



# City Administrator's News and Notes

August 2020



## REGISTER TO VOTE!

You must register to vote by October 5 to be eligible to vote in the November 3 election.

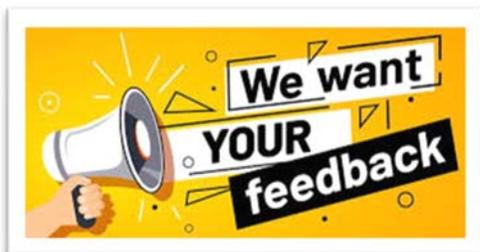


**EDUCATE YOURSELF!**  
CHECK OUT OUR PAGE TO SEE WHAT'S ON OUR LOCAL BALLOT  
[HTTP://WWW.CI.DICKINSON.TX.US/766/ELECTION---MAY-2-2020](http://www.ci.dickinson.tx.us/766/ELECTION---MAY-2-2020)




In the next few weeks, keep an eye out for a Community Survey coming to your mailbox.

The Dickinson Municipal Management District voted to move forward with the development and distribution of a community survey by a professional survey company – ETC Institute.



Notify Me updates are the fastest and easiest way to be “in the know” about what is happening in the City. Subscribe today to get the latest news from the City sent straight to your email or smartphone!

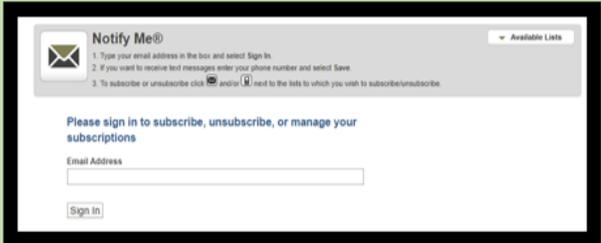
### HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO “NOTIFY ME” UPDATES

**Step 1:** Go to [www.ci.dickinson.tx.us](http://www.ci.dickinson.tx.us)



**Step 2:** Click the “Notify Me” icon on the homepage.

**Step 3:** Enter your email address to begin receiving email updates; click “Sign In.”



Upon clicking “Sign In,” you will be prompted to enter your mobile number if you would like to subscribe to text messaging updates.

**Step 4:** Choose which updates you would like to receive. Please subscribe to “General City Communication” and “News Flash” updates to receive the latest news from City officials.

## Dickinson Public Library

The Dickinson Public Library is reintroducing our programming! Preschool Storytime will be on Wednesdays at 10 am with Kathy Soehl and participants will be given a grab and go craft project to take home and complete. We look forward to building back up to our normal group sizes by the end of the month. Space is currently limited to twelve children to continue safe social distancing practices. The Maker Monday program will be held for children 8+ years. This program provides S.T.E.M. and S.T.R.E.A.M activities for the participants. In September, the Maker Monday programming will include designing and coding a MeeperBOT, create a moving toy, and CD painting. Classes will be each Monday at 4pm. There are 10 slots for each class, so patrons will need to call or reserve their child's spot online for the class. Adult Computer Classes will resume beginning the 22nd of September with an introductory class to all things Google. Make sure to look online or stop into the library for a copy of the Programming calendar.



Beginning on September 28th the library will be handing out "Take and Make" craft kits for fall. There will be kits for children, teens, and adults. The children's craft kit will include four different craft activities that will work on their fine motor skills. Teens and Adults will be a more intricate craft projects that will have a fall theme to them. The Children's kit will be one per child and the Teen and Adults may pick up two different kits to take home



The library partnered with the Galveston Food Bank in offering Census outreach to the community. Three volunteers, led by Diana Ramirez, came out to the library and set up a table outside to provide the community the opportunity to fill out their Census information and ask any questions they had about the Census. The Census is scheduled to wrap up at the end of September and every person counts



towards how funding is provided to the community.

The Dickinson Public Library added two new database offerings to the public. They are AtoZ America, which is an American food, culture, and recipe database, and the other one is AtoZ World Travel, which provides a large-scale database of country information and travel guidelines for across the globe. Just go to Dickinsonpubliclibrary.org and hit the “Databases” tab – “New Databases”.

The Dickinson Public Library has voter registration cards available for the community in both English and Spanish. Stop in to pick up a card and we will review it to make sure it is complete and deliver it to the Galveston County Tax Office for processing.



### Fire Marshal's Office

The Fire Marshal's Office completed inspections for the renovation of First Baptist Church, as well as all plans and inspections for a new pizza oven at Dickinson High School. The Fire Marshal participated in several site plan meetings for new commercial development.

The Fire Marshal investigated fire at 3200 IH45, Heartbreakers Gentlemen's Club. Fire was found to be an electrical short. Activation of a **single sprinkler head** extinguished the fire and kept the fire from spreading – his is why we advocate fire sprinkler systems in commercial businesses!

### Dickinson Police Department

Over 80% of the Patrol Division worked jointly with the Office of Emergency Management and our Mutual Aid Partners to assist the community in a successful and peaceful Black Lives Matter protest event.

Sgt. Peterson and Officers Sharp and Porter completed a 2-Day Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Course (ALERRT). This course certifies those officers to go out into the community and deliver strategies for surviving Active Shooter Incidents.

Sgt. Montgomery and Officer Sharp completed a 2-Day Pepper Ball Instructor Course. This training certifies those officers to instruct a less than lethal force option to Law Enforcement Officers within the agency and throughout the surrounding regions.

CID assisted the Department of Homeland Security in a successful Child Pornography Raid.

Det. Oliver assisted Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina, in locating sexual abuse victims who relocated to Dickinson.





Feel free to stop by the shelter anytime  
Tuesday through Saturday,  
from 10 am – 5 pm.

## BAS Tiles

Your \$40 donation will not only save a life, it will be displayed for everyone that comes to Bayou Animal Services to see. Your tile will be hand crafted and put up for display when complete. What a wonderful way to honor your furry best friend! For more information, go to <https://bayouanimalservices.org/>



### Bayou Animal Services

Supplies and foster homes needed!

Although we have adopted out 16 animals just in the last week, including 1 FELV positive cat, we still need your help! Medical cases coming into the shelter are on the rise.

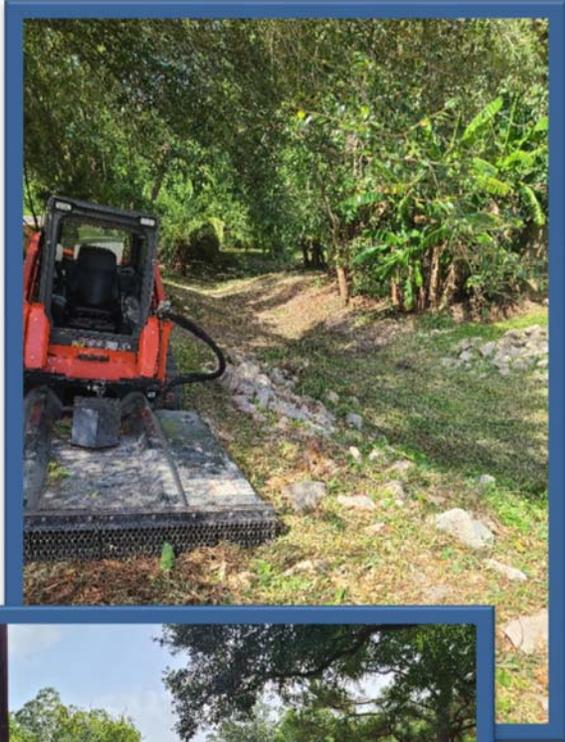
Donations are always welcome and can be any of the following:

- Kitten Food – wet and dry
- Kitten and puppy formula
- Cleaning rags/wash cloths
- Large trash bags
- Newspaper
- Rabbit supplies
- Reptile supplies



### Community Services Updates

Public Works mowing crews have been busy cutting grass in the drainage ditches – below are photos of the ditches on Winding Brook Court.



### Code Enforcement & Public Health Code Enforcement (Patrol) of the Tropical Gardens Subdivision.

Sample Code Enforcement Actions:



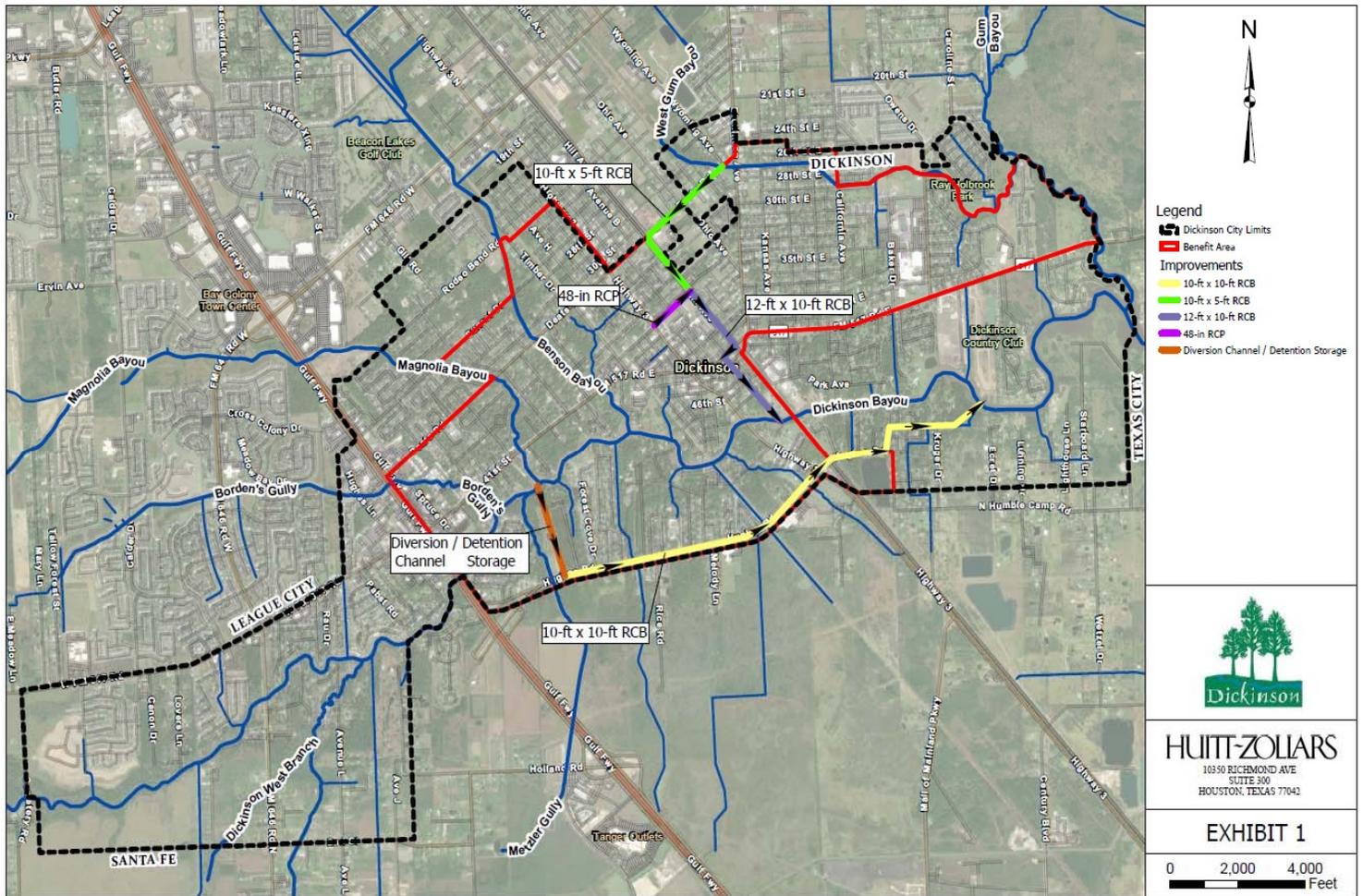
Before



After

Reconstruction of the roadway and drainage improvements continue on Anchor Way.





The upcoming CDBG-Mitigation drainage project for the City of Dickinson is comprised of building two (2) large storm sewer systems to enable flood waters to be removed from several bayous serving the City of Dickinson and get the water to Dickinson Bayou quicker and out of the City of Dickinson quicker.

The conceptual plan calls for a large channel to be built south of Dickinson Bayou just to the east of I-45 to convey water from Dickinson Bayou to Hughes Road. A large storm sewer comprised of large reinforced concrete box culverts would be constructed below Hughes Road all the way to the east and outfall into Dickinson Bayou further downstream. Hughes Road would be reconstructed after the construction of the box culverts. The channel from Dickinson Bayou to the inlet of the box culverts under Hughes Road will be over excavated to provide floodplain storage.

The conceptual plan also calls for the construction of a large storm sewer beginning near the intersection of FM 1266 and Deats Road to pull water from West Gun Bayou. The storm sewer is intended to proceed southwest under Deats Road to Nichols Street and then under Nichols Street to FM 517. The storm sewer would then proceed west to the area of Nebraska Street and then south to Dickinson Bayou. This would also be a large reinforced concrete box culvert. All roadways under which the storm sewer is proposed would also be reconstructed. Smaller storm sewer connections from west of the railroad corridor would be constructed to provide drainage enhancements to the area along SH 3 and areas draining to Benson Bayou.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY

# BOARD OR COMMISSION?

We are seeking individuals who would be interested in serving.



MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT

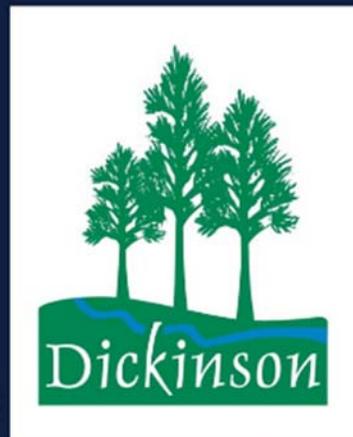
[HTTPS://WWW.CI.DICKINSON.TX.US/204/BOARDS-COMMISSIONS](https://www.ci.dickinson.tx.us/204/boards-commissions)

Animal Advisory  
Committee

Board of Adjustments

Building Standards  
Committee

Dickinson Education  
Finance Corporation



Dickinson Management  
District #1

Economic Development  
Corporation

Fair Housing Work Group

Planning and Zoning  
Commission