

CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

June 5, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon - Downtown Farmers Market
- June 10th and 11th – Mud Bug Golf Tournament
- **June 13th – Regular City Council Meeting; 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers**
- June 16th – Koo Koo Kanga Roo Concert 7:45 p.m. at City Park
- June 17th – Kilgore Legacy Foundation Juneteenth Celebration
- June 19th – Freedom Fest – 6 p.m. at Kilgore City Park
- June 19th- Juneteenth Holiday, City Offices closed
- June 24th- Dive In Movie at City Pool 8:00 p.m.
- **June 27th – Regular City Council Meeting; 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers**
- June 29th – Texas Shakespeare Festival begins
- July 4th- Fourth of July Extravaganza at City Park 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND PROJECTS

- The Peavine Road rehabilitation preparations are continuing to progress and all three storm water culverts have been replaced across the roadway.
- With the warmer weather, the Surface Water Treatment Plant has been operating daily to supplement our groundwater supply.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony for the High Service Pump Station was held on Thursday, June 1st.
- Cart path repairs at Meadowbrook Golf Course began this week.
- Electrical repairs are being planned for the City Park Amphitheater after the SWEPCO meter was stolen.
- Damaged locks on park restroom doors are being repaired this week.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Fire Department and Rescue responded to a structure fire on the 900 Block of Couch Street. There were no injuries and the fire remains under investigation.
- The Fire Department participated in: The Luau with the residents at The Willows, the Senior Parade, and filling two dunking booths for the Intermediate and Middle School for the end of the year "water days".
- The Kilgore Rescue Unit welcomes new member, Josh Stelly. Josh has numerous certifications in Fire, Rescue, and EMS. He will be a great asset to the Rescue Unit.
- Officer Shawn Isbell was sworn in after completing his pre-service training and has been assigned to the Field Training Program.
- Several KPD staff members were recognized by MADD for their enforcement efforts: Officer Charles Taylor, Officer Cody Kemp, Sgt. Jonathan Holland, and Cpl. Jacob Lira.
- The Centurion Club hosted the 31st Giants of Law Enforcement banquet. The results are as follows: Rookie of the Year, Mateo De La Cruz; Officer of the Year, Aaron Sosa; Supervisor of the Year, Pedro Adame; Investigator of the Year, Joey Johnston; Civilian of the Year, Melissa Murphy.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- The Planning and Zoning Meeting for June has been cancelled.
- Staff is working on completing the application for the site development permit. Once completed, it will be available on the city website and in the City Permits Office.
- The permit office issued 62 permits in the month of May. This included a new commercial warehouse on Warehouse Dr. and 4 new residential homes on Remington Ct.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Sponsorships are still available for the Fourth of July Extravaganza. Contact Taylor Owings at taylor.owings@cityofkilgore.com for more information.
- Dive In Movie will be held at the Kilgore Swimming Pool on Saturday, June 24. The door opens at 8:00 PM. The movie that evening is Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile.
- The Kilgore Main Street Board meeting for the month of June has been canceled.

LIBRARY

- The Library had over 100 attendees to our Smokey Bear Presentation with the Texas Forest Service on Thursday, June 1st.
- The Library has had over 400 registrants for the Summer Reading program and over 50,000 minutes read in our first full week.
- 6/6 - Fun Day at City Park 10 am.
- 6/7 - Lego Club 4 pm.
- 6/8 - Koo Koo Kanga Roo Dance party 4 pm at library (learn all the dance moves before the big concert)

SMOKEY THE BEAR PRESENTATION



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RIBBON CUTTING

