
TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: March 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Police Department – Last week, Chief Robert Brown was invited to be the keynote speaker at Keller Central High School as part of their Black History Month celebration.



Notes on recent activity:

- As a day patrol officer was patrolling the area of Wheatland Plaza, he noticed two males who appeared to be rummaging through a dumpster, which is an ordinance violation. Further investigation by the officer revealed one of the males was wanted on unrelated charges and was arrested. Subsequently, that person was found to be in possession of narcotics and an item commonly used to break into vehicles. The narcotics were confiscated as evidence.
- Night patrol officers were able to locate a 93-year old male suffering from Alzheimer's Disease after he walked away from his residence and had been gone for at least forty minutes prior to police being notified. Fortunately, the male was safe and was returned to his family. (**NOTE:** The Duncanville Take Me Home

Program is available to residents of Duncanville who suffer from diagnosed diseases such as those associated with memory loss, or other diseases which may be disorienting or otherwise inhibit an individuals' ability to effectively communicate. Those interested in enrolling their loved ones who are residents of Duncanville should contact Officer Doug Sisk at dsisk@duncanvillepd.com.)

- After stopping a motorist for weaving from lane to lane in the 1200 block of S. Main St, a night patrol officer established probable cause to believe the motorist was intoxicated on a stimulant and illegally possessed a handgun. The motorist was arrested, and the handgun confiscated as evidence.
- A night patrol officer found a suspicious person rummaging through a dumpster near a business on S. Clark Rd. which has recently been the target of robberies. After identifying the male, the officer determined the male was wanted on a parole violation. Subsequent to the male's arrest, the officer found him to also be in possession of what appeared to be marijuana.
- A day patrol officer towed two abandoned vehicles from the 1800 block of Whitecliff Dr.
- A day patrol officer towed an abandoned vehicle, which was also a traffic hazard, from the 800 block of N. Main St.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement:
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – (10) citations
 - E. Danieldale Rd. – (4) citations
 - North and South Main St. – (4) citations
 - East Wheatland Rd. – (2) citations
 - West Wheatland Rd. – (1) citation
 - South Cockrell Hill Rd. – (6) citations
 - North Cockrell Hill Rd. – (2) citations

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

Fire Department paramedics received continuing education this week on Resuscitation from Cardiac Arrest. The session reinforced the importance of providing ventilatory support for the patient and providing care to the patient who is experiencing cardiovascular compromise as quickly as possible, then transporting to the nearest appropriate facility.

The Department currently has two vacancies. We are scheduling the next civil service entrance exam around mid-April.

Emergency Management continues to monitor COVID-19 daily and work with our partners at Duncanville Independent School District and Dallas County to prepare for a response if there are instances of contamination in this area.

Public Works – Water usage was 24.057 MG this week, up from 23.654 MG reported the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Thursday, February 27, when 3.696 MG was used. There was no precipitation last reporting week (February 24 through March 1).

Mosquito testing was conducted at five sites throughout the City on February 26. All results were negative.

The Planning and Zoning Commission cancelled their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 9, due to no business items.

Several Census activities will be held in conjunction with the Town Hall 2020 Census event on Thursday, March 26, at the D.L. Hopkins Jr. Senior Center at 201 James Collins Boulevard. At 9:00a, a Census presentation, question and answer session and breakfast will be provided for those 55 years and older. A Mommy & Me Census Fun Activity is scheduled for 10:00a. The Town Hall event begins at 6:00p with a presentation from the Census Bureau and question and answer session. Attendees are requested to bring their Census questionnaire with them. Computers will be available the entire day for residents to complete the Census.

Twenty-eight properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 1,397 properties year-to-date. Nineteen properties were inspected. Ten properties passed inspection and nine failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of GFCI protection was the primary reason for failure. Two residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 334 certificates issued year-to-date.

The Building Inspections Division began their annual apartment inspections. Three inspections were performed at 800 Link Apartments located at 800 Link Dr, Westwood Townhomes located at 603 W Center St, and Sunset Villa Apartments located at 400 N Merrill Ave. Some deficiencies were noted on the exterior of the buildings. Sixteen vacant units were inspected. No violations were found in 9 of the vacant units but in the other 7 units, fixtures needed to be secured, repaired, or replaced. Three apartment complexes have been inspected year-to-date and a total of 13 apartment complexes remain.

Code Enforcement collected \$480.99 on two liens this week, for a total of \$200,774.38 since the collection program started. A total of 425 liens have been paid since the program started.

Construction Update:

- The City Concrete Construction crew repaired 200 sq.ft. of sidewalk at 331 West Cherry Street and installed new ADA ramp at 247 West Cherry Street.
- City contractor VesCorp constructed four ADA ramp in the Fairmeadows Subdivision for the FY19 Fairmeadows Sidewalk Improvements Project.
- City contractor Cam-Crete continues pavement replacement for the FY20 North Duncanville Road Pavement Replacement and Lifting Program.

- City contractor Douglas Dailey is continuing work on sidewalk, curb, gutter, street, and yard restorations for the FY19 Greenbriar Addition High Ridge Drive project.
- City contractor Douglas Dailey continued installation of water line inside the Center Ridge Apartments for the FY19 Center Street Water and Wastewater Improvements project. The work is progressing towards West Center Street.
- City contractor FM Utilities continues restoration of sidewalk, curb, gutter, and driveway for the FY19 Forest Hills Addition South Alexander Avenue Water and Wastewater Improvements project. Water main installation is complete. New meter cans are being installed, and water services are being transferred to the new line. Removal of the existing wastewater manhole at the intersection of Wheatland Rd. and S. Alexander Ave. has started.
- City contractor Excel 4 continued construction of the gabion baskets for slope protection on the FY19 Ferguson Road Drainage and Pavement Improvement project.

Parks and Recreation

Parks:

- Tulips are starting to become visible and will be blooming in a week or two. The varieties are named World Expression, Kingsblood, and Pink Diamond.



- The Horticulture and Irrigation crews visited our annual color supplier to see the behind the scenes production process from seeds to full blown flowers. We are fortunate to have such great partners who help our staff grow in their professional knowledge and achieve the best beautification in the Best Southwest region.

Recreation:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Princess Tea Party – Saturday, March 28 from 10:00a – 1:00p
 - 2020 Easter Eggstravaganza – Saturday, April 4 from 3:00p – 5:00p
 - Movies in the Park: Frozen – Friday, April 17 at 8:00p
 - Movies in the Park: Jumanji – Friday, April 24 at 8:00p

Fieldhouse:

- Summer Camp Registration went live on March 1 using the online registration process through our recreation scheduling software system. A few minor issues were noted but we are working to correct them.

- Some needed repairs to the Fieldhouse roof were previously noted by a contractor and the bid process for repair has been completed. Repairs are scheduled to start next week.
- Resurfacing of the Gym restroom floors is scheduled to begin early next week.
- This coming week we have:
 - Champions Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p
 - SWBAD Basketball Tournament - Friday 2:00p to 9:00p x 2 courts & Saturday 9:00a to 8:00p x 1 court
 - NAGA Jiu-Jitsu Tournament - Saturday 8:00a to 7:00p x 3 courts
 - GASO Basketball Tournament - Sunday 9:00a to 4:00p x 6 courts

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

- Continues to work with an industrial developer that is starting a project in Duncanville.
- Assisting a commercial developer in finding potential sites in Duncanville to purchase and repurpose.
- Assisting Purchasing Manager in verifying references for lowest responsive bidder for demolition of the DCEDC property.
- Attended a 2020 International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Annual Conference Host Committee Meeting. The 2020 IEDC Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas October 11-14.

ED Staff and DCEDC Board Members attended the HAV-R Charburger Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting.

The Duncanville Design Studio held their monthly meeting at the Public Library. Staff thanked Tim Perry for his work and assistance on the mural project on the corner of Daniieldale and Cockrell Hill Rd. They also discussed various dates to finish the final details on the mural.



Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Essential Elements Salon; 322 N. Main St. (Beauty Salon)
- Boys Garage; 1182 Explorer St. (Small Engine Repair Shop)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Title: Where Are the Police in South Dallas?

Link: <https://texasscorecard.com/metroplex/where-are-the-police-in-south-dallas/>

Source: Texas Score Card

Date: March 2, 2020

Title: Police Department Assessing Online Crime Data Tools

Link: <http://www.duncanville.com/police-department-assessing-online-crime-data-tools/>

Source: City of Duncanville

Date: March 2, 2020

Title: Duncanville Celebrates Irish-American Heritage Month

Link: <http://www.duncanville.com/duncanville-celebrates-irish-american-heritage-month/>

Source: City of Duncanville

Date: March 3, 2020

Title: Nacogdoches ISD Announces Lone Finalist For Superintendent Position

Link: <https://www.ktre.com/2020/03/04/nacogdoches-isd-announces-lone-finalist-superintendent-position/>

Source: KTRE 9

Date: March 4, 2020