



## August 2003

### OTHER NEWS

#### Citizens Police Academy Seeking Applicants

The next Citizens Police Academy is scheduled to begin on September 9, 2003. For more information contact Pug Pagliara or Officer Eddied Edwards at 972-780-5027.

#### Garbage Pickup Change

Duncan Disposal, the City's garbage contractor, has adjusted the routes for Mondays. Some areas will receive trash pickup at different times than normal. Please have trash out by 7 AM on the day of collection.

Duncan Disposal sells 2 mil. thick garbage bags for \$6.00 for a 50 bag roll (tax included).

## City Water Utilities Encounters Problems With Delivery of Utility Statements

For the second time this year the City of Duncanville's Utility Accounting Department has run into problems with water utility statements being delivered in a timely manner.

"The city is divided into four areas that establish the different billing cycles," said Utility Account Manager Dana Mitchell. "We first encountered a problem in late January with the delivery of the "Cycle 4" utility bills."

According to Mitchell, the post office was experiencing an equipment malfunction that caused the delay.

"We talked with the post office to determine what the delay was and how we could avoid delays in the future. We were told that the statements could not be tracked and that we (the City) were doing everything required to assist in making sure our deliveries were timely," says Mitchell.

Due to the problem in January, the City did not penalize any of the homes in cycle 4 if the utility payment was received late.

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## National Night Out

### Crime Prevention Event Set For August 5th

by Officer Eddie Edwards, Duncanville Police Department

The Duncanville Police Department would like to invite the residents of Duncanville out to Lions Park to enjoy its Second National Night Out in the park. The Chief and I have noticed that in the years past we have found it very difficult for us to make the number of block parties that our residents had going on for National Night Out. This was mainly due to the time constraint and the number of addresses we try to attend on that night.

This year will hopefully be our second successful National Night Out in the Park with the others only to be better. We will have a few of our Citizen on Patrol members provide some refreshments before the Chief and I speak on the trend of crime in our neighborhoods as well as crime prevention tips. We will have our Police Explorers taking child fingerprints in the park, we will also be handing out free gun locks from our "Project Child Safe" program that we always have going, also for a minimal cost we will also be having a new tool in Child Identification called "Toothprints" provided by Dr. Lamond.

We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy a night that is set up for residents in their neighborhoods all across the Nation to say, "No" to crime. In order to do this we ask that the Duncanville resident's who are planning to attend to turn on their porch lights, lock up you homes, and come on out. So please bring your lawn chairs and your family and join us for a night of information and fun.

National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6p-9p in Lions Park located on S. Peach St. For more information please contact the Duncanville Police Departments Crime Prevention Division @ 972-780-5027

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U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
DUNCANVILLE,  
TEXAS  
Permit No. 10

Postal Customer

Duncanville  
**CHAMPION**  
P.O. Box 380280  
Duncanville, Texas 75138

## City Information Index

### Duncanville City Offices

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Manager's Office	972-780-5017
City Secretary	972-780-5004
Community Information	972-780-5043
Duncanville JobLine	972-780-5006
After Hours Calls	972-780-4959

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Development Director	972-780-5090
Marketing Director	972-780-5086

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police	972-780-5038
Community Relations	972-780-5027
Criminal Investigations	972-780-5037
Animal Control	972-780-5025
Police Records	972-780-5024

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief	972-780-4920
Assistant Fire Chief	972-780-4921

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Director	972-780-5005
Municipal Court	972-780-5055
Teen Court	972-780-5063
Water Billing	972-780-5010

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Director	972-780-5076
Library	972-780-5050
Community Center	972-780-5070
Senior Center	972-780-5073
Armstrong Pool	972-780-5083
Event Rain-Out	972-949-2229

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director	972-780-5015
Building Inspections	972-780-5040
Garage Sale Permits	972-780-5040
Health Officer	972-780-4963

#### COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Radio	1250 AM
Internet	www.duncanville.com
Television	Charter Comm. Cable Channel 26

#### SPECIAL INTEREST NUMBERS

##### License Plate Renewal

Dallas County Govt. Center	214-653-7811
Community Assistance	
Duncanville Outreach	972-296-4986
Chamber of Commerce	
Chamber Offices	972-780-4990

#### Mayor & City Council Phone Numbers

Mayor Glenn Repp	972-298-0213
District 1 - David Green	972-780-0348
District 2 - Scott Cannon III	972-298-8098
District 3 - Marilyn Massey	972-296-5993
District 4 - Grady Smithey	972-298-2775
District 5 - Jim Pyeatt	972-296-0132
At Large - Dorothy Burton	972-296-8844

### Duncanville CHAMPION

is a monthly joint publication of the Duncanville Chamber of Commerce, Duncanville Independent School District and the City of Duncanville.

For information, call the City's Community Information Office at 972-780-5043 or e-mail at kbilbrey@ci.duncanville.tx.us

## Friends of the Library Booksale Starts August 9th.

The popular annual used booksale, sponsored by the Friends of the Duncanville Public Library, kicks off Saturday, August 9 at 10am, announced Ed Green, Chairman of the Booksale. "We start promptly at 10 so get there early for the best selections," he continued. "Members of the Friends get a special preview session on Friday, August 8 from 6 to 8 pm. Memberships will be sold that evening so there will be an opportunity to become a member of the group and to attend the Preview night, if you wish to seek out early bargains," he said.



This year's sale takes place for the first time at the new library/community center located at 201 James Collins Blvd. in meeting rooms 2 & 3. It will feature a wide selection, from children's books, college texts, to fiction and a large assortment of art books donated by a local artist. Additional sale times are: Sunday, August 10 from 1 to 5pm, sporadic hours during the week of August 11-15, followed by Saturday, August 16 from 10 to 5pm, with the concluding sale date of Sun., August 17 from 1 to 5pm. "All proceeds from the booksale go directly to the Children's department of the Duncanville Public Library, which funds their wildly popular Dad's Night Out series and other children's programming activities, including the summer reading club," said Mr. Green.

Volunteers are also needed to set up shelving, sort and price books, and to take down and clean up. Call Jerry Hill at 972-296-0111 to volunteer. To donate books for the sale, take them to Duncanville Rental at 1006 S. Main Street.

## Princess, Prince and Dragon Puppets work it out at the Library

Friends of the Duncanville Public Library present, a Sandy ShROUT puppet show, **The Paper Bag Princess** Tuesday, August 5, 2003, at 7 p.m. A bright and bubbly princess puppet is poised to save the not-so-charming-Prince from the dastardly dragon but . . . whatever shall she wear? This show is a part of the **Dad's Night Out** first-Tuesday-of-the-month entertainment series. This series will continue monthly through out the year sponsored by the Pizza Hut Young Audiences LIBRARY LIVE program. The Pirtles will present *Interacting with Hands, Voice & Music* Tuesday September 2 at 7 p.m.

## Duncanville Digest

### Mayor's Open Line Friday

The Mayor's Open Line Friday is scheduled for Friday, August 1, 2003. Meet with Mayor Glenn Repp and discuss issues from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the City Council Chambers, Duncanville City Hall.

### Water Conservation Information

**Retrofit all household faucets by installing aerators with flow restrictors to slow the flow of water.**

For further water saving tips, please call the Duncanville Public Works Water/Wastewater Division at 972-780-4900.

**Look for the Duncanville ISD Back to School Guide in the mail soon or check it out in English and Spanish at [www.duncanvilleisd.org](http://www.duncanvilleisd.org).**

**IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

These requirements involve students attending all public schools and private schools in Texas. Please contact your physician, school nurse, or county health clinics to help you determine if your child may need any additional immunizations.

5 years - 6 years

**Varicella (chicken pox) Effective 8/1/00** One dose for children who were born on or after 9/2/94, and are one year old or older (or show proof of immunity). **Hepatitis B Effective 8/1/98** Dates of 3 doses for children born on or after 9/2/92.

7 years and older

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**Hepatitis B Effective 8/1/98** Dates of 3 doses for children born on or after 9/2/92 **Effective 8/1/00** Children born on or after 9/2/88 must have 3 doses of vaccine by 12th birthday.

*It is very important to update your child's immunizations, if they are needing any of these required immunizations. Please take proof of updated immunizations to your school as soon as possible. You may contact your school nurse if you have any questions about these new immunization requirements. All records must be signed by a doctor, public health clinic or world health organization. Parents' statement is not acceptable.*

**Dress Code for the 2003 – 2004 School Year**

The Dress Code for the 2003 – 2004 School Year in its entirety may be found at the DISD web site, [www.duncanvilleisd.org](http://www.duncanvilleisd.org). For this next year the Dress Code will be unchanged for students in grades Pk-6. However, a few changes have been made to the dress code for students in grades 7 – 12, and are listed below as follows:

- The restriction on "beach thongs" was lifted. However, students still must wear soled footwear at all times, and house shoes and "heelys" or any shoes with rollers are not permitted.
- Students may wear hooded coats, but may have the hood up only while outside passing between buildings. Likewise, students may wear hats or caps while outside passing between buildings. Hoods may not be up and hats and caps may not be worn while inside school buildings.
- In the interest of student safety, this year students at all times must wear a District-issued ID badge during the school day while on the school campus.

Further, the Board has directed District administrators to strictly enforce the Dress & Grooming Code. Toward that goal, the Board has adopted a set of consequences for students who violate the Code, and the Board expects these consequences to be strictly and consistently applied. All students are expected to be in compliance with the dress code on the first day of school, and the consequences for violation of this Code are listed below for your review.

**Middle Schools:**

First violation: Correctable violations, correct and issue a warning. Non-correctable violations will be assigned to New Directions for the remainder of the day.

Second violation: 2 days New Direction

Third violation: 5 days New Direction/ Campus Behavior Unit

Fourth violation: 2 day suspension-at-home

Fifth or more violation: 2 day suspension-at-home, and loss of school privileges.

**Duncanville Ninth Grade School and Duncanville High School:**

First Day of School August 18, 2003 – Correctable violations, correct and issue a warning. Non-correctable violations will be assigned suspension-at-home for remainder of day.

Beginning Tuesday, August 19, 2003:

First violation: 1 day suspension-at-home

Second violation: 2 day suspension-at-home.

Third or more violation: 2 day suspension-at-home, and loss of school privileges

**REGISTRATION FOR STUDENTS NEW TO DUNCANVILLE ISD**

**August 5 - 8, 2003**

All campuses, 9 am to 3 pm. All grade levels may also be enrolled on the first day of school, Monday, August 18.

**SCHOOL HOURS**

Pre - Kindergarten, half day:

7:45 am - 10:45 am & 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Kindergarten, full day: 7:45 am - 3:15 pm

First through sixth grades:

7:45 am - 3:15 pm

Seventh & eighth grades:

8:10 am - 3:45 pm

Ninth grade: 8:20 am - 3:35 pm

Tenth through twelfth grades:

8:30 am - 3:45 pm

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

For students new to Duncanville ISD, these requirements must be satisfied:

1. Proof of residency (see below).
2. Birth certificate or baptismal certificate and/or passport.
3. Immunization records.
4. Social security card, if available.
5. Report card/transcript or withdrawal paperwork from last school attended.
6. Parent/guardian must accompany all students to be registered.

**PROOF OF RESIDENCY :**

1. Homeowner/Renter: Must have current utility receipt (gas, water, or electric). If new, with no current receipt, must have letter from utility company showing transfer of utilities. If living in someone's house and utilities are paid, have utility receipt and certified letter from owner stating conditions of use.
2. Apartment in Applicant's Name: Utility receipt, as above. Landlord must verify apartment number and residency.
3. Living with someone (in a house): Utility receipt from owner. Signed verification (proper school form). Owner must verify.

***It is mandatory for all district families to present a utility bill for attendance eligibility in Duncanville ISD.***

**NUTRITION SERVICES BREAKFAST & LUNCH PRICES**

Breakfast:

Student, all grades 1.25

Reduced, all grades .30

District adult 1.00

Non-district adult 1.25

Lunch:

Student, PK-6 2.10

Student, 7-12 2.25

Reduced, all grades .40

District & non/district adult 2.40

# Fun In Duncanville

## **FALL POINTE CLASS**

Intermediate Pointe Class

**Duncanville Community Center**

**Aerobics Room**

Call instructor by August 10<sup>th</sup> to enroll.

Class starts: August 18th

Class Meets: Monday's 7:45p-9pm

Fee: \$47/month

Instructor: Vicki Shamberger (469) 235-6866

## **TEXAS DANCE AND CHEER**

Learn chants, jumps, dance routines & more.

Class meets Thursday's ages 4 to 7: 1<sup>st</sup> session

Ages 8 & up: 2<sup>nd</sup> session

**Register at class**

**Location To Be Announced**

Registration Fee: \$8 on first meeting

Class Fee: \$7 each class meeting

Instructor: Diversified Youth Services

T-shirts, & shorts are available for order at class.

Attire: T-Shirts, shorts or warm-ups and White-soled tennis - For more info call 972/208-6697

## **DISTINCT DANCE**

Class meets Friday 5:30p - 6:30p, ages 4 to 7;

6:30p - 7:30p for ages 8 & up

**Recreation Center - Aerobics Room**

Registration Fee: \$8 on first meeting

Class Fee: \$7 each class meeting

**Register at class**

Instructor: Diversified Youth Services

No required uniform for the classroom.

We offer optional uniforms for purchase.

For more info call 972/208-6697

## **ADULT DANCE CLASSES**

**Beginner Swing and Ballroom Dance I**

Both forms of dance will attract all music lovers. Learn to dance to Big Band, 50's Rock and Roll, Contemporary Rock, to name a few.

Swing/Jitterbug: Monday 7p to 8pm (9 wk sessions)

Ballroom Dance: Monday 8p to 9pm (9 wk sessions)

**D. L. Hopkins Center**

**Cost: Couples Only/\$45 per person**

**Instructor: Roger Chartier**

**Register at Recreation Center Front Desk**

**There's still time to enroll in the May Session**

Class will meet each Monday. Singles are welcome. There is still time to register for the Class. We ask that you bring and register a friend to ensure you a partner for this class. 6 couples Class Minimum

**For additional information call 972/780-5070**

## **Duncanville Youth Associations Contacts**

Duncanville Girls Softball Association- 972-283-2195 or [www.eteamz.com/dgsa](http://www.eteamz.com/dgsa)

Duncanville Youth Soccer Association- 972-709-9007 or [www.eteamz.com/duncanvillesoccer](http://www.eteamz.com/duncanvillesoccer)

Duncanville Boys Baseball, Inc. 972-738-9322 or [www.dbbi.net](http://www.dbbi.net)

## **KARATE**

Learn serious self-defense oriented

Matsamura Kenpo Shorn Ryu Karate.

Instructors for children & adults; family discounts available.

**Duncanville Community Center**

**Aerobics Room/East gym**

Kids age 7+: T/TH 7:15-8:15 PM

Adults: T/TH 7:15-8:30 PM

Open: Sat 9-10:00 AM

Cost: \$25/Month-Students, \$40/Month-Adults

Instructors: Kris Howerton @ 972-393-0782/ Bob Finley @ 972-298-2021.

## **SELF-DEFENSE/ANTI-KIDNAPPING**

For ages 4 to 7: 1st session, ages 8 and up 2<sup>nd</sup> session

**Class Day and Location - To Be Announced**

Registration Fee: \$8 on first meeting

Class Fee: \$7 each class meeting

**Register at class**

Instructor: Diversified Youth Services

Uniform is available but not mandatory.

An Alert Child of Texas T-Shirt available for purchase. For more info call 972/208-6697.

## **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS - BEGINNER CLASS II**

Because our Beginner I Class is doing so well, we will have the advanced or second section of this class along with The **Beginner I class**, coming September **16th 2003**.

Each session - 8 weeks

Class will meet every Tuesday

**Beginner I Class:** 6p - 7:30p

**Beginner II Class:** 7:30p - 9p

Class Fee: \$45/session for Adults

Class Fee: \$35/session for ages 13 to 17

Class Fee: \$30/session for ages 9 to 12

Class Book - American Sign Language (Barnes & Noble)

**Registration for this September Class will be available**

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003 with a Minimum **7 students**

**Instructor: Terrance Hood**

**For additional information call 214/868-2997**

## **ARMSTRONG POOL HOURS**

Last day pool is open for the 2003 season is Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Daily Times**

Weekdays 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M

Saturday 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sunday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Tw-Lite Open Swims**

Mon. & Wed. 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Fridays 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturdays 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Tw-Lite Family Swims**

Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

All swimmers must be accompanied by an Adult 18 years of age or older.

## **ROBIX FITNESS: AEROBICS & YOGA**

Summer Blast...

**Duncanville Community Center**

**Aerobics Room**

Mon/Wed-Muscles 'n' Motion 5:45p-6:30p

Mon/Wed- Step 'n' Motion 6:30p-7:30p

Mon/Wed-Yoga Fit 7:45p-8:45p ends Aug. 8.

Sat.-Cardio-Combo 9:00a-10:30a

Sat.-Yoga-Fit 10:45a-11:45a

**Hopkins Senior Center**

Tues/Thurs-Yoga Fit 5:45p-6:45p

Tues/Thurs-Cardio-Quick (Low Impact

Aerobics) 7:00p-7:45p

(Old moves are new again! Great feel-good workout!! Less joint stress!!!)

**PLEASE ARRIVE 15-MINUTES EARLY TO REGISTER @ THE CLASS.**

For beginners, regular exercisers; 16+ Cost: \$5.00 walk-in; \$14/4 classes; \$28/8 classes; 65/3month/unlimited classes; Beg. Special.

Materials needed: Bring exercise mat & hand/ankle weights for aerobic & toning classes;

Bring Yoga sticky mat, folded blanket, & towel for all yoga classes.

Instructor: Roseanna Needham-Dryden, B.S. Instructor Phone: 972-709-1906

Email: [fitness\\_in\\_duncanville@yahoo.com](mailto:fitness_in_duncanville@yahoo.com)

## **JAZZERCISE**

Combines cardio, strength and stretching exercises for one of the most effective total body workouts.

Mon & Wed -Jazzercise Step 6:30p-7:30p

Tues. & Thurs.-Jazzercise 6:20p-7:05p

Sat.-Jazzercise 9a-10a

NEW CLASS: Saturday Body Sculpting, 10:10a-11:00a

**MON/WED/SAT IN WEST GYM TUE/THU IN AEROBICS ROOM**

*All classes emphasize low-impact, high energy moves.*

Bring your own weights & mat. Tube/step/stability ball provided.

*\$7 walk-in. \$70 8-wks.*

*\$29 Bank Draft (no contracts-no memberships)*

*New Clients: 1 week FREE with 8-class purchase.*

Certified Instructor: Sheilla (SHAY-la)

Instructor phone: 972-709-6441

More info??? [www.jazzforhealth.com](http://www.jazzforhealth.com)

## **MORNING YOGA**

**Learn basic yoga postures designed to celebrate the spine.**

Class meets Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10a - 11:30a

**Recreation Center - Aerobics Room**

Class Fee: \$21 weekly (\$7 per class)

**Register at Recreation Center - Front Desk**

Instructor: Carolyn Smith

This class meets weekly

Attire: Comfortable clothes & tennis shoes.

Bring a towel and sticky mat

For more info call 972/780-5070

# August 2003

## **DRUG & ALCOHOL DRIVING AWARENESS PROGRAM**

Approved for 5% Insurance Discount for Texas Drivers 18 and up. Court Approved referrals from Municipal and JP Courts will be honored. Program targets Youthful Drivers & Zero Tolerance Laws & more  
**Class meets Saturdays – 10am – 4pm Recreation Center – Meeting Room**  
Each class session is for 6 hours  
**Class fee for insurance discount: \$40/class**  
**Court Ordered class fee: \$60/class**  
Instructor: Kathryn Thompson  
Register at Recreation Center – Front Desk  
For additional information call 972/572-8262.

## **SHINING STARS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Is your child a Shining Star?  
If so, this program is for you! The Shining Stars After School Program is designed especially to bring out the star qualities in all children. We will offer tutoring, homework help, exciting activities, and much more!  
Where: Duncanville Recreation Center  
Info will be available August 1, 2003 (972) 780-5071

## **K-CHAT**

Chat seminar with teens 10 to 16. Our future for tomorrow. Enjoy Q & A, Goodies, and DoorPrizes. Alcohol/Drugs Awareness & Driving Program  
**Class meets Thursday - 4:30p-6p**  
Class Fee: \$15 Weekly  
**Recreation Center – Meeting Room**  
Instructor: Kathryn Thompson  
Register at Recreation Center - Front Desk.  
For additional information call 972/572-8262

## **DUNCANVILLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

Final Fall Registration  
Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am-3pm  
Boys and Girls ages 4-15  
Location:  
DSA Office  
215 E Freeman Suite 103  
Duncanville  
For more info call 972-709-9007.

## **CREATIVE STORYTELLING LAB**

**Do you have a desire to increase your storytelling ability?** If your answer is yes then the Creative Storytelling class is just what you need!  
Where: Duncanville Recreation Center  
Cost: \$25.00 per child/per class session (supplies will be provided by instructor.)  
For more information contact (972) 780-5071

## **DEFENSIVE DRIVING**

Got a ticket? Or just want a discount on your auto insurance.  
Class is sponsored & certified by the National Safety Council.  
August 16, 2003  
9:00am - 3:30pm  
Registration Deadline: Thursday, August 14 @ 9:00 PM  
(Must have 6 registered by deadline to have class)  
Duncanville Community Center  
201 James Collins  
Cost: \$25  
Instructor: Doug Rorie

## **CROP 'TIL YOU DROP**

**Monthly Crop 'Til You Drop Session**  
Bring photos and work on your album. You must pre-register and pay instructor by the Wednesday before the class is to meet.  
For more information call 972-298-4006.  
August 15  
6:00pm-12am  
Cost: \$10.00  
**Hopkins Senior Center**  
Instructor: Kim Spurlock

## **RUBBER STAMPING AND SCRAP BOOKING CLASS**

Learn rubber-stamping basics and scrap book techniques  
Express your creativity without having to be an artist.  
For ages 13 to Adult  
Class meets: Every other Monday from 7p to 8:15p  
**Register at Recreation Center – Front Desk**  
Class Fee: \$10/ per class  
Instructor: Jennifer Cotton  
For information on class date call 972/780-5070

## **CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH CLASS**

This class meets weekly.  
When: Wednesday at 10am – 11:30am  
Where: Duncanville Recreation Center  
Fee: \$45/ monthly  
Register at the Center Front Desk  
Minimum 5 students needed  
Instructor: Norma Montoya  
For additional info call the center 972/780-5070

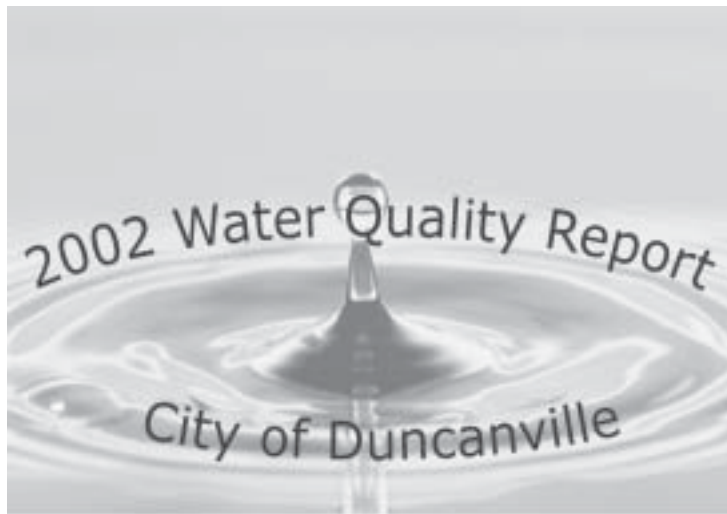
## **BEGINNING KISWAHILI – COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

The Swahili language is basically of Bantu (African) origin. It has borrowed words from other languages such as Arabic, probably because of Swahili people using the Quran which was written for Muslims in Arabic for spiritual guidance. George Omoth is the instructor for this beautiful African Language.  
ADULT FEES: \$35.00 / CHILDREN: \$45.00 (Ages 9-12)  
Please call 214/755-2453 for additional info.

# August 2003

- 1 • Mayor's Open Line Friday.** 8 - 11 a.m. Council Chambers at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland
- 5 • Duncanville City Council Meeting.** 7 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland. • **National Night Out.** A chance for the community to say "NO" to crime. 6-9 p.m. Lions Park on S. Peach Street. Call Duncanville Police Community Relations Department for more information at (972) 780-5027.
- 6 • Teen Court.** 5 p.m. at City Hall.
- 11 • Duncanville ISD School Board Meeting.** 7 p.m. at DISD Administration Building. • **City Planning & Zoning Commission.** 7 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland.
- 18 • Duncanville I.S.D. students return to school.** Watch for school zone lights and children walking.
- 19 • Duncanville City Council Meeting.** 7 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland.
- 23 • Teen Court Training.** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Duncanville Library (meeting room).
- 25 • Duncanville ISD School Board Meeting.** 7 p.m. at DISD Administration Building. • **City Planning & Zoning Commission.** 7 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland.

Get more information at the official website for the City of Duncanville  
[www.duncanville.com](http://www.duncanville.com)



## Drinking water quality you can taste, and excellence you can count on

When you drink Duncanville tap water, you're drinking clean, high quality water. Duncanville water meets or exceeds all State and Federal drinking water requirements.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (T.C.E.Q.) rates Duncanville water a "Superior Water Supply", the highest rating given by the State of Texas.

**Joel Daugherty**

Water/Wastewater Superintendent  
972-780-4937

In September 1997, Region 6 United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) gave our water supplier, Dallas Water Utilities, the Environmental Excellence Award for Public Water Supply, meaning that when you drink Duncanville water, you're drinking some of the best water in our five-state region. This is the second time that the Dallas Water Utilities has achieved this distinction, the first being in 1991. The following information pertains to the quality of your drinking water. As you read this report you will learn where your water comes from and information on the quality. If you need additional information please don't hesitate to contact us at the telephone number listed at the end of this report.

There are many opportunities available to learn more about the Duncanville Water System and water quality. For questions or concerns about water quality and to request a speaker for your group, call the Duncanville Public Works Department, Water Utilities Division at 972-780-4900.

**To obtain more information about contaminants and potential health effects, you may call the United States Environmental Agency's (USEPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.**

## Terms used in the report

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Treatment Technique** - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Action Level** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**ppm** - Parts per million. **Example:**

One part per million equals one packet of artificial sweetener sprinkled into 250 gallons of iced tea.

**ppb** - Parts per billion. **Example:**

One part per billion is equal to one packet of artificial sweetener sprinkled into an Olympic size swimming pool.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU)** - Measure of turbidity in water.

**Turbidity** - A measure of the clarity of drinking water. The lower the turbidity, the better.

**pCi/L** - Measure of picocuries per liter in water.



### Unregulated Characteristics\*

#### Detected Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant	Amount Average	Detected Range	Possible Source
Sodium (ppm)	28	8-39	Natural Contaminant
Total Hardness (ppm)	118	71-223	Natural Contaminants
Total Alkalinity (ppm)	68	28-120	Natural Contaminant

#### Detected Volatile Organic Contaminants

Actone (ppb)	5.4	ND - 18.0	Ozone reaction with untreated water
Tetrahydrofuran	2.5	ND - 2.5	Solvent and plastic adhesive

\*Unregulated characteristics do not have MCL or MCLG

# Regulated Characteris

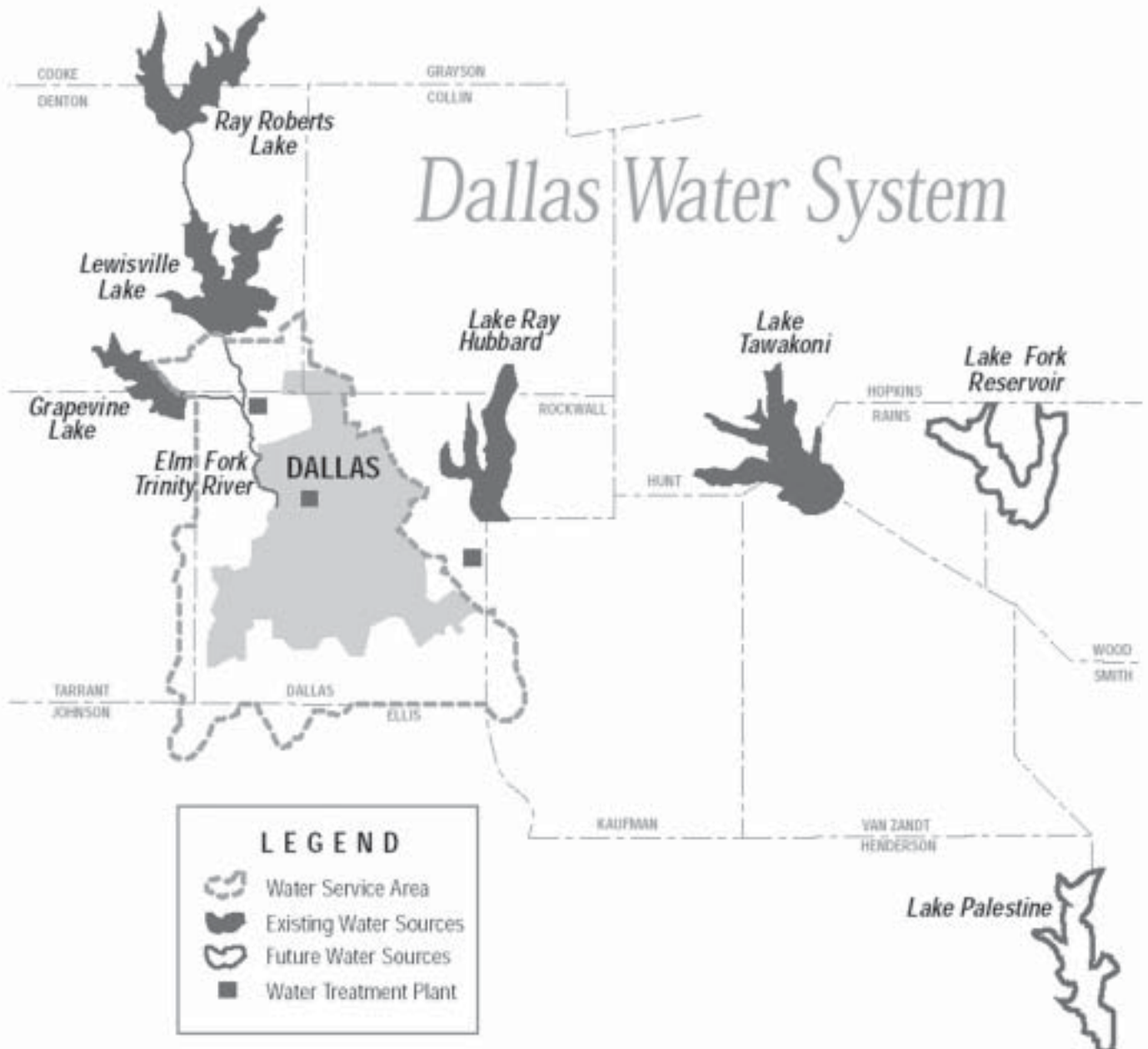
Constituents	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Maximum Contaminant Level	
	(MCLG)	(MCL)	Ave
<b>Detected Inorganic</b>			
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0
Flouride (ppm)	4	4	
Lead (ppm)	0	AL=15	
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	0
Nitrate as Nitrogen (ppm)	10	10	
Nitrite as Nitrogen (ppm)	1	1	C
<b>Detected Organic</b>			
Atrazine (ppb)	3	3	C
Simazine	4	4	C
<b>Detected Microbial</b>			
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	5% of monthly samples	
<b>Detected Radioactiv</b>			

## Duncanville Water Sources

The City of Duncanville purchases water from The City of Dallas Water Utilities. Dallas uses surface water from six sources: the Elm Fork of the Trinity River and Lake Ray Roberts, Lewisville, Grapevine, Ray Hubbard and Tawakoni. In addition, Dallas Water Utilities has water rights in Lakes Fork and Palestine to meet future needs. The City of Duncanville regularly reviews its long-range Water Supply Plan to address issues such as future sources of water. This planning, along with wise water use by Duncanville Water Utilities and our customers, will ensure an adequate supply of water for future needs.

Dallas Water Utilities has an active Watershed Management Program that performed more than 8,000 tests on the water quality in the rivers, streams and reservoirs in 2001. As water travels over the surface of the land, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material and can be polluted by animals or human activity. Contaminants that may be present in untreated waters include: biological contaminants, such as viruses, bacteria and other microorganisms; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals; pesticides and herbicides; and organic chemicals from industrial, residential or petroleum use.

The presence of any of these pollutants in the untreated water does not necessarily pose a health risk in your drinking water. Once the water is treated and delivered to Duncanville, the risk of these contaminants has been removed. The City of Dallas Water Utilities has committed the resources needed to ensure proper treatment and delivery of high quality water to the customer cities of the City of Dallas.



## **Improvements to the Water System**

The City of Duncanville Performs water system upgrades each year to ensure proper fire protection and provide safe, clean drinking water with minimal interruptions to our citizens.

The City of Duncanville has completed the replacement of water lines on Moore St., E. Cherry, N. Hastings, Teakwood and extend the water line on Hill City into Lakeside Park. We also have completed the new 16" water on Linkview as part of a plan to divide the City's water system into two Pressure planes to better regulate water pressures City wide.

Construction will begin this summer to replace water and sewer lines on N. Hastings and Center, along with the replacement of the sewer main between Moore and Wheatland. We are also in the design phase for the replacement of the water mains on Scio and Rolling Ridge.

We hope you will pardon our mess during the construction of these projects as we strive for excellence in the areas of water quality and customer service.

## **Cryptosporidium**

Cryptosporidium is a microscopic parasite. After ingested, it enters the gastrointestinal tract and can cause an illness called cryptosporidiosis. There are many pathways to infection including drinking contaminated water, eating contaminated food that is raw or undercooked, exposure to the feces of infected individuals or animals (such as changing diapers without washing hands afterward) or exposure to contaminated surfaces.

Not everyone exposed to the organism becomes ill. Symptoms of cryptosporidiosis include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headaches, nausea, vomiting and low-grade fever. People in good health usually recover within two weeks. People with compromised immune systems, however, may suffer chronic and debilitating or even fatal illness.

In 2002, Dallas Water Utilities, our water supplier tested monthly for cryptosporidium in both untreated and treated water and cryptosporidium was found only in the untreated water supply. Cryptosporidium was not found in the treated drinking water.

To protect your drinking water from cryptosporidium, Dallas Water Utilities employs multiple barriers including protecting the watershed from contamination and optimizing treatment processes.

To request more information on cryptosporidium, please call the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

## **All drinking water may contain contaminants**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

## **Water Quality Monitoring Results**

As the charts show, the levels of contaminants in the Duncanville water, purchased from Dallas, meet or are better than allowable by law. The charts list contaminants detected in the drinking water in 2002 and the amounts allowed by the state and federal governments (maximum contaminant level).

Dallas regularly tests drinking water for more than 180 contaminants. About 50,000 test each month are conducted on Dallas water to ensure that it is clean and meets all water quality requirements.

Duncanville continues to test the water after it is delivered to us, about 300 test per month, to ensure that our citizens receive the highest quality of water possible.

## **Taste and Odor**

All water has its own unique taste and odor characteristics. Duncanville, like many other water suppliers, occasionally experiences taste and odor changes.

In the summer and early fall, microscopic organisms, such as algae, in area lakes occasionally give water an earthy taste and odor. The odor may be more noticeable in hot water from your pipes. Temperature change, excessive rainfall, and flooding can also alter the taste of the water.

You may detect a difference in taste after returning from home from an extended trip. This is caused when the water is stored in the house plumbing for long periods of time. The taste should return to normal. These changes do not pose a health risk.

## **Special notice for the elderly, infants, cancer patients, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:**

You may be more vulnerable to certain microbial contaminants in drinking water than the general population. In particular, infection by cryptosporidium is of concern. Infants, some elderly, or IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PERSONS such as those UNDERGOING CHEMOTHERAPY FOR CANCER, those who have undergone ORGAN TRANSPLANTS; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

## NFPA Fact Sheets - Grilling

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

### Facts & Figures\*

- In 1999, gas and charcoal grills caused 1,500 structure fires and 4,200 outdoor fires in or on home properties, resulting in a combined direct property loss of \$29.8 million.

\*From NFPA's *Home Cooking Fire Patterns and Trends* by John R. Hall, Jr., 2003 (Report not yet released)

### Safety tips

- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Declare the entire grill area a "kid-free zone" until the grill has completely cooled off.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.
- If you have a charcoal grill, purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away from heat sources.
- If you have a propane grill, check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before using it. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. Have leaking fuel lines repaired before using.
- All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overflow protection devices (OPD). OPDs shut off the flow of propane before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up. OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel.



### You go grill!

- If you are using fluid to start a charcoal grill, use only fluid intended for this purpose. It is extremely dangerous to substitute any other combustible liquid to start the coals. This is especially true for gasoline, which can be ignited explosively by even a tiny spark.
- Apply starter fluid directly to the coals, then reseal and put away the can. Light the coals carefully, avoiding the flame flare-up. Store the can out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- When you've finished cooking, keep an eye on the grill until it has completely cooled. Charcoal can be soaked with water to speed the cooling process, but use extreme caution to avoid the steam and splatters, which can cause burns.

**A final word about cookouts:** Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.

## West Nile Virus Information

**WEST NILE VIRUS** is now in most of the United States. The most important way people become infected is through the bite of an infected mosquito. You can reduce your chance of getting infected by avoiding mosquito bites.

### ADULTS ARE AT HIGHEST RISK

People over age 50 have a higher risk for becoming seriously ill when they get infected with West Nile virus.

People under age 50 can also become sick, but it is less likely.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I GET INFECTED?

Most people who get infected with West Nile virus do not have any symptoms. Some people develop a mild illness called **West Nile Fever**. This mild illness gets better on its own. No treatment is needed. A small number of people (less than 1 out of 100) who get infected with West Nile virus develop severe disease, called **West Nile encephalitis** or **West Nile meningitis** (inflammation of the brain or the area around the brain). This severe disease usually requires hospitalization. In some cases, especially among older persons, it can result in death. Symptoms of severe illness include headache, high fever, stiff neck, mental confusion, muscle weakness, tremors (shaking), convulsions, coma, and paralysis. See your doctor if you develop these symptoms. There is no specific treatment for the West Nile virus infection. There is no vaccine available for people.



# Project Childsafe

by Officer Eddie Edwards - Duncanville Police Department

The Duncanville Police Department is one of many agencies across the United States to participate in a program called, "Project Childsafe". You may ask,

"What is Project Childsafe?" I'm here to tell you that Project Childsafe is a nationwide program whose purpose is to promote safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearms owners through the distribution of key education



messages and **FREE** gun locking devices (firearms safety kits). The program is supported by a U.S. Department of Justice grant (DOJ), the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and is a component of Project Safe Neighborhoods.

Don't get us wrong. This is Texas! Everyone in Texas has a gun, right? Ok, and maybe a horse or two. We still hold true to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment (right to bear arms). The only thing we ask is you bear them responsibly. The goal of Project Childsafe is an easy one because firearm accidents in the home can result from an unauthorized individual, often a child, finding a loaded and unsecured firearm in the home. The risk of firearms-related unintentional injuries or deaths can be reduced when firearms owners are aware of and fully understand their responsibility to handle firearms safely and store them in a secure manner. The goal of Project Childsafe is to inform and educate all

firearms owners on key safety issues and to provide firearms safety kits that include a gun locking device.

We won't ask you twenty questions about your guns, where you live, or where you got them. We just want to make sure that if there are children in the house with an unsecured firearm, that firearm is secured in order to prevent needless injury or death. After all they are FREE! Just contact Officer Edwards at 972-780-5027 and he will give you some gun locks to secure those firearms.



Donnice Brown, Jonathan Renteria and Brian Wright prepare for a mock trial at a teen court training session. If you are interested in becoming an active volunteer attorney clerk or bailiff for the Duncanville Teen Court, training is being offered on August 23 at Duncanville City Hall from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Volunteers must be 14, still enrolled in school and live in the Duncanville ISD. Applications are available in the counselor's offices at the Ninth Grade school and DHS, at Duncanville City Hall and the Community Center. For more information call Olivia Harrington at 972-780-5063.

# Water Utility Statements Encounter Mailing Problems

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Problems were encountered once again for the May 2003 billing for those homes in "Cycle4" and delinquency notices for those residing in "Cycle 1" that had failed to pay their bills on time.

"We delivered the billing statements and delinquency notices on May 30, 2003 and found they had not been delivered by June 11<sup>th</sup>," said Mitchell.

After the first problem, the City's Utility Services began sending test billings back to the city to track any problems.

"We started receiving phone calls from our citizens on June 13<sup>th</sup> that they had received a bill that was due three days later."

Again the city did not penalize any late payments in "cycle 1" and did not cut off any delinquent accounts in "cycle 4" for non-payment.

"We didn't feel that it would be fair to penalize the citizens when the problem was that billings and notices were not delivered by the post office in a timely manner," said Mitchell. "We will continue dropping billing statements and notices at the post office with plenty of time for delivery. We'll also continue working with our citizens to insure quality service."



**Duncanville**  
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# BEAT THE BITES!

From the Dallas County Department of Health & Human Services

## Mosquito Proof Yourself

- When outside, wear long, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing to avoid mosquito bites.
- Use insect repellent products containing "DEET" or other EPA approved repellent compounds. Follow product instructions.

## YOUR HOUSE

- Keep doors, porches and window screens in good condition and frames sealed tightly to help keep mosquitoes out of the house.
- Repair any leaking plumbing and outside faucets.

## YOUR YARD

- Get rid of **all** standing water.
- Empty, remove, cover or turn upside down any receptacle/container that will hold standing water (gutters, bottles, cans, tires, buckets, flower pots, etc.).
- Change water in pet dishes, wading pools, and birdbaths daily.
- Cover trash containers so they will not collect water.

Mosquitoes are potential disease carriers.

**DALLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN BEAT THE BITES!**

## **!DETENGA LOS MOSQUITOS!**

Protéjase de los mosquitos

## USTED

- Cuando esté fuera de la casa, use manga larga y ropa de colores claros para evitar las picadas de los mosquitos.
- Use repelente de mosquitos que contengan "DEET" o otros repelentes aprobados por la agencia EPA. Siga las instrucciones del producto.

## SU CASA

- Mantenga las telas metálicas ("screens") de sus puertas, balcones y ventanas en buenas condiciones y bien selladas.
- Repare toda plomería que esté liqueándose fuera de su casa.

## SU JARDIN

- Elimine toda agua estancada.
- Vacíe, remueva, cubra o invierta todo recipiente que pueda retener agua (tuberías de desagüe, botellas, latas, gomas, valdes, tiestos, etc.).
- Cambie el agua de sus mascotas, pájaros y piscinas a diario.
- Cubra los zafacones para que no acumulen agua.

Los mosquitos pueden ser portadores de enfermedades.

**!LOS RESIDENTES DEL CONDADO DE DALLAS PUEDEN DETENER LOS MOSQUITOS!**



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