



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: September 5, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Police Department – The Police Department held its 1st annual Open House this past Saturday, August 31, to engage the community in a positive and informational manner. In addition to bounce houses and In and Out Burgers and Kona Ice being served, attendees also had the opportunity to view and handle equipment and static displays, produce and see their own finger print, and “dunk” a few Duncanville Police Officers in a dunk tank. While the event was primarily organized by Lt. Matt Stogner and Crime Prevention Officer Doug Sisk, numerous Police Department employees, both sworn and civilian, as well as several Duncanville Police Department Volunteers, helped make the event a huge success! Because of different entry points, it was difficult to determine attendance with certainty however, based on the number of hamburgers provided, we are confident more than 500 people attended this first annual event. A number of City Council members also attended and, as always, we appreciate their support.

Photos of the event are included at the end of this memo.

Notes on recent activity:

- Night patrol personnel, including the on-duty Sergeant, responded to a call of “shots fired” on Linkwood Drive. The officer who initially arrived, relayed a description of the juvenile male suspect and the vehicle in which they fled after having quickly spoken with the homeowner. The officer also reported that one of the suspects had fired one round from a pistol when the homeowner confronted the occupants of the vehicle, who were believed to be at the residence to try and pick up the homeowner’s teenage daughter. The sergeant had just passed a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle description as that information was being relayed. The sergeant was able to turn around on the suspect vehicle and, eventually get it stopped. Subsequent to the stop and investigation, one juvenile was taken into custody and a pistol was recovered as evidence. No one was injured during any part of the incident.

- A night patrol officer towed an inoperable abandoned vehicle which was blocking a driveway and alley, from Brookwood Dr.
- Approximately 40-50 individuals, consisting of Duncanville Police and Fire personnel, Duncanville Police Volunteers and CERT volunteers; worked in a coordinated effort to search for, and alert citizens about, a critically missing elderly man afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease. While the initial search effort was exhausting and thorough, including the use of drones, the missing man was not located until the following morning. However, efforts to inform the public via many different mainstream and social media platforms paid off when citizens noticed the missing man and informed the department. Their recognition of the missing man was directly attributable to our public information efforts. (NOTE: The elderly man was found in relatively good condition, all things being considered.)
- A day patrol officer arrested a person for criminally trespassing on a grocery store property after having been previously warned not to be on the property by management.
- Night patrol officers responded to a fight at the Waffle House early one morning. As officers arrived, a large crowd was dispersing but some pointed at a specific vehicle attempting to leave and advised officers it was involved. Officers stopped the vehicle to further investigate the cause of the disturbance. The two occupants of the vehicle were initially arrested for unrelated traffic warrants. Officers also charged one occupant with unlawfully carrying a firearm after finding a handgun in the vehicle, and illegal narcotics were also confiscated. Appropriate charges were filed for drug-related offenses.
- Day patrol officers arrested a male who was at a residence in violation of a protective order. The protective order had previously been issued after the male suspect committed an aggravated assault against his wife, who was at the location and potentially in peril, at the time the male violated the protective order.
- Day patrol officers were dispatched to a welfare concern in which a male was reportedly sitting on a guard rail on the US Highway 67 bridge over Wheatland Road and threatening to jump. The male was agitated and wearing a hospital admission wristband, as well as EKG leads. Due to the location of the call, officers from both Duncanville and Dallas responded and arrived quickly. The male loudly proclaimed that he wanted to only speak to a female Duncanville officer on-scene and pointed to her. The female Duncanville officer, who had just been the subject of a profile story on a nationally televised Spanish Network TV program earlier in the day, and who is a trained police negotiator, was able to talk the male from the guard rail within about fifteen minutes. Dallas police officers placed the male in protective custody and transported him to a psychiatric care facility for evaluation and help.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - E. Danieldale Rd. – 6 citations
 - North and South Main St. – 7 citations
 - East Wheatland Rd. – 4 citations
 - Village Tech Charter School – 22 citations issued

Fire Department – There have been no major EMS events in the past week. The department responded to a structure fire on Meadowlark Drive on Thursday evening. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time, but the fire did cause a ruptured gas meter at the location, forcing an evacuation of eight (8) residences on Meadowlark and Hummingbird. No injuries were reported.

There were 125 calls for service in the past week, including supporting the Police in a search for a missing elderly male subject. The Fire Department assisted in the command post, provided additional search crews, and coordinated the use of the Regional Mobile Command Post from Desoto Fire Department, which supported operation of several drones used in the search where the live images were streamed into the command post.

The Department held its annual awards banquet on August 31 and recognized the following employees:

- Firefighter of the Year: Tristan Spray
- Paramedic of the Year: Robert Shaw
- Fire Officer of the Year: Adam Langan
- Physical Fitness Award: John Cook
- MVP Award: Steve Blanchard
- Community Service Award: Mike Ryan
- Tim Riffe Award: Robert Gideon

We thank the city council members for their support and those who were able to attend the banquet!

Public Works – Water usage was 50.786 MG during the week of August 19-25, up from 48.171 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Monday, August 19, when 7.88 MG was used. There was no precipitation recorded that week.

West Nile mosquito testing was conducted on September 3 at five locations throughout the City with negative results.

Code Enforcement collected \$1,141.36 on 8 liens this week, for a total of \$74,827.33 since the collection program started. A total of 244 liens have been paid.

Nineteen properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 712 registered properties year-to-date. Twenty-four properties were inspected. Nine properties passed inspection and 15 failed. Of the properties that failed, water heater issues, lack of GFCI protection, vacuum breakers on hose bibs, and carbon monoxide/smoke detectors were the primary reasons for failure. Nine residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 243 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

This week, Public Works staff met with representatives from the proposed day care at 707 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. to answer questions regarding driveway radii and water and sewer utilities.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will not hold a meeting on September 9, 2019 due to no agenda items or business.

I received the following email this week from a citizen, thanking the concrete crew:

Mr Hugman, I want to tell you how happy and pleased I am with how good Terry's sidewalk crew did such a professional job on replacing my sidewalk. I would like for you to give them some special recognition for how great a job they did. I worked for the City of Dallas for 11 years. And sometimes the employees get an outside recognition. So I want all of the men that worked out here to know how pleased I am for a job well done. Sincerely ---

Construction Update:

- Staff held a pre-construction meeting with Douglas Dailey Construction, LLC for construction of Water/Wastewater Improvements at High Ridge Drive.
- Staff held another pre-construction meeting with FM Utilities for construction of Water/Wastewater Improvements at S. Alexander Avenue.
- Knight Erosion Control recently started moving equipment to a residential property to begin construction of a bag wall.
- The Concrete Construction crew removed and replaced 420 sq. ft of damaged sidewalk at 215-222-226 W. Davis St.
- City contractor Pavecon, completed overlays on Hillcroft Dr. and Hillcroft Cir. They also completed milling on Shannon Dr and Meadowglen Dr. They will begin overlay on Linkcrest Dr and milling on Candlelight Ave on September 5.
- Vortex crews completed pipe-bursting work at Willow Circle and on the back easement of Towne Place in the Forest Hill Addition. They also began street restoration on S. Towne Place. Crews will begin working on Alexander Ave next.

Parks and Recreation – The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will host Community Input Meetings at all neighborhood parks starting this month. The purpose for the meetings is to gather community input on future improvements of the neighborhood parks.

- Pyburn Park (915 Astaire Avenue) – Monday, September 9 at 6:30p
- Quail Run Park (325 N Greenstone Lane) – Monday, September 16 at 6:30p
- Waterview Park (1700 Whitecliff Drive) – Monday, September 23 at 6:30p
- Chris Paris Park (1300 Caravan Trail)– Monday, September 30 at 6:30p

Parks:

- Parks maintenance, in coordination with Public Works, will put a primer coat on the retaining wall at the NE corner of S. Cockrell Hill Road and E. Daniieldale Road in preparation for a wall mural that is being designed now.

Fieldhouse:

- This coming week we have:
 - Champions Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p
 - Hoop Play Basketball Tournament - Saturday 9:00a to 6:00p x 3 courts

Recreation Center:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Hispanic Heritage Month Concert Series
 - Mango Punch – Saturday, September 14 from 6p – 9p
 - Jack Mason – Saturday, September 28 from 6p – 9p
 - Boo Bash 2019 – Friday, October 25 from 6:30p – 9:30p

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

- Assisting three different people interested in purchasing commercial property in Duncanville to develop.
- Working with the Duncanville Design Studio, DISD, and the Parks Department on the retaining wall mural project for the corner of Cockrell Hill and Daniieldale.
- Assisting HOT Fund Grant recipients.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- Advantage Educational Solutions; 1106 S. Main St., Suite #2C (Office for Training and Skill Development)
- Nappy Bliss, LLC; 207 S. Hastings St. (Salon)
- American Karate Academy of Duncanville; 320 E. Camp Wisdom Rd. (Martial Arts School)
- US Census Bureau; 312 E. Camp Wisdom Rd. (Census Bureau)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Chien Kitchen; 843 N. Duncanville Rd. (Restaurant)
- Arubah Wellness Group, LLC; 1414 W. Wheatland Rd., Suite #103 (Chiropractic Office and Attorney Office)
- She's Pressed Beauty Bar; 1019 S. Main St., Suite #116 (Hair Salon and Sale of Hair Oils)
- Grace Place Church of Christ; 524 Big Stone Gap (Church)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Title: Duncanville Evening of Remembrance September 10th

Link: <https://www.focusdailynews.com/duncanville-evening-of-remembrance-september-10/>

Source: Focus Daily

Date: September 3, 2019

Title: Pasadena Property Owners Accuse Contractor of Negligent Work

Link: <https://setexasrecord.com/stories/513448034-pasadena-property-owners-accuse-contractor-of-negligent-work>

Source: SE TEXAS RECORD

Date: September 4, 2019

Title: Duncanville Police Seeking Public's Assistance Locating Missing Elderly Man Mathew Richards

Link: https://www.mytexasdaily.com/news/duncanville-police-seeking-public-s-assistance-locating-missing-elderly-man/article_5c9acc52-cf66-11e9-89ec-9bd48538177e.html

Source: mytexasdaily.com

Date: September 4, 2019

Title: Duncanville Man with Alzheimer's Found Safe

Link: <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/2019/09/04/duncanville-man-with-alzheimer-s-found-safe/>

Source: The Dallas Morning News

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Title: Tour The New Costco Business Center

Link: <https://lakewood.advocatemag.com/2019/09/05/costco-business-center-opening/>

Source: Advocate Lakewood East Dallas

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Title: Desde Dallas Maity Interiano con la policía Michelle Arias.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/despierreamerica/videos/desde-dallas-maity-interiano-con-la-polic%C3%ADa-michelle-arias/751385941962368/>

Source: Despierta America Facebook

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(Summary of story: It is a very positive news story focusing on Duncanville Police Officer Michelle Arias, her history with Duncanville Police Department, her daily duties and the equipment she utilizes in her vehicle. Officer Arias talks about how much she enjoys interacting with the citizens of Duncanville, and what it is like to be a working mother of four children. She talks about how proud her kids are that their mom is a police officer and they want to be just like their mom. She also talks about how supportive her husband is with her career. Officer Arias also speaks about some of the intense situations police officers can encounter and how she deals with the daily stresses of the job. She gives positive motivation to those looking to become police officers and says she loves her job and would pursue it all over again given the chance to. The posts on the segment are lots of thank-you's to Michelle for her work, and many prayers and blessings for her safety on the job.)

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