were registered for the residential rental property program since last week's report, for a total of 497 registered properties year-to-date. Fourteen properties were inspected. Eight properties passed inspection and 6 failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of carbon monoxide detectors and GFCI protection were the primary reasons for failure. Ten residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 123 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Mosquito testing was conducted on May 21 at 5 different locations throughout the City and the results from all locations were negative.

Construction and Maintenance:

- Vortex Turnkey Solution LLC continues the FY18 Pipebursting project in the Flame East Addition.
- The Concrete Construction Crew repaired 584 sq. ft of sidewalk on Harman St.
- The crack-sealing contractor sealed 94,033 linear feet of cracks on the following streets: Meadowlark, Whippoorwill, Mockingbird, Larry, West Fain, South Peach, Melody, Merribrook, Harrington Drive, Harrington Circle, and Patton. Crack-sealing consists of spraying a melted asphalt solution directly into surface cracks. This seals the surface and prevents water from entering the crack(s) and causing further deterioration to the pavement and subgrade beneath the pavement. This project will be complete within the next two weeks, weather permitting.
- The micro-surfacing contractor is scheduled to begin surface treatment on Merribrook in the middle of June, weather permitting.

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- A new drinking fountain was installed this week in Lions Park by Irrigator, Mike Forester.

Fieldhouse:

- This coming week we have:
 - Champion After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 6:30p
 - Metro Safe Summer Camp - Thursday & Friday 6:30a to 6:00p
 - HYPE Sports Basketball Tournament - Saturday 8:00a to 10:00p, Sunday 8:00a to 10:00p & Monday 8:00a to 3:00p; (6) courts

Senior Center:

- Senior Day at the Park was a successful event. Seniors from other surrounding cities were also in attendance.
- On May 20, 2019, a group of seniors attended the Texas Rangers vs. Mariners game and is a great way for seniors to mix and mingle with one another. The tickets for this event were a courtesy of the Texas Rangers.
- The Senior Center will have a memorial service in remembrance of seniors that passed in 2018/2019 on Friday, May 31, 2019 at 10:00a.

Recreation:

- Staff is preparing for the Catfish Catch event on Saturday, May 25 at Lakeside Park. The event is from 10:00a to 2:00p.
- Duncanville was awarded the Focus Daily News Awards “Best Health Club” and “Best Local City Event” (Daddy-Daughter Dance).

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

- Attended ICSC’s (International Consortium of Shopping Centers) 2019 RECON in Nevada with 40,000 other developers, brokers, retailers and cities. In the two-day time, ED staff engaged over 35 developers, brokers, and retailers representing more than 100 different businesses. Staff will continue to pitch Duncanville and Duncanville properties to these leads.
- With Parks Department staff, met with the Design Studio Group to discuss the Retaining Wall Art Project on Cockrell Hill. The deadline to receive proposed designs has been extended to June 7.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

None this week

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Johnny's Garage; 1426 N. Main St. (Johnny's Garage – Engine Repair Small Vehicles No Large Commercial Vehicles)
- Shear Art Lounge; 314 N. Hastings (Hair Salon)
- Alyston Business Consultants, Inc./Strategic Enterprises, Inc.; 202 S. Santa Fe Trl. (Bookkeeping, Tax Preparation, and Consulting)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

May 16, 2019 – [City of Duncanville Canvasses May 4 General Election; Swears in New Council Members May 21](#)

May 17, 2019 – [Duncanville Celebrates 50th Anniversary of War Memorial and Eternal Flame at Memorial Park – May 27](#)

May 20, 2019 – [New Coffee House Brews Cup of Hipness for Trending-up Duncanville](#)

May 22, 2019 – [DeSoto Firefighters Rescue Injured Teen from Ten Mile Creek](#)

May 23, 2019 – [Costco Duncanville Hosting Community Blood Drive Near You – May 24](#)

May 23, 2019 – [North Texas Teen Thankful to be Alive After Fall in Creek](#)