

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights January 24 – January 28

The Mission of the Anna City Government is to provide exceptional city services and facilities in a financially responsible and neighbor-focused way through a high performing, professional city team that provides results in adding value to neighbors' lives.

Growing the Anna Economy

- Economic Development staff met with Bisnow and hosted a tour of new developments in Anna.
- Economic Development met with five development groups this past week.
- Staff finalized new ad concepts for the D CEO Real Estate Annual and DFW Economic Development Guides.
- The AnaCapri project was named a finalist for the D CEO Commercial Real Estate Awards.
- AVA Digital Awards announced that the EDC/CDC Annual Report received honorable mention in the E-Annual Report Category
- Economic Development Assistant Director Taylor Lough was honored as the 2022 TCMA Award Recipient in the Assistant of the Year Award Category.
- Staff is finalizing an agreement with TNP for a Downtown Drainage Study.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- On Wednesday, a pre-application meeting was held to discuss development of a portion of the multifamily that was part of the Woods at Lindsey Place zoning approved in 2020. The initial development phase consists of 126 two story units and will be located at the northeast corner of future Rosamond Parkway and future Throckmorton Boulevard.
- Last week (January 21) city staff met with the property owners and their development team to discuss a mixed-use project (retail, restaurant, multifamily, and single-family rental) located on the east side of US 75 frontage road, south of W. White Street. Discussions on the proposed layout focused around:
 - Relocation of the existing US 75 off-ramp further south to allow the central drive to serve as the primary entrance;
 - Future alignment of Throckmorton Blvd;
 - Providing a pedestrian connection across Throckmorton for the single-family rental to access retail/restaurant uses;
 - Creating a distinct walkable, integrated, mixed-use environment with enhanced sidewalks and pedestrian ways within/between commercial and multifamily areas;
 - Central pedestrian-oriented street with parallel parking, street trees, and wide sidewalks to serve neighbors and visitors;



- Integrating open space areas within close proximity of centralized pedestrian-oriented street to accommodate gatherings/events.
- Provide usable open space for the single-family rental project and connection points to linear trail system proposed to the east along the creek; and
- Non-residential development timelines.



Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Recreation Manager, Neighborhood Services Director, Parks Superintendent, Park Planning and Development Manager, and Neighborhood Services Coordinator presented program and project updates at the Park Advisory Board meeting on Monday, January 24. The items of discussion highlighted Slayter Creek Park’s future capital improvement options, Johnson Park’s next phase enhancement options, Slayter Creek Park Splash Pad Project, Slayter Creek Disc Golf Project, and the Library Project. The Advisory Board also voted 5-0 to make a recommendation to council to move forward with the basketball court project at Yank Park.
- The Recreation Manager and Neighborhood Services Director met to discuss the alignment of Recreation Coordinator (Part-time and Full-time) job responsibilities and the spring and summer programming. The Recreation team is finalizing programming for the Spring.
- The Recreation Manager and Part-time Recreation Coordinator met with Becky Greer and Eldon Baker of the Anna Historical Society to discuss the Storybook Saturday Train Day program on Saturday, May 14, from 10AM- 2PM. The event will feature tours and speakers in the Depot, various activities, and a picnic style lunch (paid) at Sherley Heritage Park.

- The Recreation Manager and Neighborhood Services Coordinator met with the Communications Manager to discuss upcoming events and programs. The Spring Recreation Guide and February 1 Diversity and Inclusion Board meeting were also discussed.
- The Recreation Manager and Neighborhood Services Coordinator are currently finalizing the details for the April 9 Easter Eggstravaganza event.
- Neighborhood Services Coordinator has completed Easter Eggstravaganza graphic promotional pieces.
- The Parks Crew stained the pergolas and front entrance sign at Paw Park.
- The Parks Crew installed engineered wood fibers to all playgrounds.
- The Parks Crew repaired eight irrigation leaks, trimmed shrubs, cleaned all landscape beds, and removed the pitcher mound on Field #3.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator added a contact information collection portal to the website for event vendors. The city received 40 responses on the first day of its activation. Staff will begin providing applications to selected vendors for the Earth Day event.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator is working on booking musicians for the Earth Day Event. The Earth Day Festival will be April 30 from noon to 5PM at Slayter Creek Park.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator and Recreation Coordinator are working to get spring volunteer opportunities posted.
- The Neighborhood Services Director attended an NRPA training class on “The Importance of Language in Park and Recreation Work.”
- Code Compliance responded to 58 new cases, 105 re-inspections, and closed 32 cases. Last week officers removed four signs from the right of way and three food establishments were inspected.

High Performing, Professional City

- Patrol officers responded to 298 calls for service and conducted 181 traffic stops. They made three felony arrests and eleven misdemeanor arrests. Additionally, officers investigated two minor accidents.
- The Criminal Investigations Division filed nine misdemeanor cases and five felony cases. Detectives continued to actively investigate several open criminal cases.
- The Fire Operations Division responded to 72 calls for service from January 15 – 28, 2022. The division provided seven mutual aid responses and received one mutual aid response.
- Last week the Anna Fire Department hosted its first official training in the EOC/Training Room (The Ashmore Room). The courses had 30 students from agencies such as Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Emergency Management Office, Collin County Constable’s Office, Richardson FD, Plano FD, Celina FD, Carrollton FD, and city employees from the Anna Police and Fire Department.



- Last Tuesday and Wednesday, four personnel from C-shift went to TEEX Fire Training Field in College Station for *Industrial Fire Brigade Training* with the Melissa Fire Department. This training is in preparation for the opening of the fuel transfer station on 121 in Melissa that will result in significant fuel transport through our city daily on the Collin County Outer Loop. The fuel company is covering the cost for the training. Four B-shift fire personnel went last week and A-shift will send four individuals this week to finish up the training.



- Toshiko Tobar started this week as a Utility Billing Clerk. Tosh is one of our neighbors right here in Anna. Elizabeth Clark started this week as our new Accounting Technician. Elizabeth is also one of our neighbors. Welcome Tosh and Elizabeth!
- The Finance Department was notified by the Texas State Comptroller that the City has been awarded the Transparency Star for Contracts and Procurement. This is the fifth and final Transparency Star.
- The Human Resource Department assisted city new hires with registering for Employee Navigator. The registration process included enrollment in city benefits such as medical, dental and vision insurance.
- The Human Resource Department processed and filed IRS Forms 1094-C and 1095-C. IRS Forms 1094-C and 1095-C are filed by employers that are required to offer health insurance coverage to their employees under the Affordable Care Act.
- The Human Resource Director completed phone screening interviews for the Human Resource Manager position.
- Several members of the City of Anna management team met with the City of Venus to discuss the Anna organization and growth within the community.
- The IT Department closed 21 tickets last week.
- The IT Department installed a secondary internet circuit at the Anna Fire Station along with new wireless devices in the fire fighters living and work areas.