
TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Dallas County Public Works Award – On Wednesday, November 20, Assistant Public Works Director Jacqueline Culton was recognized by the Dallas County Public Works Department with a 2019 Special City Partnering Award. Dallas County PW annually recognizes their partner agencies with special recognition awards that exemplify their goals of Trust, Commitment and Shared Vision. This was the only city partnering award presented and Ms. Culton was recognized for:

“[being a] friendly, cooperative and competent team member on the Dallas County MCIP projects. Her work on the BSW Wintergreen Project in the cities of Duncanville, Desoto and Cedar Hill include contributions to design completion, administration, property management, utility coordination, construction, and ground-breaking ceremonies. Jackie provided a calming influence and positive attitude in working through major issues on a challenging project with a large number of stakeholders.”

Jackie will be further recognized in a regular meeting of the Dallas County Commissioners Court in February. Dallas



County Commissioners John Wiley Price, J.J. Koch and Dr. Theresa Daniel were also in attendance at the awards presentation on Wednesday. Congratulations to Jackie!

Police Department – The Duncanville PD has kicked off their Santa Cop program, which is entirely funded by local donations and the Duncanville Police Association and Duncanville Police employees and families. They have already received generous support and donations from Ebby Halliday Realtors' Southwest Dallas/Ellis Counties office, Duncanville Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, Diamond Wishes, Duncanville Chamber of Commerce, Champions Cove, Inwood Bank, Assured Self Storage, Duncanville Senior Citizens Center, and community volunteers.

New, unwrapped toys or cash donations can be dropped off at the Duncanville Police Department 203 E. Wheatland Rd. Duncanville, Texas 75116.

Notes on recent activity:

- A night patrol officer who was investigating a possible drunk driver during a traffic stop on W. Vinyard, was assaulted when the suspect kicked him. The suspect was arrested and charged with DWI as well as assaulting a public servant.
- A suspect who had been stopped by a night patrol officer for several traffic violations, ran from his vehicle during the traffic stop. The officer, who was checking the violator via his patrol vehicle's laptop, was able to run down the suspect about 75 yards from the stop and place him into custody for evading a lawful detention.
- A night patrol sergeant spotted a stolen vehicle while searching an area near Camp Wisdom and Cockrell Hill for a suicidal subject. A male suspect exited the vehicle and walked into a restaurant close by. When the suspect returned to the vehicle, the sergeant and other officers apprehended the suspect for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and recovered the vehicle which had been stolen from a citizen in Rockdale, Texas.
- Night officers investigating a call, ultimately determined an adult male had been terrorizing and assaulting his elderly mother all day. They further determined that the male's elderly father tried to grab his cell phone and call the police, but the male took it from him to prevent his father from calling for help. Only when the mother was able to flee her house to a neighbor's house, was she able to call for help. The son, who has previously assaulted his parents, lied to the responding officers on this occasion. When officers substantiated this, the son was arrested for a felony assault and a misdemeanor for preventing the placement of an emergency call.
- After a night patrol officer arrested a traffic violator on outstanding warrants, an inventory of the vehicle revealed several types of illegal substances and a pistol. The violator, who was the sole occupant and a felon, was charged with drug possession as well as unlawfully carrying a weapon by a felon. All contraband was confiscated as evidence.
- Night patrol officers were dispatched to one of the QTs in town regarding a male who was harassing customers by asking them for money early one morning. Upon

arrival and determining the male was wanted for unrelated warrants, the officers tried to arrest the male. However, the male pulled away from the officers and resisted arrest. The male was eventually arrested and taken to jail.

- Directed Traffic Enforcement:
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – 5 citations
 - E. Danieldale Rd. – 4 citations
 - North and South Main St. – 11 citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – 0 citations
 - East Wheatland Rd. – 0 citations
 - West Wheatland Rd. – 6 citations

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

The Department currently has two vacancies and has scheduled the next civil service entrance exam for Saturday, December 7. We are in the process of advertising for the exam.

Public Works – Water usage was 28.144 MG this week, up from 27.953 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Wednesday, November 13, when 5.783 MG was used. There was 0.09 inches of precipitation last reporting week (November 11 through November 17).

There is no Planning and Zoning Committee meeting scheduled for November 25 due to no business.

Two predevelopment meetings were held on Thursday, November 21. Both were for new retail/restaurant use at 1940 South Main Street and 1307-1311 South Cockrell Hill Road.

The Complete Count Census Committee is looking for volunteers to participate in the Duncanville Christmas Parade on Friday, December 6. Please contact Sharon Karger at s.karger@yahoo.com if you or anyone you know is interested in joining their group.

Forty-one properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 1,031 registered properties year-to-date. Five properties were inspected. One property passed inspection and four failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of GFCI protection was the primary reason for failure. Three residential certificates of occupancy were issued for a total of 294 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Code Enforcement collected \$5,477.64 on 18 liens this week, for a total of \$164,299.63 since the collection program started. A total of 359 liens have been paid since the program started.

Construction Update:

- The Concrete Construction crew repaired 666 sq. ft. of sidewalk at 214 North Horne Street and 226-227-231 West Orange Street. Crews also repaired 150 sq.ft. of curb and gutter and installed an ADA ramp at 314 N. Horne Street.
- City contractor Vortex continues spray lining of manholes and is working on a post-video for the work performed. A final walkthrough of the FY18 pipebursting project will be scheduled upon completion of this work.
- City contractor Douglas Dailey continues installation of 8-inch water main on Crescent Lane and Meadow Ridge Drive for the FY19 Greenbriar Addition High Ridge Drive project.
- City contractor FM Utilities continues manhole installations, wastewater laterals and 8-inch wastewater main for the FY19 Forest Hills Addition South Alexander Avenue Water and Wastewater Improvements project.
- City contractor Vescorp constructed 1,688 sq.ft. of sidewalk, 314 LF of curb and two driveway approaches on Golden Meadow Lane and Holly Lane for the FY19 Fairmeadows Sidewalk Improvements projects.

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- The Lakeside Park Pavilion bond project is progressing with the foundation being poured this week. The project is estimated to be completed in January 2020, weather permitting.
- Crews began finishing the painting on the retaining wall mural project at Cockrell Hill south of Hwy. 67 as weather allows.
- The communications tower building in Armstrong Park has been repainted as well as the back doors to the Duncanville Community Theater.



Fieldhouse:

- FH staff is preparing to host the 2nd Annual Turkey Blitz on Tuesday, November 26. This event is sponsored by SMU head football coach Sonny Dykes and his wife Kate, in conjunction with Two Wins Foundation. They provide over 500 families with a turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, corn, yams, and green beans.

- This coming week we have:
 - Champions Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p
 - Po-Bill Thanksgiving Classic - Thursday 7:00p to 10:00p x 2 courts
 - No Weekend Events Scheduled

Recreation:

- The City of Duncanville, Keep Duncanville Beautiful, and Rotary Club have partnered this year to collect new and gently used coats. The Recreation Center is one of the drop off locations.
- The Men's Basketball League finals were held November 19. The next league will begin in February 2020.

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

- Continues to work towards the purchase of the Fire Station property.
- Working with the City's Property Tax Attorney on the legal procedure to sell the former Chammeville Property located at 727 S. Cockrell Hill Rd.

DCEDC Board Members and staff attended the 2019 TEDC Sales Tax and Legislation Workshop in Mesquite, Texas.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Pet-A-Holic; 719 S. Cockrell Hill Rd., Suite #102 (Retail Pet Shop and Aquariums)
- InSite Clinical Research; 1182 Explorer St., Suite #E (Storage of Records – Business Storage)
- B.I.G. Enterprises; 606 Oriole Blvd., Suite #204, Bldg. 2 (Photograph Studio and Marketing)
- Royco Capital Investment, LLC (777 E. Wheatland Rd., Suite #105 (Skincare Aesthetics Day Spa – Massages, Chemical Peels, Skin Care Services, Facials, Waxing, Lashes, Makeup)
- L.C. Learning Community DBA: The Heart of Learning; 206 N. Main St. (Educational Supplies, Education Consulting and Other Related Activities)
- Elegant Brows; 215 W. Camp Wisdom Rd., Suite #2 (Threading Salon)
- Tax Service; 100 Main St., Suite #106 (Tax Office)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

- November 15, 2019 – [Community Christmas Tree Lighting Festivities](#)

- November 16, 2019 – [New Killeen City Manager Will Have Key Posts to Fill](#)
- November 19, 2019 – [Duncanville School Goes 'Phone Free' to Make Students Focus](#)
- November 19, 2019 – [Duncanville, the Next Bishop Arts District? Owner of New Beer Bar Mudhook Hopes So](#)
- November 19, 2019 – [Tri-City Animal Shelter Cedar Hill Provides Second Chances](#)
- November 21, 2019 – [Duncanville City Manager Kevin Hugman Retiring After 5 Years](#)