

CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

March 17, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 18th – Annual St. Paddy's Day Block Party – 222 E Main St. 1 p.m.- 7 p.m.
- March 25th – Lone Star Lug Nuts Car Show Downtown
- **March 28th – Regular City Council Meeting; Kilgore City Hall, 5:30 p.m.**
- **April 11th - Regular City Council Meeting; Kilgore City Hall, 5:30 p.m.**
- April 15th – Downtown Farmers Market begins

PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- The Martin Luther King Community Center remodeling will begin on April 3rd.
- True Roads is about 90% through with their sidewalk and curb and gutter portion of the Main Street Project. The City is steadily progressing on the road panel replacement.
- We had an internal transfer fill our final City Mechanic position.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- KPD worked with the Library to create a Dr. Suess themed interactive crime scene, Green Eggs and Ham Caper, experience for kids. It started out with the crime scene, in which the kids learn how to dust for latent prints. Secondly, they moved into another room to look for evidence in a scavenger hunt. The 3rd part of the adventure had them move to a storyboard to piece the "clues" together to figure out the suspect. And last but not least, participants moved to the last room and made an "apprehension" and receive a reward for solving the crime.
- We hosted our quarterly Clergy and Police Alliance meeting with over 35 in attendance. KPD officially received the CAPA donation of the Aardvark Kenetic tool. They had raised nearly 10K to purchase and donate this item to KPD. It was a great way for them to give back and show their support of KPD.
- The February Employee of the Month is part-time jailer, Wade Eadie. He was recognized for being a staff member always looking for ways to serve. He is a calming voice and treats those who find themselves in our jail with respect. He meets our CORE values daily.
- The Fire department and Kilgore Rescue responded to 2 structure fires over the last 2 weeks. One on Sycamore St that was contained to a travel trailer behind a home, and the other on Leach St., that was confined to the kitchen. All crews did a great job in extinguishing the fires to keep them to minimal damage and fire extension.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- The City Council approved a zone change for the property at 3219 Stone Rd. to construct a duplex.
- City Staff is working on setting up a meeting(s) with local development experts and ICCBA Board members to review a new Site Development Ordinance. The group will meet to give input on the proposed ordinance before the final draft is presented to City Council.
- The Planning and Zoning Board Meeting for March has been canceled.
- Special Service Department hosted a Net Health Spanish language food handler's class this was a very popular class with 19 participants.
- The City of Kilgore with help from an ETCOG grant will host a tire take-back day on April 22, 2023, from 9 am to 12 pm. You may take your passenger/truck tires to 2700 E State Highway 31 for disposal free of charge. See attached flyer for details about tires accepted.
- As we continue to grow and learn, Special Services Director, BJ Owen recently attended continuing education with the topic of Mosquitos.

DR SUESS AT THE LIBRARY – GREEN EGGS AND HAM CAPER



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ALLIANCE

