



August 2006

Duncanville Digest

Labor Day Holiday

There will be no garbage or recycling collection on Labor Day. All City Offices will be closed for the holiday.

Make Your Own Kind of Music

Tuesday, August 1, 7 p.m. Amazing Attractions presents *Make Your Own Kind of Music* at the Duncanville Public Library. Cindi Sanders will direct audience participants to play musical instruments.

Learn eBay Buying & Selling at the Library

Forget the Mall and get a taste for how much fun online buying and selling can be. Glenn Repp, former Mayor of Duncanville, will show you how to register and navigate eBay to buy and sell items. He will also cover bidding on and winning eBay auctions. Become part of a really unique community of people who enjoy collecting, buying and selling items of just about every type. The eBay Basics Class will be held Saturday, August 19th from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Programming Room of the Duncanville Public Library. Please call 972-780-5052 to register for the class. The Duncanville Public Library is located at 201 James Collins Blvd., one Block north of the intersection of Main St. and Wheatland Rd.

Delinquent Tax Collection Crackdown Begins

It's that time of year again. The City of Duncanville and Duncanville ISD are getting tough on delinquent taxpayers. The law firm of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP (LGB&S) is issuing 665 strongly worded demand letters to property owners who have failed to pay \$596,004 to the City of Duncanville and 1,166 letters on behalf of Duncanville ISD seeking \$2,687,610 in delinquent property taxes. Property owners have ten days to pay their taxes to the Dallas County Tax Office or else they will be subject to a lawsuit that could result in the foreclosure and sale of their property.

Nancy Primeaux, Regional Manager for LGB&S said, "By state law, if you own property in the City of Duncanville, you must pay taxes. Failure to receive a notice does not negate your tax responsibility. Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson has been directed by our clients to aggressively

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Friends of the Library Booksale Starts August 19

The popular annual used book-sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Duncanville Public Library, kicks off Saturday, August 19 at 10am, announced Jerry Hill and James Wheatley, Chairmen of the Booksale. "We start promptly at 10 so get there early for the best selections," they continued. "Members of the Friends get a special preview session on Friday, August 18 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Memberships will be sold that evening so there will be an opportunity to become a member of the

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Duncanville Public Library Begins Long Range Planning

**By Jerry Vaca, Chairman
Duncanville Public Library
Advisory Board**

The Duncanville Public Library Advisory Board, one of the City of Duncanville's City Commissions, is currently at work updating the library's 10-year old Master Plan.

"We're taking a look at our goals and objectives, and revising them to reflect the current practices. Once it's complete, it will contain a comprehensive set of new goals and objectives. It will, in effect, become a blueprint for the staff to guide them

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Crime Prevention Begins with you!

Take a Stand Get Involved

National Night Out is August 1, 2006

There is going to be a National Night Out Kick-Off event July 31, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Duncanville High School next to the Baseball Field. There will be public safety personnel as well as other informative groups from the area. The event will take place prior to the Duncanville Deputies



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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
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Community Assistance

Duncanville Outreach	972-296-4986
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Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Offices	972-780-4990
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Mayor & City Council Phone Numbers

Mayor - David Green	972-780-0348
At Large - Dorothy Burton	972-296-8844
District 1 - Ken Weaver (Mayor Pro-Tem)	972-780-9810
District 2 - Scott Cannon III	972-298-8098
District 3 - Anthony Skinner	972-296-1642
District 4 - Deborah Hodge	972-296-1774
District 5 - Johnette Jameson	972-780-8887

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is a monthly publication of 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**

Crackdown on Delinquent Taxes Underway

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pursue delinquent taxpayers who don't pay their taxes on time. To do otherwise would be unfair to those who pay their taxes on time. Every tax dollar is precious to local governments to maintain public services."

Primeaux continued, "The warning letter is quite serious, and the consequences of not paying taxes can result in the loss of property. Taxpayers who continue to disregard warning letters will be subject to a lawsuit or seizure that seeks the sale of their property to the highest bidder. Many taxpayers do not believe their property would ever be sold at a public sale for delinquent taxes. Unfortunately those taxpayers discover the hard way that our clients are serious about collecting delinquent taxes. Hundreds of properties in Dallas County are put up for foreclosure and sale each year by this law firm at the direction of our clients."

Primeaux added, "Business and mobile home owners should act immediately as they are subject to having their business personal property seized if they own delinquent personal property taxes. We have established an aggressive business collection program and made hundreds of collection visits to businesses this past year. Businesses need to pay their taxes before we come knocking on their doors."

Primeaux explained, "Our collection activities are designed to be aggressive, but fair to all citizens. We would rather work with taxpayers to help them meet their tax obligations, and avoid efforts that would take their property away. Waiting to get sued will only cost the taxpayer more in the end."

Senior citizens, aged 65 or older, and disabled homeowners (as determined by the federal Social Security Administration) may secure their homesteads against tax suit and sale by filing a deferral affidavit. The over 65 tax deferral affidavit can only be obtained and filed at the Dallas Central Appraisal District. However, even with an approved deferral, the tax will continue to accrue and must be paid before the property is sold or transferred.

Primeaux stressed, "Pay your taxes today. If you don't pay, action will be taken. We would rather help taxpayers find a way to pay their taxes without having to resort to legal action."

For taxpayer assistance contact:

Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP
 2323 Bryan Street, Suite 1600
 Dallas, Texas 75201
 214.880.0076/800.441.0960
 Attn: Cynthia Miller

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Mayor's Open Line Friday for August

Mayor David Green will be holding the Mayor's Open Line Friday on August 4th between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

Mayor Green makes himself available on the first Friday of each month to the citizens to discuss concerns and ideas about the direction the city is going.

Water Conservation Information

Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded. Set the water level for the size of load you are using. For further water saving tips, please call the Duncanville Public Works Water/Wastewater Division at 972-780-4900.

National Night Out Set for August 1

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Baseball game against the Coppell Copperheads.

Tickets for the game are:

Adult Reserved Chair-Backed, Covered Seating: \$8.00

General Admission Covered Seating: \$6.00

Senior Citizens sixty-five (65) and above: \$4.00

Children twelve (12) and under: \$4.00

At the Kick-Off Night at the Duncanville Deputies baseball game, the Duncanville Police Department will be hosting a Safety Fair from 5pm -7pm before the game and you can register for a free raffle at the safety fair for a 15" flat screen TV that Cash America donated. We will also be having quarter hotdog night and quarter bottled water (while they last).

The Duncanville Police are hoping for people to take to the streets Monday, July 31 and Tuesday, Aug. 1. Of course, they're not longing for fighting or looting just the opposite, in fact. Local law enforcement are hoping residents will get out of their houses on National Night Out to meet neighbors and learn about ways to fight community crime.

The History of National Night Out

According to the National Night Out website, NNO was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch in 1984. NATW is a nonprofit, crime prevention organization that has been working with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Since 1981, NATW has been dedicated to the development, growth and maintenance of organized crime and drug prevention programs nationwide, utilizing more than 6,000 crime, drug and violence prevention organizations. To strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts, Peskin thought a high-profile crime prevention event was needed. At that time, he noted that in a typical "crime watch community", only 5 to 7 percent of the residents were participating actively. As a result, he proposed a national program that would be coordinated by local crime prevention groups and involve entire communities at one time. That first year, 400 communities in 23 states participated. Nationwide, 2.5 million Americans took part in 1984. The event has since grown to involve more than 34 million people in more than 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

National Night Out is a way to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The Duncanville Police Department would like to heighten crime, drug prevention awareness, and generate support and participation in anti-crime programs like Neighborhood Crime Watch.

Crime Watch Programs give people information about being aware of their surroundings. CRIME PREVENTION BEGINS WITH YOU!!!!

Take a Stand Get Involved

Come Join us July 31st and August 1st for National Night Out events, call The Duncanville Police Department for more information

Officer Doug Sisk (972) 780-5027

dsisk@ci.duncanville.tx.us



Planning for the Future

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as to how the Library should grow over time, and what services should be offered," said Jerry Vaca, Chairman of the Library Board.

To better determine what services are needed, the Board is holding a series of Focus Group meetings during the week of August 14.

"We're seeking citizen input at these meetings. We want you to come and tell us what the Library does well, what it needs to be doing, and what future services we should consider," continued Mr. Vaca.

"We're also preparing surveys that will be distributed at these meetings so that our residents can give us additional input, and then mail them back to us. We are extremely interested in what our residents have to say about their library," he continued.

Focus Group meetings are scheduled for August 15 in meeting room #1 from 7-8pm; August 16 in meeting room #1 from 7-8pm; and on Saturday, August 19, two sessions are offered in meeting room #1 at 11am and 2pm.

Mr. Vaca and Tammi Ratcliff, Vice Chairman of the Board, will act as facilitators for the discussions.

If you cannot attend any of these meetings but wish to receive a survey contact Carla Bryan, Library Director, at 972-780-5053.

"The Friends of the Duncanville Public Library are graciously underwriting the cost of mailing surveys to interested citizens, so let us know if you are interested in participating. We also encourage you to attend one of the Focus Group meetings," said Mr. Vaca.

For more information, contact Carla Bryan at 972-780-5053, or you can e-mail her at cbryan@ci.duncanville.tx.us.

Fun In Duncanville

BODY SCULPTING WITH JOHN

(Copper Certified Professional Trainer)

This class includes a TOTAL BODY of strength training. Instructor will cover all major muscle groups in 2 sessions weekly. Learn how to increase your metabolism, reduce your mid-section and strengthen your bones by using various methods of resistance training. Instructor will demonstrate modifications for those with past injuries or concerns. Classes will be held in the Fitness Room.

Time: 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Days: Monday and Thursday

Place: Center (West Gym) and Fitness Room

Cost: \$200 per month (2-days per week) Age 54 & under
\$100 per month (1 day per week) Age 54 & under

\$160 per month (2-days per week)

Age 55+

\$ 80 per month (1 day per week) Age 55+

\$ 20 drop-in fee Age 55+

\$ 25 drop-in fee Age 54 & under

Register at the Recreation Center Front Desk.

Instructor and Personal Trainer: John Kirvin

Individual and group Personal Training is also available.

For additional information please call John at 972/897-6885

KARATE SCHOOL

Learn serious self-defense oriented Shorin Ryu Matsamura Kenpo Karate.

Instructors for children & adults;

Class meets: Recreation Center

Youth age 7+: T/TH from 7:15p to 8:15p

Adults: T/TH from 7:15p to 8:30pm

Location: Aerobics Room

Open: Saturday from 9:00am-10:30am

Location: East Gym

Cost: \$40/Month: Youth;
\$50/Month: Adults.

Family discounts are available.

Instructors: Kris Howerton & Brady Cooper.

For additional info: call 972/393-0782 or 214/789-3433

ANGER MANAGEMENT COURSES

Anger Management courses coming soon to the Duncanville Recreation Center this fall!

HOME SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Activities for all Home School children coming soon this fall!!!!

JAZZERCISE

Aerobics, Tone, Stretch

Mon & Wed Jazzercise Step

6:30-7:30 p.m. in West Gym

T & Th 6:20-7:05pm in Aerobics Room

Sat Jazzercise 9:15-10:15am in West Gym

All classes demonstrate low impact, high energy moves.

Tuesday and Thursdays classes are great for beginners. Mon/Wed/Sat - strengthening/toning muscles. Bring your weights and mat.

Certified Instructor: Sheilla (SHAY-la)

Contact Number: 214-794-1765

More information?

Visit www.jazzforhealth.com

MORNING YOGA

Learn basic yoga postures designed to celebrate the spine.

Class meets: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

Time: 10a – 11:30a.

Location: Recreation Center

Aerobics Room

Class Fee: \$7 per class

Register at Center - Front Desk

A Special class for Restorative Yoga will be taught on the last Wednesday of every month.

Instructor: Carolyn Smith

Attire: Comfortable clothes & tennis shoes. Bring a towel and sticky mat.

For more info call 972/780-5070.

BEYOND PHYSICAL FITNESS'S

NATASHA HANDY

Natasha is an Aerobic Fitness Association of America Certified Personal Trainer and is available for specialized personal training. Summer is here and it's time to get in shape! Natasha offers:

- Professional Assistance
- Fitness Counseling
- Core Training
- Program Design
- Joint Mobility Training
- Cardio & Resistance Training
- Meal Planning - Nutritional Guidance Counseling
- Body Fat Composition & Circumference Measurements
- Proper use of fitness equipment

Register with Instructor.

For fee information and time schedules, please call Natasha at 214/455-7851.

NEW PROGRAMS

If you have any new ideas or a new program that can help the community.

Please contact: L'eron at 972/780-4971 or India at 972/780-4970.

ROBIX FITNESS: AEROBICS & YOGA UNLTD

Aerobics/Toning/Yoga

Certified Instructor:

Roseanna Needham-Dryden, B.S.

CALL: (972)709-1906

e-mail: fit_in_Duncanville@yahoo.com

Aerobics Room/Community Center Mon/Wed

5:30-6:15pm

"Muscles 'n'Motion" Toning

(Toning ONLY, NO Cardio!)

6:30-7:30pm

"Step'n'Motion" Cardio

Bring: floor mat/hand&ankle weights/towel

7:45-8:45pm "Vinyasa Flow Yoga"

Intermediate Level

Bring: yoga sticky mat/blanket/towel

Hopkins Sr. Center/Exercise Room Tues/Thur

5:45-6:45pm "Intro Yoga"

7:00-8:00pm "Circuit Express"

Cardio/Toning

Cardio Bring: floor mat/hand & ankle weights/towel

Yoga Bring: yoga sticky mat/

blanket/towel

Aerobics Room/Community Center Saturday

9:15-10:15am "Yoga-on-the-Ball"

Stability Ball Challenge

Bring: Yoga sticky mat/stability ball/towel

10:30-11:45am "Cardio

Challenge"

Cardio-Hi/Lo/Step/Kickbox/

Toning

CLASS FEES: ARRIVE 15 minutes early! Register at the class!

Walk-in-rate: \$8; 4-Class ticket: \$20;

8-Class ticket: \$30; 16-Class ticket: \$52

Other options to register...See Registrar!!

Classes ongoing and continuous!

Ages: 16+

FENCING CLASS

Fencing classes usually involve conditioning training, understanding of technique and tactics & learning the rules of the sport for competition.

We are now taking registrations for a beginning fencing class. Safety is emphasized in every class. It is not too late to register for this class session.

Class meets each Thursday

Time: 7pm to 8:30pm

Fencing Fee: \$30/month

Class begins: July 3rd, 2006

Guest drop-in fee: \$8

Instructor: George Stone

For additional information, please call George at 214/948-0233.

SHINING STARS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Parents! The Shining Stars After School Program was established 5 years ago, and continues to grow!! It provides a safe, well-structured environment for children.

- ❑ 1st grade through 6th grade. The program will not meet when school is out for holidays, staff development days, etc.
- ❑ Program is open to children who live outside of Duncanville
- ❑ Transportation is not provided.
- ❑ Information is available on companies who provide transportation.
- ❑ After school enrollment packets are available at the front desk. Packets must be completed at the center front desk.

When: Monday - Friday

Time: 3:00p - 6:00p

Cost: \$60 per month for the 1st child,
\$50 per month for the 2nd child.

Where: Duncanville Recreation Center

- ❑ All payments are non-refundable or transferable.
- ❑ We offer homework assistance, tutoring in various subjects, arts & crafts, special events and much more!

For more info on how to register your child please call the Center at 972-780-5070.

For more info call 1-877/604-6697.

DIABETES FORUM

The ABC's of Diabetes presents a free education series. These classes will consist of controlling your blood sugars. August topic will be Continuing Carbohydrate Counting Continuing the Insulin Pump Theory. Please sign-up at the Recreation front desk to secure a spot. The 1st class of the series has been scheduled.

Class begins: Thursday - August 24, 2006 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Where: Recreation Center Meeting Room #1
Instructor: Guy Marseille

Classes are open to the public.

For more info please Call Guy Marseille at (1-800-646-4633), ext. 2652.

THE 4H PROGRAM

Kids participating in the After-School Program will be a part of this program. The children will learn valuable leadership skills, develop decision-making abilities, increase their appreciation for the community service, learn to set goals, and plan projects and solve problems. The program will provide a service learning environment where youth learn to communicate effectively and are motivated to make a difference both today and tomorrow. This program will be every Wednesday @ 5:00pm until 6:00pm.

For More info on this program please contact L'eron George @ 972-780-4971 or by e-mail @ lgeorge@ci.duncanville.tx.us

MADDEN 2007 TOURNAMENT

Madden 2007 Tournament coming on August 25, 2006. This tournament is for members only, ages 15 and up. Non-members can play but will have to buy a day pass and come with a member. Please sign up starting August 1, 2006. With the new Madden '07, you can control the running game, step up as the lead blocker, innovative rushing controls giving you a game-breaking ground attack, and the distinct running styles of your favorite backs. The sign up list will be located in the Game Room on the table. There will be a different tournament every month, so make sure to check back every month to see what tournament is coming next!! For More info please contact: L'eron George @ 972-780-4971 or by e-mail @ lgeorge@ci.duncanville.tx.us

KIDS CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

We will have kids conversational Spanish coming August 28, 2006 at the Duncanville Recreation Center. This will be a four week class and will be for ages 8-10 from 3:30pm-4:30pm every Monday and Tuesday. No supplies needed, and it will be in meeting room #1. *Parents may sit in on classes if they need to* For more information please call the instructor Melinda Marcias at 972-780-5070



EMPOWERED YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

It's time to teach and encourage our youth. Today's youth are our future. Now is the time for positive action to help shape our youth. If you have 1 to 2 hours available weekly and would like to contribute to help build up our youth, please join us in our quest for excellence. To be a part of our Mentoring Program, please call the center and register your name and contact number with the front desk staff.

- ❑ This program is for Males and Females Ages: 13 -17
- ❑ We will meet at the Duncanville Recreation Center
- ❑ Homemakers, Business owners, College students are welcome.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2006 at 6:30pm. For more Information please call L'eron or Marilyn @ 972.780.5070.

MASSAGE THERAPY

Valeesima Day Spa will be coming to the Duncanville Recreation Center Tuesday and Wednesday starting August 1st and 2nd. They will provide Duncanville members back and chair massages. The fee for the first two weeks will at no charge the first 5 minutes, \$1 each additional minute for a chair massage. Chair massages can leave you feeling relaxed, refreshed, and ready to return to your normal schedule. The massage focuses mainly in the upper body (neck, scalp, shoulders, arms, and hands), but it leaves you with a sense of total well being throughout the whole body.

For More info please contact:

L'eron George @ 972-780-4971 or by e-mail @ lgeorge@ci.duncanville.tx.us

KIDS AEROBICS

Kid's aerobics coming soon!!!! Kids will exercise and learn how to take care of their bodies. This will be a non-competitive environment which allows kids to learn good fitness habits they can carry through life. The class will be taught by Ms. Shellia for more info please contact L'eron George @ 972-780-4971 or by e-mail @lgeorge@ci.duncanville.tx.us. This class will come late August or early September!!!

August 2006

TEXAS DANCE AND CHEER

1st Place trophy winners 4 years in row. Learn Chants, Cheers, Jumps, Pom routines, and Cheer Dances in this award winning program. Enhance your dance and cheer skills in an exciting, positive and encouraging atmosphere. Thursday and Saturday classes begin August 24th and 26th, 2006. A one-time \$12 registration fee is due prior to registering.

Ages 4-7

Thursdays: 6:00p - 7:00p

Fee: \$8/class

Location: Recreation West Gym

Saturdays: 1:00p - 2:00p

Fee: \$8/class

Location: Recreation Center
Aerobics Room

Ages 8 & up

Thursdays: 7:00p - 8:00p

Fee: \$8/class

Location: Recreation West Gym

Saturdays: 2:00p - 3:00p

Fee: \$8/class

Location: Recreation Center
Aerobics Room

Register at class

Instructor: Diversified Youth Services
T-shirts, & shorts are available for order at class.

Attire: T-Shirts, shorts or warm-ups and white-soled tennis shoes.

For more info call 1-877/604-6697.

CERAMICS

Come be included in the fun of learning how to do ceramics whether it is airbrushing, glazing, using decals, acrylics...use your own creative designs!

Date: Every Monday

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Where: Hopkins Senior Center Craft Room
203 James Collins Blvd.

Cost: \$25 per month

Register onsite at the time of the class.

Instructor: Pat Weaver

Includes: Most paints, paint brushes and firing of ware. There is a small collection of greenware for you to choose from to get started.

SUMMER BASKETBALL SEASON

We have scheduled special basketball games this summer at the Recreation Center. Please stop the center and pickup the following forms:

- Registration
- Financial Aid
- Volunteer Coach forms,
- Schedules (Practice/Game)

Next game is scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2006 from 11am to 5pm

Where: Duncanville Recreation West Gym

This program of games is open to both girls and boys from K-12. For info and fee information please call Coach Scott or Shani Scott at 469/877-3350.

DISTINCT DANCE

Distinct Dance members learn hip-hop, modern dance, basic dance steps, turns, foot positions, pom routines, and dance sequences in an exciting and positive atmosphere. Focus is on Drill and Pom Team or Pop style dances. Styles may vary by instructor. Polish your moves or prepare for tryouts. Friday classes begin August 25th, 2006. A one-time \$12 registration fee is due prior to registering.

Ages 4-7

Friday: 5:30p - 6:30p

Fee: \$8/class

Ages 8 & up

Fridays: 6:30p - 7:30p

Fee: \$8/class

Register at class

Location: Recreation Center Aerobics Room

Instructor: Diversified Youth Services

No required uniform for the classroom. We offer optional uniforms for purchase.

For more info call 1-877/604-6697.

KIDZ ART CLASS

KidzArt was developed as a fun program designed to help children become creative thinkers and problem solvers. Students will gain valuable drawing skills in a fun, safe, comfortable environment & learn to draw naturally. Children will leave with artwork and have a great time creating. Sign-up at the community center for this exciting class.

- Class meets Mondays
- Fee - \$60 includes all supplies
- For ages - K to 6th grade
- Duncanville Recreation Center
- Register at the Center front desk
- Class will meet: August 7, 14, 21, & 28 2006
- Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Instructor: Laura Brooks

For more information call 214/683-2939

E-mail address: kidzartdfw@yahoo.com

Website: www.kidzart.com

CROP 'TIL YOU DROP

Crop 'Til You Drop meets once monthly. Bring photos and work on your album. You must pre-register. Pay fees to instructor by Wednesday before the class is to meet.

Day: Friday, August 18, 2006

Time: 6p to 12a

Cost: \$10.00. Pay instructor by August 16th, 2006

Location: D.L. Hopkins - Parkview Room

Instructor: Kim Spurlock

For more Information, call Kim at 972/298-4006.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Come on Duncanville! This is the class that you asked for. We have a great instructor who is waiting to teach you. So Sign up today!

Class I - Introduction to Computers

- Learn all about the keyboard and how it operates.
- Learn the importance of your F1 to F12 function keys
- Learn the do and don'ts of computers and much MORE.
- Learn what happens when you don't sign off!!!
- For ages 10 and up

We need 7 students to begin class.

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Class Location: Library Computer Room

Class session: 2 class meetings

Fee: \$40 per session

7 students class minimum required to begin class

Class II - The Internet and Your Computer

- o Learn how to use the Internet properly.
- o Learn how to book Air Travel correctly.
- o Learn how to use google.
- o Learn how to obtain free e-mails and MORE.
- o For ages 10 and up.

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Class Location: Library Computer Room

Class session: 2 class meetings

Fee: \$40 per session

Instructor: Matt Lewis

7 students class minimum required to begin class. For class schedule information, please call the center at 972/780-5070.



Teen Court Seeks Volunteers

Training set for August 26th

Teen Court is looking for committed young people ages 14-18 that live in the Duncanville ISD to attend an all day training Saturday, August 26 at the Duncanville City Hall, to become attorneys, clerks and bailiffs. Training will be from 8am-4pm.

Teen Court is a "hands on" service learning opportunity which allows both offenders and teen volunteers to better understand our system of justice. A youth referred to teen court appears before a jury of peers, volunteers from local secondary schools and returning youth that were previously defendants. Evidence indicates that young people stay out of trouble following a teen court appearance, and the program saves community tax dollars.

Volunteer applications will be available at City Hall. Library, DHS Counseling Center, Ms Richey, Adamson, or Garner at DHS, or online at the City of Duncanville Web Site: www.ci.duncanville.tx.us.



Judge Vicki McCarthy presides in Teen Court. Training for teen volunteers is scheduled for August 26, 2006.

Hazardous Materials

from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

Chemicals are found everywhere. They purify drinking water, increase crop production, and simplify household chores. But chemicals also can be hazardous to humans or the environment if used or released improperly. Hazards can occur during production, storage, transportation, use, or disposal. You and your community are at risk if a chemical is used unsafely or released in harmful amounts into the environment where you live, work, or play.

Hazardous materials in various forms can cause death, serious injury, long-lasting health effects, and damage to buildings, homes, and other property. Many products containing hazardous chemicals are used and stored in homes routinely. These products are also shipped daily on the nation's highways, railroads, waterways, and pipelines.

Chemical manufacturers are one source of hazardous materials, but there are many others, including service stations, hospitals, and hazardous materials waste sites.

Varying quantities of hazardous materials are manufactured, used, or stored at an estimated 4.5 million facilities in the United States--from major industrial plants to local dry cleaning establishments or gardening supply stores.

Hazardous materials come in the form of explosives, flammable and combustible substances, poisons, and radioactive materials. These substances are most often released as a result of transportation accidents or because of chemical accidents in plants.

What to do During a Hazardous Materials Incident

Listen to local radio or television stations for detailed information and instructions. Follow the instructions carefully. You should stay away from the area to minimize the risk of contamination. Remember that some toxic chemicals are odorless.

If you are asked to evacuate:

- Do so immediately.
- Stay tuned to a radio or television for information on evacuation routes, temporary shelters, and procedures.
- Follow the routes recommended by the authorities--shortcuts may not be safe. Leave at once.
- If you have time, minimize contamination in the house by closing all windows, shutting all vents, and turning off attic fans.
- Take pre-assembled disaster supplies.
- Remember to help your neighbors who may require special assistance--infants, elderly people and people with disabilities.

If you are requested to stay indoors

- Bring pets inside.
- Close and lock all exterior doors and windows. Close vents, fireplace dampers, and as many interior doors as possible.

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Free Internet Classes at the Duncanville Library

Little or no experience using a computer? Internet Basics and E-mail Class offers beginning level, hands-on training on the basic components of computers, using the keyboard and the mouse, navigating in Windows, and beginning Internet browsing.

After learning computer basics, Mary Musgrave, your instructor, will move on to e-mail, which is a free and easy way to communicate with friends and family. You will sign up for a free Internet e-mail account, and then learn how to check your e-mail, send and reply to messages.

Ms. Musgrave, a retired librarian who has extensive experience in providing computer training in libraries, will present Internet Basics and E-mail on Saturday, August 26, 2006, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Duncanville Library Computer Lab. On Saturday, September 23rd, Ms. Musgrave will teach "Job Searching & Resumes on the Internet" from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Duncanville Library Computer Lab.

Due to limited space the classes are limited to Duncanville residents. Please call 972-780-5052 as advanced registration for the computer classes is required. The Duncanville Public Library is located at 201 James Collins Boulevard.

Friends Booksale This Month

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group and to attend the Preview night, if you wish to seek out early bargains," they said.

This year's sale takes place for the fourth year in a row at the 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 20 from 1 pm to 5pm, sporadic hours during the week of August 21-25, followed by Saturday, August 26 from 10 am to 5pm, with the concluding sale date of Sunday, August 27 from 1 pm to 5 pm.

"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 the gentlemen.

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 the Library at 201 James Collins Blvd. For more information call the Library at 972-780-5051.

Be Prepared for a Hazmat Emergency

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- ❑ Turn off air conditioners and ventilation systems. In large buildings, set ventilation systems to 100 percent recirculation so that no outside air is drawn into the building. If this is not possible, ventilation systems should be turned off.
- ❑ Go into the pre-selected shelter room. This room should be above ground and have the fewest openings to the outside.
- ❑ Seal gaps under doorways and windows with wet towels or plastic sheeting and duct tape.
- ❑ Seal gaps around window and air conditioning units, bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans, and stove and dryer vents with duct tape and plastic sheeting, wax paper or aluminum wrap.

For more information you can visit: www.fema.gov.

August 2006

August 1 - National Night Out

August 1 - Middle School Orientation. 6:30 p.m. at Byrd, Kenemer and Reed Middle School

August 2 - Teen Court. 5:00 p.m. at City Hall

August 4 - Mayor's Open Line. 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland Rd.

August 14 - First Day of School

August 14 - Planning & Zoning Commission. 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland Rd.

August 14 - DISD Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at DISD Technology Center

August 14-30 - Friends of the Duncanville Public Library Annual Used Book Sale.

August 15 - Duncanville City Council Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland Rd.

August 23 - Teen Court. 5:00 p.m. at City Hall

August 26 - Teen Court Training. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at City Hall

August 28 - Planning & Zoning Commission. 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland Rd.

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For more information, go to www.duncanville.com/greendly or contact (972) 780-5093.