

CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

April 30, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 15th – Tractors, Trucks, and Fun 10am-2pm Downtown Kilgore
- May 15-16th – Creekside Sprint Mountain Bike Race at BigHead Creek MTB Trail – Sunday is race day
- May 16th – 2021 KHS Senior Parade 2pm -4pm Downtown
- May 21st – Kilgore High School Graduation
- May 18th and 25th – Tunes Day at the World's Richest Acre at 11:30 am
- **May 25th – Regular City Council Meeting**
- **June 8th – City Council Workshop**

PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- Street and Drainage have begun milling Main Street from Henderson Blvd to Rusk St. This is a big step in the start to the overall Main Street Improvements Project.
- Parks and Building Maintenance have been working hard to clean up the softball fields on Hwy 135.
- Sewer line extension to Chick-Fil-A is nearing completion.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Kilgore Fire Department's 4 new hires have made it past their 90 day probationary period. This is the time they are asked to step-up and drive, which involves more responsibilities. Congratulations to them all on this first milestone!
- In honor of last week being "National Firefighter Week", the Kilgore Fire Department has responded to a number of calls including several live saving EMS calls, 2 structure fires that were confined to one room due to quick response, many automobile wrecks, and even a boat rescue. This once again shows the vast list of things all of our Frist Responders handle within their job duties. Thank you to the dedicated Firefighters for all of your hard work!
- The MADD Award for Education (relating to providing education to juveniles and parents) was awarded to Officer Pat Davis for all of her efforts and actions within the KBAD program.
- Cade Johnathan "Ryan" Reinert began his career with us this week. He is currently in pre-service training and will be sworn in next week and then assigned to the FTO program. Ryan graduated KHS and joined the Army serving in Afghanistan. Prior to that, he was a lifeguard at the city pool where he was awarded a Life Saving Certificate.
- The March KPD Employee of the month was Brad Greener. He was nominated for his proactive enforcement efforts as well as his ability to maneuver stressful situations with ease. Brad has made several felony arrests for drugs lately as well.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Staff will be interviewing for the part-time Special Events Coordinator position over the next two weeks.
- Tractors, Trucks, and Fun Main Street event will be happening this Saturday, May 15th, 2021 in Historic Downtown Kilgore.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- In regards to the updated Banner and Temporary Sign Ordinance, the deadline for compliance is June 1. Banner Permit Applications can be found online under the [permit section](#).

- There are still lots available for build in the Remington North Residential Subdivision. Information regarding the subdivision can also be found [online](#).
- Code Enforcement found a loaded pistol that had been reported stolen in Mississippi.
- All Restaurant inspections continue.

LIBRARY

- Early registration for the Library's Summer Reading Program starts next week.
- Full time staff did site visits of libraries with master plan architect, Bill Hidell, on Tuesday, May 4th to continue moving forward with the master plan process.
- Summer Reading Flyers have been delivered to West Rusk ISD, Leverett's Chapel ISD, Sabine ISD, and Kilgore ISD to send home to parents/families.
- Kaitlin and Joshah will visit Kilgore High School during lunches next week to get feedback on Teen Services.