

City of Anna Staff's Weekly Highlights November 29 – December 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 EDC/CDC held their December Board Meeting on Thursday, December 2.
- The CDC Board authorized the Economic Development Director to execute a contract with Navi Retail to perform a retail market assessment and help recruit retail to Anna.
- Economic Development staff met with a group of downtown landowners to discuss their properties. Staff also met with one developer and two businesses interested in Anna.
- The Economic Development Director had a meeting with the Sherman and Denison EDC Directors to discuss opportunities to work together regionally.

Sustainable Anna Community Through Planned Managed Growth

- On Tuesday, city staff met with Watermark Equity Group & Highland Homes to discuss a potential development located at the northwest corner of County Road 421 (East Foster Crossing Road) and County Road 442 (future Leonard Road). The property is currently located within the ETJ. The zoning and annexation request would be to allow for the development of a rental single-family detached, attached, and townhome product.



- On Thursday, planning staff and the city engineer met with representatives of Ladd Holdings and Peloton Land Solutions to discuss locations they were considering for self-storage, mini-warehouse development.
- For the month of November, the Building Department received a total of 89 new single-family building permits. As of December 2, the current fiscal year total is 192 new single-family permits received.

- The Planning and Zoning Commission’s regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, December 6, at 7PM. The meeting location will be at the Anna ISD Board Room. A copy of the meeting agenda and information packet can be found on the city website <https://www.annatexas.gov/962/AgendasMinutes>.
- This week (Monday, November 29 – Thursday, December 2) the Building Division received 29 new single family permit submittals.
- The Communications Manager updated the Building Department webpage for ADA compliance <https://annatexas.gov/1115/Building-Department>.
- The city’s website has been updated to include details for the Rosamond Parkway Road closure scheduled for December 18-23. Message has also been shared on Nextdoor.

Anna – A Great Place to Live

- The Parks crew have continued cutting and clearing Natural Springs Park from a successful invasive species called privet. Privet invades and damages native ecosystems.
- A Twinkly Pro RGB 30’ tree was installed and tested at Sherley Heritage Park. Christmas lights were installed at Slayter Park, city hall, and the new fire station.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator completed and submitted the City of Anna application for Tree City USA.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator and Code Compliance officers selected the December Property of the Month and presented the We Notice! yard sign.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator added volunteer opportunities to the “Better Impact” portal for the 12 Days of Anna Program.
- The Parks Recreation Winter Guide has been completed and print copies have been ordered.
- The next HOA Leadership meeting has been scheduled for December 9. The HOA Leadership have also been provided the 12 Days of Anna flyers to share within their communities.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator, Recreation Manager, and Communications Manager met to discuss promotion of Christmas events, winter courses, and engagement initiatives.
- The Neighborhood Services Coordinator and Recreation team are finalizing décor for the 12 Days of Anna Christmas Tree Lighting.
- Neighborhood Services and Code Compliance have identified an individual in the community that demonstrates a need for assistance in violation abatement. Staff will be working with the property owner to schedule a repair day and will utilize the Community trailer and Neighbor Volunteer Program.

High Performing, Professional City

- Patrol officers responded to 291 calls for service and conducted 197 traffic stops. The police department had an increased patrol presence at Highway 5 and 371/376 due to the installation of the four-way stop light. Numerous stops were made in relation to traffic violations at the location, and we will continue to monitor the intersection daily. Officers also made one felony arrest and one misdemeanor arrest. Patrol investigated six traffic accidents.
- The Criminal Investigations Division continued to actively investigate several open criminal cases.
- The Fire Operations Division responded to 60 calls for service from November 20 – December 3. The division provided four mutual aid responses and received two mutual aid responses.

- The Anna Fire Department and Communications Manager met regarding Operation Santa. The Fire team will drive neighborhoods December 13-15. Flyer will be sent out promoting the event.
- The Finance Department was notified that the city was awarded the Transparency Star for Economic Development by the State Comptroller's Office.
- Finance staff and the City Manager's Office collaborated on completing the City's webpage for Contracts and Procurement. The application for the Transparency Star will be completed next week.
- Utility Billing staff completed four days of training on the new Incode software system. The new software is expected to Go Live at the end of December.
- The Human Resource Department is in the process of developing an internal training program for city employees. The HR Director met with several companies offering training services.
- The Human Resource Department and the Communications Department are continuing work on the employee holiday party for December.
- The Human Resource Director is establishing relationships to aid in our recruitment efforts.
- The Human Resource Director provided several draft copies of personnel policy revisions to the City Manager for final review and approval.