

CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

October 16, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 17th – Ribbon cutting of Trails Phase II and new Dog Bark.
- October 17th – Downtown Kilgore Vintage Market 9 a.m – 5 p.m.
- October 24th – Pumpkin Run 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- October 24th – Pumpkin Carving and Pumpkin Glow – 6 p.m.
- **October 27th – Regular City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.**
- October 28th – St Luke's Trunk or Treat 6 p.m.
- October 31st – Downtown Kilgore Trick or Treat 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays – 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – COVID testing at Kilgore ER Parking area

PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- All air filters have been changed in City owned facilities.
- Removed old AC unit from Laird Hill pump station and installed a new portable unit.
- Replaced a fan motor and blade housing on an AC in dispatch.
- Installed water heaters in trade shops in the city yard.
- Final touches of the trails were completed with the installation of signs, benches, and trash cans.
- Equipment Services has been migrated over to Cityworks for work order management.
- Emergency sewer repairs on Houston Street have started and are expected to be complete next week.
- North Street elevated storage tank was drained and refilled to alleviate low chlorine conditions in the area. The cause is under investigation but it is suspected to be a series of closed or failing valves.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- In just the last month, the Fire Department has run more than 70 calls. These calls range from lift assists to structure fires. This is more than twice the amount of calls we were responding to at the beginning of the summer. This tells us that people are now more comfortable with calling for help from the FD and they are starting to get back on the roads living life. This is bittersweet, but a sign that the fire service is returning to normal operations.
- KPD has a new Volunteer assisting us in our Volunteer in Police Services Program. Paul Ufford retired from police work in Oregon and moved to Texas with his wife. Due to his previous experience, he is assisting us in many different roles throughout the department.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Main Street merchants are hosting the "Downtown Vintage Market" this Saturday, October 17th from 9am-5pm. Our downtown shops and restaurants will be open as well as numerous vendors set up outdoors for additional shopping enjoyment.
- The Ribbon Cutting for the Trails Phase II, Mountain Bike Trail, and the new Meadowbrook Dog Bark will be held at the Dudley Road trailhead on October 17th at 10am.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- Asbestos abatement has been completed at the Pool House.
- Justin Windham passed the state exam to become a Registered Sanitarian.
- The new Planning and Zoning Board members will take their oath next week at the P&Z Meeting. The new members are Dana Pearce, Craig Adams, and Steven Ramo.
- Development Services and Main Street will be holding a Realtors Breakfast on Friday, October 30th at 9am. All Local realtors are invited to attend. The topic of discussion is “Educating your clients on buying and developing in the city limits of Kilgore.” Any realtor who would like to attend should RSVP to carol.windham@cityofkilgore.com.

LIBRARY

- [Pumpkin Hunt](#) starts this week at the Kilgore Library! Pumpkin Hunt [form](#).
- [The Sidewalk Obstacle Course](#) is up at the Kilgore Library as well!