



City Manager's Update

Week Ending 08-30-19

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- On Monday, August 26, 2019, the CMO issued the official Notice to Proceed for the Senior Center Project.
- On Wednesday, August 28, 2019, the CMO met with North Texas Inspections to discuss the potential use of their services.
- On Wednesday, August 28, 2019, the City Manager and Management Staff met with the Owner's Representative and Grossman Design Build, LLC to discuss the space summary analysis for the new buildings. A Council work session will be held September 10, 2019, to receive feedback/direction on design aesthetics.
- On Friday, August 30, 2019, the CMO met with Eyncon Engineering to discuss the engineering services they could potentially provide for the new City buildings and Mesa project.

CITY SECRETARY

- The General Election for Mayor and Councilmember in Places 2, 4 and 6 will be on November 5, 2019.

For all up to date information regarding the election, including vote center locations and early voting times, please visit our website at: <http://www.glennheightstx.gov/230/Elections-Elecciones> *New information regarding Mayoral and Councilmember Candidates, and polling locations has been updated*

- The City Secretary attended the 2019 Legislative Update Seminar hosted by TMCCP on August 22-23, 2019. Information regarding the key legislative updates on the

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council

Sept. 3, 2019
7:00 pm

Municipal Court

Sept. 5, 2019
3:00 pm

City Council (Special Called)

Sept. 10, 2019
7:00 pm

50th Anniversary

Sept. 12, 2019
6:15 pm

Heritage Lakes HOA

Sept. 12, 2019
7:00 pm



following topics were discussed: Open Government, Municipal Court, Administration Law, Elections, Human Resources, Planning & Zoning, Public Safety – Disaster, Public Safety – First Responders, Finance, Utilities & Environment, and Utilities & Transportation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Senior Center Programming

- Staff has begun initial meetings with resource providers and had a meeting with Ja'Net Pearson of Senior Solutions on Tuesday, August 22, 2019. Staff will present initial findings at our City Council meeting on September 3, 2019.

City Center Facilities

- Invitations for Groundbreaking Ceremony were sent to City leaders, Public Officials, staff, and residents
- State Representative Carl Sherman has confirmed his attendance
- Texas Senator Royce West has confirmed his attendance
- US Senator Ted Cruz is sending a congratulatory letter
- US Congresswoman Eddie B. Johnson is sending a proclamation
- Dallas County Director of Health and Human Services, Philip Huang, will be in attendance

Other

- Received positive, hand written note from resident regarding Back to School Bash
- Joined the “Love Your Block” national network of cities working to drive beautification and pride through community engagement

Back to School Bash Wrap-up

The City of Glenn Heights kicked off the 2019 – 2020 school year with the 4th Annual Back to School Bash held at Heritage Community Park. City Council members distributed 250 backpacks with school supplies to Glenn Heights students. The Ellis County Chapter of Omega Psi Phi served as hands-on volunteers assisting with material dispersal.

This year's event featured two live performances by the McCowan Middle School Cheerleaders, a free train ride for kids, face paintings, hair braiders, haircuts, snow cones and breakfast tacos served by the 50th Anniversary Committee. Community partners and sponsors for the event included:



- Desoto ISD • Acapulco's • Faith Family Academy • AAA-Texas •
- Glenn Heights Chamber of Commerce • Sylvan Learning Center • Chick-Fil-A •
- American Heart Association • Gateway Estates • This Country's Best Italian Ice (TCBII) • We are Uniforms •

Website Updates

This reporting period, web traffic was down, consistent with the trends that have been tracked for the past few months. This period was not a water bill cycle paying period, however we are looking at numerous ways to continue to drive web traffic during these low cycles.

- Overall Pageviews were down 32%
- Time spent on webpages increased by 6.39%

Pages that drove traffic this period:

- City Council Meeting Videos increased 9.94%
- City Council information page views increased 33%

Social Media Updates

The Glenn Heights Facebook page has reached 1,715 followers.

Our post engagement this reporting period was driven by the following 3 items:

1. Glenn Heights In the News ** // The hidden benefits of reducing LEOs' back pain. Load-bearing vests can improve officer comfort, attitude and morale and reduce medical and overtime costs
2. Ballot Placement Results
3. A push for residents to feature their pooch for National Dog Day

Upcoming Events

Movie Night in the Park -- September 7

Movie: The Lego Movie 2

Senior Center and City Center Groundbreaking- September 16

Location: 1932 S. Hampton and 1942 S. Hampton

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Veterans Day 5K and Fun Run + Veterans Memorial Program- November 9



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Glenn Heights Chamber of Commerce to host 2019 State of the City Address with Mayor Harry A. Garrett

The breakfast event will be free and open to the public.

Development Activity:

Economic Development hosted a site visit and regional tour with Flaherty & Collins (Indianapolis, IN) in response to the active *Request for Expressions of Interest* published by the City to solicit development interest in a city-owned property. A link to the company's website and portfolio of development projects is provided: <http://flco.com/portfolio/>. The current deadline for expressions of interest proposals is **September 16, 2019**. Staff is currently considering an extension of that deadline.



On Wednesday August 21, 2019, Economic Development Administrator, Marlon Goff attended the first session of the Class of 2020 Leadership Southwest training.



SAVE THE DATE

9-28-19



**2019 State of the City
Address**

**SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
9:00 A.M.**

Curtistene McCowan Middle School
1500 Majestic Meadow Dr. Glenn Heights, TX
RSVP: glennheightschamber@gmail.com

FIRE

- On Tuesday, August 27, Fire personnel worked with Red Oak ISD PD and Glenn Heights PD to observe lock down drills for the following Red Oak ISD campuses: Schupmann Elementary, Shields Elementary and Little Hawks.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Employees attended Open Enrollment sessions at the Glō Hotel in Desoto, Tuesday, August 27, 2019 – Thursday, August 29, 2019. Employee benefits for the FY20 will include: Medical, Dental, Vision, Life, AD & D, Short and Long Term Disability, Accident and Critical Illness and Flex Spending Accounts. Benefit representatives were present to assist employees.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

There were 34 new residential permits issued between August 14 - 28, 2019, for a total construction value of \$8,138,800.00.

POLICE

- On Monday August 19, 2019, members of the Police and Fire Departments served a “First Day Breakfast” for teachers and staff at Moates Elementary School and McCowan Middle School. Food was donated from Dunkin Donuts, Krispy Kreme, Panera Bread, and Chick-fil-a. This act of service was part of the newly created “DeSotoYOU Stronger Together Initiative” that will continue to show appreciation for teachers during the school year.



- On Wednesday August 21, 2019, Deputy Chief Dooley attended the first session of the Class of 2020 Leadership Southwest training.



- On Sunday August 25, 2019, Officer Illingworth conducted a traffic stop for a minor violation on South Hampton. During the traffic stop, she developed probable cause to search the vehicle. The search led to the discovery of marijuana, cocaine, and a firearm.



- On Wednesday August 28, 2019, Deputy Chief Dooley conducted a department wide meeting that focused on the implementation of a “Code of Honor.” This document now serves as the cornerstone on how department staff treat each other and provide excellent customer service to members of the community.

