



# City Administrator's News and Notes

September / October 2020



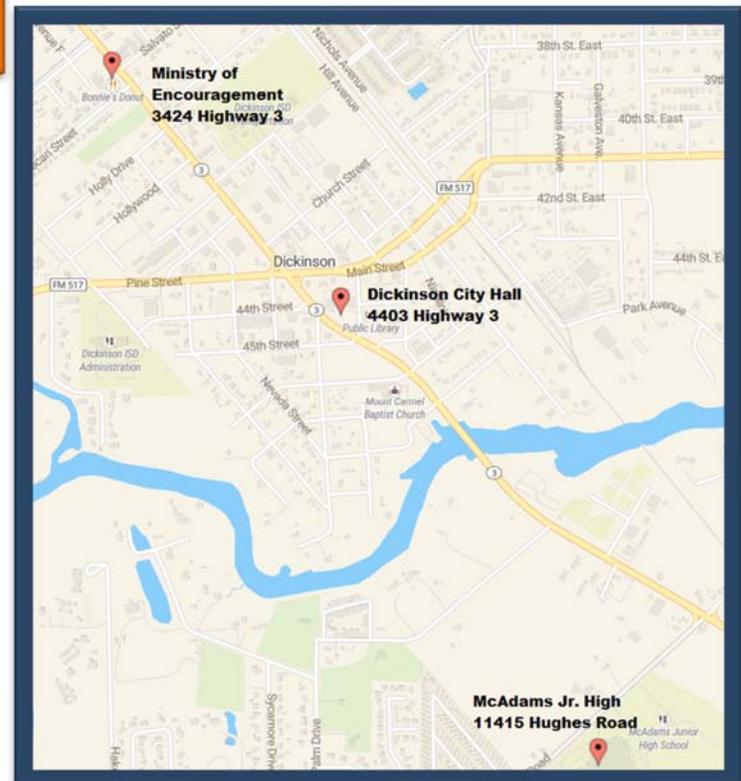
IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO TRICK OR TREAT WHILE STILL MAINTAINING COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, THEN LOOK NO FURTHER. THE DICKINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE HOSTING A TRICK-OR-TREAT SCAVENGER HUNT IN THE LIBRARY.

CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK, BUT IT IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.

Don't forget – Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. There are 3 polling locations in Dickinson.

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For polling locations and to download a sample ballot, please visit <https://www.galvestonvotes.org/>.



## Dickinson Public Library

Dickinson Public Library has continued to reintroduce programming in the library for the community. The library is providing Preschool Storytime, Adult Computer Classes, and Tween STEM Maker Space programming. The Library developed a "Take and Make" crafting program at the library. Patrons are welcome each week to come in and pick up a craft project to bring home and spend time tapping into their creative side. The "Take and Make" craft projects are broken up into Adult, Teen, and Children activities. They are available while supplies last each week.

The Dickinson Public Library has been awarded a TSLAC Cares Act Grant that will help the library purchase new computer tables and chairs for the library. The library has had to limit available public computers for use to follow social distancing recommendations for COVID-19. The grant funds will help us make all the public computers accessible as soon as we are able to get the Public Computer Carrels on order and put together. The library has numerous safety precautions in place to provide the safest environment for not only the community but staff as well. We appreciate everyone's patience as we safely phase into opening more services each month.

The library has put the book order in to fulfill the Texas Book Festival grant. The funds from this grant were used to purchase Spanish language books to enhance our existing collection. The order included a variety of adult, teen, and children's Spanish language books. The books should be cataloged and on the shelves by November.

The process to purchase new technology for the library this month with our TSLAC Technology Grant and Trust Fund monies has begun, which includes Six new laptops, an interactive whiteboard, and MANGO an online language learning software to assist us in providing English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in the upcoming months. This technology will also be available for patrons and city departments to utilize when using the Community Room for training events.

October 30th the Dickinson Public Library will be hosting a Trick-or-Treat Scavenger Hunt in the library. It will be going on between 12-5pm. Costumes are encouraged but not required to participate. Children will take the scavenger hunt list and hunt through the library to find and mark off their list! At each stop, there will be treats or prizes in the cauldrons. Come join us for a fun-filled event.

Please remember there are safety precautions in place at the library and social distancing along with face masks are required in the building. Children 10 and under are not required to have a mask on in the library but we do strongly encourage it.



### **Fire Marshal's Office**

The Fire Marshal worked with Dickinson PD and BATF on arson investigation for firing occurring on September 29, 2020 in the 900 block of Royal Oak where two fatalities occurred. The Fire Marshal's Office collaborated with Code Enforcement and Adult Protective Services to shut down an unlicensed, non-permitted personal care home that was located in the 4000 block of Strawberry Court. Inspections for the renovation of First Baptist Church, as well as all plans and inspections for a new pizza oven at Dickinson High School, were completed. The Fire Marshal participated in several site plan meetings for new commercial development.

### **Dickinson Police Department**

On October 17th, at approximately 6:00am, officers responded to an "Aggravated Robbery" at the KC Stop & Shop. Two suspects had entered the store with firearms and demanded that the clerk give them the money from the register.

At approximately 8:15am, officers were dispatched to a second "Aggravated Robbery" at the Speed Fuel convenience store. The suspects in the second robbery matched the description of the suspects in the earlier robbery. (There was also an Aggravated Robbery in San Leon whose suspects matched the Dickinson suspects.) During the investigation, officers were able to see a suspect vehicle that was used in the Aggravated Robbery. CID developed a possible location and completed a Search Warrant for the address. One suspect was arrested and has been cooperative with investigators. During an interview, the suspect confessed to all three

robberies. Investigators are still working on getting the other suspects identified.



Blue Santa had its planning meeting on September 30th and started accepting applications on October 6th. We expect a much greater volume of applicants this year due to COVID-19. Anyone wanting to donate new, unwrapped toys or make a monetary donation, it would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone would prefer to "adopt" a child or family and shop for their gifts yourself, please contact Esther Montalvo and let her know how many children you would like to "adopt".



*Sunday, November 1*

## Dickinson EMS

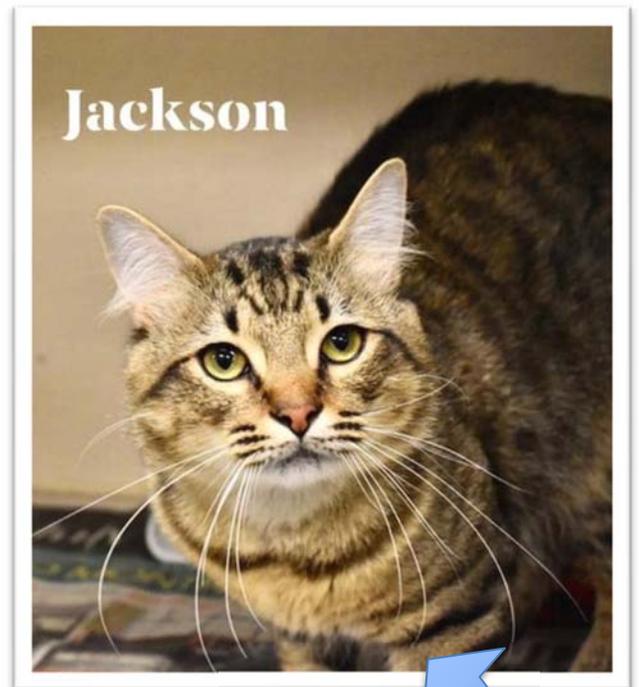


## Bayou Animal Services

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

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



This beautiful male tabby keeps getting overlooked at the shelter.

He has so much to offer!

Very loving personality ✓

Outgoing ✓

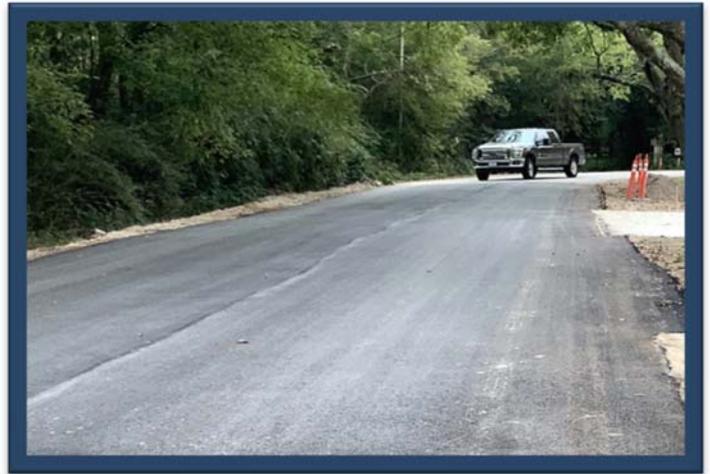
Beautiful ✓

Playful ✓

Talkative ✓

Fixed and chipped ✓

He arrived as a stray, and no one came to claim him! He is estimated to be about 4 years old, medium haired, and is an all-around awesome boy!



## Progress as Promised

The City has been hard at work strengthening our roads.

