

CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

March 3, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 4th – St. Jude and Pack 251 Bike Rodeo Dudley Rd Trailhead 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- [March 4th – Legacy Ball](#)
- March 12th – Daylight Savings Time
- **March 14th – Regular City Council Meeting; Kilgore City Hall, 5:30 p.m.**
- March 25th – Lone Star Lug Nuts Car Show Downtown
- **March 28th – Regular City Council Meeting; Kilgore City Hall, 5:30 p.m.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- City crews are making great progress on the Main Street panel replacements. We are working hard to make sure that all businesses along the route still have access, so keep coming downtown, just use alternate routes if the main route is closed!
- John Wright Construction completed an emergency 400' bore and water line installation to fully repair a bad section of old water main on Dudley Rd under Bighead Creek.
- Our wastewater treatment plant received a perfect score with no deficiencies during our recent state compliance investigation. Our wastewater plant was also selected to participate in a nationwide research study to test for respiratory viruses in our wastewater.
- The air conditioning ducting at the Texan has been replaced.
- Whataburger Fields batting cage netting will be installed this week.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Captain Michael Stanley and Driver James Schulgen will be in Irving Texas this week for bunker gear inspection and cleaning training per NFPA 1851. With new information coming out every day concerning cancer causing carcinogens, this is valuable training discussing what we can do as a department to protect our Firefighters.
- Rescue members Allen Scott and Mallory Cook attended the Livingston Area Fire School on Saturday February 25th. Both members received training in the latest methods of vehicle extrication and vehicle stabilization.
- KPD hired Brandon Upshaw as our newest Officer. Brandon grew up in the Chapel Hill area and played football on their state championship team. He later played for TJC. He worked for Smith County Sheriff's Office for several years before taking a job in the private sector. He still felt his calling was in law enforcement so he chose KPD for his return.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- In the month of March, 52 permits were issued with 10 of those being new single-family homes.
- The City of Kilgore will host Canine Obedience Class at Meadowbrook Event Center. The class will be taught by Animal Control Officer Tom Sawyer. The class begins March 14th at 6 p.m. Please contact 903-988-4120 for more information.
- The City Council approved a zone change request to an apartment district for a new townhome development located at the intersection of Willow Springs Road and Stone Road.
- The new townhome development located at the southwest corner of Stone Road and Danville Road is moving forward. The developer has submitted their plans for infrastructure improvements and they are under review by staff.

QUALITY OF LIFE/TOURISM

- The Main Street Advisory Board adopted the newest version of the 2023 Main Street Strategic Plan at their last meeting.
- Sponsorships for the July 4th celebration are still available. Please contact Taylor Owings for additional information at taylor.owings@cityofkilgore.com.
- Spring is in bloom and so is Kilgore's event season. Visit Kilgore, along with local hotels, attractions, restaurants, retail stores and other local businesses are looking forward to welcoming visitors this year.
- Visit Kilgore is currently running a spring advertising campaign promoting Kilgore, including print, digital, and Visit Kilgore social media platforms. Current print ads include Texas Highways March issue, Texas Highways Spring Events Calendar, and the Texas Monthly Spring Digital Travel Guide that started this week.

LIBRARY

- March 1st – LEGO Club 4-5 p.m.
- March 3rd – Mending Day 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- March 4th – Visit our tent at Boy Scout Bike Rodeo Creekside Trail 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- March 7th – STEM Wind Powered Cars 4-5 p.m.
- March 8th – Book Club for Adults discusses *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* By Christi Lefteri
- March 11th – 19th – Spring Into Reading Challenge on Beanstack
- March 14th – Green Eggs & Ham Caper in partnership with KPD (sign up required)
- March 15th – LEGO Club 4 -5 p.m.
- March 17th – Cat in the Hat Story Time 2:30 p.m.
- The Library had a great turnout for February's Adult Craft – Button Flower Vases