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## MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH 2020





## CITY COUNCIL

### Agenda Summary

The following items were acted on by the Mayor and City Council in February 2020.

#### Proclamations:

- Approved Proclamation #03-01-2020 requested by National Medal of Honor Museum, Arlington, Texas to recognize a Moment of Honor for Medal of Honor Recipients on March 25th, 2020 at 3:25 PM.

#### Resolutions:

- Approved Resolution No. 11-15-19 to amend the Sanger Industrial Development Corporation Bylaws.

#### Ordinances:

- Approved Ordinance # 02-05-20 Adding Chapter 16 "Right-of-Way Management" in the City of Sanger Code of Ordinances, and adopting City of Sanger Small Wireless Facilities Policy and Small Wireless Facilities Design Guidelines.
- Approved Ordinance No. 03-11-2020 postponing the Municipal General Election to be held on the 2nd of May, 2020 to the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date: Ordering Notice of Election to be given as prescribed by law in connection with such election; authorizing execution of a Joint Election Agreement with Denton County; providing a Repealing Clause; providing a Severability Clause; and providing for an Effective Date ;and, authorize Mayor to sign Notice of Postponement of Election.
- Approved Ordinance No. 03-12-20 continuing the Declaration of Local Disaster, providing for implementation of the City's Emergency Management Plan; providing Prompt and General Publicity; declaring A Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency and adopting Emergency Order Dated March 25, 2020, attached as Exhibit "A"; granting the Mayor the power and authority to review, adopt, ratify, and execute any subsequent Denton County Emergency Orders on behalf of the City Council; providing a repealing clause; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; providing for a penalty of fine not to exceed \$1000.00 as authorized by State Law for each offense; and providing for an effective date.

#### Plats Approved:

- Final Plat of Sanger Meadows Addition, Phase 1, Being 15.928 Acres of Land, and Generally Located North-West of the Intersection of View Road and Metz Road.

#### Other Items:

- Approved contract between the City of Sanger and Norris Design for Consulting Services for City of Sanger Comprehensive Plan in an amount not to exceed \$126,300.



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- Approved a Professional Services Agreement with Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. For Amendment No. 7; Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and Expansion for Walkways for safety and maintenance of facility in the amount of \$8,314.00, and authorize City Manager to execute.
- Appointed Tyler Sievert to Vacant Position on Park Board as Alternate.
- Approved Resolution #03-01-20 Responding to the Application of Atmos Energy Corporation - Midtex Division, To Increase Rates Under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) Suspending the Effective Date of this Rate Application for Forty-Five Days, Authorizing the City to Continue to Participate in a Coalition of Cities Know as the "Atmos Texas Municipalities".
- Approved a 4.3% Rate Increase from Waste Connections for Solid Waste and Recycling.
- Approved Change Order #8 in the amount of \$179,282.35 between the City of Sanger and Felix Construction Company for Construction of the Sanger Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation and Improvements; And authorize the City Manager to execute said change order.
- Approved a contract between the City of Sanger and Speed of Light Internet.
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## CITY SECRETARY

### Agenda

- City Council Meeting Agenda Summary Items were, where required; prepared, certified, published and processed. Meeting Minutes prepared, approved by City Council and filed by the City Secretary.

### Election

- May 2, 2020 General Election is cancelled to the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date.

### Open Records

- Processed eight (8) Open Record Requests and completed them in ten days or less.

### Solicitor Permit

- One solicitor permit was issued.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### About your Sanger EDC

The City of Sanger has established both a Type A and Type B economic development board to stimulate economic growth. These boards utilize sales tax revenues to stimulate the creation of new primary jobs in the community and to address quality of life issues. Sanger is pro-business and aggressively seeks new and expanded businesses that offer quality jobs for the community.

### Staff Updates

Staff continues to work closely with Denton County, Sanger Chamber of Commerce, and other economic development organizations to ensure every possible resource is made available to all businesses in the Sanger community.

Along with all the updates staff is providing through social media and the economic development website, staff and the Sanger Chamber of Commerce created a survey to help us to see what the business needs are, as well as allow us to continue to seek the help and resources needed to help our local businesses. The link to the survey can be found on the Sanger Economic Development website.

What can you do to help support our local businesses? Here's some ideas for supporting our small businesses!

**Buy gift cards** – they get cash flow now; you can enjoy later.

**Shop local but online** – several of our local favorites are online too.

**Use curbside pickup/drop-off** – call & ask if your favorite offers this service now.

**Use discounts offered** – businesses are offering specials to encourage sales.... use it!

**Order in** – use delivery services or grab takeout.



**DID YOU KNOW...**

The Governor's Office has compiled a list of resources to support economic retention and recovery related to COVID-19. Visit [www.gov.texas.gov](http://www.gov.texas.gov) for available resources.



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**BUILDING PERMITS**

| Residential   | New          | Alteration | Total               |
|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| # Permits     | 28           | 2          | <b>30</b>           |
| # Inspections | 273          | 7          | <b>280</b>          |
| Fees          | \$269,240.65 | \$543.10   | <b>\$269,783.75</b> |

| Commercial    | New | Alteration | Total           |
|---------------|-----|------------|-----------------|
| # Permits     | 0   | 1          | <b>1</b>        |
| # Inspections | 24  | 0          | <b>24</b>       |
| Fees          | \$0 | \$575.00   | <b>\$575.00</b> |

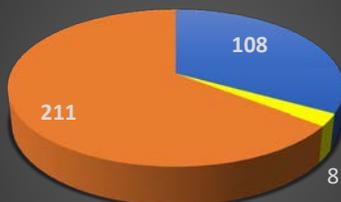
| Miscellaneous /One Stop |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| # Permits               | 54         |
| # Inspections           | 74         |
| Fees                    | \$4,185.00 |

***DID YOU KNOW...***

Due to COVID-19 Development Services is still fully functioning remotely. We are still receiving all permits through our online system, Community Core. If you need to send us an email you can find all our emails on sangertexas.org. You can always call us with any questions.

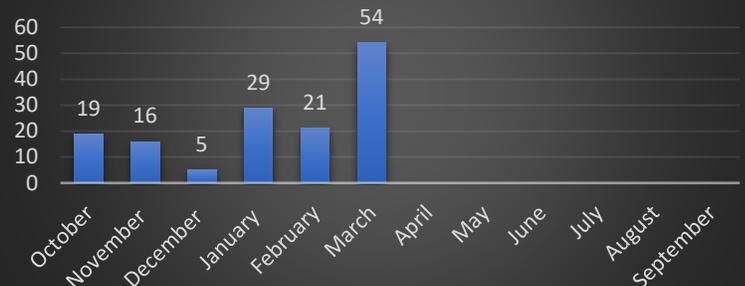
For further questions please contact our department at 940-458-2059.

**Building Permits YTD**



■ Residential ■ Commercial ■ Miscellaneous/One Stop

**New Single-Family Residential Permits FY 19-20**





PLANNING & ZONING

Case # SANZON-0004

Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider, Discuss and Act on Ordinance # 03-10-20 Regarding a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a Quick Services Food and Beverage Shop use on Approximately 4.9461 Acres of Land, Zoned as Industrial District (I-1), and Generally Located North of the Intersection of FM 455 and Sable Creek Blvd.

Planning and Zoning Commission APPROVED

City Council APPROVED

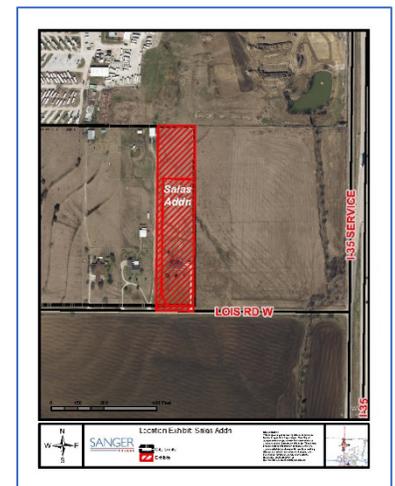


Case # 19SANZON-0028

Consider, Discuss and Act on the Minor Plat of Lot 1, and Lot 2, Block A of Salas Addition, Being 5.145 Acres, in the City of Sanger, and Generally Located North of Lois Road and Approximately 900 Feet West of the Intersection of I-35 Service Road and Lois Road West.

Planning and Zoning Commission APPROVED

City Council APPROVED





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Case # 20SANZON-0005

Consider, Discuss and Act on the Final Plat of Lot 11-23, Block A, and Lots 34-35, Block B, Sanger Meadow Addition Phase 2, Being 18.019 Acres, and Generally Located West of Metz Road and Approximately 300 Feet North of the Intersection of Metz Road and View Road.

Planning and Zoning Commission APPROVED

City Council APPROVED



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Planning and Zoning Commission APPROVED

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***DID YOU KNOW...***

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. The answers you provide are used only to produce statistics.



POLICE & ANIMAL CONTROL

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### POLICE & ANIMAL CONTROL

#### March 2020 Monthly Report

During the month of March 2020 Officers of the Sanger Police Department responded to a total of 513 calls for service having an average response time of 3 minutes per call. The department issued a total of 23 citations and 13 warnings.

The Texas Department of Public Safety Uniform Crime Reporting tracks seven classifications of offenses. You will find below a list of those classifications as well as any of those classifications the Department responded to:

Criminal Homicide 0  
Forcible Rape 0  
Robbery 0  
Assault 5  
Burglary 2  
Larceny/Theft 5  
Motor Vehicle Theft 1  
Officer Assaulted 0

#### Motorcycles

Texas Department of Transportation Driver Share the Road

Motorcycle drivers and other motorists can prevent accidents and injuries and limit the seriousness of incidents by taking preventive measures.

#### Motorcycles Safety Training I Licenses

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) oversees the Motorcycle Safety Unit and administers statewide programs geared towards motorcycle safety and certification.

The basic course teaches fundamentals and is required of all drivers in order to receive a Class M motorcycle driver's license. An advanced course is also available for more experienced riders and teaches maneuvering, riding on wet pavement and other safety skills.



## Helmet Law

All riders under the age of 21 are required to wear a helmet when operating a motorcycle. Riders over 21 may ride without a helmet only if they have completed a safety course or are covered by an applicable insurance plan.

## Safety Tips

Motorcyclists don't have the protection that cars and trucks have. To stay safe, remember to:

- Wear a helmet and other protective gear.
- Turn on your headlights and ride defensively.
- Avoid the center of the lane where debris and oil build up.
- Ride at a safe speed, and never ride if you've been drinking.
- Take a course to learn or reinforce safe riding techniques.
- Other drivers need to keep an eye out for motorcycles and safely share the road:

- Look twice for motorcyclists at intersections, entering highways and whenever turning or changing lanes.
- Always maintain a safe following distance.
- When passing a motorcyclist, move to the other lane and allow a full lane for the motorcycle.

## Motorcycle Safety Campaign

TxDOT's statewide Share the Road motorcycle safety and public awareness campaign urges motorists to look twice for motorcycles at intersections and when changing lanes, the two places where serious motorcycle collisions commonly occur.

## Chief Curtis Amyx



The Sanger Police Department has positions open for employment.

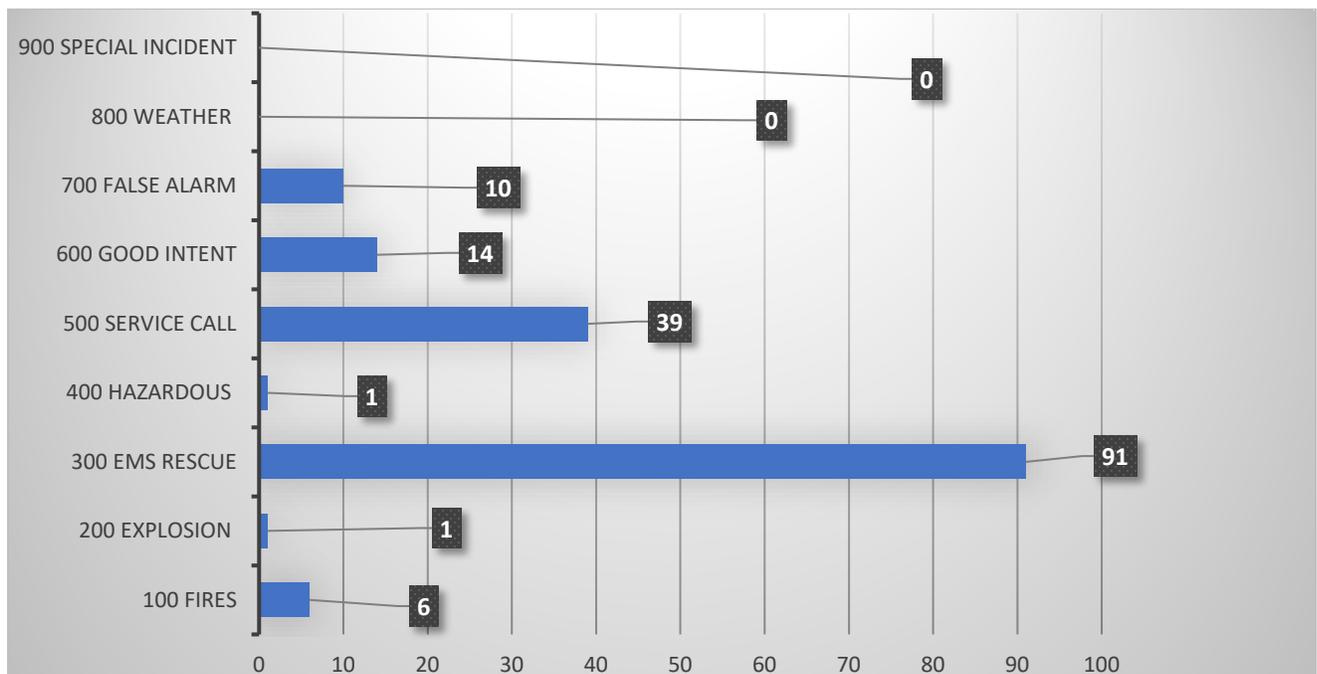


## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Emergency Responses for March 2020

The Sanger Fire Department responded to 162 emergency incidents during the month of March. The top four busiest incident types:

- 91 Emergency Medical Incident
- 39 Service calls
- 14 Good Intent
- 10 False Alarm
- The busiest time of the day was at 20:00 – 20:59 for the month of March
- The busiest days of the week for EMS transports was Wednesday with 18 transports during the month.
- Emergency Medical calls accounted for 56.17 % of the total call volume.



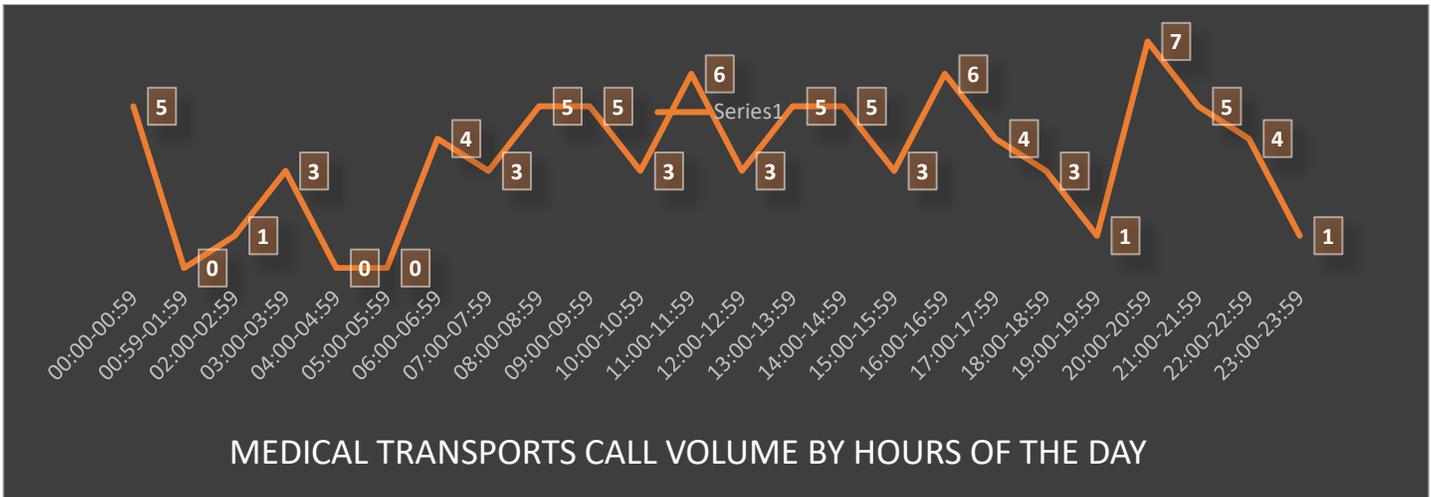
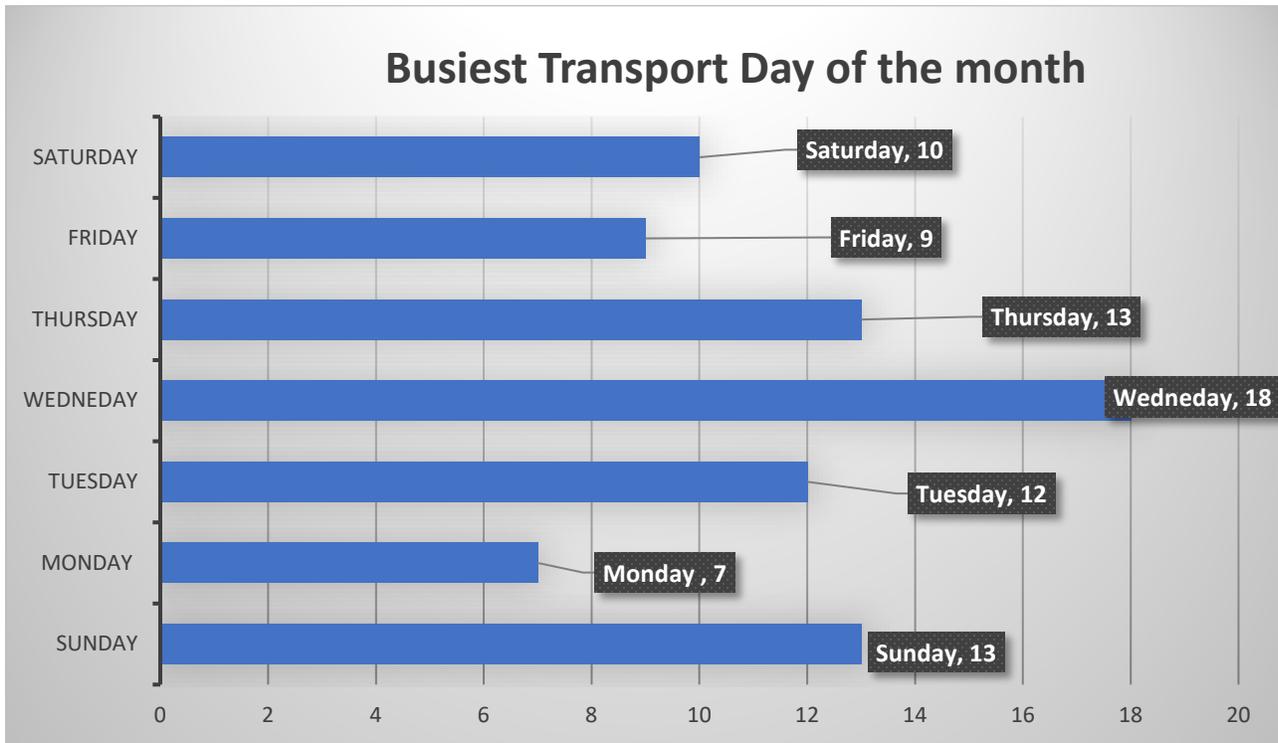


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Busiest Transport Day of the month



MEDICAL TRANSPORTS CALL VOLUME BY HOURS OF THE DAY



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### MOBILE APPS WITH LOCAL ALERT FUNCTIONS

**FEMA APP:** Stay updated with severe weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations across the U.S.; learn how to stay safe before, during, and after over 20 types of hazards; save a custom list of the items in your family’s emergency kit; and locate and receive driving directions to open shelters and disaster recovery centers. You can also submit disaster-related photos to a public map using the Disaster Reporter feature. The FEMA App is also available in Spanish. Download the app to your mobile device or smartphone free on iTunes or Google Play. Learn more at [www.fema.gov/mobile-app](http://www.fema.gov/mobile-app).

**AMERICAN RED CROSS APP:** The Red Cross Emergency app combines more than 35 different types of severe weather and emergency alerts. You can choose the alerts that are important to your location or the location of loved ones. The “Family Safe” feature allows you to notify loved ones that an alert has been issued in their area and check to see if they are safe. The app also offers information on what to do before, during, and after severe weather hits and how to find open Red Cross Shelters. All content is also available in Spanish. You can download the app to your mobile device or smartphone free on iTunes (Apple-iOS 6.0 or later) and Google Play (Android). Learn more at [www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps).

**THE WEATHER CHANNEL APP:** Tracks weather and provides local forecasts and push alerts of severe weather to your mobile device. Download the app to your mobile device or smartphone free on iTunes (Apple-iOS 6.0 or later), Google Play (Android), App World (BlackBerry), and Windows Phone at [www.weather.com/apps](http://www.weather.com/apps).



MUNICIPAL COURT

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## MUNICIPAL COURT

### Case Activity:

- For the month of March, 2020, the Municipal Court filed 41 citations.
- There was one request for deferred disposition.
- There was one request a for driver safety course.
- There were two cases successfully closed by deferred disposition and one case successfully closed by a driver safety course.
- The court closed 21 cases by payment in full or time served.
- The total fines, court costs and other fees collected were \$4,992.50 with \$1,517.34 of that being remitted to the State.

## ***DID YOU KNOW...***

### **What is the difference between Municipal Court and District Court**

Municipal courts only have jurisdiction over fine only misdemeanors. District courts accept civil or small claims cases, felony charges, class A and B misdemeanors.



FINANCE

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## FINANCE

### Overview

The Finance Department is responsible for all financial, accounting and utility billing operations of the City. The department is charged with managing the City's resources through budgeting, purchasing, and reporting. Operations of the department include billing and collecting for all utilities, handling all accounts receivable and payable, preparing payroll for all City employees, paying all City obligations, and preparing the annual budget document.

During the month of March 2020, Finance Department staff:

- Completed the addition and billing of a second Utility Billing zone
- Performed all of the following normal departmental functions for the City:
  - Accounts Payable
  - Financial Reporting
  - Payroll
  - Purchase Orders
  - Utility Customer Service

### ***DID YOU KNOW...***

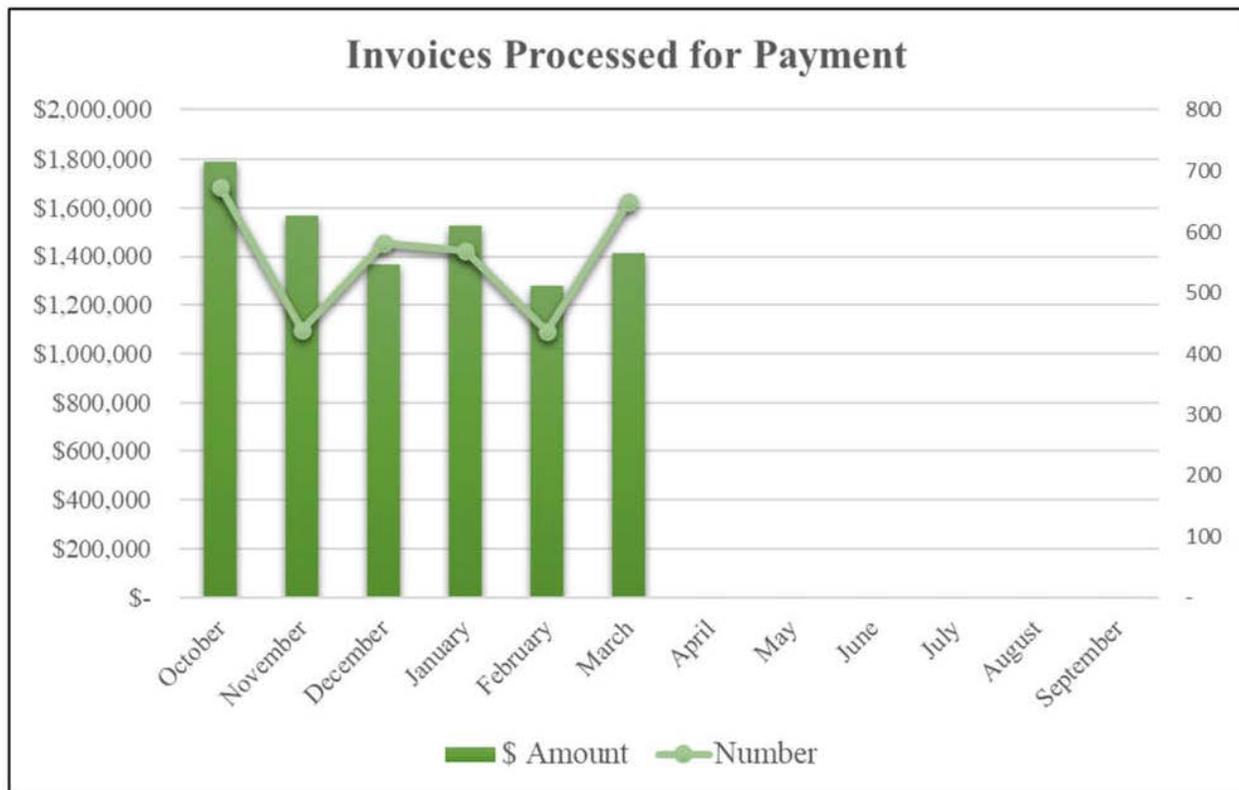
Sanger's population is estimated to be 8,800, which is a 27.2% increase from the 2010 US Census of 6,916!



Accounts Payable Function

The purpose of the Accounts Payable function is to provide payment processing services for City departments to ensure timely vendor payments for goods and services.

| Invoices Processed |        |              |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|
| Year               | Number | Amount       |
| 2019-2020 YTD      | 3,353  | \$ 8,942,269 |
| 2018-2019 YTD      | 3,100  | 9,610,239    |
| 2017-2018 TYD      | 2,624  | 9,771,514    |

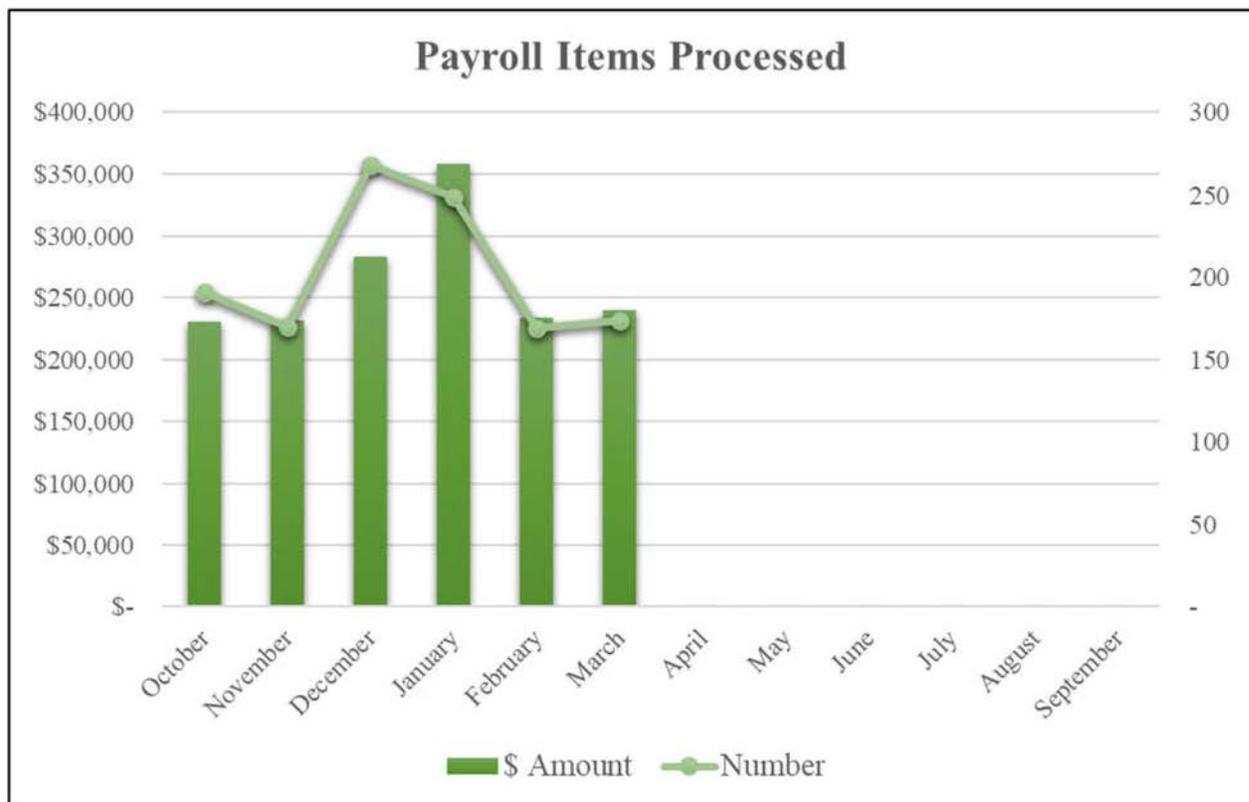




Payroll Function

The purpose of the Payroll function is to provide timely payroll services for City departments to ensure that employees are paid timely and accurately.

| Payments to Employees |        |              |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------|
| Year                  | Number | Amount       |
| 2019-2020 YTD         | 1,221  | \$ 1,578,861 |
| 2018-2019 YTD         | 1,261  | 1,566,263    |
| 2017-2018 TYD         | 1,298  | 1,552,080    |



**NOTE:** There are three biweekly payroll periods in the months of January and July 2020. During the month of December, additional paychecks are paid for longevity and leave buyback.



**Purchase Order Function**

The purpose of the Purchase Order function is to provide purchasing management and support to departments and suppliers so that the City has the resources available to accomplish its mission in a timely and efficient manner.

| Purchase Orders Issued |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Year                   | Number | Amount       |
| 2019-2020 YTD          | 101    | \$ 4,710,887 |
| 2018-2019 YTD          | 138    | 1,421,020    |
| 2017-2018 TYD          | 171    | 6,972,455    |



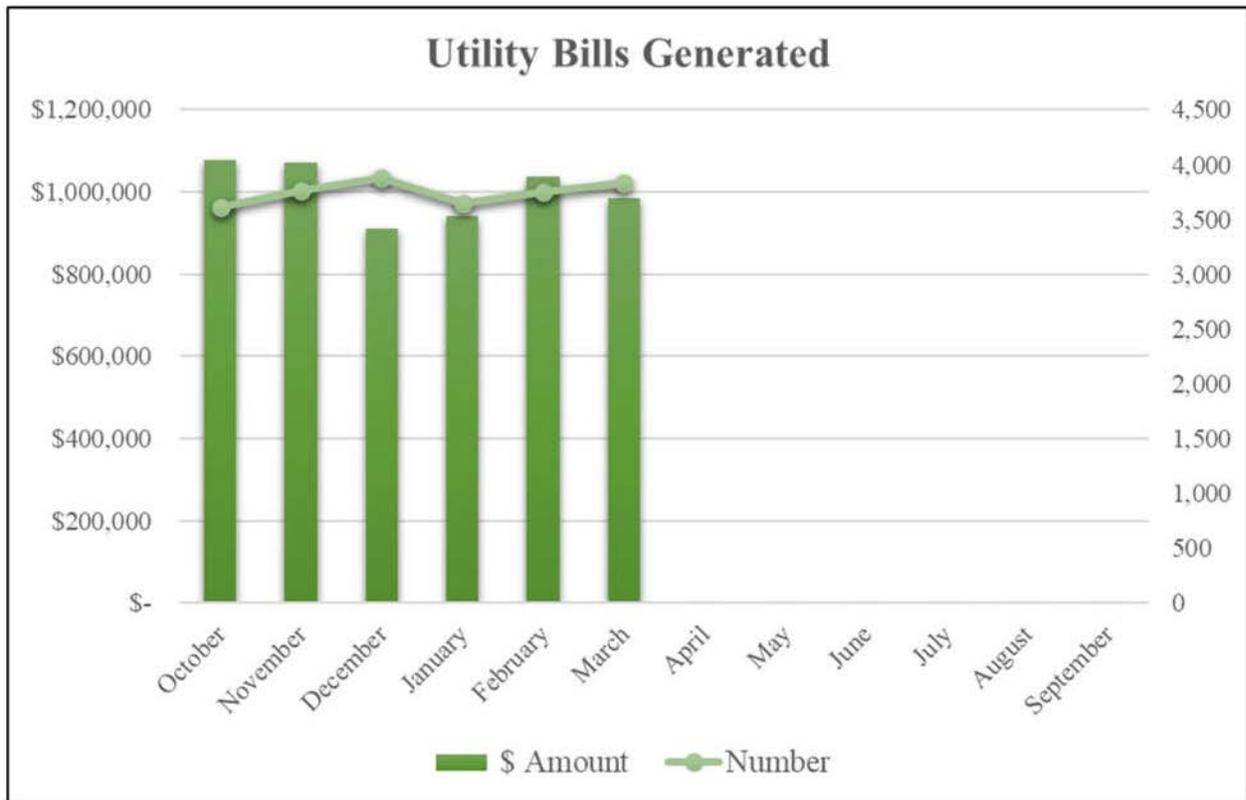


Utility Customer Service Function

The purpose of the Utility Customer Service function is to provide billing and revenue collection services for all City of Sanger utilities and to provide excellent customer service and information to all City of Sanger utility customers.

Billing Activity

| Utility Bills Generated |        |              |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Year                    | Number | Amount       |
| 2019-2020 YTD           | 22,505 | \$ 6,029,144 |
| 2018-2019 YTD           | 21,362 | \$ 6,008,087 |
| 2017-2018 TYD           | 20,803 | \$ 6,043,140 |



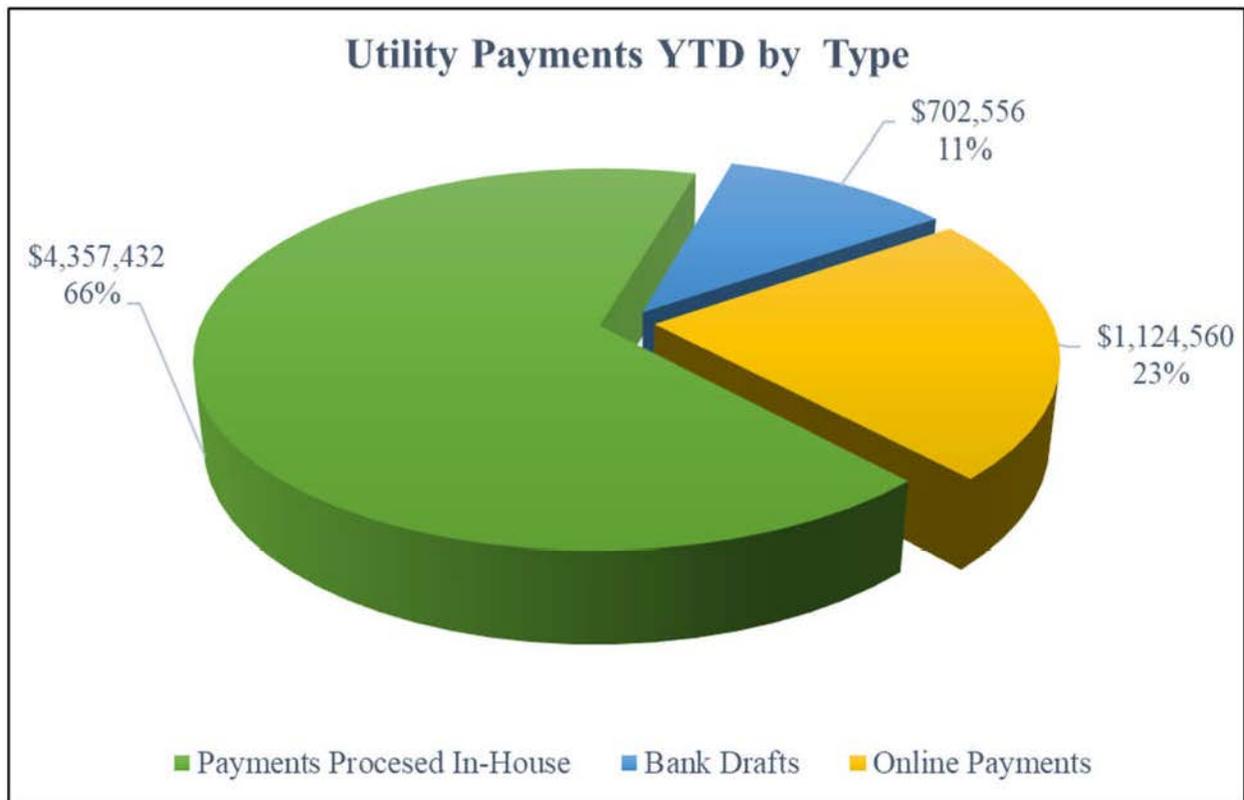


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**Payment Processing Activity**

| Utility Payments Processed |        |              |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Year                       | Number | Amount       |
| 2019-2020 YTD              | 21,272 | \$ 6,184,548 |
| 2018-2019 YTD              | 20,978 | \$ 6,267,946 |
| 2017-2018 TYD              | 20,241 | \$ 6,237,146 |





**Financial Reporting Function**

The purpose of the Financial Reporting function is to provide internal controls and financial information to City Council and City departments so that they may manage operations and meet financial reporting needs.

| Financial Reports Prepared |                      |                             |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Type                       | City Council Reports | Departmental Budget Reports |
| 2019-2020 YTD              | 6                    | 13                          |
| 2018-2019 YTD              | 6                    | 13                          |
| 2017-2018 TYD              | 6                    | 13                          |



ELECTRIC

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## ELECTRIC

### General Summary

- The Electric department is completing all TML employee training.

### Daily Operations

- Connect temporary poles in Willowood subdivision
- Load wire for Primoris
- Replaced jumper at Primoris yard on Stemmons Freewat
- Rechecks
- Telecommute/Employee training

### Construction

- Replace pole that was damaged by vehicle on F.M. 2450
- Change out crossarm at Duck Creek and Keaton Road
- Replace bad transformer at Hunters Convenience Store
- Trench in street light service on Diane Drive

### Service Truck/After Hours combined

- Connects – 12
- Disconnects -13
- Occupant change – 29
- Cutoff – 1
- Reinstates – 1
- Billing rechecks – 45
- Changed out meters – 25
- Re-read – 6
- Pulled meters – 0
- New meters -0



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## ENGINEERING

### Engineering Department Responsibilities

- Engineering Administration
- Engineering review and coordination of Residential, Commercial & Capital Improvement Construction Projects from design through the construction completion: Plat review, Construction Plan review, Building permit reviews, Construction Management Coordination, Inspections
- Management of Water, Wastewater, Drainage & Paving Capital Improvement Projects
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Management & Inspection
- Coordinate utility relocation, easement and ROW acquisitions
- Floodplain Management
- Coordination of TXDOT Projects
- Traffic/Transportation Engineering
- Identify infrastructure improvements necessary to accommodate projected growth and development.
- Respond to public inquiries, investigate and resolve complaints, or refer to appropriate individual or department for resolution.
- Street Cut/Bore (Right-of-way), TXDOT & Environmental Permitting
- Review and update as needed the Subdivision Ordinance and other related standards.

### Capital Improvement Projects

- Evaluating consultant selection for Water & Wastewater Master Plan update
- Railroad Avenue Lift Station and Wastewater Pipeline Improvements – 100% Plans & Specs received & under review, anticipate easement acquisition spring 2020
- Outfall Pipeline – 8500+/- linear foot wastewater treatment plant outfall pipe project design completed; on hold, evaluating stream restoration option
- Stream Restoration
  - Meetings held with Property Owners, TCEQ & USACE
  - Awaiting site visit with USACE & regulatory officials for preliminary determination regarding Nationwide or Individual USACE permit to be required.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant: Continuing with repairs, improvements, and site work. Contractor addressing punch-list items & start up.
- McReynolds Rd – LOMR under FEMA review
- Pond outfall/Channel stabilization needed.



## Development

### Construction

- Estates at Wind Song Hill: ETJ 57 Lot Single Family Residential Development – grading & turf establishment remaining
- Sanger Circle Phase 3: Drainage end walls remain to be completed
- Sanger Circle Phase 6: 250 Lot Single Family & Townhome Residential Development
- Storm drainage & sanitary sewer installation underway
- Sanger Circle Phase 5: Sanitary sewer removal and replacement to be completed
- Sportsman 2 – Fuel Station: Awaiting TXDOT permit plan revisions
- Grace Bible Church: Under construction
- Berkshire 2 Townhomes (Apartments): Under Construction
- Sanger Meadows Phase 1: ETJ 10 Lot Residential Development – Awaiting Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for Pre-construction meeting.

### Review

- Sanger Meadow Addn. Phases 2 & 3: ETJ 134 Single Family Residential Lot development -civil plans under review
- Lake County Estates: 78 Single Family Residential Lot Development – comments provided, awaiting resubmittal
- Sonic Drive-In: Commercial Replat & Civil plans under review
- Kenning Addition: ETJ 3 Single Family Residential Lot development – Minor Plat under review
- Meadow Green Farms Phases 1 & 2: 23 Single Family Residential Lot development - Preliminary Plat under review
- Sure Steel: Commercial – Preliminary Plat under review
- Sable Creek Phase 4: 50 Lot Single Family Residential lot development – Final Plat under review
- Sable Creek Phase 5: 26 Lot Single Family Residential lot development – Final Plat under review

## Development Review Committee

- Sanger Mansion redevelopment – Proposed event center & hotel
- Building Permit – Engineering Review



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### Flood Study under review

- Wright Industrial Park – Review background and developer RFI
- McReynolds Rd Improvements – Ranger Branch LOMR under FEMA review
- Ranger Creek – Developer requested review

### TXDOT

#### TXDOT I-35 Project

- Design underway by Stantec – 30% plans not yet received

#### FM 455 Highway Project

- Project let date 10/2021
- Utility Clear Date 10/2020
- TXDOT ~ 95% Check Set received for review

#### FM 455 Utility Relocation Project

- Additional PSA with Dannenbaum required along IH 35
- Amendment to existing PSA for FM 455 anticipated
- Utility relocation plans under City review
- Bond Package remains to be prepared
- Summer award anticipated & 9-month relocation

## ***DID YOU KNOW...***

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) was founded in 1852. It is the oldest national engineering society in the United States.



STREETS

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## STREETS

### Road Hazards:

- Pothole repair – Laney Drive
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- Remove dirt and debris from drainage – Indian Lane
- Remove dirt and debris from drainage – North 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- Remove dirt and debris from drainage – Indian Lane
- Tree trimming – Belz Road
- Asphalt construction – 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- Asphalt construction -7<sup>th</sup> Street
- Asphalt construction – 8<sup>th</sup> Street
- Assist TxDOT with a pothole
- Help Water Department with service line break – 7<sup>th</sup> Street

### Traffic and Street Signs:

- Place a temporary stop sign for TxDOT – 5<sup>th</sup> Street

### Miscellaneous:

- Help Parks Department with Park clean up
- Help Parks Department with brush pickup

### Department Staff:

Street Superintendent – John Henderson  
Felipe Ibarra – Utility II  
Adrian Tostado – Utility I  
Levi Perkins – Utility I

## *DID YOU KNOW...*

The temperature of asphalt straight from the manufacturing plant is approximately 320 degrees Fahrenheit.



WATER

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## WATER

### During March the Water Department was able to:

- Have C & G Electric troubleshoot electrical issues at Holt Road lift station. It was determined that the #1 pump was drawing too many amps and needed to be replaced.
- Have Precision Pump Inc. order and install a new two horsepower grinder pump at Holt Road lift station.
- Install a new sewer clean-out at 138 Eider.
- Have RLC install a new UPS backup power supply at Lake Ridge lift station.
- Have Mabak repair a sewer service line and install a property line clean-out at 2511 Caddo Trail and bore in a new water service line under Berry Street near Holt Road.
- Make repairs to one manhole and raise three manholes ahead of street repairs on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Drain the 300,000-gallon Acker Street ground storage tank in preparation for needed repairs and painting to be performed by Maguire Iron Inc. It was determined that this tank needs more repair than initially thought and therefore it will be rescheduled after repairs and painting are completed on the 200,000-gallon elevated storage at Well #6.
- Make repairs to three water service lines.
- Make repairs to two water mains.
- Make repairs to two sewer service lines.
- Install four new water meters
- Visually read 994 water meters that were not read by the mobile collector.
- Completed 105 water and sewer service orders.
- There were 3,138 active water connections and 2,915 active sewer connections during the month of March.

## ***DID YOU KNOW...***

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is encouraging all Americans to only flush toilet paper, not disinfecting wipes or other non-flushable items that should be disposed of in the trash. Flushing only toilet paper helps ensure that the toilets, plumbing, sewer systems and septic systems will continue working properly to safely manage our nation's wastewater. While EPA encourages disinfecting your environment to prevent the spread of COVID-19, never flush disinfecting wipes or other non-flushable items.



PARKS AND RECREATION

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### Parks and Recreation

#### Operations:

The parks crew has continued with our annual winter clean up programs within the parks system. 25 acres were mowed in the month of March. The Parks Department completed 22 brush orders with 49 orders called in. The brush truck was in the shop until Mid-March.

#### Facilities:

Our facilities were in continuous use with 11 rentals for the month of March prior to the shelter in place mandate. Facilities include our Community Center and Historical Presbyterian Church as well as park pavilions and ball fields.

#### Recreation:

Our annual Trash Off was held on Saturday, March 14, 2020. This event continues to be a huge success with all 10 of the trash roll-offs filled to capacity as well as both of the scrap metal roll-offs. The volunteer portion of the event was canceled due to both Covid-19 concerns and the rainy weather. The volunteer clean up will be held at our next trash off event scheduled for October 10, 2020.





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Our Facebook page is still experiencing a steady growth up to 3,044 likes at the end of March with 3,121 followers. If you have not, please go and like our page at Sanger, TX Parks, and Recreation to follow all of the fun events coming up.

### Department Staff:

Director – Jim Berman

Recreation & Event Coordinator – Jennifer Shumate

Crew Leader – James Hunter

Maintenance Worker II – Dean Mason

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## ***DID YOU KNOW...***

Arbor Day is on April 24, 2020. On January 4, 1872, Morton first proposed a tree planting holiday to be called “Arbor Day” at a meeting for the State Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872. Prizes were offered to counties and individuals for planting properly the largest number of trees on that day. One million trees were planted on this day.



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#### Program Highlights:

- A total of 11 in-person programs were held in March, with a total of 195 people attending. Virtual story time programs began on March 18<sup>th</sup>, with hundreds of views. The second Facebook Live story time was on March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The highlight of programs was the annual Dr. Seuss Party on March 2nd, co-hosted this year with Sanger ISD. Teachers assisted with STEAM activities at several tables and the popular hunt for Seuss characters hidden around the library. A record number of 130 people attended this year, with the majority being young children.





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The reading of Dr. Seuss books in a corner of the children's section offered a quieter alternative during the March 2<sup>nd</sup> festivities.

Another program in March was a discussion on the Chairy Orchard in Denton, given on March 9<sup>th</sup> by the creator of this very unusual local attraction, Judy Smith.



- On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the library closed to the public due to COVID-19. The library staff continued to work to provide reference services by phone and email, and began to offer other ways of connecting with the community through virtual programming and social media.
- An online application for temporary eCards to access the library's eBook and other digital service was made available through the library's website on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Staff began processing applications almost immediately after the link was put on the website.



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### Statistics at a Glance:

- 1,392 physical items were checked out, including items borrowed from other libraries.
- 21 new cardholders and a total of 3,992.
- 480 visits to the library.
- 15 reference questions answered.
- 6 computer-related questions answered.
- 152 eBooks and downloadable audio books were checked out through the two services to which the library subscribes, Overdrive and Freading. With the exception of only the summer months in 2018 and 2019, this was the highest digital collection usage in a single month.

### *DID YOU KNOW...*

The library will be offering a virtual reading program through a new service, ReadSquared, beginning next month! For details, check out the library's website at [www.sangerlibrary.org](http://www.sangerlibrary.org) and its Facebook page.