

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights August 30 – September 3

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 Economic Development Corporation was a sponsor of The North Texas Commercial Association of Realtors and Real Estate Professionals Expo that took place on Thursday, September 2. The expo had over 600 attendees and provided an excellent opportunity for the Economic Development team to promote the City of Anna and its “open for business” approach.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- This week (Friday, August 27 – Thursday, September 2) the Building Division received 29 new single family permit submittals. The total for the month of August was 92. The current fiscal year total is at 1,155.
- This week Development Services published a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified planning firms and organizations to facilitate and complete a comprehensive audit of the City of Anna's Planning and Development Regulations, specifically related to the following articles: Article 9.02 Subdivision Regulations, Article 9.04 Zoning Ordinance, Article 9.05 Signs, and Article 9.06 Landscape Regulations.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Parks Development Manager worked on the design for the parking lot at Natural Springs Park. The layout is complete, and the grading plan is nearing completion. Left to complete is a landscape plan and irrigation plan to be compiled into construction documents next week.
- The Parks Development Manager coordinated with the Parks Superintendent to facilitate the installation of the statue at Sherley Heritage Park.
- The Parks Development Manager created a drawing for the accessible parking lot striping for the parking spaces at Johnson Park.
- Invitations were sent out to various key individuals for the Johnson Park Grand opening.
- The city received proposals for the skate park and sent to the City Attorney and Public Works Director for review.
- Staff received a playground layout from Game Time for the treehouse themed playground at Natural Springs Park.
- The Parks Crew prepped Johnson Park for sod to be laid and installed temporary irrigation for all sodded areas.
- The Parks Crew mowed all city facilities, prepped for softball games, and cleaned debris and trash on FM 455.

- The Parks Superintendent attended the Parks and Rec Compliance Workshop.
- The Recreation Manager met with the fire and police department to discuss the proposed site map for the 2021 Harvest Festival. Site map has been approved and finalized. In addition, the Recreation Manager and Harvest Festival Lead Coordinator met on Wednesday, September 1, with a neighbor to discuss the use of antique tractors for Harvest Festival Décor.
- The Recreation Manager and the Sports Recreation Coordinator met with GGLeague to discuss the City's Fall Esports program.
- The Recreation Manager worked with the Administrative Assistant to create a database of potential vendors for the 2021 Harvest Festival. Over 150 vendor invitations were sent out and 15 vendors have already responded. The database was constructed from a list of participating vendors from other events around the region.
- The Recreation Manager worked with the Communications Manager to finalize the details of an event and program postcard that will be distributed to neighbors in Anna and residents of surrounding areas.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator attended a Rotary Club meeting where members approved moving forward with an Adopt-A-Spot agreement for cleaning a section of the trail at Natural Spring Park.
- The HOA Leadership was invited to a leadership meeting, scheduled for September 16, to discuss upcoming events and programs.
- Community engagement activity ideas were added to the City website.
- Code Compliance responded to 72 new cases, 29 re-inspections, and closed 16 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, three signs were removed from the right of way.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator and Code Compliance team met to discuss furthering code compliance education.

High Performing, Professional City

- Patrol officers responded to 267 calls for service and conducted 100 traffic stops. Officers responded to ten minor accidents and two majors. Patrol also made four misdemeanor arrests and two felony arrests.
- The Criminal Investigations Division filed three felony cases and one Grand Jury case with the Collin County District Attorney's Office. Additionally, detectives conducted follow-up investigations to open cases and completed background investigations for two police officer applicants.
- Members of Police Department Administration attended the Coffee and Connections event hosted by the Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce.
- The Human Resource Department assisted city departments with interview scheduling, vacancies, job descriptions, questionnaires and employment offers.
- The Human Resource Department assisted the Finance Department with financial software conversion.
- Accounting staff continues to implement Go Live with Incode, assisting departments with new processes for P-Card processing.
- Utility Billing and Public Works coordinated 116 cutoffs this week.

- Finance assisted departments with issuing one Request for Proposal and two Requests for Quotes using the Ion Wave Purchasing software.
- IT closed 14 Helpdesk Tickets.
- The IT Director had a meeting with GCEC and Public Works on Thursday, September 2, to plan out the installation of the internet for the new Fire Station.