

City of Stephenville Monthly Update

October 2016

The employees for the City of Stephenville are working on a variety of projects, programs, and services to serve the citizens of Stephenville and Erath County. To keep citizens informed, we have provided an update on projects, events, and stories that the hard-working employees are doing to provide a better quality of life.

- **Jeremy Allen, Director of Community Services**

★ City News

Please welcome our Interim City Administrator Wayne McKethan. McKethan, a former Granbury city manager who has decades of experience in the banking industry, began working for Stephenville Wednesday, October 19th, 2016.

Do you passion to serve? The City of Stephenville is now taking applications to serve on boards and commissions. This is your chance. Contact City Hall for more information or go to www.stephenvilletx.gov to view all of our boards to find out which boards might interest you.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Tuesday, Oct. 25th, 5:30 p.m.

Public Health and Safety Committee

Thursday, Oct. 27, 11:30 a.m.

Stephenville EDA Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 29, 9-11

Community Electronics Recycling Event

Monday, Oct. 31, 5-9 p.m.

Safe Trick 'R Treat, Downtown

Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 5:30 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Application for Boards & Commissions Due

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5:30 p.m.

Nominations Committee



★ Parks and Recreation

Fall in love with our FALL Sports going on now at City Park!

Join us for Youth Volleyball and Football, Adult Co-Ed Kickball, Adult and Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball, all going on now. Visit us at <http://www.quickscores.com/stephenville> for game times and join us out at the park!

Have you heard? Our Championship Saturdays - yes, back-to-back Saturdays - will be held at the new turf fields over at Tarleton State University for our Youth Flag Football Leagues! It's going to be Turf-rific! Make plans to join us October 29 and November 5 beginning at 9:00am for all the flaggin'!

Coming Soon is our First Annual SPARD Golf Classic benefiting our youth, adult, and senior programs. Stay tuned for more info coming soon. It's going to be a drive "FORE" Sure!

If you have not signed up already, come on down or give us a call for our 1st annual turkey trot softball tournament on November 19/20, with all proceeds going to our Senior Center. Please help us spread the word!

The Park Maintenance department has been hard at work for you, not only keeping up the daily maintenance of our parks and trails, but we have also been busy making improvements to our facilities and ball fields. We have begun replacing the aging picnic tables in our park, improving our youth baseball fields at NYC complex, and the renovating the restrooms at McClesky Field. We have several projects planned in the near future that will improve the look of our parks and keep us moving in the right direction to being one of the best Park and Recreation Departments in the state and the nation.

★ Stephenville Public Library

The Stephenville Public Library is happy to announce that we have been awarded a \$10,500 grant, in collaboration with Tarleton State University, to have past issues of the Stephenville Empire Tribune on microfilm, digitalized for easier access and convenience for library patrons.

Upcoming events at the SPL include: Meditation Class led by Shirley Paschal on Sunday, Oct. 16th at 2:00 PM and The Friends of the Stephenville Public Library Book Club, featuring, "Behind the Beautiful Forevers" by Katherine Boo, Tuesday, Oct. 25th at 6:00 PM.

The Library is still accepting new, or like new, children's books for our Halloween giveaway. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

★ Public Works Major Project Updates

Eastside Sewer Project: On September 13, approval was given by the city council for the city to apply for funding from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The application was submitted on September 16, and is currently under technical review by the TWDB. Letters have gone out to property owners requesting permission to survey along the proposed route.

2016 TSU Methodist Branch Sanitary Sewer Line Relief Project: Waterlines have been installed and are active on Race and Green Street. Boring under Washington Street and the railroad have been completed, and work will start at the Paradigm parking lot, 555 W. Washington, next week.

2016 Street Pavement Maintenance: Due to low unit cost, the city was able to extend the project and utilize the remaining FY2015-2016 street preservation budget.

Inglewood Paving Project: On October 4, the council awarded the contract for paving Inglewood Drive from Northwest Loop to Bluebonnet to Jay Mills Contracting. Project contracts have been executed and work will begin soon.

★ Street Department

- Tree trimming in the right-of-way has begun along school bus routes
- Fifth Avenue, from Groesbeck to Cage, has been bladed and paved
- Asphalt repairs from flood damage have begun in the cemetery
- The new asphalt paving machine has been delivered

★ Landfill

The city is in the process of purchasing a shredder/trommel for use at the landfill. This piece of machinery allows for waste brought to the landfill to be reduced to a fraction of the original size, making compacting easier—which helps extend the life of our landfill.

★ Water Department

- Crews replaced about 340 feet of sanitary sewer line on Charlotte
- Approximately 500 feet of water line was replaced on fifth avenue from Groesbeck to Cage
- Replaced approximately 450 linear feet of water line on Hyman from Alexander to First

★ Code Compliance

<u>VIOLATIONS</u>			
September	Current	YTD	Previous Year
High Grass and Weeds/ Brush/ Rubbish	106	398	666
Rubbish Accumulation ;Unattractive Nuisance	59	289	288
Junked Vehicles; Abandoned Vehicles	7	16	46
Easement Violation; Obstructed View	1	84	25
Illegal RV/ Camper/Trailer/ Lawn Parking	10	53	25
Illegal Habitation	2	5	2
Dangerous Structure; Injurious Bldg./ Premises	2	17	14

★ Planning and Building Services

The Department of Planning and Building Services is engaged in the development and update of the following plans, ordinances and policies:

Thoroughfare Plan Update:

The Thoroughfare Plan for Stephenville provides a framework for a transportation system to offer choices of travel and includes recommendations for corridor alignments to preserve mobility and add connectivity as the community grows. The plan also serves as a blueprint for transportation investment decisions and includes opportunities to address current, near term and long range needs. It is envisioned that the majority of the network expressed in the Thoroughfare Plan will be provided in the development process at the time of subdivision, using the plan as a guide. The Thoroughfare Plan builds on the adopted Stephenville Comprehensive Plan 2030 goals and objectives and has specific, supporting themes of :

- Provide Access and Mobility to Residents
- Fiscal Stewardship
- Preserve Local Character Preference

Currently the Thoroughfare Plan draft is being printed in preparation for the public hearing to be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission who then make a recommendation to City Council for adoption of the Plan. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for January 18, 2017.



★ Planning and Building Services

Subdivision Ordinance Update:

Freese and Nichols have completed the Subdivision Diagnostic Report. The diagnostic report represents the first step in the City Council's directive to update, reorganize, and simplify the City's subdivision ordinance. The report examines the issues and deficiencies in the existing subdivision ordinance and suggests updates for the rewrite of the ordinance. It is important to note that this report does not solve all the issues, but rather identifies the issues. Upon approval by the City Council, the report will be used to guide the rewrite process. During the process the specific solutions to the identified issues will be determined by the consultant and the City staff and incorporated in to the new subdivision ordinance.

A City Council Work Session needs to be scheduled in the near future for representatives of Freese and Nichols to present their findings.

Annexation Policy Program and Plan:

The purpose of this document is to describe the City of Stephenville Annexation Policy, Program and Plan.

The Annexation Policy provides the guidance and rationale for the consideration of areas within the City of Stephenville extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) for annexation. The intent of the Annexation Policy is to implement the Comprehensive Plan by providing City Council with specific, objective and prescriptive guidance for making decisions about annexation and other issues within Stephenville's ETJ.

The Annexation Program describes the process for identifying areas for potential annexation and results in program document that illustrates and describes these areas. The intent of the Annexation Program is to enable the City of Stephenville to be proactive in analyzing and identifying areas for potential annexation by providing regularly updated Ten-Year Annexation Program.

The Annexation Plan is a document, required by state statute, which must be adopted before certain types of annexation may be pursued by the City. The document is referred to as the "Municipal Annexation Plan." The intent of the Municipal Annexation Plan is to meet statutory requirements for the annexation of territory.

The Status of the Annexation Policy, Program and Plan is the first draft has been reviewed by the Annexation Subcommittee and staff is currently making changes to reflect the comments made and insure that is in conformance with State Statute.

★ Welcome to our new employees!



Hawk Scott—Recreation Superintendent



Elias Emory—Library Clerk



Jared Davis—Parks Department



Evan Crowell—Water Department



Monica Harris—Finance Director

★ Now Hiring!

- 9-1-1 Operator/Police Dispatcher

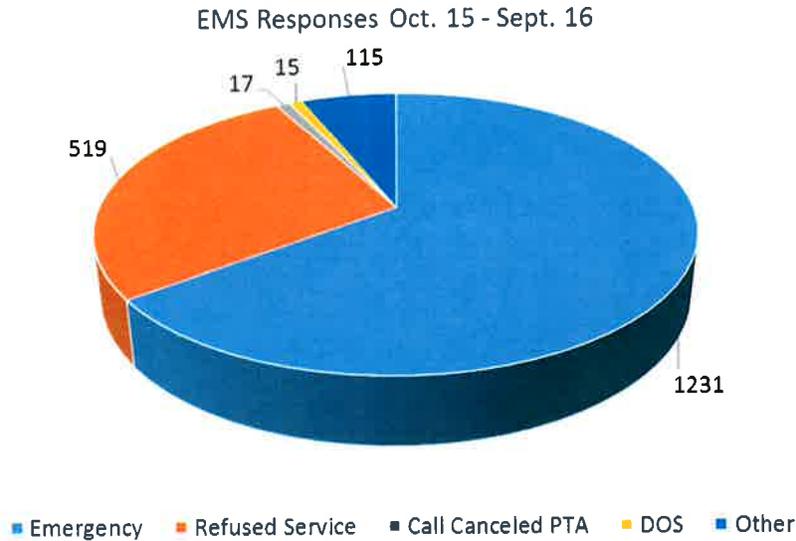
Positions are open until filled, and applications will only be accepted for open positions.

To view all current positions available, visit our website at www.stephenvilletx.gov/about-stephenville/employment

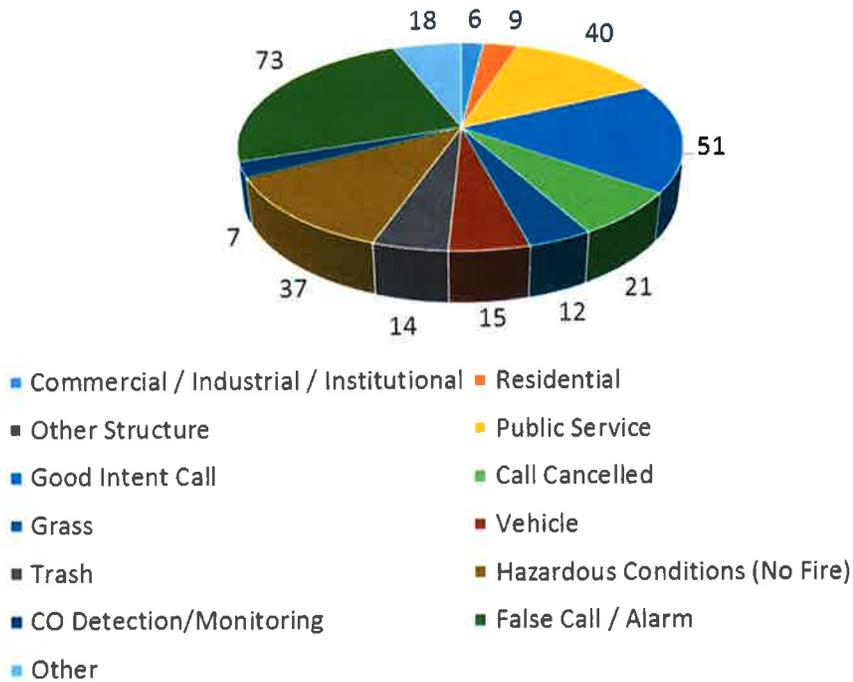
★ Stephenville Fire Department

Congratulations on these promotions!

- Lieutenants Buddy Davis and Monty Parker
- Captains Rob Snyder, David Mulloy, and Bryson Kanady
- Battalion Chief Mitchell Hughes
- Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Elliot

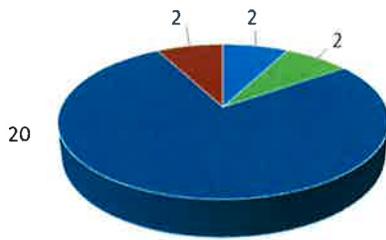


Fire Responses Oct 2015 - Sept. 2016



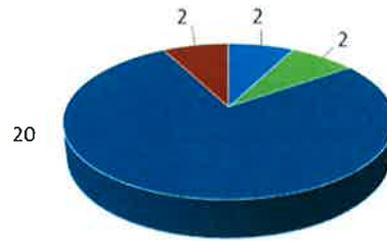
★ Stephenville Police Department

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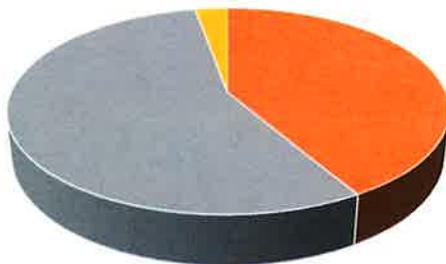
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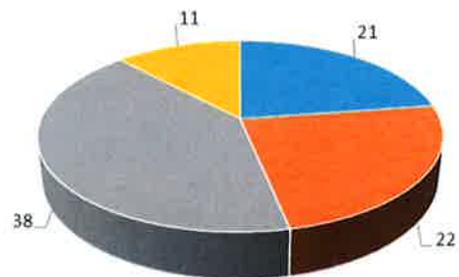
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Accidents September 2016



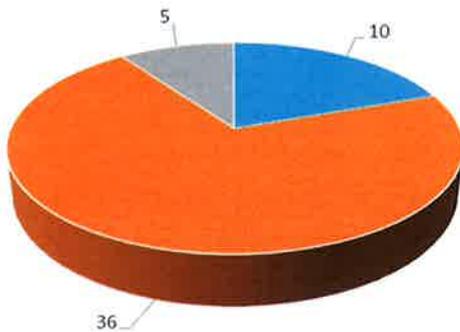
- FATAL
- INJURY
- NON-INJURY
- ALCOHOL RELATED
- DRUG RELATED

Citations September 2016



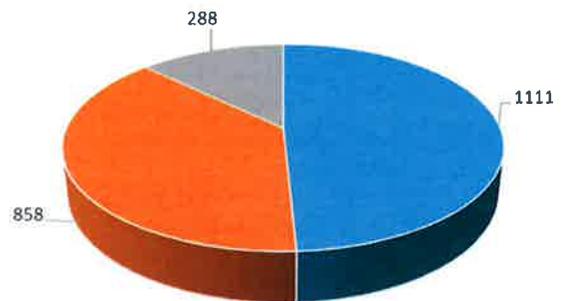
- SPEEDING
- MOVING VIOLATIONS
- NON-MOVING VIOLATIONS
- ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Arrests September 2016



- FELONY
- MISDEMEANOR
- OTHER AGENCY WRTS

September 2016



- CALLS FOR SERVICE
- SELF-INITIATED CALLS
- TRAFFIC STOPS

★ Want to know what crimes are occurring in your neighborhood? Visit <http://stephenvillepolice.org/spdraidss.html>