
TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: September 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

New City Flag – we have received city flags with the newly adopted logo. These are the flag poles in front of City Hall.

Police Department – A city municipal court clerk advised Police command staff of a woman in court who expressed appreciation for the kindness and concern shown to her by Officer Ben Luna when he stopped her for a traffic violation. The woman explained she is diabetic and apparently her blood sugar began to be an issue, causing her to become quite disoriented as she drove. Her grandchildren, who were also in the vehicle, had to alert her that a police officer was trying to stop her. The woman went on to explain that Officer Luna seemed to recognize her medical condition, noticed her grandchildren were eating grapes and drinking orange juice, and suggested she have some herself to determine if that might help. The woman did, and very quickly became much more alert. She was allowed to drive the remaining short distance to her home, as both she and Officer Luna were comfortable with her condition.



A resident's "Next Door" comments were passed to Chief Brown, which reflected well on the department's efforts to promote safety within school zones.

As a retired educator, I am irritated when I see drivers speeding through school zones at normal speed when the light is blinking to not exceed 20mph. Yesterday, I saw two people stopped by a police officer after they sped through the school zone while the rest of us moved slowly. Thank you to our police department for keeping our children safe!

Notes on recent activity:

- A night patrol officer met with a woman in the PD lobby who told the officer she had been taken against her will by her ex-boyfriend (kidnapped). She explained that she had walked to a local intersection after arranging a meeting with her ex to get her phone. When the ex-boyfriend, who arrived in a vehicle, refused to give her the phone, she began to leave, and he forced her into the car. He drove into Dallas and while driving, continually assaulted her, cutting her lip, and threatening to kill her when she got home. The woman was able to calm the ex-boyfriend, and to facilitate her escape, begged him to get her something to drink. They stopped at a package store near a 24-hour drug store, and when the ex-boyfriend went inside to get the drink, the woman fled to the drug store and called Dallas Police. While Dallas PD officers were responding, the ex-boyfriend fled. Dallas PD advised the woman to report the incident to Duncanville since the incident originated here. A few hours after taking the report, Duncanville officers found the male at the woman's parents' house and arrested him without incident.
- A day patrol officer was dispatched to the Fieldhouse for illegally parked vehicles in the fire lane. The officer observed 6-7 vehicles parked in the fire lane and had an announcement made to patrons that vehicles in the fire lane needed to be moved. The officer waited about 15 minutes and after all but two vehicles were moved, had the remaining vehicles towed to the auto pound.
- A night patrol officer arrested a male in possession of what was believed to be marijuana during a traffic stop. The contraband and a loaded handgun were seized as evidence.
- A night patrol officer arrested a driver in possession of what was believed to be marijuana, as well as a handgun during another traffic stop. All contraband was seized as evidence.
- Night patrol officers were dispatched to a disturbance at a gas station/convenience store. The caller believed two males on the parking lot were waiting to confront someone who was inside the business. The caller also advised he had not seen a gun but knew one of the vehicle occupants was usually in possession of a gun. Officers arrived, saw the vehicle that had been described, and did a lawful pat down for their safety of the occupants. While officers did this, one occupant admitted to having a pistol in his pocket. That person was arrested, and the pistol was seized as evidence.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – 8 citations
 - E. Danieldale Rd. – 3 citations
 - North and South Main St. – 1 citation

- Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – 2 citations
- East Wheatland Rd. – 1 citation
- West Wheatland Rd. – 12 citations

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

EMS Chief Mike Ryan attended the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) general meeting on Thursday. We receive funding from attendance at these meetings.

Public Works – Water usage was 48.167 MG during the week of September 2-8, up from 43.093 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Sunday, September 8, when 7.223 MG was used. There was no precipitation recorded during that week.

West Nile mosquito testing was conducted on September 17 at five locations throughout the City with negative results.

Code Enforcement collected \$5,029.71 on 5 liens this week, for a total of \$83,468.79 since the collection program started. A total of 264 liens have been paid since the program started.

Forty-two properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 777 registered properties year-to-date. Twelve properties were inspected. Five properties passed inspection and 7 failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of GFCI protection were the primary reasons for failure. One residential certificate of occupancy was issued, for a total of 250 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00p in the Council Chambers to hear the request for a change in zoning from Local Retail to a Planned Development and review the Development Plan for an automated car wash with self-service vacuums. The subject property is located north of 1415 W. Wheatland Road, northeast of the intersection of W. Wheatland and S. Clark Road. There is also a request for a replat at 1424 N. Main Street.

Census Update - On Wednesday, September 18, the Planning Division met with Cynthia Cruz, Census Senior Partnership Specialist and Madeline Kelley-Schwoch, Chairper of the Duncanville CCC, regarding creation and role of the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee (CCC). Upcoming calendar dates for training and events were discussed. Formation of the CCC has begun with a call for volunteers. All city boards were sent the request and application, and we will add it to the city website and social media.

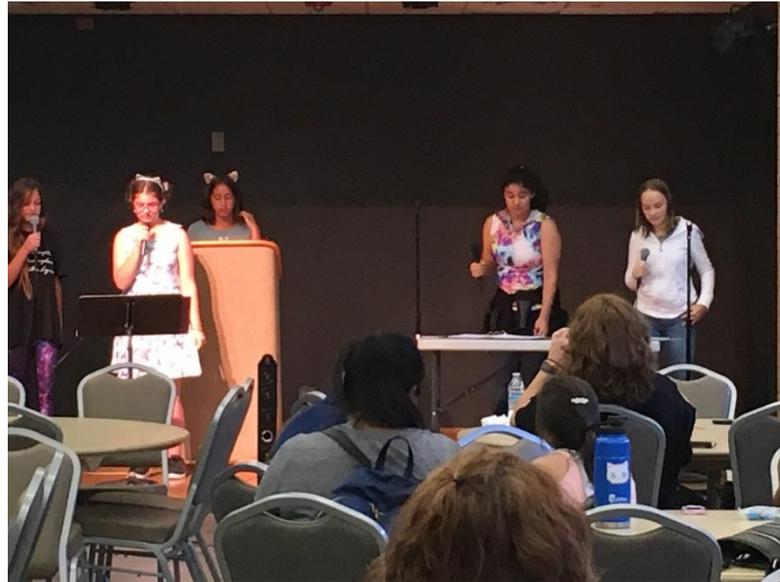
The first meeting for the CCC committee will be September 26 at 6:00p in the City Hall Briefing Room. All volunteers and prospective committee volunteers are invited.

Committee training has been tentatively set for October 17 in the City Hall Briefing Room. The CCC will be host a table at National Night Out on October 1 to promote the census.

Construction Update:

- The Concrete Construction crew removed and replaced 442 sq. ft of damaged sidewalk at 246-306 W. Davis St.
- City contractor Pavecon, milled and overlaid Candlelight Ave.
- Vortex crews completed pipe-bursting work on S. Alexander Ave and will begin installation of 3 wastewater manholes next week in the Forest Hill Addition.

Library – The library held its first Sing With Us event on Saturday September 14 – a karaoke sing-along to the soundtrack of the Broadway hit *Hamilton*. Fifty-two (52) attendees sang on stage or enjoyed the singing from the audience. The Friends of the Library once again partnered with the Duncanville Public Library by co-presenting for the event.



Friends member Mary Ann Taylor wrote the script to introduce the songs and highlight the events from the award-winning *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow, which Lin-Manuel Miranda used as reference to score and star in *Hamilton*. Assisting Mary Ann in introducing the songs was Laila Toby. Library staff members Stephanie Lott and Vickie Glass organized the event and did a wonderful job ensuring all the moving pieces resulted in an excellent and enjoyable event!

Thanks to a recently recruited community volunteer, the library will be able to expand its free ESL classes with sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00a-11:30a. The new volunteer comes with several years of ESL teaching experience and credentials.

Parks and Recreation – The Duncanville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, along with Parks & Recreation Department staff, thank the 35+ community members that came to Monday's Community Park Meeting held at Quail Run Park. The feedback was very informative and will be used for planning future park improvements.

The next Neighborhood Park Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 23 at Waterview Park.

- Waterview Park (1700 Whitecliff Drive) – Monday, September 23 at 6:30p
- Chris Paris Park (1300 Caravan Trail)– Monday, September 30 at 6:30p



Congratulations to Noel Garcia who has been selected to be the next

Recreation Superintendent. Noel, formerly the Senior Center Manager, was selected after an application and interview process with a number of qualified candidates. Anytime we have a vacancy in a management or professional position, we also take the opportunity to review the organizational structure for better efficiency. In his new position, Noel will now oversee both the Recreation Division and the Senior Center. We believe this will bring better synergy and coordination to both divisions, which have some programming overlap and sharing of facilities. The old position of Senior Center Manager will be downgraded to a coordinator position, saving the city money overall.

Parks:

- The Streets Litter crew removed some litter in rights of way along the I-20 access roads on Wednesday.
- Parks Maintenance has been raising the canopy of trees in medians and parks.
- The Horticulture crew has been focused on bed maintenance. We typically receive many compliments on the city's flower beds from residents and visitors.

Fieldhouse:

- Staff is getting several fence and wall quotes for Phase II improvements at the Fieldhouse.
- The Fieldhouse Day at Dick's Sporting Goods went very well, and they are interested in renewing for 2020.
- This coming week we have:
 - Champions Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p
 - B.O.S.S. Fall Basketball League - Tuesday 6:00p to 9:00p x 6 courts
 - Fun After Five - Thursday 5:00p to 7:00p

- 360 VB League - Friday 6:00p to 8:00p x 3 courts
- CMD Basketball Tournament - Saturday 10:00a to 4:00p & Sunday 10:00a to 3:00p x 3 courts
- Jr. NBA Youth Basketball League - Sunday 5:00p to 9:00p x 5 courts Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p
- B.O.S.S. Fall Basketball League - Tuesday 6:00p to 9:00p x 6 courts

Senior Activity Center:

- Mayor Barry L. Gordon held his first monthly “Coffee with the Mayor” event on Wednesday, September 18 with sixteen (16) people attending the event.
- This week, the seniors watched a performance by the Silver Bullet Dancers in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Title: Police Investigate Deadly Crash in Duncanville

Link: https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Police-Investigate-Deadly-Crash-in-Duncanville_Dallas-Fort-Worth-560332082.html

Source: NBCDFW

Date: September 14, 2019

Title: 2 women die after pickup driven by DWI suspect hits their car near Duncanville

Link: <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/transportation/2019/09/14/2-women-die-after-pickup-driven-by-dwi-suspect-hits-their-car-near-duncanville/>

Source: Dallas Morning News

Date: September 15, 2019

Title: Local Boy Scout Troop 193 seeks information on stolen trailer

Link: <https://www.waxahachietx.com/news/20190916/local-boy-scout-troop-193-seeks-information-on-stolen-trailer>

Source: Waxahachie, Texas Daily Light

Date: September 16, 2019