

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights

February 3 – February 7

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

- With Collin College expressing strong interest in putting a campus in Anna, Economic Development worked on identifying land options for the College.
- An article on Anna's impressive growth was distributed by BISNOW on Friday, February 7. The custom content was provided by Economic Development.
- Economic Development met with three development groups interested in Anna.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- At the Monday, February 3, Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, the Commission took the following actions:
 - Recommended approval of a rezoning request of 4.5 acres located on the east side of State Highway 5, 680 feet north of Cunningham Boulevard from SF-E Single Family Residential Estate to C-1 Restricted Commercial District;
 - Approved 2 development plats, 1 final plat, and 1 preliminary plat.
- Wednesday, February 5, was an official submittal day for Zoning and Development applications. The new and active Zoning and Development list can be found at <https://www.annatexas.gov/1141/Current-Projects>.
- The GIS division has been working on an interactive aerial/parcel map that will be made available through the City's website the week of February 10.
- The contracts for the City Hall Sanitary Sewer Project were signed by contractor and returned to the City for execution. The project will begin later this month.
- The contractor for the Suzie Lane Paving Project provided a schedule showing completion in May; this meets the medical facility's timeline needs. Staff is coordinating with Standridge regarding timing of storm sewer connections and paving connection to Standridge Boulevard.


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City Of Anna Next In Line In The North Texas Development Boom


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Charles Schwab, Toyota and Jamba Juice are three very different companies with one thing in common: They moved out of their California headquarters to **make a new home in North Texas**.

Companies have been leaving California in droves for years, with an **estimated 13,000 businesses** moving out between 2008 and 2016. As company executives search for states with more business-friendly tax climates and affordable housing options, many have **found what they are looking for** in North Texas. As the great corporate migration spreads north from Dallas-Fort Worth through Frisco and McKinney, the area next in line is the flourishing city of Anna.

"Many companies have moved to Collin County after seeing the amazing opportunities this area has to offer," Anna Economic Development Corp. Director Joey Grisham said. "Anna offers these businesses a pro-growth mentality, ample land options and the housing affordability that many company decision-makers are seeking."



Anna, located about 40 miles north of Dallas, is one of the **top six fastest-growing cities in North Texas**. The number of permits issued for single-family homes in the city **nearly doubled** between 2018 and 2019, while the number of new commercial building permits rose 36%.

- The Public Works Street Division filled 250 potholes and completed 10 street sign repairs this week.
- Public Works staff will be setting up monthly coordination meetings with TxDOT staff so that the City can improve communication and cooperation regarding concerns in Anna.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The City Manager’s Office held the monthly HOA Leadership Meeting on Tuesday, February 4. The Director of Development Services gave the group a departmental presentation and the Police Department fielded questions and concerns. Both Councilman Vollmer and Councilman Bryan were in attendance.
- The contractor for the Water Tower Lighting Project will receive and install the correct lights the week of February 10. Staff will then retest and determine if the product meets the City’s goals or not, and take action as necessary to meet the project’s intent.
- This week the Police Department rolled out a social media campaign that brings awareness to Teen Dating Violence. This is in support of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month.
- The Fire Department Ride-Along Program is now active and the department is accepting applications. The Fire Department is encouraging our neighbors to come by the fire station or contact them by phone to schedule a ride-along.

High Performing, Professional City

- Work is nearing completion on the new Records Management Platform with an expected go-live date in March. This grant-funded project has been in development for nearly 15 months. The Police Department anticipates a greater level of efficiency and time management savings when the new platform is in place.
- A conference call with Blais & Associates was held with fire administration and the City Manager’s Office to discuss the upcoming SAFER grant.
- Preparations are being made to announce and process the hiring of three new firefighter positions. This will be an internal/external process which is anticipated to be highly competitive.
- Celina Assistant Fire Chief Shain Hunn gave a leadership speech to Anna firefighters. It was well received and the department greatly appreciates his voluntary contribution.
- Chief Wood and Chief Isom attended the grand opening celebration for Celina Fire Station 2.
- Code Compliance webpages are now live on the City of Anna website and paygov.us is receiving payments for the Rental Registration Program. Approximately 75 Rental letters have been mailed out to landlords informing them of the fee.
- Seventeen snippet-signs were removed from the R. O. W by Code Compliance.
- The Director of Human Resources, Assistant City Manager, and City Manager met to continue the City personnel policy revision.
- The Director of Human Resources completed the mandatory employer-provided health insurance offer and coverage forms 1094-C and 1095-C.
- The Director of Human Resources extended a questionnaire to selected applicants that applied for the IT Manager position. The deadline to complete the questionnaire is Monday, February 10, 2020.