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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: July 26, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

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**Police Department** – this week, CID Sergeant Nathan Roach was presented with three Police Department Commendations and a Meritorious Conduct Bar for outstanding police work in recent months. Congratulations to Sergeant Roach and kudos for his service to the community!

**Notes on recent activity:**

- Lieutenant Chris McCaleb was travelling south bound on Main Street enroute to Southwest Regional Communication Center to attend a training course. A vehicle pulled out directly in front of him causing a collision. The driver attempted to flee the scene of the collision in his severely damaged vehicle, but the vehicle stalled a short distance from the accident scene. The driver then fled on foot and was apprehended by Lieutenant McCaleb and other Duncanville police officers. The driver was arrested and transported to jail.
- A day patrol officer towed a vehicle that was left abandoned in the 200 block of S. Cockrell Hill Rd. as it was causing a traffic hazard. The driver/owner had not returned to the vehicle while the officer waited so the vehicle was towed.
- A night patrol officer apprehended a robbery suspect shortly after he attempted to rob the RaceTrac at 519 S Cockrell Hill Rd.
- Patrol officers on night shift recovered a stolen vehicle from Dallas and chased the driver (a wanted felon for robberies and engaging in organized criminal activity) on foot, before apprehending him and bringing him to jail.
- Duncanville police officers, along with the City Marshal made a total of 23 arrests this week.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
  - W. Danieldale Rd. – (7) citations
  - S. Cockrell Hill Rd. – (9) citations
  - N. Cockrell Hill Rd. – (4) citations
  - North and South Main St. – (6) citations

- E. Wheatland Rd. – (2) citations
- W. Wheatland Rd. – (2) citations
- S. Clark Rd. – (7) citations
- E. Camp Wisdom Rd. – (6) citations

**Fire Department** – There were no major fire or EMS events in Duncanville this week.

Chief Sam Rohde is instructing at the Texas A&M Fire Training School this week, two members of the department are instructing Incident Command School at the Desoto Fire Training Center and one member is attending that class as well. Three firefighters began Paramedic school this week and are expected to finish in January.

The department responded to 127 calls for service from July 18-24.

**Public Works** – Water usage was 43.243 MG this week, up from 37.286 MG last week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Friday, July 19, when 6.555 MG was used.

Mosquito testing was conducted on July 23 at five locations throughout the City with negative results.

A total of \$3,075.91 (14 liens) was collected in lien payoffs this week for a total of \$40,986.63 (140 liens) year-to-date.

Eighteen properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 589 registered properties year-to-date. Nine properties were inspected. Seven properties passed inspection and 2 failed. Of the properties that failed, vacuum breakers on hose bibs were the primary reasons for failure. Twelve residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 192 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

There was a joint Planning and Zoning Commission meeting with the City Council on Monday, July 22. Freese and Nichols presented the Diagnostic Report for the Zoning Ordinance Update and the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission provided feedback and guidance to staff and the consultant.

Planning staff conducted pre-development meetings this week to discuss a proposed warehouse/headquarters expansion on North Main Street and a proposed coffee shop with drive thru and retail tenant on East Highway 67.

**Construction Update:**

- The City hosted a kick-off meeting with Criado Engineering for design of water/wastewater improvements at Cockrell Hill Road.
- The Concrete Construction crew repaired 668 sq. ft of sidewalk on Harman St.
- Vortex crews completed pipebursting work on Truman Ct in the Presidential Estates Subdivision and partially completed street restoration on Alexander Ave in

the Flame East Subdivision. They are currently reconnecting and installing wastewater lateral services on Truman Ct and will begin working on Madison Ct in Presidential Estates next.

**Library** – The Library continued Summer Reading Club with 259 patrons attending various events this week. This included 106 participants for the Space Themed magic show with Brett Roberts. There is one more week left for the Summer Reading Club.

**Parks and Recreation** –

Parks:

- The next traffic signal box is scheduled to be done on July 26, at Freeman and Wheatland. One box will be done on July 30 at Main St. and Wheatland with a tentative unveiling of July 31.
- Off-season maintenance continues at Harrington, Lions, and Alexander Parks.
- Sod planted in June in the high traffic areas of these athletic fields has filled in nicely and Irrigation has kept up with the drier weather.



Fieldhouse:

- This coming week we have:
  - Metro Safe Summer Camp - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 6:00p
  - Prime Time Nationals Basketball Tournament - Thursday 10:00a to 9:00p, Friday 10:00a to 9:00p, Saturday 9:00a to 9:00p, Sunday 9:00p to 4:30p x 6 courts

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

- Continues working with three different developers interested in developing properties in Duncanville.
- Continues to work with W&B Service Company with their business expansion.

The Duncanville Community and Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) presented Gil Hudson, owner of Redbird Skateland, with a \$5,000 Paint Grant for upgrading the paint on their building located at 1206 Duncanville Rd.



The DCEDC also presented Harold Russell, owner of Hav-R Properties, with a \$9,467 Façade and Paint Grant for upgrading the paint and metal awning on their building located at 606 S Clark Rd.



The DCEDC provides Paint and Façade Grants to help encourage redevelopment by providing financial resources to small business and property owners for exterior property improvements.

During their regular scheduled meeting on July 22, 2019, the DCEDC approved a Demo / Rebuild Program Grant to Palio Partners in the amount of 70% of the actual costs not to exceed \$22,426, to assist with the repurposing of the building located at 103 N. Cedar Ridge Rd. The DCEDC also approved a Demo / Rebuild Program Grant to Russell Glen Company in the amount of 70% of the actual costs not to exceed \$ 157,261, to assist with the repurposing of their building located at 106 E. Hwy 67. The DCEDC created the commercial Demo / Rebuild Program to encourage redevelopment of distressed or underutilized properties by providing financial assistance to businesses and building owners.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Monster Tire Shop; 1402 N. Main St. (Tire Shop – Sell and Install)
- Kyndle’s Home Store; 722 W. Center St., Suite #A-B (Furniture and Home Décor (Retail))

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

**Title:** Sandy Toes & Salty Kisses At Duncanville Community Theatre

**Link:** <https://www.focusdailynews.com/sandy-toes-salty-kisses-at-duncanville-community-theatre/>

**Source:** Focus Daily News

**Date:** July 20, 2019

**Title:** TDA Offers Tips to Protect Identity After Discovering Fuel Pump Skimmer in Duncanville

**Link:** <https://northdallasgazette.com/2019/07/24/tda-offers-tips-to-protect-identity-after-discovering-fuel-pump-skimmer-in-duncanville/>

**Source:** North Texas Gazette

**Date:** July 24, 2019

**Title:** Credit Card Skimmer Found At Duncanville Gas Station

**Link:** <https://dfw.cbslocal.com/2019/07/24/credit-card-skimmer-found-duncanville-gas-station/>

**Source:** CBS DFW

**Date:** July 24, 2019

**Title:** Credit Card Skimmer Found at North Texas Gas Station

**Link:** <http://www.fox4news.com/news/credit-card-skimmer-found-at-north-texas-gas-station>

**Source:** FOX 4

**Date:** July 24, 2019

**Title:** Duncanville Woman Says Mold Took Over Rental Home

**Link:** [https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Duncanville-Woman-Says-Mold-Took-Over-Rental-Home\\_Dallas-Fort-Worth-513161152.html](https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Duncanville-Woman-Says-Mold-Took-Over-Rental-Home_Dallas-Fort-Worth-513161152.html)

**Source:** NBCDFW

**Date:** July 24, 2019

**Title:** City of Duncanville Embraces New Logo

**Link:** <https://www.bestsouthwestguide.com/duncanville/407-news-stories-du/8867-city-of-duncanville-embraces-new-logo>

**Source:** Best South West Guide

**Date:** July 24, 2019

**Title:** Duncanville Police Warn of Potential Skimming Devices at Gas Pumps

**Link:** <https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/crime/duncanville-police-warn-of-potential-skimming-devices-at-gas-pumps/287-796dc10f-b0dd-4850-84b7-e6d5abc511ab>

**Source:** WFAA8

**Date:** July 25, 2019