

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights August 16 – August 20

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 Manager attended the ED Sales Tax Workshop.
- Economic Director Joey Grisham presented to the Metrotex Association of Commercial Realtors.
- The Economic Development team met with five development firms.
- Economic Development held a Zoom meeting with Kristi Avalos—who is looking to relocate and restore an old western town to Mantua (currently it resides in McKinney).
- Staff updated the community resource guide, community profile, and demographic data.
- The City received news that both Mantua and The Villages of Hurricane Creek are finalists for the DBJ Best Real Estate Deals—*Single-Family Category*.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- This week (Friday, August 13 – Thursday, August 19) the Building Division received 5 new single family permit submittals. Current total for the month of August is at 45. The current fiscal year total is at 1,101.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- On Friday, August 13, the Recreation Team and Neighborhood Life Coordinator met to discuss promotional strategies/opportunities moving forward.
- The Harvest Festival logo was finalized and will be used for all marketing materials. The Vendor Application for this event was approved by the City Attorney. The 5k timing company was also secured for the event.
- Flyer for DIY Scarecrow Contest was finalized and will be added to the Harvest Festival Applications.
- Plans for the display tracks at Sherley Heritage Park were sent last week to Dean Construction to see if they will bid on the project. Subcontractors are reviewing the plans this week.
- The concrete pad and footing for the Collin McKinney statue were formed and poured Friday, August 20, at Sherley Heritage Park. The statue will be installed by Park staff this week.
- A proposal was submitted by Newline Skateparks for the design of the skatepark. Some revisions are necessary and will be completed early this week. Two potential locations are being considered. Staff is evaluating the best location for a restroom building near the existing splash pad. The design proposal and options will be brought to Council for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

- On Tuesday, August 27, the School Age Coordinator did “Welcome Back to School” chalk art at the front of Harlow Elementary, Rattan Elementary, Joe K Bryant Elementary, Anna Middle School, AEC and Anna High School.
- The Neighborhood Services Management Team met on Tuesday, August 17, to discuss the 2021 Twelve Days of Anna Christmas Tree Lighting Event. The tree lighting will take place at City Hall on December 11 including 12 Days of Anna Kit Pickup and activities.
- The Neighborhood Life Coordinator updated the division website page with various event details. The Coordinator also began promoting the North Texas Community Clean Up Challenge.
- Two classes with Rooted-In were purchased for October and November for our neighbors to enjoy.
- The Adopt-a-Spot agreement was reviewed by legal services and is now ready for use.
- City of Anna HOA Leadership was emailed with information about upcoming Neighborhood Engagement Events.
- This week, Code Compliance did a sweep of the Cunningham Mobile Home Park. The mobile home park was not registered with the City of Anna and was issued a notice of violation for not registering the mobile park and not registering the single-family structures present on the property. This past Wednesday, a meeting was conducted with the property owner and a notice of violation was personally delivered to the owner for the lack of registration and for 66 premise violations found upon inspection two days prior. At the conclusion of the meeting the owner paid for the registration of the mobile home park and for the five single family structures present on the property. The property owner now has 30 days to begin bringing the trailers into compliance.
- Code Compliance responded to 73 new cases, 18 re-inspections, and closed 15 cases. Code Compliance has maintained its determination to keep Anna’s right of ways clear and clean of trash and illegal bandit signs. This week seven signs were removed from the right of way. One health inspection was conducted this past week.

High Performing, Professional City

- Patrol officers responded to 244 calls for service and conducted 46 traffic stops. Officers made three felony arrests, responded to six major accidents and five minor accidents.
- Detectives with the Criminal Investigation Division filed seven misdemeanor cases and seven felony cases with the Collin County District Attorney’s Office. Detectives also obtained arrest warrants for an Aggravated Assault suspect. They worked with the Collin County Sheriff’s Office and the U.S. Marshal’s Task Force to locate and take the suspect into custody.
- The Fire Operations Division responded to 144 calls for service from July 31 – August 20. Sixty-five percent of calls were of an EMS nature and 35% were Fire/Other related calls. The Department provided 11 mutual aid responses during this time period and received 4 mutual aid responses.
- The selection process has been completed to backfill the three Captain positions vacated due to the recent establishment of the Battalion Chief position.

- Fire Prevention Captain Dockray completed 17 fire inspections and 5 plan reviews.
- Two of our Volunteer Firefighters graduated from Paramedic school from Grayson College – Ben Woolverton and Cody Greenway.
- B-Shift personnel went to Anna Kid’s Academy on Friday, August 20, to present a public education program. Thirty-five children along with 4 adults were given a fire safety class.



- The new station is coming to life (the picture is of the apparatus bay).
- The Finance Department continues “Go Live” with the new Incode software. Departments are entering requisitions and accounts payable are now being processed using workflow and the electronic approval process.
- The Finance Department held a meeting with the Incode Transition Services team as we move from implementation to regular use.
- The Finance Department provided training for five departments on Incode budget inquiries and reporting.
- The Human Resource Department assisted city departments with interview scheduling, vacancies, job descriptions, questionnaires, and employment offers.
- The Human Resource Department completed new hire orientation on Monday, August 16, 2021, for one new employee.
- There were 11 closed help-desk tickets during the past week.
- The IT Director attended orientation for UTD’s Local Government Management Graduate Certificate Program.