

# CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

May 12, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon - Downtown Farmers Market
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – KISD Orchestra Concert
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Tractor's, Trucks, and Fun
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – 6 p.m. Groundbreaking at Hwy. 135 Youth Sports Complex
- **May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Regular City Council Meeting; 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers**
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – KISD Graduation
- June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> – Mud Bug Golf Tournament
- **June 13<sup>th</sup> – Regular City Council Meeting; 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers**
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Kilgore Legacy Foundation Juneteenth Celebration
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Freedom Fest – 6 p.m. at Kilgore City Park

## PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND PROJECTS

- We completed the grinding of the overly full Green Waste site. The Brush Truck service is running again and we will be catching up over the next month.
- The Lazy Splash Ranch is open for the summer! Hours and information can be seen [here](#).
- The Swimming Pool is being filled with water and the announcement for opening Splash Day will be soon!
- The first phase of the renovation of the Youth Sports Complex begins next week after the Ground Breaking.
- The water treatment plant had its biannual compliance investigations by TCEQ and it was noted that we had no significant violations. The high service pump station is complete and in service. It began pumping water into the distribution system earlier this week.
- Distribution and Collection field crews completed two water line projects. The first was replacement of a 2-inch water line in Reynolds and looping of waterlines. The other was an extension of a fire hydrant and new water service to the Treatment Center. Both of these projects were in response to repeated water quality complaints.
- Crews repaired a 6-inch water main break on Lantrip on Tuesday night.
- Rain has significantly delayed progress on Main Street but crews were able to continue with several other street repairs. Over 160 potholes were repaired on Peavine, Laird, Longview, Greene, Suzanne, Martin, Royal, Mustang, Daisy Way, Broadway, Camp, Looney, Couch, MLK, Boone, Carroll, and Barton. Four large permanent pavement repairs were performed at Leach St, Clay St, Houston St, and Green Hills Dr.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

- Firefighter Kaisee Warren was recognized for 5 years of service with the Fire Department. Thank you Firefighter Warren for your dedication to our department and community.
- The Fire Department and Police Department were honored to be among those in attendance for the Kilgore Middle School Career Day. It is always a great opportunity to connect with young people and explain a little more about what we do in public service.
- Old Paths Tabernacle invited KPD to talk and interact with their Christian School students. They were shown some of our technology and one of our K-9s gave them a demonstration.
- Det. Sims received a written commendation for his actions in a Solicitation of a Minor case. His technological prowess assisted him in finding the suspect in Grand Prairie. Det. Sims worked with the GPPD to secure a search warrant on the home of the suspect. More evidence was uncovered that led to the discovery of additional victims. The case was adopted by the FBI and the suspect has been sentenced.
- KPD hired Shawn Isbel as our newest Officer. Shawn is a tenured officer with experience at the Harrison County Sheriff's Office and the Longview Police Department.

- On 5/29 KPD promoted three staff members following a lengthy promotional process. Officer Jonathan Holland was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Officer Jacob Lira was promoted to the rank of Corporal and Officer Aaron Sosa was promoted to the rank of Corporal.

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- The demolition of 1812 Miles Blvd has been completed.
- A total of 62 permits were issued in the month of April. This included the development of 1000 W. State Hwy 31 for self-storage units and the development of 913 E. Main St. for a new multi-tenant retail strip.
- Procedures are being finalized for a site development permit process which was approved by City Council.
- Closure of an unimproved right-way dedicated at one time for Whipporwill was approved. This brings the Kilgore Community Development Corporation and the City one step closer to the development of Remington Phase IV.
- The Planning and Zoning Meeting for May has been canceled.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

- Visit Kilgore created and placed a 1/3 page print ad in the June Texas Highways Magazine.
- Tractors Trucks and Fun Event, sponsored by Kilgore Main Street, is this weekend, May 13 in Historic Downtown.
- The Kilgore Main Street Board will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 5:30 PM at Kilgore City Hall.

## LIBRARY

- The last day to turn in bookmarks for our Summer Reading Bookmark Contest is Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Carter Blood Drive will be at the Library on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Summer Reading begins on May 26<sup>th</sup> - <http://kilgorelibrary.beanstack.org/>
- Smokey Bear Presentation will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

### CAREER DAY



### KPD PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

