

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights March 8 – March 12

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

- Met with new property data provider ([available properties map](#)).
- Economic Development staff held three meetings with real estate brokers/developers this past week.
- The Economic Development Director held routine meetings with two Board Members.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- Park Superintendent finished meeting with contractors to extend wrought iron fence at Lakeview for the safety of our neighbors. Parks and Public Works crews addressed bank erosion and made improvements at Lakeview in preparation for extending the fencing.
- Parks crew finished installing new stone/rock entrances inside the Paw Park to enhance the look of the park.
- The Park Superintendent met with contractors to repair all plumbing at Slayter Creek Park splash park/restrooms from the winter storm.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator continued preparations for the April 24 Earth Day events. The community cleanup will be on Saturday, April 24th, with opportunities to participate during the week of April 19-24 to accommodate for neighbors' busy schedules. The Household Hazardous Waste Takeback, hosted by the City of Anna and CARDS Waste Management, will be on Saturday morning. A "Save the Date" flyer will go into the utility bills of neighbors.
- Also in the works is the very first Neighborhood Newsletter that will publish next Wednesday. This newsletter will highlight all the great activities coming up from the Neighborhood Services Department.
- Code Compliance responded to 41 complaints and addressed 16 re-inspections this week. The Department has maintained its determination to keep Anna's right of ways clear and clean of trash and illegal bandit signs. Code Compliance removed 32 illegal bandit signs this week.
- The Code Compliance Manager assisted in the interpretation and revision of our sanitation ordinances and procedures and assisted the team in planning the Hazardous Household Waste portion of the upcoming Earth Day event scheduled for April 24.
- The Recreation Manager met with Jeff Krebs from Epicenter Productions on Saturday, March 6, to do a site walk-through at Slayter Creek Park for the Music in the Park concert stage. The location of the stage was sufficient. Staff is awaiting responses from HUB vendors and will close quotes and submit the final documentation on Monday to move forward with the selected vendor.
- The Recreation Manager met with the selected fireworks vendor for a site walk-through at Slayter Creek Park as part of the preparation for the 4th of July fireworks celebration,

activities, and concert scheduled for Saturday, June 26th. An updated site map will be submitted over the next week for review by the event planning staff and emergency management team and will be pulling permits sometime in April.

- The Easter Eggstravaganza was announced at the March 9 City Council Meeting. With the assistance from Carrie Land, the website page is also up, and the event flier was posted on Facebook. All 1,000 Easter Basket kits were assembled by Michelle Clemens, Park Advisory Board Member, and her volunteer group.
- The Recreation Manager purchased three EZ-ups portable canopies, three table covers, 200 flower mugs and 500 reusable grocery bags all with City of Anna logos for upcoming events and community engagement activities. All have entered production.
- The Neighborhood Services Director made an employment offer to the finalist for the Parks Planning and Development Manager position. Pending successful completion of the hiring process, an announcement will be forthcoming about the new team member.
- The Neighborhood Services team is working with an artist on the graphic wraps for both the new Neighborhood Block Party Trailer and the Neighborhood Cleanup and Adopt-A-Neighbor trailer. A first draft of the graphic has been received and refinements are being made. The team has also compiled a supply list of content items and supplies for each of the trailers. A “roll out” announcement for the community will be forthcoming once the projects are completed and ready for use by the community.
- The Johnson Park enhancement project is progressing quickly making up lost time from inclement weather delays. The foul poles and fence posts for the ballfields were installed this week. The concrete and plumbing work for the restroom/pavilion will begin next week with the facility anticipated to start going vertical within two weeks.
- The Neighborhood Services team is evaluating the installation of a half-court basketball in the park area near the West Crossing neighborhood and working with the developer in that area to further identify locations and options to provide safe places for our neighbors to enjoy shooting hoops. The concept of a half court is being explored so as not to create the potential for additional traffic and noise that a full court could potentially create for our neighbors. Staff is also evaluating both basketball and pickle ball at Slayter Creek Park that is included in the current Park Community Improvement capital plan.
- The Neighborhood Services Director finalized the agreement and procurement of Automated External Defibrillators, or AEDs. The AEDs will contain full-service kits and are suitable for use on both adults and children. The devices will also be able to connect to an ambulance when it arrives to transmit critical data to EMS personnel. The AEDs will be installed at the concession building at Slayter Creek Park, the restroom at the park in Lakeview, the restroom buildings at both Sherley Heritage Park and new restroom/pavilion at Johnson Park, the park maintenance building at Natural Springs Park, and a portable AED that will be carried by Recreation staff to outdoor programs and events. Special thanks to Captain Eaton, in the fire department, for his assistance in selecting, procuring, and upcoming training for Neighborhood Services staff.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- Contractor has resumed work on FM 455 TxDOT Green Ribbon Project for median improvements. Staff is preparing to install three irrigation meters for the project. Contractor

will be preparing to install plantings soon – staff has requested, but not received a confirmed date of planting installation yet.

- Plans are substantially complete for the Collin Pump Station Expansion. Staff is preparing submittals for well approval from the Groundwater Conservation District and preparing RFQ documents.
- Staff is holding a meeting next week with the landowner to discuss next steps for the Hurricane Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Public Works conducted interviews for Public Works Coordinator position.
- Public Works staff held a meeting with consultant and the IT Manager to discuss computer/network protections in relation to the Water System Risk & Resiliency Plan.
- **Streets Division:**
 - Replaced twelve street signs and six regulatory signs that were damaged;
 - Assisted Parks Division with erosion protection and repairs at the park in Lakeview Estates;
 - Completed drainage maintenance work along 4th Street and James Street;
 - Repaired damaged school zone flasher on Ferguson Parkway; and
 - Repaired three streetlights and the median lights on Florence Way.
- **Utilities Division:**
 - Met with electrician to review repairs and replacement needed for Hackberry Water Tower lights which were damaged in the last storm. Staff will be submitting the damage to the insurance company. Lights will remain off until the insurance payment is received and repairs are complete;
 - Completed service line repairs on Elm Grove and Twin Creeks;
 - Finished Main Line repair at SH 5 and 4th Street; and
 - Completed monthly disconnect/reconnect process for unpaid water bills.
- **Engineering & Construction Division:**
 - Reviewed engineering plans and issued comments for Buzz Center Addition;
 - Reviewed engineering plans for Sherley Elementary; and
 - Reviewed and inspected sanitary sewer repairs and replacement in Camden Parc Phase III and IV.
- Development Services received one zoning case, one site plan, and four plat submissions for the April 5, 2021, P&Z meeting.
- A P&Z meeting is being held Monday, March 15, at the Anna ISD Board Room due to the winter storm delaying the public notices for three zoning cases.
- From March – March 11, forty-five building permits were submitted, and thirty-eight permits were issued.

High Performing, Professional City

- Patrol officers responded to 200 calls for service and conducted 95 traffic stops. Patrol made four misdemeanor arrests and two felony arrests. Officers responded to one major accident and two minor accidents.
- The Criminal Investigations Division filed two misdemeanor cases and three additional cases were presented to grand jury. Patrol officers and detectives responded to a domestic violence call which turned into an aggravated assault. Officers located and detained the suspect and

secured the scene. Detectives conducted a search warrant and the investigation led to the suspect's arrest for Aggravated Assault/Family Violence.

- Chief Habel and Assistant Chief Foxall met with Kevin Hall with the Anna Chamber of Commerce to discuss future collaborations.