

CITY MANAGER'S BIWEEKLY UPDATE

March 11, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 12th – Kilgore Legacy Foundation – Black Tie Gala – 6:30 p.m. @ Devall Ballroom
- March 14th – 18th – KISD Spring Break
- **March 22th – Regular City Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m. at Kilgore City Hall**
- March 26th – Lone Star Lug Nuts Early Bird Car Show – Downtown
- April 2nd – Downtown Farmer's Market begins. This event will be every Saturday through October
- April 2nd – Avalon Faire Renaissance Festival begins
- April 5th - 11:30 – is the first Tunesday at the World's Richest Acre in Downtown Kilgore.
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PUBLIC WORKS AND PROJECTS

- New swings set seats are being installed this week inside the City parks.
- Crews have been busy repairing damage caused by underground utility contractors. The new motto of the field operation crews is "No Pain No Gain" as we work through the growing pains associated with multiple Fiber companies building out Kilgore.
- North Street Tank was proactively drained to maintain water quality
- The Vac-con is temporarily out of service and crews are using contract services for sewer stops.
- Stone Road was overlaid by TXDOT
- The Industrial Drive Utility Improvements is 95% complete and TXDOT's construction project will kick off soon.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- KPD's SRO's Davis and Forbes were on-hand for Freshman Preview at KHS to discuss/promote KBAD (Kilgore Bulldogs Against Drugs) with incoming freshman and their parents. They set up a booth and had 31 incoming freshman sign up as new members. We know kids whose focus is on education and not drugs and alcohol have a much higher percentage of graduation and successful adult lives.
- KPD participated in the KMS job shadow program along with KFD, Kilgore Rescue, and City Hall. There were 16 8th graders that spent the day learning about the various career opportunities within the various city departments (see attached pics). Thanks to Officer Angela Burch for heading this up and making it a great experience for these local students.
- KPD hired a new PT jailer, Wade Eadie, and a PT dispatcher, Brittany Ketchum (From Henderson PD).
- Sworn staff have been attending our spring Defense Tactics course. Our course is a hands-on program that builds confidence for our staff. We try to bring life-like training to the staff so they can better protect themselves and our citizens.
- The Kilgore Fire Department was approved to purchase a new Fire Engine to replace Engine 2. This is a much needed and vital piece moving forward in our 5 year plan.
- The Kilgore Fire and Rescue Departments completed live Fire/Rescue Intervention Team training on March 9th-11th at the Kilgore Fire Academy training field. The Fire Department does this annually as part of our continuing education program. The Fire Department currently does almost three times the amount of CE the Texas Fire Commission requires through formal training, company training, and professional development courses offered by the academy.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- Resolution 20-02 was passed by the City Council on Tuesday evening showing support for the submission of an application to the Texas Commission on the Arts designating the Kilgore Cultural Arts District as a state-certified cultural district.
- Dirt work to build pad sites for ten new homes in Remington North began this week.
- A commercial remodel permit at 98 Midtown Plaza has been issued for a Big Lots retail store.
- A total of 47 building and trade permits were issued for February, including 3 new commercial builds, 2 commercial remodels, and 1 commercial addition.

QUALITY OF LIFE/TOURISM

- Texas Highways and Chet Gardner with the Daytripper shared an [article](#) featuring Kilgore this month. Content included restaurants, museums, and the iconic oil derrick skyline in Historic Downtown Kilgore.
- Visit Kilgore is excited to announce that the spring event season is about to kick off with popular events including Avalon Faire, TunesDay at the Acre, Kilgore College Rangerette Revels, and many more.

LIBRARY

- The Texas State Library Annual Report has been completed and submitted.
- The NASA Ready Set Launch event in partnership with the East Texas Oil Museum was very successful with over 250 attendees.




Kilgore Public Library

SPRING BREAK



PERCY JACKSON
READING CHALLENGE
March 11-20
kilgorelibrary.beanstack.org



NASA@ MY LIBRARY
SPACE TRAVEL
Wed. March 16 | 2-4 PM



DR. SEUSS
STORY TIME
Thurs. March 17 | 4 PM

LIVE FIRE TRAINING



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