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Big news of the month, of course, was the winter storm that occurred Feb. 13 through Feb. 20 that brought all activities but those relating to public information to a standstill. Frozen in at my home, I used my city-provided laptop and the remote connection to my office computer to continue to provide as much information as possible on the city website and all Facebook pages. I was in communication with Mercy and city staff throughout the days and sometimes into the nights, for constant updates on water services, trash services, electric, closings, and emergency services information. The forethought of administration to provide the laptop and remote connection (instituted with the onset of COVID-19) made it possible to continue the flow of information that was so important to the public during the history-making winter event that became an official storm disaster.

Facebook Statistics: For the month of February 2021 Facebook was the ultimate tool for communication. Statistics report that accompanies this report shows that the reach for Mineola, Texas (official City of Mineola Facebook page) was up 423.9% from January 2021. Total reaches (which means someone saw the page) for all Mineola pages was 123,420. In many cases, the public was depending on the city's pages for news and communication of local information.

Marketing Advisory Board meeting: Met Feb. 3, 2021 for the first time since October 2020. Due to the grip of COVID-19 on activities and on the FY2021 Budget, most marketing opportunities were held to a minimum so there was no reason for the board to meet during those winter months. At the February meeting, members shared coming events and activities which will increase as health concerns diminish. Some events to look forward to are firemen's rodeo in July, a fly-in at Wisener Field in July, and opening of the Iron Horse Square mini train in spring.

Marketing Opportunities:

- Throughout February Shop Local Shop Mineola campaign online and print with running banner in *Wood County Monitor*.
- County Line Magazine March/April issue featuring Nature Preserve. At this time, County Line Magazine remains an online publication but is looking at resuming print in the near future.
- Texas Farm & Home Magazine Prepared ad for March issue that featured Nature Preserve. This publication has circulation area from Palestine to Houston and west to Austin and Hill Country.

Ongoing:

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- Updating of City website continues as needed. Removing outdated info, refreshing pages and using time to study and proof all pages for errors and inaccuracies in general. Publishing required state mandated information when directed.
- Assisting staff when and where needed with projects and programs

Meetings Attended:

City Staff meeting – Feb 2 Marketing Advisory Board meeting – Feb 3

This will be my last report to the Council, as I will retire March 31, 2021. Being marketing director and assistant EDC director for the City of Mineola has been one of the most rewarding jobs I've ever had. I do love Mineola and it has been an honor to tell everyone about this great city and its sense of community and pride. I wish you all the very best and that Mineola will continue to prosper and grow as the jewel of East Texas that it is.

Best regards,

Lynn Kitchens

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Facebook Stats for February 2021

Facebook Page	Page Reac	h	% Chang	е	Page Like	es
City of Mineola	57,846		up 423.9	%	11,229	
Main Street	3,840		up 387.3	%	1,670	
Historical Museum	4,227		up 79.6%	ó	2,004	
Nature Preserve	37,500		up 146.7	%	6,823	
Iron Horse Square	1,448		up 229.9	%	1,089	
Farmers Market	782		up 30.1%	, 0	1,620	
Police Dept	17,777		up 44.3%	ó	3,040	
TOTALS	123,420				27,475	

FACEBOOK STATISTICS Monthly Totals for All Pages Combined

Month	Reach	Likes	
Oct 2020	52,240	26,248	
Nov 2020	59,431	26,358	
Dec 2020	60,398	26,763	
Jan 2021	44,775	26,986	
Feb 2021	123,420	27,475	
Mar 2021			
Apr 2021			
May 2021			
Jun 2021			
Jul 2021			
Aug 2021			
Sep 2021			













