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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager

Date: March 4, 2021

Subject: Weekly Update

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## **Parks and Recreation**

### **Parks:**

- The Athletics Crew continues to prep the athletic fields for the start of the association seasons.
- The Horticulture Crew continues to mulch landscape bed and trim back “burnt” portions of annual color.
- Two of the special pilot roadside trash cans have been dropped off with vendor for wrapping and installation by the end of March 2021.



*From Left: Athletic fields at Harrington Park, Bed Maintenance in front of Duncanville Recreation Center*

## Fieldhouse:

- The LED conversion of the Main Street Monument sign has been completed. Kieffer Signs will be providing an additional field survey to complete the Hwy 67 Pole sign conversion.
- Upcoming Events:
  - D-Town Magic Basketball League - Tuesday & Thursday 7p - 9p (3 courts)
  - T-Cal Basketball Tournament - Thursday & Friday 8:00a - 4:00p (6 courts)
  - NAGA Jiu Jitsu Tournament - Saturday 8:00a - 8:00p (3 courts)
  - GASO I Basketball Tournament - Sunday 9:00a - 3:00p (3 courts)



*LED Main Street Monument*

## Senior Center:

- Senior Center has resumed COVID-19 curbside meal pick up and deliveries.
- The Valentine's Day Drive-in Music Performance was last Friday February 26, 2021. The seniors really enjoyed listening to Jeremy Koontz play the piano and Jennifer and Derek Otey sing as they ate their lunch.
- Staff continues to make wellness calls throughout the week.





*Valentine's Day Drive-in Music Performance at D.L. Hopkins Jr. Senior Center*

### **Recreation Center:**

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all reservations are cancelled thru March 31, 2021.
- Staff continues to routinely sanitize the facility and equipment.
- Open Volleyball numbers continue to go up with 25 participants last week. Pickleball continues to bring in participants.
- The Easter Egg Hunt has been canceled. Staff is considering the possibility of a drive-thru Easter activity.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Movies in the Park – Saturday, April 17, 2021 (tentative)



*From left: Open Volleyball, Pickleball*

### **Building Maintenance:**

- Clean and disinfect city buildings daily.
- Fire suppression systems in all city facilities have been recharged and are back in service following the extreme weather event two weeks ago.

- Test all sprinkler systems for leaks and get all sprinkler systems working back to normal.
- Fix water line to water heater at Lions park concession building.
- Replace copper line to the water heater at Harrington Parks old concession building.

## **Fire Department**

Duncanville has 46 reported positive cases of COVID-19 from February 25 through March 3rd. Duncanville is reporting a total of 53 deaths (data from NBCDFW dated March 3rd) contributed to COVID-19 since it was declared a pandemic.

The Department currently has 1 vacancy. Two candidates are in the process of orientation and training, but they are not yet counted in the staffing of equipment. The Department has another physical agility test scheduled for March 6, 2021 to provide more candidates to evaluate for the final one vacancy. Unfortunately, the Department has one of our staff who have tested at Grand Prairie FD and is in the final testing process for employment. Another one of our staff has tested with Fort Worth FD and has a place on their eligibility list. The Department has two members in paramedic school.

## **Public Works**

### **Operational Updates:**

#### Building Inspections

- A total of 1,635 single-family rental properties are registered to date; three properties were registered since the last update. Twenty inspections were completed since the last update, fourteen passed while six failed. Lack of GFCI protection, privacy locks, and vacuum breakers on the hose bibs were the reasons for failures. Six residential certificates of occupancy were issued for a total of 466 certificates of occupancy issued since inception of the Single-Family Rental Registration Program.
- Since the start of active lien collection, \$246,613.97 has been collected. \$3,250.36 was collected since the last update.

#### Utilities Division

- Water usage was 28.64 MG this reporting period, 02/22/21-02/28/2021, down from 47.87 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Monday, February 22, 2021, when 4.65 MG was used. There was 0.67 inches of precipitation last reporting week.

### Traffic Division

- The City's Signal contractor will be working at Camp Wisdom and Hill City this week re-wiring the traffic signal. This work is part of our normal maintenance plan. The City rewired four intersections. The intersections at Danieldale & Greenstone, Danieldale & Larry, and Clark & Big Stone Gap will also be re-wired this year.

### Street Division

- The concrete Construction Crew: Installed 1 ADA ramp at 902 Thistle Green.



ADA ramp construction

### Planning and Zoning Division

- The Zoning Ordinance update was approved by City Council 03/02/2021. Planning division will initiate changes to social media, maps, and all locations.
- A predevelopment meeting was conducted on 2/25/2021 for a free-standing building with drive thru on 511 E Camp Wisdom.

### CIP Construction

- Meadowcreek Drainage Improvements – La Banda commenced work on 3/1/2021. FY21 Pipe-bursting – On 3/1/2021, Vortex began pipe-bursting on Fairwood Pl. The street is closed to parking from 7am to 7pm and from 702 Fairwood Pl. to 762 Fairwood Pl. due to the high house density and narrowness of the street. They do not anticipate this section taking longer than a week to complete.
- Madrid-Granada Alley Improvements – Approximately 515 linear-feet of the alley has been constructed from just upstream of the drainage improvements back towards San Juan Dr. Green Tree Ln Water & Wastewater Improvements. The Engineering Department has received the notice to proceed from the Purchasing Department and will be scheduling the pre-construction meeting for later in March.

- E. Danieldale Rd. Reconstruction & Utility Improvements (Main St. to US-67). The Engineering Department has received the notice to proceed from the Purchasing Department and will be scheduling the pre-construction meeting for later in March.
- The Danieldale Tank Project. Public Works has received the notice to proceed from the Purchasing Department and will be scheduling the pre-construction meeting for later this month. I-20 Service Rd project - Fluor and TxDOT is completing work on Wren Ave between Oriole and Winding Trail. They are working on Oriole Blvd intersection with Wren. The bridge over Oriole is closed during construction 03/04-03/28/2021.
- HWY 67 Green Ribbon Improvement Project. TxDOT gave Authorization to Advertise (go out for bid) the Green Ribbon Project on 01/27/2021. Cedar Hill has the lead on this project. City Staff met with Cedar Hill Staff to discuss the project on 02/25/2021. Pre-bid meeting was conducted on 03/02/2021.

## **Police Department**

- The five patrol cadets currently in the NCTCOG academy continue to do well and are tentatively set for graduation dates in April and June (two classes which began on different dates).
- Officer Michael Hankins has completed field training as of March 3, 2021 and is assigned to Bravo Nights beginning March 6, 2021.
- Officer Zachary Green is scheduled to complete field training on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The civil service list is no longer active. Training and Personnel will hold a civil service entry examination date for potential candidates on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in hopes of hiring two solid candidates that would subsequently attend one of the basic police academies held at the NCTCOG in mid-May or June. Interest cards for the April 3, 2021 test must be turned in by Friday, March 26, 2021 at 3:00 pm.
- The Police Department is currently on-boarding its new Police Chaplain, Moises Ruiz. Chaplain Ruiz' has experience in doing the same while working closely with the American Red Cross and relatively recently approached police administration with an enthusiastic interest in volunteering in such a fashion with our department. Chaplain Ruiz has passed background checks and other processes and is now beginning to acclimate himself to the department and vice versa.

## **COVID-19**

There are no employees out with COVID-19 at this time.

## **Public Information Office**

**March 3, 2021**

 [High school basketball rankings: Richardson up in MaxPreps Top 25 after big win in Texas Class ...](#)  
[CBSSports.com](#)

Elsewhere in the Texas 6A bracket, No. 8 Waxahachie and No. 9 Duncanville are both a win away from advancing to a regional final showdown this ...

 [Down go the champs! DeSoto holds Duncanville to fewest points in 7 years during win](#)  
[Fort Worth Star-Telegram](#)


... School in Waxahachie, Texas, Tuesday, March 02, 2021. DeSoto defeated Duncanville . 52-39. (Special to the Star-Telegram Bob Booth) Bob Booth ...

 [Michigan State Football Offers 2023 CB Deldrick Madison](#)  
[Spartans Wire](#)

He attends Duncanville High School in his hometown of Duncanville, Texas. He currently has offers from a plethora of highly regarded schools.

 [6A girls regional finals: Short-handed DeSoto defeats rival Duncanville; South Grand Prairie finally ...](#)  
[The Dallas Morning News](#)

... propelled DeSoto to a 52-39 win over bitter rival Duncanville in the Class 6A Region II final in front of a sellout crowd at Waxahachie High School.


 [High school basketball rankings: Richardson up in MaxPreps Top 25 after big win in Texas Class ...](#)  
[CBSSports.com](#)

High school basketball postseason action in Georgia and Texas claimed a pair ... 9 Duncanville are both a win away from advancing to a regional final ...

 [Southlake Carroll casts spell on Duncanville 34-27](#)  
[San Angelo LIVE!](#)


Southlake Carroll knocked off Duncanville 34-27 in a Texas high school football matchup on January 9. The Dragons hummed like a well-oiled ..

## March 2, 2021

 [Dallas County Reports 751 New Positive COVID-19 And 42 Deaths Including A Dallas ISD Teacher](#)  
CBS Dallas / Fort Worth

A woman in her 80's who was a resident of the City of Duncanville. She expired at home and had underlying high risk health conditions. – A man in his ...

 [Lady Indians erupt vs. DeSoto](#)  
Waxahachie Daily Light

WHS girls also blank Cedar Hill to set up huge game at Duncanville. Daily Light report. Waxahachie's Amiyah Carter (10) takes aim at the goal during a ...  [Fort Worth-area high school boys and girls soccer rankings March 1, 2021](#)  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram


Lake Ridge Mason Cox and Duncanville Alejandro Rojas bring the ball down the sidelines during a 11-6A soccer game at Lake Ridge High School in ...

## March 1, 2021


 [GC Baseball: Tigers rip Woodrow Wilson 14-1 to complete 5-0 start in Duncanville](#)  
Yahoo News

28—Corsicana's Tigers wrapped up their play in the prestigious Duncanville Tournament Saturday with yet another victory, and you'll never guess ...

## February 28, 2021

 [Three Lee players honored on TSWA all-state team](#)  
Midland Reporter-Telegram


Tackles – Savion Byrd, Duncanville, 6-7, 315, sr.; Kameron Dewberry, Atascocita, 6-4, 316, jr. Center – Bryce Foster, Katy Taylor, 6-6, 325, sr. Wide ...

 [Mansfield's best playoff run in 14 years ends against defending champ Duncanville](#)  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

... 1 quarterfinal basketball game at Arlington ISD Athletics Complex in Arlington, Texas, Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021. Duncanville led 38-23 at the half.



## February 27, 2021

 ['Our Death Totals Should Begin To Decline' Says Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins On COVID-19](#)


[CBS Dallas / Fort Worth](#)

A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Duncanville. He expired in hospice and had underlying high risk health conditions. – A man in his ...

 [Duncanville Boys Basketball En Route To Unconventional Back-To-Back State Titles](#)

[CBS Dallas / Fort Worth](#)

COM) – Duncanville High School boys basketball head coach David Peavy said, “This is probably our best team and that's saying a lot considering the ...

 [Girls basketball playoffs: Duncanville beats rival Cedar Hill for 10th straight playoff win](#)

[The Dallas Morning News](#)

The 5-7 senior guard scored 22 points to help Duncanville eliminate District 11-6A ... Hill 78-63 in a Class 6A Region II quarterfinal at Lancaster High School. ... Duncanville's double-teaming defense played a role in 29 Cedar Hill ...

 [Fort Worth-area HS girls basketball regional quarterfinal, semifinal scores and pairings](#)

[Fort Worth Star-Telegram](#)

DeSoto (24-2) vs. Houston Langham Creek (22-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Temple HS.  
Duncanville (27-2) vs. Klein Oak (18-9), 6 p.m. Saturday, Buffalo HS.

## February 26, 2021

 [North Texas Man Suffers Stroke, Sees Surprising Face in ER](#)

[NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth](#)

A Duncanville man who suffered a stroke says the last person he expected to see in the emergency room was his neighbor ...

['There's no excuse for this': The crisis in Texas was a warning of the larger threat looming over ...](#)

[AlterNet](#)

Patricia McDonald layered on sweaters, socks and mittens and huddled under blankets for 15 hours as the temperature in her Duncanville, Texas, ...

[Why America needs new infrastructure to survive](#)


[NationofChange](#)

... huddled under blankets for 15 hours as the temperature in her Duncanville, Texas, home plunged to 42 degrees in the wake of Winter Storm Uri.


 [Women's Basketball Hall of Fame reschedules 2021 induction ceremony to August](#)  
[Knoxville News Sentinel](#)

Catchings was a 6-foot-1 forward from Duncanville, Texas. She played for the Lady Vols from 1997-2001 and was named a WBCA All-American all ...

**February 25, 2021**

 [Dallas County Adds 25 New COVID-19 Deaths Wednesday, 789 New Cases](#)  
[NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth](#)

A man in his 50s who was a resident of the City of Duncanville. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high-risk health ...

 [Boys basketball playoffs: Fourth-quarter flurry pushes Kimball past Wakeland; Duncanville beats ...](#)  
[The Dallas Morning News](#)

... Class 5A area-round playoff game at the Berkner High School gymnasium. ... Duncanville (24-1) will await the winner of Thursday's game between ...

 [Photos: Jump for it! Mesquite Horn attempts to save a ball in bounds against Duncanville](#)  
[The Dallas Morning News](#)

The latest high school news. Get the scoop on hot topics, story lines, stats, photos and more about Texas high school sports.