



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Wi-fi in Public Parks – Construction began this week in Armstrong and Harrington Parks for free public WiFi service from Charter Spectrum. Charter’s original goal to have all parks completed by the end of the year became unachievable due to constraints on resources and new policy by Charter headquarters. The revised goal for completion of all parks is the end of February 2020. After Armstrong and Harrington are complete, Charter will move to Lakeside, Pyburn, Red Bird, Lions, Alexander, Chris Paris, Waterview, and Rotary Parks in that order. Once completed, non-Charter customers will enjoy one (1) free hour of access per day while Charter customers will be able to connect with unlimited free access using their home login credentials.

Police Department –

Notes on recent activity:

- A night patrol officer investigating a domestic disturbance inside a residence, made safe a rifle for his safety while on scene. Although the rifle was not involved in the disturbance, making visible weapons safe while at a scene is typical for officers to do. Ultimately, the officer determined the rifle had been stolen in Arlington and was confiscated. The officer also determined an assault had taken place and placed the initial aggressor in custody.
- A night patrol officer arrested an intoxicated driver whose erratic vehicle operation was observed by the patrol officer.
- An abandoned truck and camper were towed from 1300 Circle.
- During a traffic stop, a night patrol officer recovered a stolen handgun previously reported as stolen in Arlington. The driver, and sole occupant of the stopped vehicle, was arrested and charged with drug and weapon offenses. All contraband was confiscated as evidence.
- A team effort by an entire day shift patrol and a detective, who happened to be reporting for duty when he heard of a foot pursuit in which the day patrol officers

were involved, resulted in the arrest of a burglary suspect early one morning. Day patrol officers had been dispatched to an unknown situation on Ave. C. A resident called 911 when he confronted an unknown individual in his driveway near the resident's truck. Before being able to report much to dispatchers, the two began to tussle and a chase began. As officers arrived in the area, they noticed one man chasing another down Main St. One stopped and pointed at the other, who continued to run, and told the officer he is a suspect. Officers continued to pursue the second male and placed him into custody soon thereafter. During the officers' follow up, they determined several suites of businesses on Wheatland, near Ave. C had been burglarized. They also recovered several items of value in a yard in which the citizen initially tried to confront the suspect. Some of the items, including cash, a cash drawer and a laptop were confirmed to have been taken from one or more of the business suites. Other property, not associated with any of the business suite burglaries, was also confiscated. Much or all that property is believed to have been taken in vehicle burglaries. While there were several vehicle burglaries reported in the general vicinity of the original incident that night, there was not enough evidence at the time to tie the suspect to them. Detectives are still following up on these. Additionally, regarding the burglary of the building suites, the officers noted a window into the building had been broken and were able to secure video footage of the captured suspect carrying property within the building at a time shortly prior to the pursuit incident unfolding.

- A pistol, found by a resident in his mailbox, was identified as having been taken from a vehicle burglary a short distance from where it was found. Further, the day patrol officer responding to the call in which the pistol was found, was able to obtain security video of the suspect placing the pistol in the mailbox. This suspect was the same suspect officers arrested from the incident described directly above.
- Day patrol officers were dispatched to a described male who appeared to be tampering with packages left on front porches near Delphi. The male was reportedly carrying a backpack as well. Officers stopped a male matching the clothing description in the area of Santa Fe as they arrived. However, he had no backpack and advised he knew nothing of what the officers were asking of him. A citizen, who had witnessed some of the suspicious activity, stopped and spoke with other officers on scene, affirming the stopped male was the male he had seen. Coincidentally, a Dallas K9 officer noticed our officers stopped and asked if we needed help. Noticing the K9, we accepted the offer. Interestingly, immediately upon the Dallas officer getting her K9, the male's story changed from not knowing anything to admitting he had a backpack but threw it over an unknown fence into a backyard. The K9 tracked it within minutes. Between what was in the bag and on the male's person, officers recovered mail from over 24 addresses, many of which were other-city addresses. The patrol officers also determined the suspect had taken golf balls from a front porch of a Duncanville resident. Not only are appropriate charges being filed by our department, but detectives have contacted the Postal Inspector for their assistance in the matter as well.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - W. Daniieldale Rd. – (1) citation

- E. Danieldale Rd. – none
- North and South Main St. – (10) citations
- East Wheatland Rd. – (4) citations
- West Wheatland Rd. – (1) citation

Fire Department – There have been no major fires or EMS events in the city in the past week. There were 181 calls for service in the past seven days.

Public Works – Water usage was 29.240 MG this week, up from 24.767 MG the previous week (previously reported as 17.320 MG). The daily peak water demand occurred on Friday, December 13, when 8.399 MG was used. There was 0.41 inches of precipitation last reporting week (December 9 through December 15).

Thirty-three properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 1,166 registered properties year-to-date. Fifteen properties were inspected. Six properties passed inspection and nine failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of GFCI protection was the primary reason for failure. Four residential certificates of occupancy were issued for a total of 304 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Code Enforcement collected \$333.89 on 1 lien this week, for a total of \$189,237.28 since the collection program started. A total of 385 liens have been paid since the program started.

Construction Update:

- The Concrete Construction crew repaired 448 sq. ft. of sidewalk at 250-251-311-323 West Orange Street and installed 646 sq.ft. of ADA ramps at 246-330 West Davis Street.
- City contractor Vortex completed spray lining of manholes and is working on a post-video for the wastewater work performed. A final walkthrough of the FY18 pipebursting project will be scheduled upon submittal of the wastewater post-video.
- City contractor Douglas Dailey is scheduled to connect the new 8-inch water main into the existing water main for the FY19 Greenbriar Addition High Ridge Drive project. Crews continue sidewalk restoration.
- City contractor FM Utilities continues installation of 8-inch wastewater main for the FY19 Forest Hills Addition South Alexander Avenue Water and Wastewater Improvements project. Crews have begun setting forms for sidewalk reconstruction.
- City contractor Douglas Dailey completed an additional section of pipebursting on Line "D" and are working on the installation and reconnection of the new wastewater lateral services for the FY19 Center Ridge Water and Wastewater Improvements project.
- City Contractor Vescorp constructed 300 sq.ft. of sidewalk and 60 LF of curb at 518 and 559 Holly Lane for the FY19 Fairmeadows Sidewalk Improvements projects.

Library – The library was invited to participate in the 5th Annual United Way Jungle Bells event at the Dallas Zoo on Wednesday December 18. This was an evening event with free admission to the zoo for all visitors, with numerous community organizations in attendance to promote various services. Library staff met with over 600 attendees during the event and were able to promote our upcoming spring programs for children and adults, including storytimes, ESL classes, technology classes, and crafts. Staff also gathered contact information for other community organizations who would like to collaborate with the library on future programs. An excellent experience for everyone involved and we look forward to participating again next year!



Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- The Lakeside Park Pavilion bond project is progressing nicely. The roof is being installed this week as well as some of the rock work being completed.
- Winter projects continue with bleacher maintenance and installation of new benches, picnic tables, etc.



Recreation:

- The after-action report meeting was held this week to discuss the recent Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting event. Overall it was a great success, but with all events,

there are opportunities for improvement. The report will be used for planning for next year's event.

Fieldhouse:

- Installation and post-construction of the Spectrum fiber service is scheduled for this week. LionStream will perform live test by the end of December.
- This coming week we have:
 - Champions Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p
 - Garcia Promotions Fury FC - Friday 6:00p to 12:00p x 3 courts
 - Hoop Play Basketball Tournament - Saturday 9:00a to 6:00p x 2 courts
 - Jr NBA Basketball Camp - Saturday 9:00a to 11:00p x 1 court

Senior Activity Center:

- The Goldenaires had their annual Christmas performance on Monday.
- Coffee with the Mayor was on Wednesday and was well attended with about 10 members.
- What has become an annual favorite, the Central Elementary Choir performed on Wednesday and afterwards spent time interacting with the seniors.



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

- The Mayor, DCEDC President, and staff held a conference call with BMC, the new owners of DeFords, and discussed the future of the DeFords and BMC in the community. With approximately \$3.7 billion in 2018 net sales, BMC is a leading provider of diversified building products, services and innovative solutions to builders, contractors and professional remodelers in the U.S. residential housing market. Headquartered in Raleigh, NC, the company's comprehensive portfolio of products and solutions spans building materials, including millwork and structural component manufacturing capabilities, consultative showrooms and design centers, value-added installation management services and an innovative eBusiness platform. BMC serves 45 metropolitan areas across 18 states, principally in the South and West regions.

- Beall's Department Store is being replaced with Gordmans store in the Cedar Square Shopping Center. The ownership group is replacing a number of Beall's stores with Gordmans throughout the Metroplex.

The DCEDC Board held their monthly meeting and re-elected Steve Dial as President and Derwin Broughton as Vice President. The Board also approved a sign grant to Lady Love Tax service. This grant will go to City Council for final approval.

DCEDC presented Mark Cox, owner of Cox Farms, with a \$22,975 economic development incentive grant to assist with a sprinkler system for the new greenhouses. This will allow Cox Farms to grow more products onsite and expand their business.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- Coleman Caribbean Groceries; 336 E. Camp Wisdom Rd., Suite #B (Grocery Store)
- Hav R Charburger; 606 S. Clark Rd., Suite #A (Restaurant (Change of Ownership))
- Airell's Courts Club Volleyball (ACCV); 1700 S. Main St., Suite #103 (Volleyball Skills Development)
- AP Security, LLC; 407 N. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #310 (AP Security, LLC)
- Anna's Tailor; 317 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. (Alterations)
- American Tire Service; 210 E. Camp Wisdom Rd. (Project was put in because Fire found that their CO posted on the wall has the wrong address for the building location.)
- Monica Tony Aesthetics & Skincare; 777 E. Wheatland Rd., Suite #105 (Skincare Aesthetics Day Spa – Massages, Chemical Peels, Skin Care Services, Facials, Waxing, Lashes, Makeup)
- Tax Service; 100 S. Main St., Suite #106 (Tax Office)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Gone Postal, LLC; 321 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. (Retail – Mailboxes, Printing, Business Center)
- Express Tax Service DBA Liberty Tax; 1314 S. Main St., Suite #300 (Tax Service Business)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Christmas & New Year's Holiday Schedule

Duncanville city facilities will be closed on:

- Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday
- Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in observance of the New Year's holiday

Holiday hours (other closures and holiday hours):

- Duncanville Public Library – Closed Tuesday, December 31
- Duncanville Recreation & Senior Centers – Closes early at 5:00 pm on Monday, December 23 and Tuesday, December 31.

Trash, recycling and bulk collection service will not run on:

- Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2019
- New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Refuse collection will resume on the following regularly scheduled pick up day.

Live Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Duncanville provides Christmas tree recycling through January 12 at the Service Center located at 330 Shady Trail. Residents may drop off their trees in the grassy area by the existing mulch pile on Shady Trail near Main Street (there will be signage to direct you to the area). Christmas trees must be free of lights and decorations and cannot be in any type of wrap, especially plastic. The mulch is provided free to residents. For more information contact the Service Center at 972-780-4900.

News Coverage for this week:

December 12, 2019 – [Local Promotion Spotlight: Fury FC](#)

December 18, 2019 – [Hometown Heroes: Women on Wheels](#)

December 19, 2019 – [Duncanville's Reginald Samples Named National Coach of the Year by USA Today](#)