



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: June 28, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Traffic Control Box Art Project – As you know, the City Council previously approved various artwork designs for selected traffic control boxes in the Main Street/Downtown area, as well as near Hastings Elementary. The first project will be unveiled on Friday, June 28, 2019 at 10:00a at the box at Center Street and Santa Fe Road, by the War Memorial. Applicants were able to submit a proposal based on the following themes: City of Champions, History of Duncanville, Duncanville Military History, and An Inclusive Duncanville Community. Mr. Jose Perales, a Duncanville resident, will have his featured piece commemorating Duncanville’s residents who have served our nation’s military unveiled during this special event. This project was supported by the Duncanville Design Studio and the City of Duncanville.

Police Department –

Notes on recent successes:

- A day patrol officer responded to a call at an apartment complex in which someone’s tires on their vehicle had been slashed. After meeting with the owner of the vehicle, the officer located an individual suspected of the offense. The suspect admitted to paying an unknown person to slash the tires because the suspect was mad at the vehicle owner’s son. The suspect was arrested on unrelated warrants, and a warrant for the tire slashing is pending, as a written estimate for replacement is needed to finalize charges.
- Day patrol officers responded to a criminal trespass offense in progress at a church in town. A 24-year old male, who had previously been warned by church officials not to return to the property, was found in a class room. The male was arrested and taken to jail.
- A night officer towed a vehicle left abandoned in the middle lane of the 1500 block of S. Cockrell Hill Rd., as it posed a dangerous traffic hazard.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – (10) citations, (1) written warning

- E. Danieldale Rd. – (1) citation, (1) written warning
- North and South Main St. – (6) citations, (1) warning
- East Wheatland Rd. – (2) citations
- West Wheatland Rd. – (1) citation

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

Fire personnel have been participating in the BAR (Boat Assisted Rescue) X Planning exercise at Joe Pool Lake this week from June 24-26. The exercise helps identify strengths and weaknesses on the ability of the Region to provide rescue during a flooding event. It also tested the interoperability of communications between several jurisdictions. Boat crews came from Arlington FD, Dallas Fire Rescue, US Coast Guard, Seagoville FD, Mansfield FD, Rowlett FD, Grand Prairie FD, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Red Oak FD. Cedar Hill, DeSoto, and Duncanville served as Incident Command in COM 260, and Cedar Hill AMBUS 214 served as the medical branch to triage patients as they came ashore. A total of 9 boats participated. Participation in this regional exercise allowed boat rescue teams to integrate with one another and allowed the region to test several systems.

Department personnel also participated in a table top exercise involving an active shooter scenario on June 25 with Laurenwood Nursing and Rehabilitation. The exercise was limited to discussions regarding the management of an active shooter event in a nursing home and rehabilitation facility and helped evaluate Laurenwood's emergency plans and procedures. The exercise had a total of 50 participants, including four from the Fire Department and two from the Police Department.

Public Works – Water usage was 28.778 MG this week, down from 31.379 last week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Friday, June 21, when 4.792 MG was used. There was 1.14 inches of precipitation last week (June 17 through June 23).

Mosquito testing was conducted on June 25 at five locations throughout the City with negative results.

On Friday, June 21, Building Inspection staff performed an annual inspection of the Fairmeadows Apartments at 800 North Merrill Avenue. Deficiencies were noted on the exterior of the buildings, and three vacant units were inspected. In one of the vacant units, fixtures needed to be secured or repaired. The property manager was given 30 days to ready the property for reinspection. Seventeen apartment complexes have been inspected year-to-date with two complexes remaining.

Thirty-two properties were registered for the residential rental property program since last week's report, for a total of 549 registered properties year-to-date. Ten properties were inspected, and all ten passed inspection. Five residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 152 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Planning staff held three pre-development meetings on Thursday, June 27, to discuss the Duncanville ISD Police Station to be located at 802 South Main Street, two condominiums to be located at 110-122 Sliger Drive and an event center to be located at 134 North Main Street in the Downtown District.

The regularly scheduled Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to be held on Monday, June 24, is cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 8.

Construction Update:

- The Concrete Construction crew repaired 204 sq.ft. of sidewalk at 326 Harman Street and began construction of the Rotary Park parking lot.



- The micro-surfacing contractor is scheduled to begin surface treatment on Merribrook Trail on Monday, July 1, weather permitting.
- Pipebursting crews completed work on Segments 1 and 2 at the back easement of the Wheatland Plaza shopping center and performed street restoration on Allen Avenue in the Flame East subdivision.
- A kick-off meeting for the design of Water Improvements along Link Drive from Camp Wisdom Road to Jellison Boulevard was conducted on Monday, June 24, with Dunaway Associates. The estimated design completion date is December 2019.
- A kick-off meeting for the design of Daniieldale Road Reconstruction Bond project was conducted on Wednesday, June 26, with Dunaway Associates. The estimated design completion date is March 2020.

On Tuesday, June 25, the City participated in a Partner Meeting with NCTCOG with representatives from the other Best Southwest Cities to kick-off the Southern Dallas

County Transit Study. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a scope of work for a study to develop immediate to 10-year transportation solutions for the southern sector.

Library – The library continues to have great attendance during the Summer Reading Club programs. This week, 293 attendees participated in various events and programs, including 72 for Family Night Magic Show with Brett Roberts, and 102 at Percussion Things program. There were also many happy participants at the Lego Maniacs, Board Games programs, and during the popular Paws and Reading Tutors program.

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- Arbor Masters is in Duncanville for the next couple of weeks performing roadway clearance pruning along major thoroughfares. They are also performing a few removals in parks due to storms but the majority of storm damaged trees in the parks were taken care of by Parks staff.
- The Rotary Park parking lot bond project has been started this week by the Streets Department and will take a couple of weeks to complete due to the upcoming holidays.

Fieldhouse:

- This coming week we have:
 - Metro Safe Summer Camp - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 6:00p
 - Top Gun Youth Basketball League - Tuesday 6:00p to 10:00p x 3 courts
 - Indi Hoops Basketball Tournament - Saturday 9:00a to 6:00p, Sunday 8:00p to 4:00p x 6 courts
 - 360 Volleyball League - Sunday 6:00p to 8:00p x 5 nets

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

- Helped coordinate and host the NCTCOG Mobility Meeting for Southern Dallas County.
- The City Development Team met with an individual interested in developing lots on Sliger St. and a separate business person wanting to open an event center.

The DCEDC held their monthly meeting and approved the FY 2019-2020 DCEDC Budget.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Spiral Transportation; 316 N. Main (Selling Motorized Knee Walkers and Wall Crosses (Retail))

- Lifeline EMS; 115 E. Davis St., Suite #B (Emergency Medical Services (Change in Name Only)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Title: Cozy Coffee Shop, Black & Bitter Coffee and Books Opens

Link: <https://www.focusdailynews.com/cozy-coffee-shop-black-bitter-coffee-and-books-opens/>

Source: Focus Daily News

Date: June 23, 2019

Title: CBD Products Are Legal in Texas Now, But Some Sellers Face Continued Legal Problems

Link: <https://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/crime/article231740623.html>

Source: Fort-Worth Star Telegram

Date: June 24, 2019

Title: ISTE 2019: Adobe Spark Makes It Easy to Create and Collaborate

Link: <https://edtechmagazine.com/k12/media/video/iste-2019-adobe-spark-makes-it-easy-create-and-collaborate> (Claudio Zavala Jr., Instructional Technology Coordinator, Duncanville Independent School District)

Source: ED Tech Focus on K-12

Date: June 25, 2019

Title: 4th of July Events Across North Texas

Link: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/entertainment/the-scene/4th-of-July-Events-Across-North-Texas-510925291.html>

Source: NBCDFW5

Date: June 25, 2019