

# CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

February 12, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 13<sup>th</sup> - Bluegrass and Bluebell at Kilgore Mercantile 4pm-9pm
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentines Date Night at the Texan Theater 6pm
- February 18<sup>th</sup> – Chamber’s Morning Brew at Euphoria Botanicals, 222 E. Main St at 8am
- February 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – East Texas Coalition in Austin
- **February 23<sup>rd</sup> – City Council Workshop**

## PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- The Streets and Drainage and Collection and Distribution crews completed a 16 hour Work Zone Traffic Control and Qualified Flagger training which will certify them for 3 years.
- Fencing was moved to accommodate a storage building and a 10 foot wide gate was installed to allow access behind the adjacent field at the Whataburger Sports Complex.
- Four dead trees were removed on the walking trail.
- Leveling of the ground is near completion on the east side of the multi-use fields.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

- Fire Station #3 on Stone Rd. is now opened and ready to be toured if anyone is interested.
- Two Police Detectives recently attended new investigator training.
- The Police Dept posted dates for a Police Officer Selection Test to address recent vacancies in the PD Operations Unit. The test will be administered next month.
- We are excited to welcome a new volunteer to the PD, Christie McDowell. She brings a host of skills and specialized experience to assist in various areas of importance within the PD. She was formerly employed by the Smith County Sheriff’s Office.
- Chief Hunter presented the traffic contact report as requested by state law. The report was authored by Dr. Alex del Carmen’s analytical firm. The analysis provided proof the department is meeting or exceeding state regulations regarding racial profiling laws.
- The PD was officially presented re-recognition status by Texas Police Chiefs Association Recognition Program Director Max Westbrook.

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- The requested zoning change for the property located at Brook Dr. and Henderson Blvd. S. was presented at the Feb 9<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting and has been postponed until March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to have more discussion and vote on the request.
- On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Kilgore City Hall there will be a joint public hearing with the Planning and Zoning Board and the Kilgore City Council to hear comments in regards to the Kilgore Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Master Plan, and Thoroughfare Master Plan.
- The Planning and Zoning Board will hold their regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to discuss two zone change requests.
- Quick Visit Urgent Care, 1016 N Kilgore St, is scheduled to open February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Restaurant inspections are ongoing. Reminders for health permit expiration date of 3/31/2021 are being mailed out.

**LIBRARY**

- The Library has had so much fun seeing our little friends complete their Wizardry School challenges. See pictures below for Love Potion and Magical Creature making.
- We have made a package of 4 snow day activities for parents and kids to help get them through this very cold weekend.



