

# CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

April 16, 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday – Every Tuesday in April and May 11-30am-1:00pm at the World's Richest Acre
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Remote Control Car Drag Race at Harris Street Park 10am-3pm
- **April 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Early Voting at Kilgore City Hall**
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Kilgore Cruise Night Downtown – 5pm-8pm
- April 29<sup>th</sup> – Kilgore Area Chamber Pink Ladies Women in Business Event – Texan Theater 6pm-8:30pm
- **May 1<sup>st</sup> – Election Day**

## ADMINISTRATION

- Early Voting begins at Kilgore City Hall Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and continues through April 27<sup>th</sup> (not including the weekend). May 1<sup>st</sup> is Election Day.
- Final inspection and tests were completed for the fire alarm system and sprinklers at the Texan. No more fire watch will be needed for events!

## PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- Shredding of the Green Waste site has been completed by the outside contractor.
- Parks is working on forming cart path extensions at Meadowbrook Golf and Event Center.
- SWTP improvements are 50% complete. The new caustic tank has been installed.
- The Contractor has mobilized to Industrial Blvd. for utility improvements.
- Mowing is in full swing. The dead bushes have been removed downtown and plantings are being scheduled.
- This was the first month of single month utility billing. A misprint on the bill created some confusion regarding the due date, but our customer service reps are clarifying for our citizens. The due date is the end of the month.
- We have issued over \$5,000 in winter storm leak forgiveness credits.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

- Interim Rescue Chief Ryan Riley has officially taken over the Rescue Chief's position. We all have complete confidence that Chief Riley will do a fantastic job leading us through this transition!
- The Fire Department will be hosting a new hire test May 24<sup>th</sup> to attempt to fill our last 3 open positions. This test will be for part-time and full-time employees.
- KPD and Fire participated in the recent youth bike rodeo which was held at the trail system. KPD staff operated a fingerprint station that was set up to take children's fingerprints for their parents.
- A Detective assisted UT Tyler Criminal Justice program with an interactive mock crime scene for students.
- Several staff members attended the annual Chief's Conference in Fort Worth. During the annual awards banquet, KPD was recognized for its second successful Re-Recognition in the Texas Recognition Program. We've been recognized in this accreditation program since 2013.
- KPD held an assessment center for the Corporals promotion. Their process consisted of a written resume, written test, and an Assessment Board made up of staff from similar-sized agencies. We had three applicants pass. Promotions will occur at a date and time to be announced.
- Over 6 methamphetamine arrests have occurred over the last few weeks. One bust resulted in the seizure of 80 grams on one individual.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

- Staff has received several applications for the part-time Special Event Coordinator position. The City of Kilgore is still accepting applications. Visit [www.cityofkilgore.com](http://www.cityofkilgore.com) for a job description and application to apply. Interviews will begin in a couple of weeks.
- Tuesday continues every Tuesday in April and May at the World's Richest Acre 11:30-1 p.m. Next week will feature Josh Mandreger. For a full list of concerts visit [www.kilgoremaintstreet.com](http://www.kilgoremaintstreet.com).

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- New addresses for all of the Creekside Trailheads have been assigned.
- Staff has received a final copy of the Comp Plan to review before final printing.
- Freese and Nichols has begun a review of the Development Code and Staff will receive a summary outlining necessary changes to the code.
- Permit has been issued for the new Dollar General Store on Stone Rd.
- Utzman St. curb and gutter has been repaired by the contractor and the final CO has been issued for 1016 N. Kilgore. St – Quick Visit Urgent Care

## LIBRARY

- Summer Reading Program starts May 17<sup>th</sup>. (Flyer attached)
- The Library's Children's Hobby Fair had over 30 entries.



