



To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager
Date: April 2, 2021
Subject: Weekly Update

Fire Department

The Department currently has two vacancies. The Department held a physical agility test on March 6, 2021. Six candidates participated in the physical agility test with four completing the evaluation under the required time. The four candidates completed their Personal History Statements (PHS) for the Department and were instructed to have the PHS to the Department by March 19th. Only three of the candidates turned in the required PHS. We have reviewed the PHS and have scheduled appointments for interviews on April 14th.

The Driver/Engineers completed their Inspector Class last week. Appointments to take the Inspector exam for State certification will be scheduled soon.

The Emergency Management Operations Coordinator will prepare a winter storm presentation for the City Council. The presentation will be 15 minutes in length covering the After-Action Report following the winter weather extreme freezing temperatures. The winter storm presentation will be presented to the City Council on April 20th.

Public Works

Operational Updates:

Building Inspections

- A total of 1,644 single-family rental properties are registered to date; three properties were registered since the last update. Twelve inspections were completed since the last update, seven passed while five failed. Lack of privacy locks, CO detectors, and GFCI protection were the reasons for the failures. Nine residential certificates of occupancy were issued for a total of 505 certificates of occupancy issued since inception of the Single-Family Rental Registration Program.
- Since the start of active lien collection, \$253,487.18 has been collected. \$3,009.77 was collected since the last update.

Utilities Division

- Water usage was 27.55 MG this reporting period, March 22 – 28, 2021, down from 28.45 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Friday, March 26, 2021, when 4.11 MG was used. There were 1.17 inches of precipitation this reporting period.
- There was one water main break, 17 hydrants flushed, and 3 fire hydrants repaired this week. Seven valves were exercised and an estimated 778,652 gallons of water loss.
- There was a total of 542 ft of sewer line televised and 4 sewer service stoppages cleared.
- The Solid Waste Department hosted the annual Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, March 27, 2021. Approximately 600 households participated in the event. Dallas County will provide the collection results next week.



Street Division

- Street Division crews combined to complete routine street maintenance.
- Concrete Crews: Removed and replaced 8 damaged sidewalks at 410-402-346-334-330-242-234-230_W. Center Street totaling 1556 sq. ft.

Planning and Zoning Division

- Two public hearings will occur at the April 6th City Council meeting for the following zoning cases:
 - Proposed SUP amendment for Auto Dealership, Used Only, located at 611 Interstate Hwy. 20. Request is to remove existing conditions that tie the existing SUP to a “branded” Nissan facility selling Certified Pre-Owned vehicles.
 - Request to revoke the SUP for the former Dallas County Government Center, located at 100 E. Wheatland Rd. The County has relocated the tax office that previously occupied the existing structure. Deed restrictions tied to the property require that the County convey the subject property to the City at the end of the useful occupancy.
- The Planning Division is in the initial stage of working with the other Public Works Divisions to better understand and improve the Department’s development process.
- On Thursday, April 1st, from 2-3pm and 3-4pm, Planning conducted meetings with City Staff to review and highlight the updated Zoning Ordinance along with fielding potential questions and concerns from those in attendance.

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 commenced on March 29, 2021.
- E. Danieldale Rd. Reconstruction & Utility Improvements (Main St. to US-67) – Construction will commence on April 5, 2021. The contractor will start mobilization activities first. Lane closures will follow. 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 was conducted on Friday, March 26, 2021. Construction will commence in early May 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

- Detective C. Berger presented his acclaimed Skimmers, Scammers, and ID Theft presentation at Duncanville's First Christian Church on Monday and was well applauded by the church members, including Councilmember McBurnett for the expert knowledge and professionalism he portrayed:

Chiefs Brown and LiVigni,

This message is to commend Detective Chad Berger for his (what to look out for) scam presentation last night to First Christian Church - Duncanville members. It was well done, timely and informative. Detective Berger is an outstanding example of the professionalism and proactive approach of our Duncanville Police Department.

Regards,

Don McBurnett

- The compassion expressed by Sergeant D. Younts, Officer M. Arias, and Officer D. Rawlins during recent and past calls of service was recognized in a card from the citizens involved and by Chief Brown this past week:

Chief Brown
Duncanville Police Department

Chief Rohde
Duncanville Fire Department

Sirs:

On April 19, 2019, we called the Duncanville Police when my 102 year old grandmother passed away in her sleep. When Officer Arias, #214, arrived she immediately took control of the scene and greatly reduced the stress on my mother, Julia Jabe, who was very upset at the time. An unpleasant situation was made much less so by her professional and positive attitude.

On February 5, 2021, we again had to call the department in regards to my father passing away under hospice care. The hospice nurse was present when Officer Arias arrived at the scene with Officer Rawlins arriving a short time later, and both dealt with the troublesome hospice employees - greatly assisting in reducing the stress level that the nurse's presence had increased dramatically. Once again, Officer Arias was professional and caring and took great pains to comfort my mother and make the situation as good as could be under the circumstances.

I would like to thank Sgt. Quanta who observed me in the front yard of the residence the next day and stopped by to offer the department's well wishes. As a retired Duncanville officer, I cannot express how much being included in the "family" means to me.

We would also like to commend the various members of the Duncanville Fire Department who repeatedly came out to the residence to assist with my father who eventually became incapacitated due to health issues and had to be moved about the house for various reasons. Each time the department responded, they treated him with dignity and professionalism and allowed him to retain some self-respect.

Our sincere thanks to you all.

Steve Flanagan
#072

Julia Jobe
Julia Jobe

427 Sherrill Blvd.

Officer Arias, Officer Rawlins, and Sergeant Younts:

Mr. Steve Flanagan wrote the attached letter expressing his appreciation for the compassion shown by each of you during our response to the death of two family members. You responded to 427 Sherrill Blvd. on April 19, 2019 regarding a death investigation when Mr. Flanagan's grandmother passed away in her sleep. You also responded to a death investigation on February 5, 2021 when Mr. Flanagan's father passed away. The compassion and caring attitude displayed comforted this family during a very difficult time.

As I have said before, the first and last impression made by police employees can have far-reaching consequences. By making every impression count, being genuine, connecting with the customer, taking time to listen and understand and giving the customer the impression that their concern is important; police departments will gain the support and confidence of their citizens. Our customers may not need us again, but we should hope that the one time they do, the impression we leave them will be a good one, one which they will pass along to their neighbors and friends as a positive experience. Thank you for representing the City of Duncanville in such a professional manner.

*Robert D. Brown, Jr.
Chief of Police*

- Sgt. J. Emmett was recognized for his excellent police work that resulted in the capture of a suspect involved in recent multiple catalytic converter thefts this past Wednesday.
- Lt. S. Estell, Officer T. Clark and Officer K. Welling were recognized by Wichita Falls Criminal Investigation Department for their keen police work that aided in the arrest of a heroin trafficker. A link to the news story is included in the excerpt below.

Interim Chief LiVigni,

Please review the following link: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/pr/sixteen-heroin-traffickers-sentenced-operation-last-trip>

Lt. Estell, Officers Trevor Clark and Kyle Welling assisted with the arrest of ERICA ANNE MALONEY in Duncanville. I can't thank them enough for their quick response and willingness to assist.

*Thanks,
J.R.*

PERSONNEL

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). Training and Personnel will hold a civil service entry examination for potential candidates this Saturday, 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.

COVID-19

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

Parks and Recreation

Parks:

- The Horticultural Crew has finished installation of plant material at Lakeside Park Pavilion beds.
- The new Lakeside Park Pavilion parking lot opened Thursday, April 1st.
- A pilot trash can has been installed at Duncanville Rd. & Camp Wisdom and at Daniieldale Rd. & Hwy. 67 Service Road on the west side.



Top row: Lakeside Park plant installation material and new parking lot; Bottom row from left: Pilot trash cans at Duncanville Rd. & Camp Wisdom Rd and at Daniieldale Rd. & Hwy 67.

Fieldhouse:

- Lion Stream Media canceled our streaming agreement effective April 1, 2021, fiber internet line is scheduled for disconnect on April 25, 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 - total Bid for all 3 signs = \$7,787, working with Sheila to get the proper paperwork to pay.

- Upcoming Events:
 - D-Town Magic Basketball League – Wed. 7p - 9p (2 courts + 1 court at Rec Ctr.)
 - BlockSport Volleyball Tournament – Sat. 8a - 9p (10 nets)

Senior Center:

- Senior Center continues to serve curbside meal pick up and deliveries.
- Staff continues to make wellness calls throughout the week. Crossword puzzles and trivia games are being provided via the newsletter and handed out with meals.
- The Senior Center had another great turn out for Parking Lot Bingo. Our seniors really enjoy being able to play and the opportunity to say hello to their friends safely while staying in their vehicles. A special thank you to Layla from Oxford Glen Memory Care for hosting the event.
- Upcoming Drive-thru Events:
 - Parking Lot Bingo – Thursday, April 15, 2021



Parking Lot Bingo at D.L. Hopkins Jr. Senior Center

Recreation Center:

- The Easter Drive-Thru Eggstravaganza was a success. Kids and adults were able to stop by and say hello to the Easter Bunny.
- Staff continues to routinely sanitize the facility and equipment.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Movies in the Park (Frozen) – Saturday, April 17, 2021
 - Cinco de Mayo Concert – Saturday, May 1, 2021



Top row: Easter Drive-Thru Eggstravaganza; Bottom row: Upcoming Event Flyers

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):

- Austin Auto Express: 515 N. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #7J (business office used for car hauling services, clerical office for the business, no vehicles will be stored on property)
- Austin Insurance Agency: 515 N. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #71 (insurance sales)
- Ikenberg Enterprise, LLC: 703 Big Stone Gap Rd., Suite #A&B (used car sales, auto mechanic and 20% tire storage)
- Cre8n Divas (SCP): 603 N. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #200 (onsite portraits including fantasy, boudoir, and costume, makeup application, specialty props and back props, make and install wigs, vendor rental of specialty props)
- Gran Gran's Catfish & Soul Food: 434 E. Hwy 67 (restaurant selling catfish and soul food)

Public Information Office



in the News

The 2020 State of the City: <https://youtu.be/LTljXtlroBk> released Monday, April 29, 2021

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

 [COVID-19 updates: Dallas County reports 281 new cases](#)

WFAA.com

A woman in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Duncanville. She expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.

 [Syracuse women's basketball: The status of the 2021 recruiting class](#)

Troy Nunes is an Absolute Magician

Lattimore is high school teammates with fellow Orange recruit Shayeann Day-Wilson. Lattimore and ... High School: Duncanville High School.

 [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 ...

 [More than 50 high school basketball players from DFW named to TABC all-state teams](#)

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Class 6A. Finley Bizjack, Byron Nelson. Zubi Ejiofor, Garland. Rylan Griffin, Richardson. 0302 byron richardson2. Damon Nicholas, Duncanville.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

 [Dallas County Reports 509 Positive COVID Cases, 12 New Deaths](#)

Focusdailynews

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

 [Sixteen Heroin Traffickers Sentenced in "Operation Last Trip"](#)

Department of Justice

... the Wichita County District Attorney's Office Drug Enforcement Division, the Wichita County Sheriff's Office and the Duncanville Police Department.

 [Breaking down recruits who have set Ohio State official visit, where Buckeyes stand with each](#)

247Sports

Bucknuts breaks down the recruits that have scheduled official visits to Ohio State so far. DE Omari Abor, Duncanville, Texas/Duncanville.

 [Duncanville Sophomore Cameron Barnes Says Injuries Changed His Approach To Basketball](#)

Focusdailynews

Perhaps no one knows this better than Duncanville Panthers sophomore Cameron Barnes. So when it ... were ready to win, and then they gave us the call that we had to go back to school. All the ... "Cam is a super high character kid.

 [Smith and Phelps Voted All-State Basketball Stars](#)

Focusdailynews

Two of those squads, the Duncanville Panthers and DeSoto Lady Eagles, even came home with state titles among Class 6A boys and girls, ...

 [Runnin' Indians rack up 11-6A awards](#)

Waxahachie Daily Light

1 ranking for much of the season, and a berth in the Class 6A Region II finals, losing to eventual 6A state champion Duncanville, 70-65. The Indians ...

Monday, March 29, 2021

Sunday, March 28, 2021

[Methodist Health System Opens Vaccine Clinic at Duncanville High School For Teachers and Staff](#)

NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth

The clinic will be the gymnasium at Duncanville High School, where Methodist plans to vaccinate hundreds of Duncanville ISD employees between 8 ...

[Clinic held to help vaccinate educators in Duncanville](#)

FOX 4 Dallas

Hundreds of teachers and school staff in Duncanville ISD got their COVID-19 shots Friday. Posted 11 hours ago.

[2022 Texas Defensive End Omari Abor Sets Visit To Ohio State](#)

Yardbarker

... to be on campus got a little bit longer on Friday night when Duncanville, Texas, four-star defensive end Omari Abor announced his plans to attend.

Saturday, March 27, 2021

[Dallas County reports 15 COVID related deaths, 302 new cases today, Friday](#)

Sachse News

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[Methodist Health Hosts COVID Vaccine At Duncanville ISD](#)

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FOX 4 Dallas

DUNCANVILLE, Texas - Hundreds of teachers and school staff in Duncanville ISD got their COVID-19 shots Friday. The Dallas Methodist Health ...

[Methodist Health System Opens Vaccine Clinic at Duncanville High School For Teachers and Staff](#)

NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth

The first clinic was held at the gymnasium at Duncanville High School from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. By Demetrius Harper • Published 59 mins ago ..

 [Red River Shootouts: Recruiting battles between Texas and OU](#)

247Sports

Blue is a big-time weapon in the offensive class for Texas and a player in school in the country would want. S Bryan Allen Jr. (Photo: Collin Kennedy, ...

 [Five Big 12 programs that are off to hot starts for 2022](#)

rivals.com

The Sooners have an edge in the Big 12 rankings over Texas, and here's the ... out of Duncanville, Texas, was especially big for Oklahoma State.

 [FRIDAY ROUNDUP: Belton girls edge Duncanville 1-0 in soccer playoffs](#)

The Killeen Daily Herald

Makenna Morrow scored the lone goal as the Belton Lady Tigers edged Duncanville 1-0 in the first round of the Class 6A playoffs on Friday in ...

Friday, March 26, 2021

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 [Aggies headed back to Sweet 16 after Nixon buzzer beater](#)

KBTX

Texas A&M Women's Basketball Postgame Notes ... The Duncanville, Texas, native also reached a new season-high mark in field goals made, ...

 [Aggies have 2022 DE Omari Abor's attention as he begins to make plans](#)

TexAgs

Duncanville (TX) defensive end Omari Abor holds offers from across the country and has the full attention of college coaches everywhere. Texas A&M ...

 [Impressive Centex pitchers posting big performances around area](#)

Waco Tribune-Herald

... just a game behind co-leaders Mansfield and Duncanville. China Spring continues to get primo pitching as well. On Tuesday, Tristyn Pechacek went ...

Thursday, March 25, 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 ...

 [Five Recruits Michigan Should Consider Offering From Pylon Dallas](#)

Rivals.com - Michigan

As a freshman, Parson started for national powerhouse Duncanville (Texas) High in the 6A state title game and flashed. Now back in Tennessee, ...

 [Anterius Brown named TicketSmarter WAC Track and Field Athlete of the Week](#)

The Flash Today

The Duncanville HS graduate helped Tarleton's outdoor 4x400m relay team post an eighth-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Brown was a ...