

CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

May 27, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 31st – Memorial Day Ceremony- Harris Street Park at 9 a.m.
- **June 8th – Regular City Meeting and City Council Workshop**
- June 12th – Super Hero Run at the Texan Theater
- **June 22nd – Regular City Council Meeting**
- July 4th – Fireworks Extravaganza at City Park

PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- The Lazy Splash Ranch (Splash Pad) is now open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. for summer operating hours.
- Streets & Drainage has completed the milling of Main Street. This now allows Public Works to finalize the utility work planning and overall project design.
- With all of the recent rain, potholes have been showing up more often. Residents are asked to help us by reporting potholes they come across using the MyKilgore App.
- We have been investigating several drainage issues over the last two weeks with the rains. We have worked with businesses on Pine Burr, Kilgore College, and Victory Funeral Home to identify causes and solutions.
- We have completed the waterline replacement on Bagwell, replacing a 70 year old 2-inch line.
- Wastewater Treatment Plan flows have been high with the rains.
- The Surface Water Treatment Plant has begun preparations for startup in 2 weeks for summer operations.
- There is a culvert failure on Bates Street that will require a full reconstruction of this section of road. We are currently evaluating options for repair, and will likely require a budget amendment to fund the project.
- The Pool House Renovation project has delayed the opening of the pool by at least two weeks this year. The project gutted the building and reconfigures the entire facility adding a room for party rentals, ADA showers and restrooms, and an updated concessions area. The delay was primarily due to the availability of materials and labor. The pool will open mid-June, but the Grand Reopening of the Pool House will take place in July and will be celebrated with a movie at the pool!

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Kilgore Fire Department assisted in loading displaced patients from area nursing homes due to last year's hurricane. Most patients were returning to their homes in the Lake Charles, LA area.
- The Fire Department is holding our new hire test to fill 3 positions. The written portion and physical agility should be completed by Friday, May 28th, and next will be the process of background checks and peer reviews.
- MADD hosted its annual awards in East Texas. The MADD award for Education (relating to providing education to juveniles and parents) was awarded to Officer Patricia Davis for all her efforts and actions for KBAD.
- After much work by Investigator Angela Burch, the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum will be adding KPD's fallen Officer, John Carter Scroggins, to the remembrance wall in Washington. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the wall which holds the names of 22,600 valiant men and women dating back to the first recorded loss in 1786. In 1937, Officer Scroggins was directing traffic at a scene and was struck by a drunk driver who fled the scene but was later arrested and charged.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Kilgore Main Street has received Main Street America Accredited status for the year 2021. This is the highest honor that is received from Main Street America.
- There will be one last Tunesday this next Tuesday, June 1st at 11:30 featuring The Kirby's downtown at the World's Richest Acre.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- The Kilgore Community Development Corporation will hold a meeting on Friday, June 4th 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. to discuss the sale of lots in the Remington North Subdivision which has been seeing an uptick in activity.
- Cross-training continues as Animal Control Officer has taken a course on Vector Control as he prepares for an upcoming pesticide applicators test.
- Permit office has issued 11 trade permits, 1 sign permit, 1 commercial building permit, and 1 fire suppression permit.

LIBRARY

- The Library has had over 350 readers registered for our Summer Reading program. Early registration ends Friday. Readers may begin logging minutes and books June 7th.
- Fun Day in the Park sponsored by Citizens Bank is Tuesday, June 8th at 10 a.m. at City Park.
- Tales & Cocktails is Tuesday, June 8th at the Back Porch Stage on Broadway from 6-8 p.m.