

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights

April 25 – April 29

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

- The Anna EDC/CDC closed on the Anna Business Park on Friday, April 29.
- Economic Development Director Joey Grisham was a panelist at the RedNews North Texas Industrial Summit.
- The Economic Development Assistant Director prepared a presentation regard the city's TIRZ Collin County Commissioner's Court on May 2.
- The Economic Development Coordinator is working through list of downtown businesses/top employers in anticipation of sending out the Business Retention & Expansion Survey.
- Economic Development Staff attended two webinars: "Think Like There is No Box: Recruitment & Retention for Cities" and "Investment in Attraction in 2022-Some Ideas to Help Get Your First Meeting to Closing More Deals."
- Red Productions filmed at various locations in Anna on April 29 for promotional video.
- The Economic Development Director met with 10 development groups/prospective businesses.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- The City of Anna hosted a telephone town hall on Thursday, April 28, to discuss planning, zoning, building, and road thoroughfares with neighbors. Councilman Kevin Toten participated in the town hall along with the Development Services Director and Public Works Director.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Parks Crew cleaned and mowed all medians, city facilities, and most parks.
- The Parks Crew spot sprayed city facilities and parks with post emergent.
- The Park Superintendent installed water link spin touch system to test, collect, and file water samples for the splash pad.
- The parks crew prepped/chalked for all baseball/softball games this past week.
- The library project charter was presented to City Council on April 26. There were several members of the task force present, and two of them spoke in support of the charter.
- The Park Planning and Development Manager (PPDM) issued a bid for fencing around Bryant Park. Detailed specifications for the fence were developed and included in the bid. Initial indications are that the bids should come in between \$50-\$60k for a 6' fence and about \$15k less for a 4-foot fence.

- The PPDM reviewed several new developments and civil drawings for developments in progress.
- The PPDM beginning a review of the DART ROW along Riggins to determine if a trail and parking can both be included in the space.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator and Recreation Coordinators met with the Anna High School National Honor Society Students to present a partnership in forming a Hype Squad. The Hype Squad will serve as ambassadors and cheerleaders for the City of Anna by attending City events and programs. They will hand out City of Anna logo products and bring fun energy to the event.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator worked on the city's fall event to secure entertainment groups.
- The Earth Day Celebration was held at Slayter Creek Park on April 30. The event featured two bands, six food vendors, and 16 craft and educational vendors.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator connected with a group of approximately 20 Neighbors from West Crossing HOA, who conducted a litter clean-up this weekend at Slayter Creek Park.

High Performing, Professional City

- Patrol officers responded to 315 calls for service and conducted 235 traffic stops. Officers made three felony arrests and four misdemeanor arrests. Patrol also investigated nine minor accidents and five majors.
- The Criminal Investigations Division filed five misdemeanor cases and six felony cases. Detectives continued to actively investigate several open criminal cases.
- At last Tuesday's city council meeting, City Council approved the funding for an additional detective position. The detective will be assigned full time to the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. This will allow the Anna Police Department to continue its longstanding partnership with the CAC.
- City Council honored our police K9 Ninja at the city council meeting when his retirement was announced. Ownership of Ninja will be transferred to the K9 handler as is allowed under state law. The Department will immediately begin looking for a replacement and expects the new K9 to be in service by August 2022.
- Utility Billing collaborated with Public Works on 51 cutoffs this week. This is the third cycle with less than half of the number of cutoffs than prior to the reminder calls from the Incode software system.
- The Human Resources Department hosted MissionSquare on-site for one-on-one city employee meetings to review 457 Deferred Compensation account options.
- The Human Resources Department with the assistance of the Communications Manager created a city employee Wellness Website to better market program activities to our employees.
- The Human Resources Department notified city employees of the required NIMS ICS trainings. This training is mandatory and to be completed by July 1.
- The Human Resources Department hosted for the first time a First Responder and Frontline Training Series for public safety on Monday, April 25.
- The Human Resources Department finalized the fund allocation plan for TMLIRP coverage premiums.

- The Human Resources Department is working on SOPs for property insurance coverage and incident reporting.
- The Information Technology Department has been working with DocuNav on a public portal that will allow our neighbors to access public documents provided by our City Secretary. The website will be deployed the week of May 2-6.
- On May 5-6, IT will be upgrading our existing internet service with GCEC to 1GIG Down/Up at City Hall/Fire Station to provide much needed bandwidth for our employees.
- The City of Anna hosted onsite MyGov software training for all of departments.