



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: August 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Police Department – The July monthly report of crime data, using the new NIBRS system, is attached. Because of the shift to the new reporting system in March, there is no YTD data or comparison to past year data at this time.

The department recently received some positive comments regarding a couple of our officers:

- (1) A medical physician with a Duncanville office, sent a complimentary letter to Chief Brown regarding the professionalism displayed by Officer Ben Luna during a traffic stop. The letter not only detailed Officer Luna's professionalism but also his advice and counsel during the stop, which the writer noted had a positive influence on him and his driving.
- (2) A victim of a recent robbery sent an email to the Crime Victims Advocate, detailing how Officer Michelle Arias was "exceptional in the way she was able to calm him through (her) kind and compassionate" response to the call for service.

These notes from citizens and others reinforce not only the professionalism of our department, but also demonstrate their commitment to one of the organization's core values of "Service above self."

Chief Brown and Officer Brian Lauer will join representatives from other local police departments, as well as representatives from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), at "North Texas Saturation Saturday Press Conference" on Friday, August 23, 2019. The press conference will not only denounce drunk driving behaviors, but also announce the beginning of "Saturation Saturday" initiative on Saturday, August 24 when law enforcement officers across North Texas will be assigned specifically to DWI enforcement. Duncanville will participate in that initiative.

Crime Prevention Officer Doug Sisk met with members of the Texas Hotel and Lodging Association at their request, at the local Best Western to discuss aspects of how to better recognize signs of human trafficking and exploitation. Officer Sisk, through his vast

contacts, invited Sgt. Cora Flippo who works in the Texas Attorney General's Office, and works specifically to combat and prosecute these types of cases.

Also, Crime Prevention Officer Doug Sisk and Detective Chad Berger met with employees of the local branch of City Credit Union at their request, to cover trends pertaining to financial fraud, including the use of cash machine skimmers.

Notes on recent activity:

- A victim called police this week after escaping from her husband, who had assaulted her the previous night and had restrained her from leaving for help. While day shift officers met with her at a local business from which she had made the call for help, the victim alerted the officers the suspect "was right there," as she pointed to the car her husband was driving. One of the officers on-scene quickly attempted to stop the suspect vehicle, but the suspect did not stop and led the officer on a short vehicular pursuit back to the couple's home where the suspect was arrested without further incident.
- A night patrol officer arrested a man at a convenience store who had previously been given a trespass warning by employees of the store.
- While Duncanville Police Officers were aiding the Dallas County Sheriff's Office with traffic control on I-20 during investigation of a fatal vehicular accident, dispatch alerted officers of a "hit and run" call they received from a caller who was in the traffic back up. Although the caller described the offense as having occurred in Dallas on I-20, the described suspect vehicle was reportedly in the back up and traversing into Duncanville. When a Duncanville officer spotted the vehicle and attempted to stop the driver, the driver exited the vehicle and ran from the officer on foot. The suspect was nearly struck by several vehicles as he continued to evade across various lanes of I-20. Eventually, Duncanville officers were able to arrest the suspect on the Hilton Garden Inn parking lot.
- A night patrol sergeant proactively patrolling an area near a convenience store, noticed a suspicious male commit a pedestrian violation. When the sergeant signaled the male over to speak with him, the male discarded a baggy to the ground. Upon retrieval by another officer, a substance consistent with narcotics was found in the baggy. A subsequent search of a bag in the male's possession revealed drug paraphernalia and several debit/credit cards, a phone card, and a Texas Driver's License which all had identifying information of other people. The male was arrested, and items were confiscated as evidence.
- A day patrol officer, while proactively patrolling in the area of E. Red Bird Ln., noticed a work van with damage which is oftentimes consistent with a vehicle having been stolen. During the officer's investigation, he determined that although the vehicle had yet to be reported as stolen because it was so recently taken from another city, it had indeed been stolen. The officer impounded the vehicle.
- A day patrol officer found a suspect, who was prohibited from being at or within 500' of a particular house pursuant to an Emergency Protective Order, inside the house. The protective order had been issued by a local magistrate and served to

the suspect while in jail, after the suspect had previously assaulted a family member.

- A day patrol officer towed an abandoned vehicle from Davis Circle.
- A night patrol officer towed a vehicle which had reportedly been left at the Wave Wash for several hours in the fire lane.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – 8 citations
 - E. Danieldale Rd. – one citation
 - North and South Main St. – 6 citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – 0
 - East Wheatland Rd. – 6 citations
 - West Wheatland Rd. – 5 citations
 - Village Creek Charter School (Data for 8/16-morning of 8/22/19)
 - 88 stops (Cedar Hill Rd. and Villa Creek Dr.) – all verbal warnings
 - 1 stop resulted in an arrest of an individual for warrants from multiple agencies, unrelated to the stop, not just limited to traffic warrants
 - Those stopped have been advised the department would soon be issuing citations (this will begin Monday, 8/26)

Fire Department – The Department has not had any major Fire events in Duncanville this week. On Monday, crews responded to an accident on I-20. Upon arrival, they found an SUV had collided into the back of a highway road crew. Unfortunately, the driver of the SUV was deceased on scene. The highway was shut down for several hours while crews waited for the Medical Examiner to pronounce death and use rescue tools to free the body from the wreckage. Three other road crew members were also injured and transported to a trauma center.

Duncanville crews also assisted Cedar Hill Fire Department with a structural collapse of a patio. The patio was a two-story structure that had four people on the structure at the time of collapse. Three people were transported to a trauma center.

Public Works – Water usage was 48.171 MG this week, down from 48.363 last week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Monday, August 12, when 7.997 MG was used. There was .15 inches of precipitation last reporting week (August 12 through August 18).

West Nile mosquito testing was conducted on August 20 at five locations throughout the City with negative results.

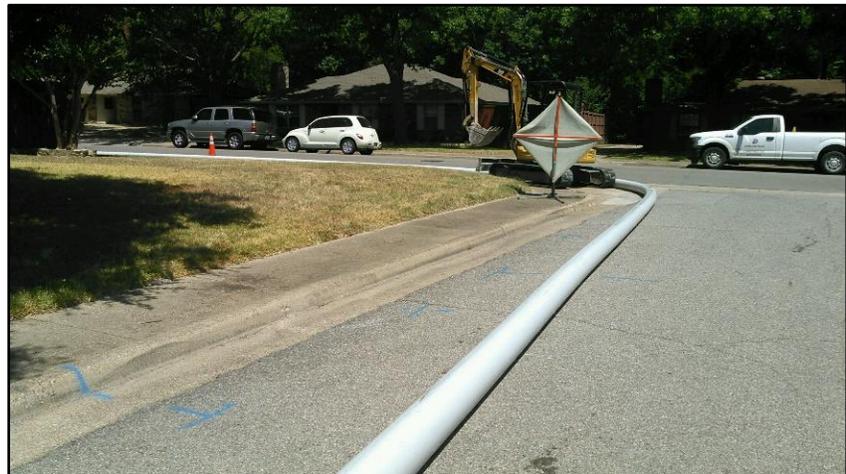
Twenty-five properties were registered for the residential rental property program since last week's report, for a total of 657 registered properties year-to-date. Nineteen properties were inspected; eleven passed and eight failed inspection. Of those properties, a lack of GFCI protection, vacuum breakers on hose bibs and carbon monoxide detectors were the primary reasons for failure. Six residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 227 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Code Enforcement collected \$4,872.19 on 14 liens this week, for a total of \$71,366.16 since the collection program started. A total of 231 liens have been paid since the program started.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 26, at 7:00p in the Council Chambers, City Hall, to consider approval of two plats for 1123 and 1127 Lansdale Drive and 822 Gemini Avenue.

Construction Update:

- A preconstruction meeting for the FY19 Greenbriar Estates Phase 1 (High Ridge) Water and Wastewater Improvements project is scheduled for Friday, August 30, with Douglas Dailey Construction, LLC.
- The concrete construction crew repaired 504 sq.ft. of sidewalk at 108 West Davis Street and 251 Harman Street, and installed new ADA ramps at 251 and 303 Harman Street.
- City contractor Pavecon completed mill and overlay on Linkcrest Drive between Softwood Drive and Meadow Crest Lane.
- City contractor Vortex completed pipebursting work on Segment 5 in the easement between Hill Terrace Drive and South Forest Lane and Segments 7 and 8 on South Forest Lane in the Forest Hills Subdivision. Crews are currently completing installation and reconnection of new wastewater service laterals.



Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- The Horticulture crew assisted the Irrigation crew with modification of the drip irrigation system at Armstrong Park.

- The Athletics crew painted the soccer fields in preparation for the upcoming soccer season.

Fieldhouse:

- Hosted the Crunchy Rollers “Back to School Bash” on Saturday, August 17, with over 250 in attendance and served 222 meals.
- Hosted the Cedar Hill Fire Safety Active Shooter Training Exercise on Thursday, August 22.
- This coming week we have:
 - Champions Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p

Senior Activity Center:

- On Wednesday, August 21, Mayor and Mrs. Gordon joined the seniors for lunch to celebrate National Senior Citizens Day.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Senior Social Mixer sponsored by Einstein Bagels – Wednesday, August 28 at 9a
 - Bingo sponsored by ADT – Wednesday, August 28 at 10:30a
 - Nutrition Presentation sponsored by Visiting Nurse Association: Health & Wellness and Nutrition – Friday, August 30 at 11:20a

Recreation Center:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Concert Series at the Park
 - Mango Punch – Saturday, September 14 from 6:00p – 9:00p
 - Jack Mason – Saturday, September 28 from 6:00p – 9:00p
 - Boo Bash 2019 – Friday, October 25 from 6:30p – 9:30p

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

- Attended the ICSC Retail Live Central Event in Austin where they spoke with different retailers on the possibilities in Duncanville. Some of the retailers included Focus Brands, Another Broken Egg Café, Cinergy Cinemas & Entertainment, and Celebrity’s Soul Food.
- Continues to work with Russell Glen Company on repurpose of their building located at 106 E. Hwy 67 in Duncanville.
- Continues to assist HOT Fund grant recipients with maximizing the use of their grant funds.

The Duncanville Community and Economic Development Corporation Board will hold its monthly Board Meeting on August 26, 2019, at 6:00p in the City Council Briefing Session.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Evolution of Her Beauty; 1202 S. Main St. (Health and Wellness, Body Contouring, Beauty)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Duncanville ISD schools started the 2019-2020 school year on August 19, and to help welcome students back to school the [district created a video featuring students, parents, faculty, staff and even Mayor Gordon and City Council Members Veracruz, Harvey and Cooks](#). We are grateful to the school district for including the City in a fun and meaningful project.

Duncanville Police Department Monthly Crime Report – July 2019

	LAST MONTH	THIS MONTH	
11A - Rape	1	2	100%
11D - Fondling	1	0	-100%
120 - Robbery	4	7	75%
13A - Aggravated Assault	6	4	-33%
13B - Simple Assault	21	26	24%
13C - Intimidation	0	3	300%
220 - Burglary/Breaking and Entering	10	11	10%
23C - Shoplifting	14	16	14%
23D - Theft From Building	0	4	400%
23F - Theft from Motor Vehicle	32	33	3%
23G - Theft From Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	1	2	100%
23H - All Other Larceny	22	16	-27%
240 - Motor Vehicle Theft	12	14	17%
250 - Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	-100%
26A - False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	1	3	200%
26B - Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	3	0	-300%
26F - Identity Theft	6	0	-600%
26C - Impersonation	0	1	100%
270 - Embezzlement	0	1	100%
280 - Stolen Property Offenses	1	0	-100%
290 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	8	14	75%
35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations	13	9	-31%
35B - Drug Equipment Violations	1	4	300%
520 - Weapons Law Violations	1	2	100%
720 - Animal Cruelty	0	0	0%
GRAND TOTAL	<u>159</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>8%</u>

TOWN HALL MEETING

August 29, 2019 | 6:30 PM

Duncanville Senior Center

206 James Collins Blvd.

● Topics include the solid waste contract ●
& upcoming changes to recycling ●
● and brush/bulk service ●

