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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: January 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

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**Police Department** – Officer Michelle Arias and Sergeant Chris Fries attended a Law Enforcement Hiring Expo held at the Doubletree Hilton – Love Field on January 15. They were able to speak with 62 prospective applicants, 30 of whom they assisted in filling out on-line applications on the spot.



Congratulations to Crime Prevention Specialist Officer Doug Sisk who was named the 2019 “Man of the Year” by the Duncanville Chamber of Commerce at the annual City/Chamber “Celebrate Duncanville” event on Thursday, January 16, 2020!

**Notes on recent activity:**

- A night patrol officer stopped a suspicious male on foot for further investigation. The officer suspected the male may have been committing burglaries of vehicles in a parking lot on S. Clark Rd. During the detention, the male admitted to unlawfully taking OTC medication from an unlocked vehicle, which had been left there for repairs. Because the owner of the vehicle refused to prosecute, no case will be filed. However, this is a great example of excellent patrolling and awareness of the officer.
- A night patrol officer towed a traffic hazard (vehicle with engine problems) that was stopped in a lane of traffic on U.S. Hwy 67.
- When a night patrol officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation at Main St. and Camp Wisdom Rd., the driver tried to elude the officer for a short distance. When the driver did stop in an apartment parking lot, the driver began to evade the

officer on foot through the apartment complex. During the foot pursuit, the suspect dropped a loaded handgun. Ultimately, the juvenile suspect was apprehended, and the pistol was confiscated as evidence.

- Directed Traffic Enforcement:
  - W. Danieldale Rd. – (3) citations
  - E. Danieldale Rd. – (1) citation
  - North and South Main St. – (5) citations
  - East Wheatland Rd. – (4) citations
  - West Wheatland Rd. – (2) citations

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

As of this Monday, the Department will have three vacancies. Of the candidates still eligible for consideration, two candidates have passed the background and interview phases and are proceeding with the polygraph, physical and psychological testing. Another candidate is still in the interview phase.

**Public Works** – Water usage was 24.284 MG this week, up from 24.203 MG reported the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Wednesday, January 8, when 4.029 MG was used. There was 1.26 inches of precipitation last reporting week (January 6 through January 12).

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a workshop on Monday, January 13, 2020, discussing the zoning ordinance update. Discussion included a review of the first draft of Articles IV and VII of the zoning ordinance and focused on Comprehensive Plan strategies and zoning ordinance responses for the Opportunity Areas. No formal action was taken.

Twenty-five properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 1,260 registered properties year-to-date. Nineteen properties were inspected. Eight properties passed inspection and 11 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 311 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Code Enforcement collected \$1,751.51 on four liens this week, for a total of \$197,146.41 since the collection program started. A total of 412 liens have been paid since the program started.

**Construction Update:**

- The Concrete Construction crew installed an ADA ramp at 239 West Davis Street.
- City Contractor VesCorp constructed 2,512 sq.ft. of sidewalk on West Danieldale Road and five ADA ramps in the Fairmeadows Subdivision for the FY19 Fairmeadows Sidewalk Improvements Project.

- City Contractor Cam-Crete replaced five sections of pavement in the right lane of northbound North Duncanville Road for the FY20 North Duncanville Road Pavement Replacement and Lifting Program.
- City contractor Douglas Dailey completed the water main tie-in at High Ridge and Meadow Ridge Drives and High Ridge and Briarmeade Drives for the FY19 Greenbriar Addition High Ridge Drive project.
- City contractor FM Utilities completed the tie-in of 8-inch wastewater main on South Alexander Avenue into the existing line on Wheatland Road for the FY19 Forest Hills Addition South Alexander Avenue Water and Wastewater Improvements project. Crews continue restoration of sidewalk, curb, gutter, and driveway.
- City contractor Douglas Dailey completed an additional section of pipebursting on the 10-inch Wastewater Main Line A in the Center Ridge Apartment complex for the FY19 Center Ridge Water and Wastewater Improvements project. Crews are completing reconnections and installation of the wastewater lateral services.

### **Parks and Recreation –**

#### **Parks:**

- Tulip bulbs are being planted this week in color beds across the city.
- The Lakeside Park Pavilion bond project has reached structural completion. Electrical, irrigation, and parking lot plans are being developed to finish out the project.
- KDB conducted the annual Litter Survey as required by Keep America Beautiful affiliation on Saturday, January 11, 2020. We visited all five City Council districts and our overall community score was a 1.75 (1-4 scale with 4 being trashiest), down 0.07 from last year. Kudos to the community and our Parks and Streets Litter crews that were instrumental in achieving this improvement!
- Staff continues to help with utility locates in parks where WIFI access points are being installed. The Park WIFI project is anticipated to be completed by the end of February, weather permitting.



#### **Recreation:**

- Upcoming Events:
  - Membership Drive – January 2020
  - Daddy Daughter Dance – Saturday, Feb. 8 from 6:00p – 9:00p
  - 2020 East Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 04 from 10:00a – 1:00p
  - Movies in the Park:
    - Frozen II - Friday, April 17 at 6:30p

- Jumanji: The Next Level - Friday, April 24 at 6:30p

Fieldhouse:

- The subscriber streaming service was launched this past weekend to a select group. Overall, everything went very well. LionStream will offer a free streaming to the general public this weekend and we plan to launch paid service on Jan.25.
- Preparing for 2020 Summer Camp
- This coming week we have:
  - Champions Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p
  - TCSAAL Boys HS Basketball Game - Friday 5:30p to 7:30p x 1 court
  - Elite Action Basketball Tournament - Saturday 12:00p to 10:00p & Sunday 9:00a to 4:00p x 6 court

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

- Continues to work with an industrial developer interested in developing property in Duncanville.

At the annual City/Chamber of Commerce “Celebrate Duncanville” event last night, the Mayor’s Award of Excellence was presented to Gil and Karen Hudson, owners of Redbird Skateland, and to local business Quality Aspirators. The Mayor’s Award of Excellence was created to recognize and highlight selected businesses that have made valuable contributions to the Duncanville economy and future of the community.

**Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:**

- Krystal Cleaners; 209 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. (Pick Up/Drop Off Dry Cleaners)
- April La Shea’s Hair Salon; 404 N. Main St. (Hair and Barber Salon)
- She’s Pressed Beauty Bar; 1019 S. Main St., Suite #116 (Hair Salon and Sale of Hair Oils)
- Sterling Enrichment Center; 458 E. Wheatland Rd. (Tutoring Services)
- K. Jackson Ministries, Inc.; 606 Oriole Blvd., Suite #204 & 207, Bldg. 2 (Education and Religious Faith Based Purposes)
- Honey Bundles, LLC; 426 E. Wheatland Rd. (Boutique/Salon)
- Absolute CPR & Allied Health Training; 402 W. Wheatland Rd., Suite #180 (CPR & Allied Health Training Medical TFC Site)
- Express Tax Service dba Liberty Tax; 1314 S. Main St., Suite #300 (Tax Service)

**Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:**

- C&M Concrete Contracting; 1142 S. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #A (Storage Facility for Concrete Business – Storage of Forms Concrete, Angle Iron, | Beams, Flat Metal, and Plate Steel, Welding, Light Manufacturing)

- Swan Haven Fabrics and Plants; 1134 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. (Swan Haven a Division of Your Plant Service - Sell Plants and Fabric to the Public)
- Leyba Diaz; 123 W. Wheatland Rd. (Dominican Hair Studio CO)
- KF Communication, Inc. dba Metro by T-Mobile; 215 W. Camp Wisdom Rd., Suite #120 (KF Communication, Inc. dba Metro by T-Mobile (Change of Name))
- Sears Boys Transport, LLC; 1142 S. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite # C & D (Park Commercial Truck)

**Public Information** – At the annual City/Chamber “Celebrate Duncanville” event held on January 16, 2020, Mayor Gordon presented his “State of the City” in video and speech format. Here is the video and his speech, linked with the PPT presentation:

- Video: <https://youtu.be/reFcJWaG32M>
- Speech and Powerpoint: <https://youtu.be/UV2F7clr5xw>

News coverage for this week:

- January 10, 2020 – [Duncanville City Council Election: Applications Accepted Jan 15 – Feb 14 to File for Place on Ballot](#)
- January 10, 2020 – [Duncanville Daddy Daughter Dance – Beauty & The Beast](#)
- January 12, 2020 – [Duncanville HS Student Killed in Drug Deal ‘Gone Bad’, Police Say](#)
- January 15, 2020 – [Tom Hearn, Jr.’s. New Book ‘She Prayed Me Out’ Holds a Poignant Tale of One Man and His Personal Encounters with God’s Power and Light](#)