



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: December 5, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Tri-City Animal Shelter – As you know, the city of Duncanville participates with the cities of Cedar Hill and Desoto in a regional animal shelter, Tri-City Animal Shelter located at 1150 E Pleasant Run Rd in Cedar Hill. Ms. Corey Thompson, Executive Director of the Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter, recently sent some very interesting statistics on the performance of the shelter this past year, as well as some exciting news about the funding for the surgery suite and medical center to be established in the old animal shelter building. Ms. Thompson shared that:

- 923 lost dogs and cats were reunited with their owners;
- 420 animals were loved by foster families as they rested, healed, nursed, or grew big enough for adoption;
- 363 wild animals were released to rehabilitation centers or back to their habitat;
- 297 feral cats were sterilized, vaccinated, and returned to their colonies and caretakers;
- 2,699 pets were headed to forever families in our three cities, across the Metroplex, and even across the country.

She also announced that with investments from the Petco Foundation, PetSmart Charities, the Joe M. & Doris R. Dealey Family Foundation, numerous local businesses, and individual gifts from families in our community ranging from \$10 to \$100,000 – the Friends have reached the capital campaign goal and can begin renovations on the new Surgery Suite & Medical Center! This facility will open its doors in 2020, enabling the shelter's staff and volunteers to continue saving thousands of animals every year. See the video below for more information (NOTE: the Animal Control Officer featured in the video is Duncanville's own ACO Chad Chamberlain):

[THANKS, from Friends of the Tri-City Animal Shelter!](#)

Police Department – Duncanville PD continues to take unwrapped toys or cash donations for the annual Santa Cop program. The PD especially wishes to thank Diamond Wishes for their donations to start off the 2019 Santa Cop Toy Drive Program. The Santa Cop program is funded entirely by local donations. It is organized by the Duncanville Police Association, and supported by members of the Duncanville Police Department, their families, Ebby Halliday, Realtors' Southwest Dallas/Ellis Counties office, Duncanville Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, Diamond Wishes, Duncanville Chamber of Commerce, Champion Cove, Inwood Bank, Assured Self Storage, Champions Cove, Inwood Bank, Duncanville Senior Citizens Center, and community volunteers.

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

Notes on recent activity:

- A night patrol officer, who had stopped the driver of a vehicle for speeding (at a high rate of speed) on W. Danieldale Rd. late one night, subsequently arrested the driver of the vehicle for investigation of DWI.
- A night patrol officer arrested a male who evaded the officer on foot after he had been lawfully detained as a passenger of a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle evaded the officer, both in the vehicle and on foot, and could not be located. The male passenger was apprehended and two loaded handguns, one of which was stolen, were seized as either recovered stolen property or evidence.
- A day patrol officer towed an abandoned vehicle, which was partially blocking a drive in the 600 block of Space Way.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement:
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – 1 citation
 - E. Danieldale Rd. – 3 citations
 - North and South Main St. – 10 citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – 0
 - East Wheatland Rd. – 2 citations
 - West Wheatland Rd. – 5 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 a civil service entrance exam for Saturday, December 7, 2019. Sixty (60) applicants have signed up to take the exam, with eight of the applicants already certified as firefighter/paramedics. Hopefully, they will score high enough to be considered for a position.

EMS Division Chief Mike Ryan has been re-certifying the Department's paramedics this week for the American Heart Association Card Class Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). This card class cost \$25 for recertification for each paramedic. The Department

has 48 paramedics, so this is a cost savings of \$1,200. Chief Ryan re-certifies our paramedics every 2 years for ACLS, BCLS and PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support).

Emergency Management Operations Coordinator Tonya Hunter reviewed the city's plan for the Christmas Parade and Tree lighting with staff on Tuesday. Every year the plan is reviewed, and a After-Action-Report is made to improve the event every year and provide for public safety and an enjoyable event.

Public Works – Water usage was 22.686 MG this week, down from 26.279 the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Monday, November 25, when 4.209 MG was used. There was 0.65 inches of precipitation last reporting week (November 25 through December 1).

West Nile mosquito testing was conducted on December 4, 2019 at 5 locations throughout the City with negative results.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00p in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The agenda includes two replats for commercial properties on S. Cedar Ridge Drive and S. Clark Road.

Duncanville Census Complete Count Committee (CCC) will participate in the Christmas parade on Friday, December 6, with the theme "Count Me!" to highlight the need for everyone to complete the 2020 Census.

Sixty-seven properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 1,098 registered properties year-to-date. Twenty-five properties were inspected. Seven properties passed inspection and 18 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 297 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Code Enforcement collected \$218.20 on 1 lien this week, for a total of \$164,517.83 since the collection program started. A total of 360 liens have been paid since the program started.

Construction Update:

- The Engineering Department met with the Parks Department to discuss the layout of a new parking lot at Lakeside Park. Construction of this parking lot is expected to begin in early 2020.
- The Concrete Construction crew repaired 979 sq. ft. of sidewalk at 230-234-235-238-247 W. Orange St.
- City contractor Vortex has completed spray lining of manholes and will soon submit a post-video for the work performed. A final walkthrough of the FY18 pipebursting project will be scheduled upon completion of their work.

- City contractor Douglas Dailey continues water services installation at High Ridge Dr for the FY19 Greenbriar Addition High Ridge Drive project.
- City contractor Douglas Dailey began work for the FY19 W. Center St, Center Ridge Dr and Center Ridge Apartments Water and Wastewater Improvements project. They are preparing for the pipebursting portion of this project.
- City contractor FM utilities continues water main installations for the FY19 Forest Hills Addition South Alexander Avenue Water and Wastewater Improvements project.

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- The back-entrance gate to Harrington Park has been repaired and re-installed by the original vendor. Due to the delays in repair, staff was able to obtain a discounted cost.
- Staff has finished installation of Christmas decorations and lighting at city buildings and in the downtown area.
- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Parks Grant was submitted by the December 4 deadline for the bond project improvements at Armstrong Park (Kidsville and Splash Pad). Announcement of grant recipients will be in April or May of 2020.
- The City logo and most of the pavilion support beams have been installed at the Lakeside Park new pavilion bond project.



Fieldhouse:

- The Turkey Blitz, hosted by SMU head football Coach Sonny Dykes and his wife Kate, in conjunction with Two Wins Foundation, was a huge success. More than

400 meals were given to needy families for Thanksgiving. The Fieldhouse received local news coverage from Fox 4 News.

- This coming week we have:
 - Champions Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p
 - NAGA World Jiu Jitsu Tournament - Saturday 10:30a to 5:00p & Sunday 8:00a to 5:00p x 3 courts
 - Gym Rats Youth Basketball Tournament - Saturday 9:00a to 6:00p & Sunday 9:00a to 4:00p x 3 courts

Recreation:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Membership Drive – January 2020
 - Daddy Daughter Dance – Saturday, February 8 from 6:00p – 9:00p

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

- Continues to work with the consultant on the market analysis for the property located at 730 E. I-20.
- Met with a small business owner and reviewed DCEDC's sign grant program.
- Met with a new Duncanville property owner and discussed their development project on Hwy 67.
- Met with a property owner and discussed ways to help market their property.
- Working with Cox Farms to close out their grant for a fire suppression system. The work has been completed and Cox Farms will be growing plants in their greenhouses on Azalea Ln. soon.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Overcoming LLC; 214 S. Main St. Suite # 208 (Outpatient therapy-licensed professional counselor)
- La Familia Auto Insurance; 901 E. Hwy 67 Suite # A (Insurance Company)
- Pappas Bar-B-Q; 230 W. Hwy 67 (BBQ Restaurant)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

- November 26, 2019 – [Duncanville Earns Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting](#)
- December 1, 2019 – [First Presbyterian Church Welcomes New Pastor](#)
- December 2, 2019 – [Mudhook Bar Brings Lively New Nightlife to Duncanville](#)

- December 2, 2019 – [8-Year-Old Dallas Girl Raises Money to Help Duncanville Boy Scout Troop Replace Stolen Camping Equipment](#)
- December 2, 2019 – [2 Young Men, 1 Juvenile Girl Arrested for Capital Murder at Duncanville Apartment](#)
- December 2, 2019 – [Duncanville Police Arrest Capital Murder Suspects](#)
- December 3, 2019 – [BMC Acquires DeFord Lumber, Enhancing its Value-Added Offerings and Customer Mix in Dallas](#)
- December 4, 2019 – [Local Food and Toy Drives in the Best Southwest](#)