



To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager
Date: March 26, 2021
Subject: Weekly Update

Fire Department

Duncanville has 20 reported positive cases of COVID-19 from March 18 through March 24th.

Duncanville is reporting a total of 56 deaths (data from NBCDFW dated March 23rd) contributed to COVID-19 since it was declared a pandemic.

The Department currently has 2 vacancies. The Department had a physical agility test on March 6, 2021. Six candidates participated in the test with four completing the evaluation under the required time. The four candidates were completing their Personal History Statements for the Department and were supposed to have them to the office by March 19th. Only three of the candidates turned in the required paperwork. We will review the statements and schedule appointments for interviews. Unfortunately, the Department has one of our staff who have tested at Grand Prairie FD and has turned in his two-week notice. His last shift will be on March 26. The Department will have two vacancies after the 26th. Another one of our staff has tested with Fort Worth FD and has a place on their eligibility list.

The Department has 2 members in paramedic school.

The Driver/Engineers are completing their Inspector class this week. Once they complete the class, they will have to schedule an appointment to take the test for the State so they can be certified.

The Emergency Management Operations Coordinator was informed to prepare a presentation for the City Council in briefing. The presentation will be 15 minutes covering the After-Action Report following the winter weather extreme freezing temperatures. The scheduled City Council meeting will be April 20th.

Public Works

Operational Updates:

Building Inspections

- A total of 1,641 single-family rental properties are registered to date; three properties were registered since the last update. Eight inspections were completed since the last update, seven passed while one failed. Lack of privacy locks, a CO detector, smoke detectors, vacuum breakers on hose bibs, and GFCI protection were the reasons for the failure. Eleven residential certificates of occupancy were issued for a total of 496 certificates of occupancy issued since inception of the Single-Family Rental Registration Program.
- Since the start of active lien collection, \$250,477.14 has been collected. \$3,433.35 was collected since the last update.

Utilities Division

- Water usage was 28.45 MG this reporting period, March 15 – 21, 2021, up from 27.96 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Monday, March 15, 2021, when 4.24 MG was used. There were 0.29 inches of precipitation this reporting period. There was one service leak and 2 water main breaks this week.
- Solid Waste Collection resolved a total of two Trash Collection complaints from residents this week.

Traffic Division

- “No Parking” curb markings along 611 Oriole have been completed as well as sign installations.



Street Division

- Street Division crews combined to complete routine street maintenance.
- Due to concrete shortage, no sidewalk work was done during this update.

Planning and Zoning Division

- The new City Planner, Skye Thibodeaux, started work on 03/22/2021. Skye previously worked as the City Planner for the Cities of Frisco, Plano, and Little Elm. While at Little Elm, Skye was the Planning Manager where he oversaw the day to day projects and comprehensive planning projects, as well as presented zoning, created ordinances, and collaborated with viable entities.



CIP Construction

- Meadowcreek Drainage Improvements – Knight Erosion Control began construction of the footing for the bagwall. La Banda has demobilized until Knight Erosion Control has constructed the wall up to the outside elevation of the box culvert that La Banda will install.
- FY21 Pipe Bursting – Vortex is pipe bursting in Skyline Haven Estates along Linkcrest Dr.
- Madrid-Granada Alley Improvements – The majority of driveways have been placed and the contractor is pouring the incomplete sections of the alley. The contractor will setup forms and rebar for the ADA ramps before pouring the alley approaches.



- Green Tree Ln Water & Wastewater Improvements - Construction will commence on March 29, 2021.

- E. Danieldale Rd. Reconstruction & Utility Improvements (Main St. to US-67) – Construction will commence on April 5, 2021. The northern three lanes will be closed, and all traffic moved to the southern lanes. The city recommends all traffic from north or east of the intersection at Main & Danieldale to use S Main St to access US-67.
- The Danieldale Tank Project – Preconstruction meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2021.
- I-20 Service Rd project - Fluor and TxDOT are working on Oriole Blvd intersection with Wren. A portion of Oriole Blvd north of Wren is closed during construction 03/04-03/28/2021.

Police Department

COMMUNITY CORNER

Officer Arias was praised for her kindness when she stopped to assist a Duncanville citizen this past Saturday:

Chief Brown,

Thank you to the Duncanville Patrol Officer who provided cover while dragging road debris to the curb, today, Saturday, March 20, about 4 pm.

As I was walking to pick up the very large vinyl debris on Greenstone, an officer stopped her cruiser in her lane and then walked with me to drag the debris to the curb. After I thanked her, she quickly continued patrolling down Greenstone.

Thank you, Officer, for you and your police cruiser protecting me from traffic!

Patricia Ebert

PERSONNEL

The five patrol cadets, currently attending the NCTCOG basic police academy continue to do well and are tentatively set for graduation dates in April and June (two classes which began on different dates).

Officer Zachary Green completed field training on March 22nd. Congratulations, Officer Green!

Training and Personnel will hold a civil service entry examination for potential candidates on April 3rd in hopes of hiring two solid candidates. In the event unlicensed candidates make the subsequent civil service list, the goal would be to process and hire them so they could 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.

Crime Prevention Officer, Doug Sisk, along with other department personnel will be doing Catalytic Converter etching to help prevent thefts of those from vehicles, which have become quite prevalent lately. This free event will be held Saturday, March 27, 2021 in the City Hall Parking Lot from 9am-noon.

COVID-19

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

Parks and Recreation

Parks:

- Everything is still progressing toward substantial completion of Lakeside Park new pavilion beautification efforts (trees, perennials etc.) and parking lot striping by Easter weekend, weather permitting.
- The tulips are peaking in their beauty in landscape beds at our city entries and facilities. They will be pulled in a couple of weeks when they are finished blooming. A small amount of pulled bulbs will be made available on a first come first serve basis at the Recreation Center while supplies last likely in mid-April.



Blooming Tulips at the Recreation Center; Beautification of the new Pavilion at Lakeside Park

Fieldhouse:

- Lion Stream Media canceled our streaming agreement effective April 1, 2021.
- Richard is working to resolve AC fan motor issues, getting quotes for repair.
- We received the bid from Kieffer Signs to upgrade the Hwy 67 Pole sign to LED.
- Upcoming Events:
 - D -Town Magic Basketball League – Tues. & Thurs. 7p - 9p (3 courts)
 - DFW Elite Marchfest Basketball Tournament – Sat. 8a - 9p & Sun. 9a to 4p (6 courts)

Senior Center:

- Senior Center continues to serve curbside meal pick up and deliveries.
- Staff continues to make wellness calls throughout the week.
- The St. Patrick's Day parking lot bingo was a success with over 20 participants.



St. Patrick's Day Parking Lot Bingo

Recreation Center:

- Staff continues to routinely sanitize the facility and equipment.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Easter Drive-Thru Eggstravaganza – Saturday, March 27, 2021
 - Movies in the Park – Saturday, April 17, 2021



Economic Development

Certificate of Occupancy – Applications Received – WEEKLY (EDC):

- JBW -T, LLC dba The Maids: 550 N. Main St., Suite #209A
- Shots by V.I.P. Photography: 205 E. Camp Wisdom Rd., Suite #A (photography studio)
- BG Management Group, Inc.: 1126 S. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #106 (storage of construction materials, appliances, and trailer appliances)
- Future Consulting Services of America, LLC: 402 W. Wheatland Rd., Suite #160F (information technology services, configuration of computer software and development services)

Certificate of Occupancy – Certificates Issued – WEEKLY (EDC):

- Duncanville Tire Shop: 1348 N. Main St. (tire shop)
- Arrow Personnel, LLC: 1530 S. Clark Rd. (staffing agency)
- Byrd Racing: 1223 Crestdell Dr. (auto repair, vehicle inspections)
- Royal's Fried Chicken Duncanville: 843 N. Duncanville Rd. (chicken restaurant)
- Jkandy by krys: 607 N. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #200A (esthetic services – lashes, brows, and skincare)
- Air Kool Heating & Air, LLC: 1184 Explorer St., Suite #D (HVAC office and warehouse)

- Yadon Enterprises Incorporated: 802 Gemini Ave., Suite #A & B (title runner; processing titles for auto dealers and individuals who need title work - appointments only)
- Clinica Hispana Familia Sana, LLC: 650 Big Stone Gap Rd. (doctor's office)
- Beauty in Hair Plus: 402 W. Wheatland Rd., Suite #170C & E (office and training space for hair braiding)

Public Information Office

in the News

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

[Development, civic lighting among numerous topics at Killeen plan workshop](#)

The Killeen Daily Herald

Anderson, who also has served as a council member for the City of Duncanville, stressed the importance of “friendly investment capital” and cited how ...

[Dustin Long Discharged From Hospital, Returns Home Following KO Loss To Tristan Kalkreuth](#)

BoxingScene.com

... 6KOs), a fast-rising 19-year-old prospect from nearby Duncanville, Texas. The most notable accomplishment by the East Tennessee native was his ...

[FC Dallas firma a Nicky Hernández con un contrato de dos temporadas](#)

Dallas Morning News AldiaDallas

El nativo de Duncanville, Texas, se graduó del Townview Magnet Center de Dallas en Oak Cliff. Hernández jugó recientemente en los últimos 30 ...

[Fort Worth-area HS boys and girls soccer bi-district playoff scores and pairings](#)

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Duncanville (18-5-3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Duncanville HS. Mansfield Lake Ridge (14-4-2) vs. Killeen (7-9-3), 5 p.m. Thursday, Waco ISD Stadium.

[Lady Indians outslug Duncanville](#)

Waxahachie Daily Light

Aftter Duncanville drew first blood with two runs, the Lady Indians equalized in the home ... They will travel to Waco High for a Friday night district tilt.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

[Three-peats, MVPs and Beyond](#)

Spectrum News

DUNCANVILLE, Texas — When you step foot on the campus of Duncanville High School, championship trophies flood the hallways. For the ...

[No. 2 Texas A&M Advances in NCAA Tournament](#)

KBTX

2 seed Texas A&M escaped an upset bid by No. ... The Duncanville, Texas, native finished with 16 points and 14 rebounds in 29 minutes on the floor.

[UTPB continues to soar with spectacular defense](#)

Dave Campbell's Texas Football

The Falcons defense has been led by junior linebacker Miquon Mayes from Duncanville High School. Mayes has filled the void left by All-American ...

[VIDEO: Drunk wrong-way driver causes serious destruction](#)

CDLLife

Sign up today. Sign Up. This footage was captured on Interstate 20 in Duncanville, Texas in 2018, but ...

Monday, March 22, 2021

[Ortiz stops Hooker in 7!!](#)

15rounds.com

Kalkreuth, 198 lbs of Duncanville, TX is now 8-0 with six knockouts. Long, 199.8 lbs of Johnson City, TN is now 4-2-2. Alex Martin won a 10-round ...

Sunday, March 21, 2021

[2021 track preview: Teams to watch, athletes to know and Duncanville's pursuit of sprinting ...](#)

The Dallas Morning News

Duncanville's school record is 40.23, set in 2000. Duncanville High School sprint coach ...

[Boxer Dustin Long taken to hospital after being knocked out of ring](#)

Larry Brown Sports

Well Tristan Kalkreuth from Duncanville just knocked Dustin Long out in the first round. Long almost fell out of the ring. They put the man on a stool and ...

 [Hooker-Ortiz Undercard Results](#)

Fight News

... young stars, cruiserweight Tristan Kalkreuth (8-0, 6 KOs) based out of Duncanville, TX, wasted little time and ambushed the outgunned Dustin Long ...

 [Inside High School Sports: March 20, 2021](#)

NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth

Duncanville High School concludes the 100th season of high school basketball in Texas with its fifth state championship. The Panthers' Damon.

Saturday, March 20, 2021

 [Top247 OL from Texas has FSU in top three, visit date set](#)

247Sports

Duncanville (Texas) four-star offensive lineman Jaylen Early has been hearing from some of the nation's top college programs. A... ">247Sports.

 ['The deaths don't stop': How North Texas funeral homes adapted during COVID](#)

The Dallas Morning News

DUNCANVILLE — The call came early on the first morning of Dallas County's lockdown. An elderly neighbor was dead, and authorities needed the ...

Friday, March 19, 2021

 [Duncanville Marine Honored for Saving Drowning Child](#)

NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth

A Marine from Duncanville was honored Thursday with the Navy and Marine Corps medal for saving a young boy caught in a rip current on a North ...

 [IN THE BIG DANCE: The Ladies Representing Texas this March](#)


KPRC Click2Houston

Texas A&M. Zaay Green - Duncanville. Kayla Wells - South Grand Prairie. McKinzie Green - Manvel. Sahara Jones - San Antonio Veteran's Memorial.

 [Lawson, USA Basketball 3x3 Team Returns to Training](#)

GoDuke.com

To help the USA prepare, also attending training camp will be a USA Select Team that includes Ariel Atkins (Washington Mystics/Duncanville, Texas) ...

 [The 2021 women's NCAA Tournament is loaded with former Dallas-area stars — see the full list](#)

The Dallas Morning News

Hannah Gusters, Duncanville and Irving MacArthur: Gusters began her high school career with Duncanville, where she won a state title as a freshman ...

Thursday, March 18, 2021

 [Catalytic Converter Thefts Have North Texas Police Department Going On The Offensive](#)

CBS Dallas / Fort Worth

DUNCANVILLE, Texas (CBSDFW.COM) – Due to the increase in catalytic converter thefts lately, Duncanville Police are hosting an etching event to try ...

 [Duncanville Police Department Has A 'Plan" to Combat Theft of Catalytic Converter](#)

Focusdailynews

Duncanville Police Department is offering FREE etching on catalytic converters. This identifiable etching will help law enforcement officers identify the ...

 [Jerrale Powers offered by Florida State](#)

Tomahawk Nation

Jerrale Powers is a 6'4 225 pound tight end from Duncanville, TX. The Class of 2022 prospect attends Duncanville High School. Although Powers isn't ...

 [Texas tight end Jerrale Powers picks up FSU offer](#)

247Sports

The Florida State coaching staff has extended a new 2022 offer to Duncanville (Tx.) tight end Jerrale Powers. Powers is a 6-foot-4, 225-pound tight ...

 [Texas \(UIL\) boys basketball state all-tournament teams](#)

scorebooklive.com

The 2021 Texas (UIL) high school boys basketball state tournament ... Zhuric Phelps – Duncanville – Senior – 6-4 – Guard (Named championship ...

 [Duncanville High Basketball Coach David Peavy Says Seeing Son Micah Lead Texas Tech Into ...](#)


Yahoo News

version of the show in years—probably since high school. For one, it felt like the same formula over and over again. Then, the spinoff Bachelor in ...

 [Duncanville High Basketball Coach David Peavy Says Seeing Son Micah Lead Texas Tech Into ...](#)

Yahoo News

Duncanville High Basketball Coach David Peavy Says Seeing Son Micah Lead Texas Tech Into NCAA Tournament Is Dream Come True. Tue, March ...

 [5 Way-Too-Early 2021-22 Basketball Predictions](#)

KPRC Click2Houston

Duncanville's three-year run has been highly impressive. Coach David Peavy has done a masterful job of making Duncanville the premier basketball ...