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Press Release

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Demolition of Iconic Silver Water Tower on Thompson Street Commences March 4th

Decatur, Texas — The City of Decatur is announcing the commencement of the demolition of the aged 150,000-gallon silver water tower located on Thompson Street. The demolition is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 4th, 2024 and is expected to be completed within six (6) weeks.

The iconic water tower, dating back to the 1960s, has been a landmark in our community for decades. Originally purchased and used to meet the needs of development at the time, it has faithfully served its purpose. However, as part of our ongoing infrastructure improvements, it is now necessary to remove the aging structure.

In its place, the city has erected a state-of-the-art, brand new 1,000,000-gallon Elevated Storage Tank, located conveniently across the street. This modern tank will ensure the continued reliability and efficiency of our water supply system for years to come. The new tower also boasts public safety training props along with a safe home for some of the city's most critical communication infrastructure.

During the demolition process, residents and businesses in the vicinity of Thompson Street may experience temporary closures of streets to ensure the safety of the demolition personnel. There will be no disruption in water utility as this tower is already decommissioned. We kindly ask for your patience and cooperation during this period.

Mayor Mike McQuiston expressed gratitude for the service of the old water tower and excitement for the future improvements, stating, "While we bid farewell to a piece of our city's history, we also welcome the progress and enhanced infrastructure that the new Elevated Storage Tank represents. This is a significant step forward for our community."

The city administration encourages residents with any questions or concerns regarding the demolition process to contact the Public Works Department at 940-393-0260.

We thank the community for their understanding and cooperation as we work to enhance the infrastructure within the City of Decatur.

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