



To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager
Date: April 9, 2021
Subject: Weekly Update

Fire Department

The Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) sent out a Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) team to complete the second round of COVID vaccines to Duncanville homebound residents. They arrived yesterday morning and will finish up on April 9th.

The department performed the weekly emergency siren check on Wednesday and Goddard Enterprises (siren maintenance company) had technicians on standby to address any issues.

The Fire Department has four members in paramedic school. Two are finishing up and should be on the street within a month. Two members who started school on January 11th are scheduled to finish August 13th. One of the newest recruits begins paramedic school June 1st, while the other is a registered nurse and will be attending an RN to paramedic course (one day a week and some Saturday clinicals) in August. Both are scheduled to complete these programs in December of 2021.

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. We anticipate the need for another civil service exam in the near future.

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; no properties were registered since the last update. Sixteen inspections were completed since the last update, eight passed while eight failed. Lack of privacy locks, CO detectors, and GFCI protection were the reasons for the failures. Five residential certificates of occupancy were issued for a total of 510 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. No lien payments were collected since the last update.

Utilities Division

- Water usage was 30.11 MG this reporting period, March 29 – April 4, 2021, up from 27.55 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Saturday, April 3, 2021, when 4.48 MG was used. There were 0 inches of precipitation this reporting period.
- There were 2 sewer service stoppages cleared and 1 sewer service replaced.
- The Solid Waste Department had 2 trash complaints about Brush not being collected.

Street Division

- Street Division crews combined to complete routine street maintenance.
- Concrete Crews: unable to procure concrete. Consequently, crews performed only routine maintenance this week. City of Duncanville Street Division is on the “will call” list for concrete.

Planning and Zoning Division

- Two public hearings will occur at the April 12th Planning & Zoning meeting for the following projects:
 - Final Plat request for the properties located at 510 and 514 N Main Street. The requested plat is for the purpose of creating lots of record in order to sell the property.
 - Request to rescind a Specific Use Permit (SUP Ordinance No. 2308) for an indoor and outdoor sports complex (batting facility) located at 410 Red Bird Lane. The purpose for the request is to bring the property back to its base, Commercial “C” zoning.

- 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.
- Planning is creating a tailored Specific Use Permit (SUP) process for residential properties requesting specific uses that require zoning approval (i.e. carports and sport courts). An update to the department's master fee schedule will be a part of this process as well.

CIP Construction

- Meadowcreek Drainage Improvements – The bedrock, which the original design relied on, was not found at the estimated elevation shown on the plans. Therefore, the engineer provided the City with a new design that does not rely on bedrock. The new quantities are being estimated by the Contractor to determine the revised cost. It is anticipated that the cost of the wall should not increase.
- FY21 Pipe Bursting – Vortex is pipe bursting in Skyline Haven Estates along Linkcrest Dr. west of Softwood Dr. This week they also open cut a service at 507 Softwood Dr. directly to the sewer main on Softwood Dr. The original crossed a creek and traveled approximately 600 feet to Linkcrest Cir. The service previously overflowed on multiple occasions into the creek. This will resolve that overflow issue.
- Madrid-Granada Alley Improvements – The ramps at San Juan Dr. were placed. They are prepped the subgrade again for the segment leading up to S. Cockrell Hill because the heavy rains lessened the subgrade density. They plan to pour the alleys and driveways and perform cleanup to have the project ready for a pre-final walkthrough in two weeks.



- Green Tree Ln Water & Wastewater Improvements – Contractor is mobilizing, having locates performed, and establishing an agreement with Oncor for a construction yard.
- E. Daniieldale Rd. Reconstruction & Utility Improvements (Main St. to US-67) – Construction will commence on April 5, 2021. Contractor is setting up signage, bringing equipment and materials, and implementing the SWPPP. They will begin setting up additional TCP this upcoming week and break ground for the storm sewer on April 19.

- 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.

Health Department

Two businesses closed due to unsanitary conditions:

- Fruta Loca, 212 N Main St
- Pho Noodle, 718 W Wheatland Dr

Re-inspection is pending at this time.

Police Department

PERSONNEL

The five patrol cadets currently in the NCTCOG academy continue to do well with three set to graduate on April 16th and two others in June (two classes which began on different dates). Training and Personnel held a civil service entry examination for potential candidates this past Saturday, April 3rd in hopes of hiring two solid candidates. Twenty-seven hopeful candidates showed up for testing which resulted in thirteen (13) applicants making the civil service list after having passed both the written test as well as the physical endurance test.

DEPARTMENT ACCOLADES

Detective Bert Pudgurney, Sergeant Duaine Mayo, and Officer Tommy Brough reached fifteen years of service and each will be awarded the fifteen-year service bar.

COVID-19

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

Parks and Recreation

Parks:

- Trees were installed this week at the new Lakeside Pavilion parking lot.
- The tulips are being pulled over the next week or two 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 starting this Friday.



Top row: Lakeside Park tree installation at new parking lot; Bottom row: Bed maintenance, pulling tulips

Fieldhouse:

- Working with Sheila to finalize the Blue Gym & Suites RFP.
- Richard is working to resolve AC fan motor issues, received 3 bids, Deniece is preparing the requisition.
- 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:
 - GASO II Basketball Tournament – Fri. 6:00p -10:00p, Sat. 8:30a – 10:00p & 8:30p – 4:00p (6 courts)
 - Missouri Valley Conference Officiating Clinic - Fri. 6:00p - 10:00p, Sat. 8:30a - 10:00p & 8:30p - 4:00p (6 courts)
 - EuroBasket Overseas Basketball Camp – Fri. 5:00p - 9:00p, Sat. 12:00p - 4:00p & Sun. 11:00a - 2:00p (2 courts @ Rec Center)
 - Masters Basketball League – Sun. 5:00p - 9:00p (3 courts)
 - Breakthrough Basketball Camp – Sun. 5:00p - 7:30p (2 courts)

Senior Center:

- The Senior Center continues to provide 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 Recreation Center along with Senior Center helped coordinate a luncheon and the memorial service for Assistant City Manager Paul Frederiksen.
- Parking Lot Bingo – Thursday, April 15, 2021



From left: Curbside pick up; Memorial luncheon

Recreation Center:

- 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



Upcoming Event Flyers

Economic Development

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

- Estefania Perez: 100 S. Main St., Suite #114 (The Lucky Duck Gallery – Art Studio)
- Shunta Marketing: 606 Oriole Blvd., Suite #F, Bldg. 100 (business to business marketing and advertising, clients are virtual, and business is done remotely)
- SAI Mart: 700 Clark Rd., Suite #108 (convenience store with beer and wine sales (alcoholic beverage application attached to step 1))
- G & K Motors, LLC: 602 E. Red Bird Ln., Suite #1 (auto repair and sales)

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

- Solar SME, Inc.: 1126 S. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #114 (solar installer/contractor)
- Infinite Beauty Bar, LLC: 603 Hwy 67, Suite #117 (body contouring & lash extension)
- Dat Damn Daiquiri: 700 S. Cockrell Hill Rd., Suite #158 (daiquiri and food sales)
- Natural Image Holistic Wellness: 1106 S. Main St., Suite #1A (hair braiding, hair locking, selling hair replacements, and selling natural products for hair, skin, and body)
- JBW – T, LLC dba The Maids: 550 N. Main St., Suite #209A

Public Information Office


Monday, April 6, 2021

 [Bevo's Daily Roundup: With Chris Beard at Texas, two Texas Tech players hit portal](#)
[Burnt Orange Nation](#)

Peavy, a former four-star recruit in the 2020 class from Duncanville, Texas, put up 5.7 points and 3.1 rebounds per game as a freshman.” ...

 [Good Morning, Illini Nation: Perusing the portal again](#)
[Champaign/Urbana News-Gazette](#)

The Duncanville, Texas, native was even ranked as high as No. 35 in his class by Rivals (and as the No. 8 small forward). Trey Wade. Last offseason ...

 [The Football Brainiacs](#)
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2022 Duncanville offensive tackle Cam Williams has some official visits in place ...
Duncanville OT Cam Williams (@BigCamWill) with a hell of a rep. ... FL), Derrick Brown – Texas High (Texarkana, TX), Derrick Moore – St. Frances ...


Monday, April 6, 2021

 [Dallas County reported 14 COVID related deaths, 211 new cases today, Monday](#)
[Sachse News](#)

A man in his 90's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Duncanville. He expired in the facility and had underlying high risk health ...

 [Three Texas Tech players enter NCAA Transfer Portal](#)
[247Sports](#)

Peavy, a former four-star recruit in the 2020 class from Duncanville, Texas, put up 5.7 points and 3.1 rebounds per game as a freshman. The NCAA ...

 [2022 Duncanville OL Jaylen Early lining up visits, including trip to Aggieland](#)
[TexAgs](#)

He spoke to TexAgs about where the Aggies fit into the mix and why he has his eye on the Texas A&M program. To listen to this content, you must be a ...


 [Meet Bobby Acosta: Del Valle High School's new head football coach](#)
[KVUE.com](#)

Acosta hasn't coached a Texas high school team yet, but he did coach against a team from Texas in 2020: state semifinalists Duncanville. Acosta's ...

Sunday, April 5, 2021

No news

Saturday, April 4, 2021

 [IMG Academy looking for new football coach after Bobby Acosta leaves for Del Valle](#)

USA TODAY High School Sports

Its most impressive win over the season was a 41-14 romp over Duncanville in Texas in a battle of the then-top two teams in the country, according to ...

Friday, April 3, 2021

 [The Dallas Morning News' 2020-21 boys basketball awards: Coach and Newcomer of the Year](#)

The Dallas Morning News

high school sports Basketball ... Peavy and Duncanville captured their second straight state championship this past season, but ... This year, despite not having a top-50 senior prospect like they did the two years prior (Jahmi'us ... Before Duncanville, Peavy had never won a state title as a head coach.

 [Reports: Texas Tech guard Micah Peavy to enter transfer portal](#)


The Dallas Morning News

The former recruit out of Duncanville appears to be on the move shortly after the news of Chris Beard's departure. Texas Tech guard ...

Thursday, April 2, 2021

 [Recruits and transfers Chris Beard should prioritize with the Longhorns](#)
247Sports

A two-time state champion at Duncanville (Texas) High, Peavy is a tough competitor who only cares about winning ball games. However, one of the ...

 [The Dallas Morning News' 2020-21 all-area girls basketball teams: See full first, second and third ...](#)

The Dallas Morning News

SportsDayHS' Greg Riddle breaks down The Dallas Morning News' all-area team for the 2020-21 Texas high school girls basketball season. ... Meadows Arena at Duncanville High School on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 in Dallas.

 [Recruiting Rumor Mill: Defensive players in Rivals100 of 2023 rankings](#)
[Rivals.com - Florida State](#)

Madison has more than a dozen offers now with Michigan State and Colorado as the newest ones but the Duncanville, Texas, defensive back said ...


 [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 ...


Wednesday, April 1, 2021

 [Alabama's New 4-Star Linebacker is Already Built Like an NFL Star](#)
[Fanbuzz](#)

Duncanville High School linebacker Kendrick Blackshire is the one of top defensive prospects in the entire 2021 recruiting class, and he is ready to ...

 [Two-team battle for 4-star Phaizon Wilson](#)
[Rivals.com - Alabama](#)

With a decision announcement scheduled in just two days time, Duncanville 4-star Phaizon Wilson has cut his options down to two. The 6-foot-4 ...

 [After Playing in Dallas Cup 1988, FC Dallas Youth Coach Ashley Gordon Comes Full Circle to ...](#)
[FC Dallas](#)

From there, she went on to win a State championship at Duncanville High School before playing collegiately at SMU, where she competed against ...

 [Comeback Thwarted: North Mesquite's late push comes up just short](#)
[Star Local Media](#)

North Mesquite and Duncanville battled down to the final minutes, but the Panthers were able to pull out a 2-1 victory on Tuesday in a Class 6A area ...