

# City Administrator's News and Notes

May 2020

Hurricane Season runs from June 1 until November 30. Now is the time to get ready - do not wait until a storm is approaching.

The City of Dickinson has gathered information from various sites and compiled it into one page. This information can be found at <http://www.ci.dickinson.tx.us/778/Hurricane-Season>.

For your convenience, a link has been placed right on the City of Dickinson's homepage. As more information becomes available from state and local representatives, this page will be updated to keep you informed.

Like us on Facebook and follow us on NextDoor! As new information becomes available, we share it to the City of Dickinson's pages. These pages also have links to local resources and happenings.

Let's be prepared as a community and remain #dickinsonstrong.

## Library Updates

The library opened its doors on May 18th to provide computer and faxing access to the adult members of the community. Curbside pickup service for books has been provided since May 4th. We plan to phase in book browsing on June 1st if guidance allows us. The library will continue to phase in services throughout the summer to provide as many services as we can safely to the community. The County Library system has been working hard to put together a cohesive reopening plan along with our City government so that everyone can have access to information and services.

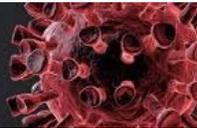
We are actively preparing for the annual Summer Reading Program. This year we will be doing our reading program online. By utilizing the online reading program Beanstack, patrons will log in their reading minutes and complete activity badges throughout the summer to receive prizes. The Summer Reading Program's theme this year is, "Imagine Your Story".



Julianne Lane and Sam Torrez finished the Class portion of the TSLAC Technology Grant and have submitted our proposal to add and update current technology in the library. The library plans to purchase an interactive white board and additional laptops to provide ESL classes along with a more up to date technology resources for community members to use for meeting and training events when utilizing the space.



CORONAVIRUS



Galveston County is partnering with UTMB to offer free COVID-19 testing for Galveston County residents.

Testing is available by appointment only and free to the public at three different sites in Galveston, League City and Texas City. County residents may schedule an appointment by calling 832-632-6731.



## Municipal Court Updates

The Dickinson Municipal Court office reopened June 1, 2020, with the first scheduled court docket hearing on June 3.

Recognizing the need to ensure the health and safety of litigants, attorneys, visitors, court staff, judges, and other individuals entering the building housing the courts, the court of the City of Dickinson has implemented protective measures including social distancing, wearing masks, hand sanitizing, and scheduling variances.

## Fire Marshal Updates

In the month of May, the Fire Marshal's office conducted planning meetings with developers for new construction, conducted hydrostatic testing on new Garden Motel, and did new Occupancy Load calculations on Dickinson Library and First Baptist Church.

Once investigations and issuance of citations were complete, the office had an unpermitted hypobaric chamber removed from City.

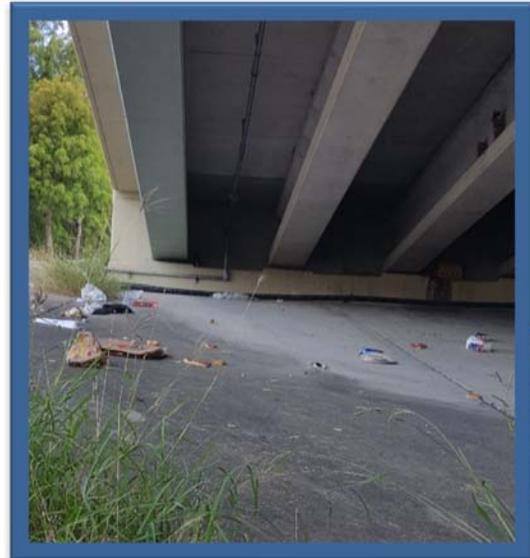
## Community Services Updates

The Community Services Department worked with the Engineering Consultants (Huitt~Zollars) in updating the Land Use and Zoning Map of the City. The department is also looking at ways to make our Floodplain Ordinance more user friendly for our residents.

Staff with the Streets department have been out sweeping and maintaining roadways in the City.



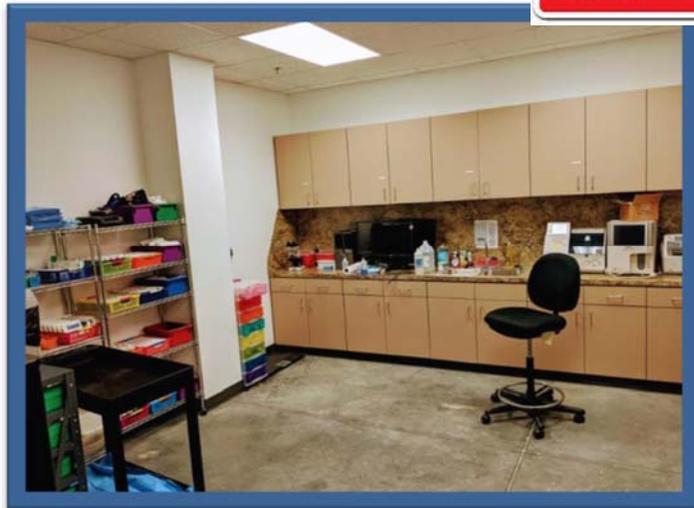
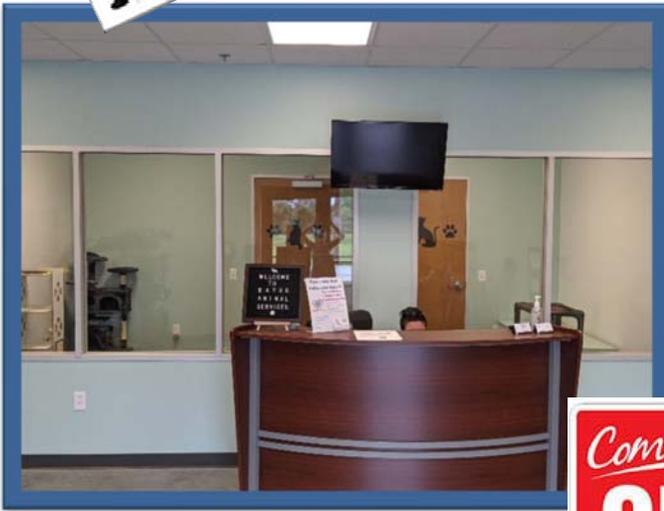
The Director of Community Services and the Chief Building Official spent some time cleaning up our City. Kola and Ray cleaned up trash and debris under I-45.



# Bayou Animal Services Shelter Updates

Bayou Animal Services has completed the inside of the building and is fully operational! BAS is ready to show off their new facility, new kennels, and new four-legged friends!

Come see us and make sure to “air” shake hands with the shelter staff. Staff has put a lot of hard work in building kennels and finishing the building.



# Desilting Continues



Desilting work is progressing along Sunset Drive and will continue on Timber.

## Recap on CDBG-DR, Pin Oak, Nicholstone Acquisition

### PIN OAK DRAINAGE

All preliminary contract start-up documents are completed. Project design is at 30% and the environmental review is pending determination from the Texas Historical Commission. Current projects have the project completing design and bidding initiating in the Fall of 2020.

Contract Start Date: 11/30/2019

Contract End Date: 11/30/2021

Total Project Amount = \$1,257,150

- Construction = \$1,257,150
- Engineering = \$130,000
- Administration = \$150,000

### NICHOLSTONE DRAINAGE

All preliminary contract start-up documents are completed. The engineer is working through the initial design and has developed a project schedule which will release bids in the Fall of 2020. The environmental review has progressed through and clearance is anticipated by July/August of 2020.

Contract Start Date: 11/30/2019

Contract End Date: 11/30/2021

Total Project Amount =  
\$8,982,434

- Construction = \$4,259,000
- Engineering = \$662,000
- Administration = \$150,000

### GUM BAYOU TRIBUTARY

All preliminary contract start-up documents are completed. The environmental process is waiting on the engineer to finish working through the hydraulics and design plans to determine the special studies need to be done as well as permits needing to be obtained.

Contract Start Date: 11/30/2019

Contract End Date: 11/30/2021

- Total Project Amount =  
\$3,466,284
- Grant = \$3,466,284 (construction)
  - o Engineering = \$340,000
  - o Administration = \$150,000

### NICHOLSTONE ACQUISITION

The City entered into a buyout program with the GLO to buyout and acquire residential dwellings identified as being affected by Hurricane Harvey. The development of the Housing Guidelines is currently underway.

Contract Start Date: 3/11/2020

Contract End Date: 5/31/2022

Total Project Amount = \$9,219,828