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TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council  
FROM: Paul Frederiksen, Interim City Manager  
DATE: October 9, 2020  
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

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### **Finance**

Southern Flowmeter to begin the audit/testing of meters throughout the City as part of our AMI project.

### **Police Department**

Mrs. Chandler, a Duncanville resident, reached out to Lt. Hendrick to commend Officer Rawls and Officer Kraatz on Friday October 2, 2020 for their exceptional response time:

*Mrs. Chandler called today to thank you both for your service to our community. She stated that she accidentally set off her home burglary alarm and that you responded within minutes. She appreciated how kind and professional you both were to her even though it was a false alarm. Thank you both for representing the Duncanville Police Department in such a positive way, Good Job!!*

### **Fire**

Duncanville has additional 30 positive cases of COVID-19 from October 1 through October 7. Duncanville is reporting a total of 13 deaths contributed to COVID-19 since it was declared a pandemic.

Two candidates have started on September 14<sup>th</sup>. They are currently in the process of training and should be completed with their training and orientation in 4-6 weeks. The Department currently has 3 vacancies. The four Fire Chiefs participating with the Best Southwest met and have narrowed down the candidate pool to one individual slated for a final interview for the Emergency Management Operations Coordinator position.

## **Information Technology**

Nothing to report.

## **Public Works**

### Building Inspections

- A total of 1584 rental properties are registered year-to-date, six of which were registered since the last update. Fifteen properties were inspected, nine properties passed while six failed. Lack of GFCI protection was the primary reason for failures. Four residential certificates of occupancy were issued for this update. There are 410 (corrected from previous week) certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.
- All property owners with outstanding liens will receive annual reminders by 12/31/2020. Since the start of active lien collection, \$231,816.50 has been collected.

### Utilities

- Water usage was 35.48 MG this week, up from 31.571 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> when 5.75 MG was used. There was 0.00 inches of precipitation last reporting week 09/28-10/04/2020.

### CIP Construction:

- Sidewalk ADA Improvements – A few punch list items remain along Daniieldale Rd.
- Center Ridge Apartments Water and Wastewater Improvements – Final walkthrough is pending. Substantially complete.
- FY-20 Pipebursting – Contractor completed pipebursting and laterals along Madrid Dr. Currently, the traffic control is setup, and the contractor is beginning the pipebursting along S. Cockrell Hill Rd.
- Madrid-Granada Alley Improvements – Awaiting Atmos relocation of gas lines. Project should start mid-November.
- Green Tree Ln. Water & Wastewater Improvements – Bid documents are being finalized and will be released for bid this upcoming Monday.
- E. Daniieldale Rd. Reconstruction & Utility Improvements – Bid documents are being finalized and will be released for bid this upcoming Monday.

### Street Division

- Lakeside Parking Lot – Completed earthwork and flex base installation. Streets division is laying out the formwork in preparation for concrete.

## Laying out parking lot



### Planning and Zoning

- Predevelopment meeting conducted by the Development Review Group, Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>:
  - 411 Hwy 67 in an existing structure (former museum) – The multi-tenant building will be leased to different tenants. Issues include parking lot fire lanes, building revisions, and fire sprinkler system.
- Zoning Ordinance Update – Joint virtual meeting with City Council conducted October 5, 2020. Next joint meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning and Zoning virtual meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Business; approval for plat at 1218 Duncanville Road.
- National Planning month begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The theme for 2020 is **“Planning is essential to Recovery”**.
  - Duncanswitch Chalk the Walk – Saturday, October 17, 2020 at the Library from 10 am – 12 pm.

- Pastries and Coffee with Planning Division and Planning Board – Friday, October 30, 2020 at the Library from 10 am – 12 pm.

### **Economic Development**

- ED Staff attended the 2020 TEDC Virtual Annual Conference. The conference discussed different legislation issues facing economic development. In addition, the conference focused on different ways to help promote your community through COVID-19 and the change of focus of economic development staff from just recruitment and retention to placemaking in a community.
- The City Development Team (Public Works, Planning, and Fire) met with one of the restaurants that the ED Staff has been working with to review their proposed Duncanville restaurant project.
- The DCED President, Vice President, and ED Staff met with another property owner who is interested in starting a restaurant in Duncanville.
- The DCEDC Board will hold a special called meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020, to discuss individual items that came up during their 2020 Planning Session, which was held in September.
- The TIF No.1 Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, to discuss their Finance and Work Plans.

#### Certificate of Occupancy Applications Received:

- Soiree Pampering Room; 1538 S. Clark Rd. (Lash Extensions Salon)
- JewelTiquee, LLC; 607 N. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #200B (Beauty Bar/Boutique)
- DFW Streetwear, LLC; 404 E. Camp Wisdom Rd. (Retail Sales – Clothes and Shoes)

#### Certificate of Occupancy Permits Issued:

- Tamale Pushers, LLC dba The Tamale Company; 626 S. Cedar Ridge Dr. (Grab and Go Retail Food; Catering Kitchen)

### **Library**

Nothing to report.

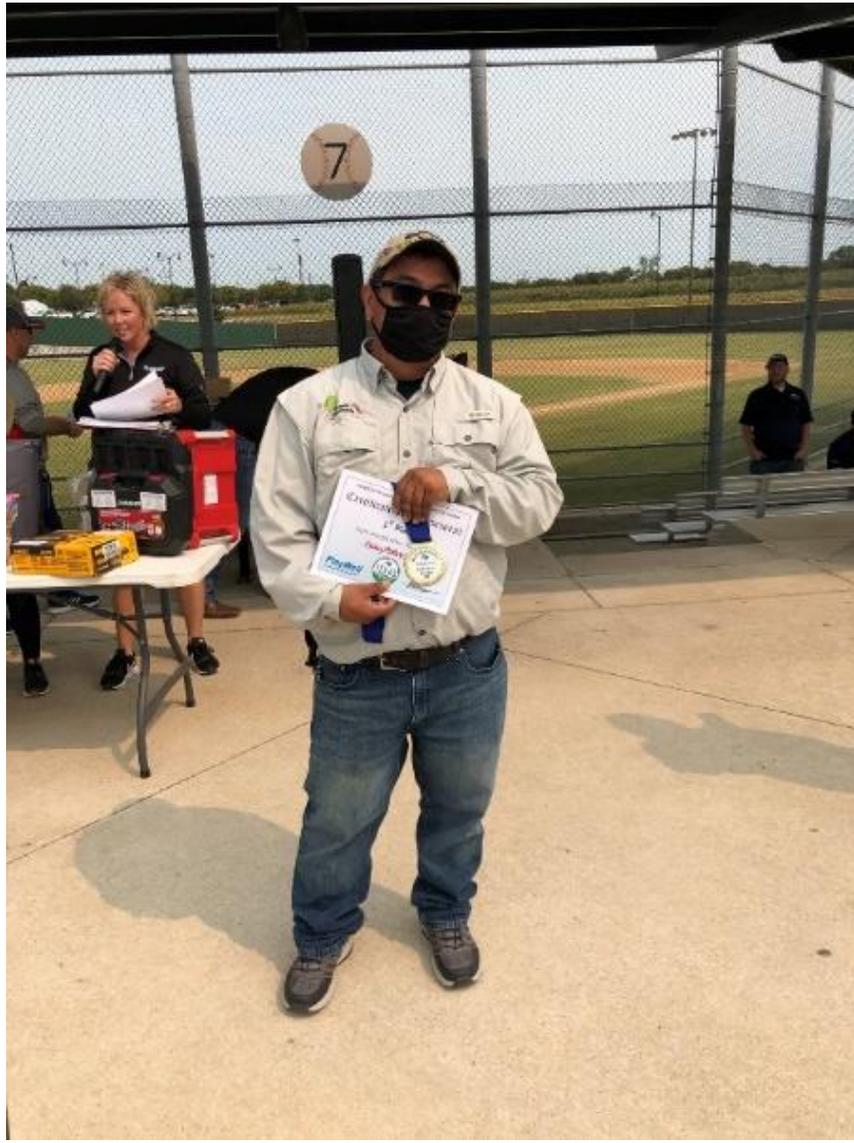
### **Parks and Recreation**

#### **Parks:**

- Ten Hagen Excavating, Inc. has completed work on the Parks bond parking lot construction at Lakeside Park. The Public Works concrete crew has started on their portion of the project. Expected completion of the new parking lot is expected to be late October 2020, weather permitting.

- Ervey Morales, Jr., Skilled Maintenance Worker on the Athletics crew, won first place in the Plant ID section of the TRAPS North Region Parks Maintenance Rodeo last Thursday. Way to go, Ervey!
- Park pavilion rentals have been cancelled for the month of October due to the governor's restrictions to gatherings being 10 or less.





*Pictured above: Construction at Lakeside Park; Pictured below: Skilled Maintenance Worker Ervey Morales, Jr. with 1<sup>st</sup> place certificate.*

**Fieldhouse:**

- Overlay Fieldhouse Phase II improvements update:
  - Received verbal conformation form Sheila that Starlight Signs has been approved to manufacture & install the Fieldhouse entryway sign & restroom sign, still waiting on Noticed to Proceed.
  - Hard Rock has started construction on the wall & fence.
  - Working on landscape, sunshade structures, mister fan system, lighting/electrical, overlay & furniture.
- Pyburn Park - We have received the two outdoor cardio units and our City crew will begin installation as soon as next week. The exercise rig is also at the

commercial installer's yard and is currently awaiting our staff to scrape the area to 12" and install the concrete curbing.

- Overlay repair is needed on the existing pavement located at the side of the FH entrance, repair is scheduled for October 9, 2020.
- Added a new sponsor this week, \$5,000
- 360 Performance is back to 100% of their agreement, sponsorship, spin class & turf room rental.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Bridge Academy Basketball Camp – Sat. 9:00a - 5:00p, Sun. 9:00a - 2:00p (2 courts)
  - Breakthrough Basketball Camp – Sat. 9:00a - 3:00p, Sun. 9:00a - 3:00p (3 courts)
  - DC Sports Youth Basketball Tournament – Sat. 3:30p - 9:00p (3 courts)
  - Jr NBA Youth Basketball League – Sun. 3:00p - 8:00p (3 courts)



*Phase II Improvements – Wall & Fence*

**Senior Center:**

- The Senior Center continues to offer COVID-19 curbside meal pick-up and deliveries.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Parking Lot Trunk or Treat – October 28, 2020



*Curbside meal pick-up*

**Recreation Center:**

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all reservations and events are cancelled for the month of October.
- Staff is currently updating the Teen Room with new wood panel
- The new open play volleyball class had a great turnout last Friday with 30 participants.
- Upcoming Events (subject to COVID-19 restrictions):
  - Spooky Chalk-Off – October 24, 2020
  - Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting – December 5, 2020 (tentative)



**Personnel concerns due to COVID-19**

- Employees on quarantine due to possible COVID-19 symptoms:
  - Three (3)
- Employees on quarantine because spouse or family member is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms:
  - One (1)
- Employees on directed quarantine because of exposure to non-family COVID-19 individual:
  - None
- Employees on quarantine travel restrictions:
  - None
- Employees on self-quarantine due to underlying health conditions; no symptoms
  - One (1)- working remotely

**Public Information**

Texas  
Self-Response

**62.5%**

Cedar Hill  
Self-Response

**74.1%**

Duncanville  
Self-Response

**72.9%**

DeSoto  
Self-Response

**73.9%**

National  
Self-Response

**66.7%**

Lancaster  
Self-Response

**68.2%**

Staff has continued to promote the Census in the weekly email newsletter and it also appears as the first image on the website's front-page slider.

### [\*\*Duncanville Police Department Closes its Jail\*\*](#)

Texas Metro News

"The Duncanville Police Department has transitioned its detention services (jail operation) to the DeSoto Regional, or Tri-City, Jail," ... "The City of Duncanville already partners with the City of DeSoto, as well as the City of Cedar Hill, on other regional efforts to maximize citizen tax dollars.

### [\*\*DeSoto, Cedar Hill, Duncanville and Lancaster Honored by NTCOG\*\*](#)

Focusdailynews

Local government staff members, local elected officials, chamber of commerce officials, or interested citizens may nominate a local government to ...

### [\*\*Why it's OK to root for Duncanville High School football\*\*](#)

Advocate Media

Your South Oak Cliff Golden Bears took quite a beating from Duncanville High School in the first game of the season Friday. Duncanville won 41-3.

### [\*\*Last week's head-to-head Texas Top 25 matchups shuffle our latest statewide rankings\*\*](#)

High School Football America

The biggest game in the nation will take place in Duncanville this Saturday when national power IMG Academy (Bradenton, Florida) comes to town to ...

### [\*\*Duncanville leans on its defense in 41-3 win over South Oak Cliff, extends regular-season winning ...\*\*](#)

The Dallas Morning News

Duncanville was without head coach Reginald Samples, serving a one-game suspension imposed by the University Interscholastic League. Duncanville ...

### [\*\*Photos: Duncanville WR Roderick Daniels, Jr. makes one-handed catch in blowout of South Oak Cliff\*\*](#)

The Dallas Morning News

... during the first half of high school football game against Duncanville and South Oak Cliff at Kincaide Stadium in Dallas on Friday, October 3, 2020.

### [\*\*Duncanville Panthers Season Preview\*\*](#)

TexasHSFootball.com

However, senior running back Keyon Pugh transfers in after rushing for 1,908 yards and 19 touchdowns for Oakdale High School (LA) last season.

### [\*\*No. 1 national recruit Emoni Bates will face Duncanville in new-look Thanksgiving Hoopfest\*\*](#)

The Dallas Morning News

1 recruit in the Class of 2022, will play for Ypsi Prep Academy against 2019 UIL ... Duncanville game — were moved from Duncanville High School to ...

### [\*\*High school basketball: No. 1 prospect Emoni Bates, Ypsi Prep Academy to meet Duncanville at ...\*\*](#)

MaxPreps

Despite restrictions put in place by the Texas high school sports governing body, the Thanksgiving Hoopfest will remain an event to watch on the 2020 ...

[\*\*Duncanville Eliminates Holding Facility/Jail\*\*](#)

Focusdailynews

During normal business hours, all fines or bonds can be paid at the Duncanville Municipal Court office, located at 203 East Wheatland Road. If you need ...

[\*\*Dallas County Adds 249 COVID-19 Cases Wednesday; Judge Jenkins Says Cases Again 'Moving ...\*\*](#)

NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth

A woman in her 60s who was a resident of the City of Duncanville. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high-risk health ...

[\*\*National coach of the year Reginald Samples won't coach Duncanville in season opener vs. South ...\*\*](#)

The Dallas Morning News

I cover high school sports as a reporter and help coordinate our coverage. I graduated from TCU, where I ran track and cross country. I previously ...

[\*\*DFW media high school football Pick 'Em, Oct. 1-3: Duncanville-South Oak Cliff, Converse Judson ...\*\*](#)

The Dallas Morning News

... James Roberts, Jr. (15) and Christopher Thompson (5) during the first half of a high school football game on Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, in Duncanville.

[\*\*How Alabama football commits fared in their games last weekend\*\*](#)

Tuscaloosa Magazine

Kendrick Blackshire, LB, Duncanville (Texas): First game on Oct. 2. James Brockermeier, OC, All Saints Episcopal (Texas): First game on Oct. 2.

[\*\*Austin Ed Fund has televised event Friday, Saturday\*\*](#)

Austin American-Statesman

The two finalists are Robert Brown, who was appointed as the chief of police for the city of Duncanville on Feb. 5, 2007, and Stan Standridge, who has ...

[\*\*North Texas City Threatens To Take Property From Church\*\*](#)

A small North Texas church is fighting back as the city of Duncanville attempts to seize their property using eminent domain...

When contacted by CBS11 Kelsy Mittauer and Caroline Vandergriff (who reported the story) for comment the following was sent in response:

“The city attorney has received the Canaan Baptist Church’s Motion to Dismiss and will file a response to the court at the appropriate time.

With regards to the property adjacent the vacant lot owned by Canaan Baptist Church; the City of Duncanville has developed plans for a fire station to be constructed at that location. For any further media inquiries, I will refer you to the city’s attorney, Robert Hager of *Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Lager & Smith, LLP*. He can be reached at 214-965-9900.”

Michael Grybosky, [ChristianPost.com](#) requested a statement. The City’s response was: “The city attorney has received the Canaan Baptist Church’s Motion to Dismiss and will be filing a response with the court at the appropriate time.

The City of Duncanville owns the property adjacent the vacant, undeveloped lot owned by Canaan Baptist Church and has developed plans for a fire station to be constructed at that location. For further inquiries, I refer you to the city's attorney, Robert Hager of *Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Lager & Smith, LLP*. who can be reached at 214-965-9900."