



TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager
DATE: May 31, 2019
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

City Council Chambers A/V Upgrade - the audio-visual improvements to the Council Chambers are scheduled to begin on June 24. These improvements will increase presentation visibility for Duncanville citizens and council members, improve broadcast and recorded video/audio quality, improve upon ADA compliance measures already in place, provide for a means of live streaming Council meetings via social media and the City YouTube channel, and prepare Council chambers for future upgrades. These upgrades will be funded through the Public, Education, and Government (PEG) fund which exists due to the Cable Communications Act of 1984. PEG funds are paid to the city by cable companies that provide services to our community, in order for the city to provide better quality production capabilities and video broadcast of City Council meetings to our citizens.

Police Department – Detective Jeff Pollock retired from the Police Department this past week. During his 20-year career he served as a field training officer, acting supervisor, SWAT team member, Honor Guard member, Patrol Officer and Detective. We wish him well in his retirement!

The Duncanville Police Department Facebook page received a comment/thank you after Officer D. Mayo assisted a stranded citizen by changing a flat tire while on Highway 67 during rush hour.

On Saturday May 25, the Duncanville Police Crime Prevention Unit hosted an event focused on theft prevention. Officer Doug Sisk and Detective Chad Berger



participated in the event, providing more than 115 Tailgate anti-theft devices and the same number of NanoTags.



Notes on recent successes:

- During the investigation of a robbery, officers located a suspect and a foot chase ensued with five (5) involved juveniles. A large ground search utilizing the Cedar Hill K-9 unit resulted in the apprehension of one suspect who was arrested and charged.
- Duncanville officers responded to eight (8) calls of abandoned vehicles in our city. One (1) vehicle was “chalked” for follow up and two (2) were towed from 1506 S. Clark Rd.
- Duncanville officers working a robbery prevention detail a six-hour time period, conducted 37 extra patrols, 12 traffic stops and completed 1 field interview card in high visibility commercial and business districts.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - Daniieldale Rd. – (6) citations
 - North and South Main St. – (13) citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – (3) citations
 - Wheatland Rd. – (2) citations

Fire Department – The Department has not had any major fire or EMS events in Duncanville this week.

A physical agility test for remaining firefighter applicants on the civil service list was conducted on Saturday, May 25. Three candidates arrived to take the test. All three passed the test. Two of the candidates are Fire EMT certified and the last one is paramedic certified only. They will complete their personal history statements and begin the process for interviews, background and psychological testing. The Department is currently trying to fill four vacancies. When we complete the process with the three candidates, we will schedule a new Civil Service Exam.

Public Works – Water usage was 28.003 MG the week of May 20 through May 26, up from 26.09 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Friday, May 24, when 4.44 MG was used. There was 0.07 inches of precipitation during this period.

Two properties were registered for the residential rental property program since last week’s report, for a total of 499 registered properties year-to-date. Nine properties were inspected. Six properties passed inspection and 3 failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, vacuum breakers on hose bibs, and GFCI

protection were the primary reasons for failure. Five residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 127 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Construction and Maintenance:

- Vortex Turnkey Solution LLC continues the FY18 Pipebursting project in the Flame East Addition.
- The concrete construction crew removed and replaced 308 sq. ft of sidewalk at 318 Harman St.
- The crack-sealing contractor sealed 53,391 linear feet of cracks on the following streets: Hill City Dr, Rita Ln, Dula Cir, and Jellison Blvd. Forty-nine percent of this year's crack-sealing contract has been completed.
- The micro-surfacing contractor is scheduled to begin surface treatment on Merribrook in the middle of June, weather permitting.

Library – The Summer Reading Club officially starts on June 1 at the library. Readers up through the age of 18 can pick up their reading logs at the library's information desk. After completing 20 hours of reading, logs can be turned in for the Prize Packet and entry into the grand prize drawing for an Amazon Kindle, which is provided by the Friends of the Duncanville Library. Logs can be turned in beginning June 14. See the library website or pick up a flyer at the library for a schedule of all the special programs and performers during the summer!

The Start Smart Summer Reading Kickoff event will be on Saturday June 8 from 10:00a to 2:00p. Enjoy music and games, meet Nature Cat and Super Why! The Library will have food and fun for everyone, and all ages are welcome!

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- Duncanville honored the 50th anniversary of the War Memorial on Memorial Day. (see photos on next page)
- All sports associations except soccer have completed their spring seasons.

Fieldhouse:

- This coming week we have:
 - Champion After School Program - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 6:30a to 6:00
 - Metro Safe Summer Camp - Tuesday thru Friday 6:30a to 6:00p
 - Mustangs Basketball Tournament - Saturday 8:00a to 8:00p x 3 courts, Sunday 8:00a to 4:00p x 6 courts
 - GOJO USA Karate Tournament - Saturday 7:00a to 7:00p x 3 courts
 - 360 Volleyball League - Sunday 6:00p to 9:00p x 3 courts



Public Information – News coverage for this week:

May 29, 2019 – [Duncanville Commemorates 50th Anniversary of War Memorial](#)

May 29, 2019 – [Duncanville Community Family Fun Bike Ride - June 1](#)

May 24, 2019 – [New Restaurant-Bar Hooks Up Duncanville with Burgers and Craft Beer](#)

May 24, 2019 – [Dallas Resident Wins \\$1 Million Scratch Off](#)