

CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

September 28, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 29th – Virtual Capital Connect – presented by Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce
- October 3rd- “Quiztoberfest” Trivia at Loco Meaux
- **October 8th- Regular City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.**
- October 10th – Movie Night at the Texan –Ghostbusters
- October 17th – Downtown Kilgore Vintage Market
- October 31st – Downtown Kilgore Trick or Treat
- Tuesdays and Thursdays – 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – COVID testing at Kilgore ER Parking area

PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- Striping of various streets in the City has begun and will continue once weather permits. A major street still to be striped is all of Kilgore St. including a layout improvement at Campbell St. (near East Texas Hardware).
- The Dog Park parking lot and trail surrounding it is underway by the Street’s Construction Crew. The lot and trail will be asphalt and the initial driveway approach will be concrete.
- Entryways on Hwy 42, Hwy 31, and Hwy 259 flower beds have been manicured.
- Meadowbrook event center painting and flooring repairs have begun inside.
- The Chamber of Commerce golf tournament was a success last weekend.
- Air Conditioner Units replaced at SWTP and WWTP.
- Installed a new pump and repaired a broken float at the fountain.
- Installed water line at new dog park.
- Creekside Trail Phase II is now connected to Phase I including the crossing under Dudley Road. The trail from Stone Rd. to Leach St. is approximately 3.1 miles. Additionally, we are expecting that the multi-use field loop and the dog park loops will be completed this week adding an additional 2/3 of a mile. We are still at least a month away from the official grand opening, but the progress is stunning!

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Watchguard on-premise server was installed at KPD. They are ready to begin retrofitting our remaining vehicles with the Watchguard system on Oct 1 in order to make the transition from Mobilevision complete.
- KPD met with KISD Superintendent Dr. Baker regarding SRO operations and legislative considerations.
- On September 15, an SRO Sgt. Assessment Center was conducted with two top candidates.
- On September 16, the annual patrolman evaluation process was conducted.
- Kilgore Football Booster Homecoming Cookout was a success with over 200 Chick-fil-A sandwiches sold!
- KFD is preparing for Fire prevention awareness in the month of October.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Downtown Trick-or-Treat is a go for this year and will be held on Saturday, Oct 31, 2020 from 2-4 p.m. Any business that would like to donate or participate this year can contact Meredith Brown at 903-988-4117 or by email at meredeth.brown@cityofkilgore.com.
- This Saturday, Sept 26th from 5-8 p.m. is the monthly Kilgore Cruise Night in Historic Downtown Kilgore. Cars, trucks, bikes, hot rods, and classic cars will be in attendance plus door prizes.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- All three new Planning and Zoning Board members will take the Oath of Office at the October Planning and Zoning Board meeting. They all have received a short orientation.
- Demolition has been completed on the building at the corner of Commerce and Woodlawn.
- Final mowing and cleaning of King's Trailer Park has been scheduled for upcoming week.

LIBRARY

- There was a great turnout for the grand opening/ribbon cutting of Friendship Playground. Video [link](#). News article [link](#).
- The local Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter furnished a display for Constitution Week.
- The Library is also doing their best to promote voting in this year's November 3rd election.

Highlight of the Week- City of Kilgore launches Comprehensive Plan Virtual Open House and we need your help!

Normally at the end of a comprehensive planning process, the plan is reviewed and vetted through one or more public meetings with the goal of determining how well the plan represents the vision of the community for the future. This feedback is critical to ensuring the accuracy and credibility of the plan, but is nearly impossible to collect currently due to COVID -19 considerations.

As a result, City staff got creative and developed a cutting edge survey instrument that uses videos and excerpts from the plan to allow all Kilgore residents the opportunity to participate and provide feedback from the comfort of their computer or smart phone.

As an incentive for taking the 15 minute survey, the City's Planning Department is sponsoring a drawing that will award three lucky respondents a \$100 credit on their City of Kilgore Utility Bill. The survey will go live on Friday, September 25th and will be open for two weeks.

The survey link is available at www.CityofKilgore.com , on the City's Facebook page, or you can [CLICK HERE](#). Questions about the survey should be directed to the City's Planning Director, Carol Windham at Carol.Windham@CityofKilgore.com .

Library Displays

