

CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

July 2, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 1st – Beginning of the Texas Shakespeare Festival
- **4th of July Extravaganza at Kilgore City Park -5p.m.**
- July 5th – City Offices Closed in observance of Independence Day
- July 5th – KYSA first games of the summer season kick off at 6:15 at SH 135
- July 9th-13th – Texas AAA Youth Baseball Tournament at Whataburger Sports Complex
- July 10th – Kilgore At Walk Downtown – 4pm-8pm
- July 12th- 16th – Reel East Texas Film Festival Youth Camp
- July 27th – Regular City Council Meeting

PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- Roger Hulse, the City's brush truck driver, has retired after 24 years of service.
- Ross Street has been milled and the milling machine returned.
- The Streets and Drainage Crew has completed additional road cleanup from the asphalt milling Main Street.
- High water was damaging our creek crossings on the trail and crews have installed sheet pilings.
- Building Maintenance has gotten facilities at City Park in tip-top shape for the Fourth of July.
- Chlorination booster pump was replaced at groundwater treatment plant by staff.
- Operations have begun at the Surface Water Treatment Plant for the summer peaks.
- Water line was relocated at 42 and Kilgore St after Chik-Fil-A's sewer line extension was completed.
- Our Collection and Distribution Crews are completing water line replacements on Bagwell and Hwy 259.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Fire Department completed live fire training this week in coordination with the Kilgore Fire Academy. This is valuable training for our new recruits and current Firefighters.
- The Fire Department assisted in moving the appliances and furniture back into the newly renovated pool house. I think everyone is excited to see the pool back open.
- Informational programs were given to the Lions Club and Rotary by KPD Administrative Staff.
- KPD held their Corporal Promotional Ceremony in which three officers were promoted. The process included a written test that covered a leadership book and law/policy-related material. Following the test, they sat before a peer review.
- School Resource Officer Patrica Davis and KBAD (Kilgore Bulldogs Against Drugs) were recognized and presented the Advocacy Award by Texas Youth Action Network.
- The SRO's hosted a Kilgore Bulldog Against Drugs incentive event at 4 Star Cinema. KBAD members were treated to a free movie.
- KPD received the Chamber's STAR award at its annual banquet. This award is given for Success, Tradition, Achievements, and Relationships.
- The Kilgore Firefighters assisted with moving equipment and furniture from the Hospital back into the Pool House. We were excited to help in the Grand Re-opening of the renovated Pool.
- A criminal investigation of an Indecent Assault at Luxury Nail and Spa revealed the suspect was a registered sex offender out of Tyler. Following a public news release, we have many victims coming forward.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Taylor Owings has started her position as the part-time Special Events Coordinator.
- The Main Street Advisory board will resume monthly meetings on July 20, 2021.
- The July 4th Fireworks Extravaganza at Kilgore City Park is this weekend! Live Entertainment, Food Trucks, Splash Pad and Pool are free all day, and a Fireworks Display. Everything starts at 5 with Fireworks beginning at dark.
- KYSA – Kilgore Youth Softball Association will kick off their summer season on Monday July 5th. There are 13 teams signed up and the facility is looking great!

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- The Kilgore Community Development Corporation has recently sold another lot in the Remington North subdivision for construction of a new single-family home. We have been approached by a builder and are exploring options to complete the build out of the subdivision.
- A review of the Development Code has been completed by Freese and Nichols. Staff will meet with them next week and go over all the suggested changes for the code.
- The Planning Department is working on an annexation project that includes a small portion (5 acres) of the youth softball complex on Hwy 135, owned by the City of Kilgore that is outside the city limits.
- The swimming pool opened Saturday, June 26th with 250 + in attendance. Water aerobics classes began with over 20 per class. Swim lessons begin July 5th.
- A search for a new ACO is underway with interviews starting July 2.
- In the month of June we issued a total of 35 permits, 3 Certificate of Occupancy, and 1 Certificate of Business Occupancy.

LIBRARY

- Over 700 people are signed up for the Summer Reading Program.
- Story Time is back 2 times a week – one morning session on Fridays at 9:30am and one late afternoon session on Tuesdays at 4pm.
- The Library will have programming every Tuesday at 10 a.m. during the month of July for kids. Our first event is making a perky parrot craft.