



To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager
Date: May 14, 2021
Subject: Weekly Update

Public Works

Operational Updates:

Building Inspections

- A total of 1,663 single-family rental properties are registered to date; four properties were registered since the last update. Sixteen inspections were completed since the last update, eleven passed while five failed. Lack of GFCI protection and privacy locks were the primary reasons for the failures. Four residential Certificates of Occupancy were issued since the last update. A total of 540 Certificates of Occupancies have been issued since inception of the Single-Family Rental Registration Program.
- Since the start of active lien collection, \$277,045.51 has been collected. \$2,699.42 was collected since the last update.

Street Division

- Street Division Crews continued removal and reconfiguration of the median on S. Main St. at Daniieldale Rd. The new configuration will facilitate left turns onto and from Shady Trail.
- Viking Construction continued FY21 micro-surfacing of selected streets. Micro-surfacing is applied to help preserve and protect the underlying pavement structure and provide a new driving surface.

Utilities Division

- Water usage was 29.27 MG this reporting period, May 3-9, 2021, up from 28.11 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Saturday, May 8, 2021, when 4.57 MG was used. There were .21 inches of precipitation this reporting period.
- There was one (1) water service line repaired and one (1) hydrant replaced.
- There were sixty-six (66) valves exercised and five (5) hydrants flushed.
- Crews responded to two (2) sewer calls.
- The Solid Waste Department received three (3) trash complaints, two (2) bulk complaints, and one (1) call regarding Republic's Call Center. Staff fielded four (4) calls inquiring about bulk/brush/trash collection schedules.

Planning Division

- Planning is preparing a development guide (applications, forms, and checklists) tailored to the Department based on ongoing discussions amongst the various divisions/departments of the City. The purpose of a Development Guide is to provide general guidance through the land development process in the City of Duncanville. While it is not intended to provide every requirement or technical detail of each phase of land development, the guide is intended to assist our potential applicants through the required processes associated with their proposed development project so they know what to expect as they work with city development staff towards completing a project successfully and in full compliance with the City's relative standards and regulations. In the coming weeks, Planning staff will start circulating the guide to the associated divisions for feedback for final design, format, and content.
- At the May 18th City Council meeting, staff will be proposing changes to the Master Fee Schedule as it relates to a new fee item for residential accessory uses that require approval of a Specific Use Permit.
- Staff is anticipating the following projects to be considered at the May 24th Planning & Zoning meeting:
 - SUP request to allow for the use of Drive-Thru at 103 N. Cedar Ridge Dr.
 - SUP request to allow for the use of Auto Repair and Services (Major), at 703 Big Stone Gap Road.
 - SUP request to allow for the use of Bus and Truck Storage and Rental at 617 E. Hwy 67.
 - Residential Replat request at 906 & 910 Wren Circle.
 - Final Plat request at 507 Hustead.
 - Replat request for 810 Mercury Avenue.
- Staff is working with applicants on the following projects which are anticipated to move forward to the Planning & Zoning Commission in June:
 - Planned Development request for an Event Center with modified standards at the Victory House Church located at 515 W. Center Street.
 - Specific Use Permit request to allow the use of Drive-thru associated with a proposed pharmacy and restaurant located at 102 E. Daniieldale Road (corner of Daniieldale Rd. and Main St.).

CIP Construction

- Meadowcreek Drainage Improvements – KEC is installing the wall footing.
- FY21 Pipe Bursting – Vortex completed the sewer service, serving the Kroger gas station. They are now pipebursting the main sewer serving the Cedar Hill 1700 Block.
- Madrid-Granada Alley Improvements – CCGMG is completing the punch list items. The alley has been reopened to residential traffic and trash collection and residents were notified via a letter.
- Green Tree Ln Water & Wastewater Improvements – FM Utilities completed the tie-in at Crescent Ln and began installing the 8-inch PVC water main.



- E. Daniieldale Rd. Reconstruction & Utility Improvements (Main St. to US-67)
 - Pavecon has installed the 42-inch Storm Drain up to the edge of the left eastbound lane. They also installed the 8-inch water main lowering under the 60inch Storm Drain and will be performing the tie-in to the existing 8-inch water main later this week. The AT&T conflict has been resolved. The 8-inch wastewater main and 60-inch storm profiles were revised so that they can be installed over the AT&T line.



- The Danieldale Tank Project – Construction will commence in early May 2021. City Staff is currently preparing South Tank for rehab. North Tank rehab work will commence after South Tank is completed.
- I-20 Service Rd project - Fluor and TxDOT are currently working on punch list items; they are scheduled to complete the project by the end of May.

Fire Department

The Department currently has two vacancies. An interview was conducted with the final candidate on April 21st with the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. We offered conditional employment to the candidate after the interview. The candidate has successfully completed the medical, polygraph, and the psychological exams. The Department has scheduled the candidate a start date of May 24, 2021. Mrs. Freeman is in the process of scheduling another civil service exam to develop a new Civil Service Eligibility list.

Finance

This week, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) program, which provides \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible governments. The City of Duncanville is estimated (on a per capita basis) to receive up to \$8.45 million of this funding. The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to support pandemic response efforts; address negative economic impacts to the community; replace lost public sector revenues; provide premium pay for essential workers; and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. The City of Duncanville falls in the category of non-metropolitan local governments (less than 50,000 population) whose CSLFRF funding will be passed through the State. The U.S.

Treasury expects to provide further guidance on the distribution process to non-metropolitan local governments next week.

Library

Librarian Hannah Olsen will be acting Library Director during Library Director Julio Velasquez's absence. Julio will be out of the office on extended medical leave.

Library Technician Vickie Glass is attending the Texas Volunteer Management Conference (taking place virtually).

The Friends of the Library book sale has returned! It is located in the Library lobby. DVDs and hardback books are \$1, paperbacks are 50 cents, and children's books are 25 cents. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

The Read It Again kits and STEM kits are in circulation again! We have a new display that shows you what kits we have available, with containers that list the contents. This makes it much easier to browse the kits and decide which one to check out.

Police Department

PERSONNEL

Three police officers were sworn in Friday, May 7th. See the photo below capturing a career accomplishment for each of them:



From L to R: Officer Jai Johnson, Interim Chief LiVigni, Officer Jessica Picou and Officer Anai Figueroa

Two police cadets are currently in training at the NCTCOG and are set to graduate in June. Two police cadets were hired on Wednesday, April 28th and began training at NCTCOG on Monday, May 3rd. The department currently has one vacant police officer position. The civil service list is active until October 13th or until it is exhausted.



Traffic Officers Ben Shipman and Ben Luna

Officers Shipman and Luna participated in their annual motorcycle safety training in Grand Prairie with motorcycle officers from agencies across the metroplex. Officer Shipman stood out in the motorcycle "rodeo" skills competition at the end of the event by placing third of about twenty in the novice (new) motor officer category.

COMMUNITY CORNER

A group photo of police officers in blue uniforms standing in front of a white van. Overlaid on the bottom left is the logo for the City of Duncanville Citizen Police Academy, which features a scale of justice and a torch. To the right of the logo is the text: "Learn about the Duncanville Police Department", "APPLY TODAY" in large yellow letters, and "Classes Start August 24th" in blue letters.

We are currently taking applications for the Duncanville Police Department's 60th Citizen Police Academy! This session will begin August 24, 2021. In 1991, the Duncanville Police Department was one of the first agencies within the State of Texas to offer such a forum for citizens to learn about their police department; how they operate and why they operate in a manner that may not be obvious to most, and much more.

The Department will hold its 60th Citizen Police Academy beginning August 24th. This is a 11-week commitment, each Tuesday night from 7 pm – 10 pm. Attendees will be exposed to topics such as:

- Patrol Techniques
- SWAT Operations
- Criminal Investigations
- Traffic Enforcement/Investigation
- Distracted Driving

Applicants must live or work in Duncanville, be at least 21 years of age, and must fill out an application to attend. Applications are available at the Duncanville Police Station Lobby or on-line at <https://www.duncanville.com/departments/police/crime-prevention/citizen-police-academy/>.

COVID-19

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

Parks Department

Parks:

- The Parks Maintenance crew continues to work on trail clearance, pruning along Waterview Park Trail.
- The trail, which crosswalks on S. Peach St in Lion's Park and James Collins Blvd in Armstrong Park, were restriped to help protect our citizens as they exercise in our parks.
- The damaged/dead plant materials are still being replaced around town prioritizing city facilities and then focusing on parks.



From left: Pruning along Waterview Park trail; Trail crosswalk at James Collins Blvd.

Fieldhouse:

- Working with Purchasing Manager Sheila Baker to finalize the Blue Gym & Suites RFP. Sheila asked for our client list, it has been submitted.
- Sala Air has repaired the AC fan motor.
- 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.
- Agreed to host the Knights of Columbus General Membership meeting in June & July
- Upcoming Events:
 - Dallas Mustangs Basketball Tournament – Sat. 8:00a - 9:00p Sun. 8:00a - 3:00p (6 courts)
 - Masters Basketball Pro Am Basketball League – Sun. 5:00p - 9:30p (3 courts)

Senior Center:

- The Senior Center continues to provide curbside meal pick up and deliveries.
- Wellness calls continue and are being placed throughout the week.
- Last week, chips and salsa were handed out on Wednesday for Cinco de Mayo and pudding cups were handed out on Friday for Mother's Day. Our seniors enjoyed celebrating both events.



Curbside meals at D.L. Hopkins Jr. Senior Center

Recreation Center:

- Staff continues to routinely sanitize the facility and equipment.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Movies in the Park (Frozen II) – Saturday, May 15, 2021
 - Memorial Day Ceremony – Monday, May 31, 2021
 - Country Concert in the Park – Saturday, June 5, 2021



Upcoming Events Flyers

Economic Development

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- Meeting with Bryan Kaeser, owner of Mudhook Brands, LLC, about new ventures
- Meeting with Mr. John Wilkins, owner of Alla's Historical Bed and Breakfast, Spa, and Cabana, about problem resolution

- Discussed properties at 402 E. Wheatland Rd. and 730 E. IH-20 with dba Real Estate
- Worked on currently owned properties by the City and the DCEDC in preparation for the City Council Meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Certificate of Occupancy – Applications Received – WEEKLY (EDC)

- Motasem Shehadeh: 103 W. Danieldale Rd. (Quick State Inspection, LLC – auto/vehicle state inspection...zoning map shows this SUP, change of ownership occurred in 2016)
- 360 Nutrition: 448 E. Hwy 67 (sale of supplements, protein shakes, and snacks)
- Shatava Dyer: 1314 Main St., Suite #300 (Galore Beauty Spa and Boutique – facials, eyelashes, teeth whitening, body wraps, waxing)
- Darryl Wilson: 1206 S. Main St. (exotic pets, high end pet food supplies)
- So Pretty Creations: 442 E. Hwy 67, Suite #442 (customized t-shirts and other merchandise supplies, i.e., vinyl, t-shirts, heat presses, cri-cut machines, craft supplies)
- Danequa Stafford: 719 S. Cockrell Hill Rd., Suite #104 (Polish'D – nail salon)

Certificate of Occupancy – Certificates Issued – WEEKLY (EDC)

- DuoDiva Salon Suites: 214 S. Main St., Suite #103 (hair salon and retail (hair extensions and wigs))

Public Information Office



Wednesday, May 12, 2021

[Tamika Catchings Is Taking Her 'Superpower' to the Hall of Fame](#)

The New York Times

Tamika, he says now, “took it to a whole different level. ... She won her second state title, at Duncanville High School, near Dallas, in 1996-97, a tribute ...

[Johnson County area-round baseball playoff pairings](#)

Cleburne Times-Review

Melissa (20-11-1), best-of-3 series at Duncanville High School: game 1, 7 p.m. Friday; game 2, 11 a.m. Saturday; game 3, if needed, to follow game 2.

 [Wade Taylor set for final high school game, already getting to know new A&M teammates](#)

247Sports

Team Dallas went on to win 98-92 as Taylor took home co-MVP honors along with Duncanville's Juan Reyna. Taylor will close out his time in high ...

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

 [Duncanville Seniors Receive Prestigious National Honors](#)

Focusdailynews

During her high school career, Lesleigh was Youth and Government vice president, vice president of Student Council and secretary for the National ...

 [Alvarado scores 31 runs in 2-game sweep of Dallas Carter](#)


Cleburne Times-Review

Now Alvarado (15-12) is set to face Melissa (20-11-1) in the Class 4A area playoffs in a best-of-3 series at Duncanville High School. Game 1 is ...

Monday, May 10, 2021

No coverage

Sunday, May 9, 2021

 [Running back Malachi Medlock from Texas powerhouse is first CSU football commit in 2022 class](#)

The Coloradoan

Malachi Medlock, No. 27 shown playing for Permian in 2019, now attends Duncanville. A running back who has played for and produced big numbers ...

 [USC Gets Aggressive with Recruiting as Dead Period Expires June 1](#)

Sports Illustrated

Freshman, Ka'Davion Dotson, safety from Duncanville High School in Duncanville, Texas, received his first college offer from the USC Trojans.

 [College and HS baseball/softball scores and schedule](#)

The Killeen Daily Herald

Records — UMHB 22-17; Concordia 20-13. HIGH SCHOOL. UIL Playoffs. BI-DISTRICT. Class 6A. Belton vs. Duncanville. Game 1: Belton 8, Duncanville ...

 [Tigers blank Duncanville in series opener, stretch win streak to 11](#)

The Killeen Daily Herald

Game 2 is slated for 1 p.m. today in Duncanville with Game 3, if necessary, to follow 30 minutes after. Sachse or Tyler Legacy await in the area round.

Saturday, May 8, 2021

 [Duncanville Police Respond To Major Motorcycle Accident With Fatality](#)

Focusdailynews

On May 7, 2021 at approximately 4:14 PM Duncanville Police Officers were dispatched to a major accident at the intersection of W. Wheatland Rd. and ...

 [Trackdown: Help find Damien Martinez's killers](#)

FOX 4 Dallas

What police believe started as a road rage incident ended with the 18-year-old losing his life in the 600 block of East Red Bird Lane in Duncanville.

 [Omari Abor: Explosiveness, powerful hands make 5-star Ohio State must-get](#)

Lettermen Row

240-pound defensive end from Duncanville (Texas) spends his game days playing against many of the country's best high school teams. That doesn't ...

 [Belton stays red-hot: Tigers blank Duncanville in series opener, stretch win streak to 11](#)

Temple Daily Telegram

Belton's Ben Jones slides home safely as Duncanville's Jose Zaragoza waits for the ball during the Tigers' 8-0 victory Friday night. Ray Swindle/Special ...

 [Central Texas Girls All-District Soccer Teams](#)

Waco Tribune-Herald

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER. Central Texas Girls All-District Teams. DISTRICT 11-6A. MVP: Camryn Lancaster, Mansfield Lake Ridge, ...

Friday, May 7, 2021

 [Texas offers 4-star OT Cameron Williams](#)


Burnt Orange Nation

Texas has extended an offer to Duncanville (TX) four star offensive tackle Cameron Williams this evening. Williams is the 33rd ranked offensive tackle ...

 [Four-star Duncanville offensive tackle picks up offer from Texas](#)

Longhorns Wire

Cameron Williams is the latest highly sought-after offensive tackle to come out of Duncanville High School. Some of the best programs in the country ...

 [Incoming Kansas Jayhawks men's basketball power forward earns All-America distinction](#)

Kansas City Star

A native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Curry chose KU over Texas A&M, Maryland, Mississippi, Seton Hall and ... Recruiting analyst Justin Young of hoopseen.com watched Walter play at a recent AAU tournament in Duncanville, Texas.

 [Huge summer on deck for Larry Johnson as Buckeyes battle for top linemen](#)

Lettermen Row

Joining Ohio State on the list: Alabama, Clemson, Georgia, Miami, Texas A&M, ... Clemson, Texas A&M, Florida and others are in the mix, too. ... That would be Duncanville (Texas) 5-star Omari Abor and Chaminade-Madonna Prep ...

Thursday, May 6, 2021

 [Meet Agustin Garcia, Duncanville's New Economic Developer](#)


NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth

Duncanville's new Economic Developer Agustin (Gus) Garcia is returning to his roots. As a young student, he attended Acton Elementary ...

 [Dallas County reported five COVID related deaths, 170 new cases today, Tuesday](#)

Sachse News

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

 [Texas city withdraws petition to take property from church, ends eminent domain legal battle](#)

Christian Post

In the Dallas suburbs, the city of Duncanville garnered headlines last year when it filed a petition to seize a vacant lot owned by Canaan Baptist Church.

 [Celebrating the 2020-2021 Duncanville ISD Campus Teachers of the Year](#)

Focusdailynews

From Duncanville High School Jesse Cannon, Christina Clark, Lakelia Jones and Karen McQuaid. A shoutout is in order for Lori Rhodes from PACE ...

 [Best Southwest High Schools Nominated for DSM Awards](#)

Focusdailynews

Duncanville High School. Evan Lee, a Duncanville HS student, was awarded Special Recognition for Outstanding Performance in “Dreamgirls.” ...

 [Auburn DB Chris Thompson Jr. enters NCAA transfer portal](#)

247Sports

A four-star recruit out of Duncanville (Texas) High, Thompson chose to play for Auburn over the likes of Ohio State, Texas, USC and Alabama, among ...

 [Auburn football: Thompson marks fourth transfer portal entry since Friday](#)

Fly War Eagle

According to Justin Ferguson, Thompson played second-team at safety throughout spring practices. Despite being a native of Duncanville, Texas, ...

 [Auburn safety enters NCAA transfer portal](#)

Auburn Wire

A four-star recruit out of Duncanville, Texas. Thompson appeared in six games last season as a true freshman, making eight total tackles (two solo).

 [Four-star Duncanville offensive tackle picks up offer from Texas](#)

Longhorns Wire

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