
TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: October 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Texas American Planning Association (TXAPA) Award – the American Planning Association (APA) Texas Chapter announced Duncanville as an award winner in the “Public Outreach” category this week. The Texas Planning Awards Program recognizes outstanding efforts in planning achievements and planning leadership in Texas and represents the state’s highest planning honors. The Awards Selection Committee evaluated nominees based on originality and innovation, engagement, implementation and effectiveness, quality, and promotion of planning. An Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 8, 2019 at the Waco Convention Center in Waco, Texas. Congratulations to Planner Chasidy Allen-Benson and Planning Technician Athena Seaton for their efforts!

Public Outreach Award

- City of Duncanville “Get in the Zone” Outreach Project - Gold
- City of Celina Downtown Master Plan - Silver

Police Department – the September monthly report concerning use of force incidents, vehicle pursuits, complaints filed against officers, and police community engagements is attached. Also attached is the monthly crime report for September 2019 compared to previous month. Because of the change in reporting data to NIBRS, we do not have a report comparing September 2019 to the same period last year because the data categories are so much different. This will be true until we have 12 months experience under NIBRS reporting.

On September 30, 2019 the Police Department’s Volunteer Coordinator, Randy Cozby, officially retired from the department. Randy, who served over eleven years in his part-time position,



was vital to the success of our Police Volunteers. Skills learned from having worked for a newspaper prior to his employment with the Department, also served the Department well as he was charged with developing the Department's Annual Report. Well done Randy and enjoy your retirement!

The Police Department's National Night Out Event, held at the Duncanville Recreation Center, was a huge success! The department was well represented at the event by employees and Police Volunteers, which was planned by Crime Prevention Officer Doug Sisk. Other city departments as well as local organizations and businesses, were also in attendance promoting safety and security.



Notes on recent activity:

- A male, who refused to exit a taxi cab for which the tab had already been paid, was removed from the cab after the driver called police. The male was arrested for criminal trespass of a vehicle.
- In the early morning hours, a night patrol officer was dispatched to the drive-thru at McDonalds on S. Cockrell Hill Rd. to a call of a disturbance in which the driver of a vehicle seemed intoxicated and was threatening others. Upon arrival, the officer noticed the driver arguing with the cashier and could sense the odor of alcohol emanating from the vehicle. When the officer asked the female driver to exit her vehicle, she argued with the officer, and ultimately put the vehicle in drive and accelerated from the officer. Fortunately, the officer was not hit, given the proximity to the vehicle and the relatively confined area. The officer, and others approaching the area, were not able to catch up to the fleeing vehicle. However, through good investigative work by a night patrol sergeant, the officer was able to confirm the identity of the female and obtain a felony warrant for her arrest.
- A night patrol sergeant was proactively surveilling a local hotel from across US Highway 67 and while doing so, saw what he believed to be someone breaking into a vehicle parked on the La Quinta parking lot. He maintained visual contact of the suspect and alerted other patrol units to the in-progress offense. Upon arrival, one patrol officer found the male suspect inside a vehicle at the hotel. When the suspect noticed the officer, the suspect quickly exited the vehicle and attempted to flee from the officer but was apprehended. During the follow-up on-scene investigation, officers also determined the suspect arrived in a vehicle which had

been stolen from a victim in the City of Dallas. That vehicle was recovered, all victims were notified, and appropriate charges were filed.

- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – 4 citations
 - E. Danieldale Rd. – 4 citations
 - North and South Main St. – 11 citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – 0
 - 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.

Paramedics received continuing education this week on pulmonary emergencies. The course was very timely, being a presentation on the effects of e-cigarette vaping. The class discussed signs and symptoms that could be associated with vaping and some of the long-term effects of vaping on the lungs.

The Department currently has two vacancies. The interview panel had five interviews set for Monday October 7, 2019. One of the candidates dropped out because he took a job opportunity with another agency, leaving four interviews on Monday. These interviews will complete the current Civil Service list for hiring. Another Civil Service Exam will be administered in mid to late November.

Public Works – Water usage was 46.349 MG this week, up from 43.795 last week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Monday, September 23, when 7.271 MG was used. There was no precipitation last reporting week (September 23 through September 29).

West Nile mosquito testing was conducted on October 1 at five locations throughout the City with negative results.

The Duncanville Census Complete Count Committee (CCC) met on Thursday, September 26. The meeting was led by CCC chair Madeline Kelley-Schwoch and attended by committee members, planning staff and Cynthia Cruz with the U.S. Census Bureau. Discussion included the importance of the Census, opportunities for outreach in Duncanville and upcoming events. Training of the committee, conducted by the Census Bureau, will be held on October 17, 2019.

Twenty-six properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 824 registered properties year-to-date. Fourteen properties were inspected. Eight properties passed inspection and six failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of GFCI protection and water heater issues were the primary reasons for failure. Two residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 258 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Code Enforcement collected \$61,217.08 on 20 liens this week, for a total of \$148,558.20 since the collection program started. A total of 305 liens have been paid since the program started.

A building permit was issued for a new 10,620 square-foot commercial building (Childcare Network) at 707 S Cedar Ridge Dr on September 30.

Construction Update:

- TxDOT activity continues along the I-20 service road. The contractor is working on sidewalks along Camp Wisdom Rd by the Clay Cooley property and stormwater pipe installation in front of Hampton Inn.
- The Concrete Construction crew removed and replaced 1,028 square feet of damaged sidewalk at 100 through 335 West Davis Street.
- City contractor Pavecon completed overlay services on Peach Street, Nance Street, and Daniels Street.
- City contractor Vortex completed all pipebursting work for the FY18 pipebursting project. Public Works Department staff along with a Vortex representative conducted a pre-walkthrough of the project location to identify any deficiencies Vortex needs to address. Crews are working on addressing the identified deficiencies as well as yard and site cleanup.
- City contractor Douglas Dailey continued pipebursting this week at High Ridge Drive in the Greenbriar Addition. Crews installed a new wastewater manhole at High Ridge Drive and are working on installation and reconnection of a new wastewater lateral service. After wastewater work is completed, crews will start work on water line replacement.

Parks and Recreation – The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board along with the Parks & Recreation Department wish to thank the community members that were present at Monday’s Community Park Meeting held at Chris Paris Park. The feedback will be used for planning future park improvements. The next Neighborhood Park Meeting will be Monday, October 7 at Red Bird Park.

- Red Bird Park (401 W Red Bird Lane) – Monday, October 7 at 6:30p

Parks:

- The Red Bird Park restroom facility was vandalized over the weekend. Vandals knocked the attached drinking fountains off the exterior wall. Staff is identifying the proper method to repair these fountains. In the meantime, there is still one in operation next to the playground.

Fieldhouse:

- Fieldhouse staff met with architect Ron Hobbs and city crews to discuss patio design, fence and sun shade layout and placement. The architect will provide more precise bid specs for the wall and fence.

- 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
 - 360 VB League - Friday 6:00p to 8:00p x 3 courts
 - Hoop Play BB Tournament - Saturday 9:00a to 9:00p x 3 courts
 - Full Court Press BB Camp - Sunday 10:00a to 4:00p x 3 courts
 - Jr. NBA Youth Basketball League - Sunday 5:00p to 9:00p x 5 courts

Recreation:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Boo Bash 2019 – Friday, October 25 from 6:30p – 9:30p
 - Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting – Friday, December 6 from 7p – 10p
 - Christmas Parade: 7 - 8 p
 - Tree Lighting & Celebration: 8 - 10p

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

- Continues to work with the purchase of property for the new fire station.
- Assisting commercial property owners in marketing their property for sale.
- Assisting with the Sister City visit by coordinating tours of local businesses and city facilities.
- Assisting Fieldhouse staff with the second phase of exterior upgrades.

ED staff has been working with the Design Studio Group to coordinate the mural community art project on the retaining wall located at the corner of Cockrell Hill Rd. and Daniieldale Rd. The mural will contain nature scenes, families, and children playing sports. Select artists will paint the outline of the mural on the wall this Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6, 2019. Next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-13 from 10:00a to 4:00p, residents are invited to come and paint by number on the mural as their schedules permit. Design Studio Representatives will be on hand to assist residents as they paint. There is no need for residents to sign up early. All residents regardless of age or ability are welcome to attend and participate. See the flyer at the end of this memo that will be distributed to the neighborhoods in that area.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- Lifeline EMS; 115 E. Davis St., Suite #B (Emergency Medical Services)
- The Tamale Company - Tamale Pushers, LLC; 626 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. (Catering Kitchen)
- Living with A Heart to Dance; 111 S. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #110 (Dance Studio and Dance Exercise)
- Fast Crab Shack; 1211 S. Main St., Bldg. C (Restaurant)

- Endocrinology and Diabetes Institute of North Texas; 920 E. Hwy 67, Suite #100 (Office – Medical Clinic)
- Innovative Centered Counseling; 1102 S. Santa Fe Trl., Suite #4 (Counseling Office, Training Center, To Be Used Only as Therapy and Training)
- Take Out Burgers; 795 W. Wheatland Rd. (Fast Food Restaurant and Take Out)
- Evolution of Her Beauty; 1202 S. Main St. (Health and Wellness, Body Contouring, Beauty)
- Ronnie's Catfish; 630 Oriole Blvd. (Ronnie's Catfish Restaurant)
- The Journey Dance Center, LLC; 215 W. Camp Wisdom Rd., Suite #12 & 22)
- Tenison Financial Group, LLC; 1011 S. Main St. (Professional Business Services Office)
- Taylor Legal Services, PLLC; 1414 Wheatland Rd., Suite #103B (Attorney Office)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Unfiltered by Teye; 1019 S. Main St., Suite #128 (Makeup Artist Services and Waxing)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Title: 10 Things You Didn't Know about Jill Marie Jones

Link: <https://www.tvovermind.com/10-things-you-didnt-know-about-jill-marie-jones/>

Source: TVOM

Date: September 27, 2019

Title: Crime Reports Sept. 23 – 29

Link: <https://www.parkcitiespeople.com/2019/10/01/crime-reports-sept-23-29/>

Source: Park Cities People

Date: October 1, 2019



DUNCANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Kevin Hugman, City Manager

FROM: Robert D. Brown, Jr., Chief of Police

SUBJECT: September 2019 Monthly Report

DATE: October 1, 2019

During the month of September 2019, we had –

Use of Force Incidents – 0

Vehicle Pursuits – 0

Complaints Filed – 1

- Incident 1 – Internal complaint for policy violation. Complaint is still under investigation.

Community Meetings Held/Attended/Partnerships Developed – 6 meetings 272 Partnerships

- CPA Class – Police Station – 52 partnerships
- Crime Watch Meeting – 700 W Center – 25 partnerships
- COP Meeting – Police Station – 25 partnerships
- CPAAA Meeting – Methodist Church – 45 partnerships
- Crime Watch Meeting – 800 Link – 25 partnerships
- Safety Fair – Holy Spirit Church – 100 partnerships

Monthly Crime Report – September 2019

	LAST MONTH	THIS MONTH	
11A - Rape	0	0	0%
11B - Sodomy	1	0	-100%
11D - Fondling	0	2	200%
100 - Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	100%
120 - Robbery	8	7	-13%
13A - Aggravated Assault	3	7	133%
13B - Simple Assault	18	20	11%
13C - Intimidation	4	2	-50%
220 - Burglary/Breaking and Entering	12	12	0%
23C - Shoplifting	6	8	33%
23D - Theft From Building	1	0	-100%
23F - Theft from Motor Vehicle	25	23	-8%
23G - Theft From Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	1	4	300%
23H - All Other Larceny	23	21	-9%
240 - Motor Vehicle Theft	20	13	-35%
250 - Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	2	-33%
26A - False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	1	2	100%
26B - Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	6	1	-83%
26F - Identity Theft	6	4	-33%
26C - Impersonation	6	0	-600%
270 - Embezzlement	0	0	0%
280 - Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	0%
290 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	16	13	-19%
35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations	15	26	73%
35B - Drug Equipment Violations	4	8	100%
520 - Weapons Law Violations	1	7	600%
720 - Animal Cruelty	0	0	0%
GRAND TOTAL	180	183	2%



Notice of Public Art Project in Your Neighborhood

The Duncanville Design Studio and the City of Duncanville are excited to announce that they have partnered to design a retaining wall art mural project on the northeast corner of Cockrell Hill Rd. and Danieldale Rd. This project was developed to help beautify the Duncanville community.

Many different retaining walls were considered; however, this wall was selected as it is on the corner of one of our community gateways. The Duncanville Design Studio worked with local artists, teachers from the Duncanville Independent School District, and the Duncanville City Council to design a mural for the wall. The mural will include nature scenes, family scenes, and kids playing different sports to showcase how Duncanville is *The City of Champions*.

There are three phases to this project. The first phase has already been completed, which was to paint the concrete retaining wall with a white primer base. On Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6, 2019, the second phase will be completed and you will see select artists painting the outline of the mural on the retaining wall throughout the two days. The final phase will involve the community. Residents are invited on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 & 13, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to paint by number on the mural. This will be an opportunity for residents of all ages and abilities to help beautify the Duncanville Community and your neighborhood. The traffic lane next to the retaining wall will be blocked off during the hours of the project. However, this will not impede your ability to get in and out of your neighborhood. There may be some residents parking along your street; however, City Staff will work to ensure they do not block your driveways.

For questions or additional information, please call Jessica James, City of Duncanville, at 972.780.4997

