

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights March 15 – March 19

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 Economic Development Director met with two groups interested in constructing sports/recreational facilities.
- Economic Development submitted responses on three Business Park leads.
- Staff received calls from three development groups and a hotel chain after reading the DBJ article about Anna.
- Economic Development met with financial consultants to discuss financing Business Park infrastructure and other ED projects.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- Work continues on the restoration of the steam locomotive for Sherley Heritage Park. The black topcoat is complete on the running gear, the silver trim on the tires and rod edges will be left for the finishing components, and the boiler and cab are being cleaned to prepare for a primer coat. Next steps will also include cutting away the old smokebox and installing a new one. The next steps will take approximately 3 to 4 weeks to complete. One last overhead line is needed to be removed at the park, and that work has been scheduled with the line owner. Jacobs Engineering is finalizing the construction documents for the display track following the presentation to Council last week.
- Parks crews have applied post emergent, pre-emergent, and ant bait to all city facilities and parks. Trash routes along FM 455, Ferguson Parkway, Rosamond Parkway, Hackberry, and all parks have been cleaned.
- The Parks Superintendent has completed renovations to Slayter Creek Park restroom facilities including the wiring for automatic door locks that will correspond to park hours. Automatic locks have recently been installed at the restroom at Sherley Heritage Park and are also scheduled to be installed at Lakeview and the new restroom coming at Johnson Park. This will eliminate the need to have staff manually lock and unlock restrooms and enhance our neighbors' enjoyment of the parks with access that coincides with park hours.
- The wrought iron fence extension behind the playground at Lakeview Park has been completed.
- The Parks Superintendent has been working with Oncor to set new electrical service at Johnson Park. All fence post and backstops were installed this week. Infields were created and filled with ballfield clay.
- Code Compliance responded to 86 new complaints and addressed 25 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 25 illegal bandit signs this week.

- The Code Compliance Manager has placed the Animal Control Services agreement with Collin County for sheltering on the agenda for consent. The extension is up for renewal.
- The Code Compliance Division is gearing up for the Spring which is the beginning of the growth season. Most of their cases will be related to vegetation. The following violations will be their projected top two: 1. High weeds 2. Trash and Rubbish
- This upcoming week, the Code Compliance Manager will be putting the finishing touches on the new Health Services software with Inspec2go.
- The Recreation Manager has been working with the Human Resources Department to finalize the hiring process for the three open PT Recreation Coordinator positions. Reference and background checks were completed, and verbal offers will be conducted by the end of the week.
- The Recreation Manager, Parks Superintendent, and Neighborhood Life Coordinator took part in the first Civic Rec training. The first out of five training sessions covered CivicRec configuration. The CivicRec project is on track for the April 20 launch.
- The Recreation Manager had a meeting with Kristin Conley, the Field Marketing Coordinator for the Anna Whataburger, to discuss potential partnerships. Whataburger will be donating 1000 coupons for a free Jr. Burger to place in the Easter Eggstravaganza baskets along with a \$25 gift card for the Scavenger Hunt winner's gift basket. We will be giving a shoutout to Whataburger for their donations and partnership in the Easter Basket social media post along with Michelle Clemens and her volunteer group.
- The Recreation Manager has corresponded with a volunteer group regarding passing out Easter Eggstravaganza baskets to the mobile home park off Powell Parkway. Volunteers and staff will be passing out nearly 100 baskets to the mobile home park neighbors during their after-school program on March 29 at 4pm.
- The Recreation Manager has been communicating with Daniel Rohovit, Anna High School Choir Director, to discuss how to introduce music to the Anna neighbors. Per the recommendation of the Neighborhood Life Coordinator, staff has asked Daniel if his group would be interested in singing "Take me out to the Ballgame" at the Johnson Park re-grand opening. Date and time will be announced soon.
- The Neighborhood Life Coordinator wrapped up the first edition of the Neighborhood Services Newsletter. Work also continued on the website, with the Neighborhood Life landing page and Earth Day 2021 published. Additional pages were crafted and will be published as events and equipment becomes available.
- Planning for the Earth Day 2021 event continues. Additional meetings, advertising schedule, and event staging were discussed.
- The Neighborhood Life Coordinator also attended the monthly Executive Board meeting for Neighborhood Engagement and Revitalization Alliance (NERA) in her role as Vice-President as well as the Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA).

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- This past week, Building Division received a total of 12 new submittals. That brings this month's total to 71 new single-family permit submittals and 597 for the fiscal year.
- Public Works staff held a meeting to discuss wastewater facility needs for Hurricane Creek Sewer Basin. Meeting went well and staff has an agenda item for Council approval on Tuesday

night to approve professional services needed to move forward with the next step in the process.

- Public Works held a design coordination meeting for Taylor Boulevard with consultant team.
- The Public Works Director held interviews for the Public Works Coordinator Position.
- Public Works coordinated with TxDOT regarding SH 5 traffic signals at County Road 371/376. Construction starts this week.
- Tree installation on FM 455 TxDOT Green Ribbon project has begun.
- **Streets Division:**
 - Poured concrete at 608 Elm Grove;
 - Replaced post and signs along James Street;
 - Updated 12 street signs with new city logo;
 - Patched road and curb in West Crossing; and
 - Cleaned up and patched 4th and James Street.
- **Engineering & Construction Division:**
 - Reviewed various material submittals for jobs;
 - Reviewed multiple engineering plan submittals;
 - Held City Hall/Fire Station construction coordination meeting;
 - Held the final walk for Anna Crossing Ph.6 infrastructure;
 - Held pre-construction meeting for Park Place Ph. 2;
 - Held a pre-construction meeting for Avery Pointe Commercial; and
 - Completed 47 ROW Inspections.

High Performing, Professional City

- Patrol officers responded to 210 calls for service and initiated 51 traffic stops. They made four misdemeanor arrests, four felony arrests, and responded to one major accident and seven minors. A Patrol Sergeant conducted a suspicious vehicle investigation which led to the arrest of a person for Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance. Additionally, \$3,160 was seized from the suspect as illegal contraband.
- The Criminal Investigations Division filed six misdemeanor cases and six felony cases. On March 12, officers responded to a shooting and discovered the victim was deceased. Officers at the scene detained the suspect and detectives responded. The suspect was charged with murder and detectives continue to work on the case.
- On March 16, officers found several police and fire department employee personal vehicles had been damaged, along with other private property. Officers located and arrested the suspect for felony Criminal Mischief.
- The Fire Department Operations Division responded to 39 calls for service from March 13-19. Seventy-two percent of the calls were of an EMS nature and 28% were Fire related calls. During this time frame, the Department provided two mutual aid responses to other agencies and received one mutual aid response.
- Captain Dockray completed two fire inspection and three plan reviews this week.

- Anna Fire Department will resume annual fire inspections of all existing businesses starting March 29.
- Multiple pump operations training were conducted in the Pecan Grove Addition.
- The Human Resource Department finalized training lesson plan for city staff for mandatory training which kicks off April 1, 2021.
- The Human Resource Department participated in a virtual TML Health Benefits wellness program seminar in preparation for wellness kick off week.
- The Human Resource Department finalized details of wellness program scheduled to be hosted by Human Resources from May 3 through May 7, 2021.
- Final contract with Justifacts was executed and integrations with CivicHR for background checks is underway.
- Staff finished up work on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the Annual Report) with the auditors. It will be presented Tuesday at the City Council meeting.
- The Finance Department was notified by the Texas State Comptroller's Office that it is being recognized for the Transparency Stars for Debt Obligations and Public Pensions.
- Municipal Court was held Friday, March 19.
- Staff worked with Incode on completing forms for the core financial implementation.
- The IT Manager will be performing interviews this upcoming week on Tuesday and Wednesday for the IT Technician position.

