

# CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

May 27, 2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 31<sup>st</sup> - Last Tuesday of the season - 11:30 a.m. at the World's Richest Acre in Downtown Kilgore.
- Every Saturday Kilgore Farmer's Market – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Commerce St. near the Depot.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Kilgore Cruise Night- Downtown 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- May 29<sup>th</sup> – Splash Day at the City Pool – Free entry from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Ceremony at Harris Street Park - 9 a.m.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Majestic Kids Festival – Downtown
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Fun Day at the Park hosted by the Library
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – Free Dive in Movie (Encanto!) 8 p.m. City Pool
- **June 14<sup>th</sup> – Regular City Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m. at Kilgore City Hall**
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Juneteenth Celebration at City Park
- **June 28<sup>th</sup> – Regular City Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m. at Kilgore City Hall**
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Kilgore's 150<sup>th</sup> Fourth of July Extravaganza @ City Park 5:30 p.m.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – Free Dive in Movie (Spider Man – No Way Home) 8 p.m. City Pool

## PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- The Wastewater Treatment Plant bar screen was repaired and put into service after backordered parts arrived.
- The Raw Water Pump Station mixer pump was repaired by operators.
- Collection and Distribution installed six new utility taps.
- Streets and Drainage installed the final scoreboard at the Whataburger Sports Complex.
- Multiple City departments partnered to complete the multi-use field at Dudley just in time for the rains and cooler weather.
- Trees and brush are continuing to be cleaned and picked up after the most recent storms.
- Parks Crew is helping clear the brush and debris off the fences and areas surrounding the pool preparing for opening day.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Kilgore Fire Department and Police Department had the honor of attending the Senior 22 Parade and the First Responders Day at Forest Home Baptist Church Daycare.
- During the Council Meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>, Brandon Miller was recognized for his promotion to Captain and Mason Barrett for his promotion to Driver/Engineer. Congratulations to them both!
- On 5/16 KPD responded to shots fired on Sceyne Street. Officers found an adult Hispanic male at that location who had been shot and showed no signs of life. The investigation is ongoing and proceeding in a positive direction.
- Chief Hunter attended the Rusk County Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony and was the keynote speaker.
- The annual Giants of Law Enforcement banquet was held this last week at Maude Cobb Convention Center. Officer Charles Taylor and Officer Josh Stelly both received awards from MADD for their proactive arrests of DWI drivers. The other awards are as follows: Rookie of the Year- Charles Taylor; Officer of the Year – Brandon Burns; Civilian of the Year – Laura Cullum; Supervisor of the Year – Joey Chitwood; Detective of the Year – Steven Goodson.

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- The City Council approved a zone change request at 3614 Stone Road for the future development of a new style of single story apartment community which is comprised of Duplexes and Triplexes.
- The City Council approved the site plan for the upcoming residential subdivision located on FM 2276.
- Commercial remodel permits have been issued for 108 E Main Street and the E-Z Mart located at 4525 FM 349.
- A total of 31 seasonal positions have been filled for the City Pool. This group of lifeguards and cashiers have been hard at work training and preparing for a great pool season.
- A total of 40 pool parties have been booked and there are still a few openings.

## QUALITY OF LIFE/TOURISM

- The Main Street Advisory Board meeting has been canceled for the month of June.
- The last Tuesday of the season is next Tuesday, May 31, featuring Michael Olson.
- Splash Day (opening day) of the City Pool is Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. with free admission.
- Registration for swimming lessons will begin Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> planning is underway with City Staff. The Fireworks Extravaganza will be on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> with festivities beginning at 5:30 p.m.

## LIBRARY

- Summer Reading started May 26, 2022! This year is going to be the best year to date with loads of great prizes and incentives. You can sign up [here](#).
- A great time was had by all at the Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Britt's Pirate Pub Trivia Night on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. We had about 20 participants join us.
- Kilgore Public Library staff members Kay and Blanca attended the Buckner community resource fair on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and were able to speak to over 80 families about the Summer Reading Program.