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Fall Newsletter - October 2018

Dear neighbors,

Please enjoy reading our fall newsletter which provides City and District updates. There is much going on in the City and staff is always available to answer questions and take service requests. The Council recently completed and adopted the 2018-2019 budget. Many services were enhanced as well as providing first responders a significant raise. Council increased the starting salary for police and fire to almost \$60,000 a year in hopes of attracting new recruits. Recruitment of new police officers has been difficult for cities across the nation. However, the City Manager T.C. Broadnax and the Dallas Police Chief U. Reneè Hall are implementing strategies to increase the recruitment of police officers. Property taxes will rise significantly due to the increase in property values and my inability to convince Council colleagues to reduce the tax rate in a significant way. Council Member Gates and Mayor Rawlings also supported efforts to control spending, but our Colleagues wanting more services carried the day. The Council actually increased spending beyond the City Manager's recommended budget in an unprecedented move.

In addition to public safety salaries, the budget provides for an increased service level for street repairs and maintenance from both the general fund and the bond program. For more information, monitor the the bond spending here: [Dallas Bond](#)

The budget also increases services in virtually every department including Sanitation, Water, Parks, Libraries, Cultural Facilitates, Housing and Homelessness, and an exhaustive list of services that the City provides. City Manager T.C. Broadnax has implemented a "Service First" mantra and City Staff is motivated to provide quality customer service to all Dallas residents. For more information view budget financial transparency here: [City of Dallas Departments Budget Financial Transparency](#)

Looking forward, the City will be active in the Texas Legislative session starting in January. As the Chairman of the City's Legislative Committee it is important to provide representation on behalf of the City Council on matters concerning the City of Dallas. The majority of the time is

spent protecting Home Rule authority from central planning in Austin. Thomas Jefferson said "The Government closest to the people serves the people best". Please ask your State Representatives to keep that in mind.

District 11 looks forward to hearing from you at any time and staff is readily available to attend neighborhood meetings, events and office hours at Fretz Park. Thank you to Sophia and Madison for writing the newsletter.

District 11 is here to provide "Service First".

Sincerely,

Lee M. Kleinman
Council Member
District 11

Office Hours in the District

Thank you to all who attended our first "Office Hours" meeting in the District at Fretz Library. We had a great response and we will continue hosting monthly meetings to hear your concerns about the District.

The topics mostly discussed were crime, homelessness, and code issues. Although we know crime issues continue to exist, the Dallas Police Department is working with the community to address your concerns. Please continue to report criminal activity in the neighborhoods. In regards to homelessness, this issue has impacted many cities including Dallas. The Office of Homeless Solutions is working to minimize homelessness and to better serve the homeless population. There are continuous efforts to help cleanup homeless encampment areas.

The next Office Hours in the District will be:

Thursday, October 18 at 1pm - 5pm
Fretz Library 6990 Belt Line Rd, Dallas, TX 75254
Please call our office to schedule at 214-670-7817
(Both walk-ins and appointments will be seen)

Encampment Resolution Schedule October 9 and October 16, 2018

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on Tuesday October 16, 2018:

October 9, 2018 -
Complete as of 4:00 pm

October 16, 2018

- 4900 E R.L. Thornton Freeway (District 2)
- 600 Peak Street (District 2)
- 500 Hill Street (District 2)
- 700 Fletcher Street (District 2)
- 2929 Hickory Street (District 2)
- 2600 Hickory Street (District 2)
- 2400 Hickory Street (District 2)
- 2628 Louise Street (District 2)
- 7600 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway (District 10)
- **Royal at Central Expressway (District 11)**
- **Forest Lane at Central Expressway (District 11)**
- Lyndon B Johnson Freeway at Jupiter Road (District 9)
- Lyndon B Johnson Freeway at Webb Chapel (District 9)
- Stemmons Freeway at Merrill Road (District 6)
- Stemmons Freeway at Medical District (District 6)

Per the Office of Homeless Solutions, please see below for information about a new Homeless Crisis Helpline:

The Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) is excited to announce a new toll-free number, which persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness may call for assistance in finding shelter and housing: **1-888-411-6802**. This Homeless Crisis Helpline is part of MDHA's Coordinated Access System (CAS). It helps connect persons needing help with the correct resource that matches their needs.

City of Dallas
Economic Development Survey

You're invited to participate in a survey to help create a comprehensive strategic economic development plan for the City of Dallas. There is a survey for both residents and businesses. Please take the survey(s) that best fits you and please share within your neighborhood, organizations and other applicable individuals and groups. Feedback received from the study will be evaluated and

compiled in a report of recommendations by [Angelou Economics](#), an Austin based economic development consulting firm.

We appreciate your feedback by completing this survey. Please click one of the options listed: [RESIDENT](#) or [BUSINESS](#).

National Night Out

On Tuesday, October 2, Dallas communities came together and hosted National Night Out events. These block parties demonstrate citizen engagement with neighbors and with the Dallas Police Department. These community events support building positive relationships within the neighborhoods.



Dallas Police Major Sharise Hadnot & Citizen



Citizen Larry Haynie & Dallas Police Officer Mark Lutz



Park Central Neighborhood Association



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Flame, Breeze, Wind Neighborhood

Thank you to everyone who attended the National Night Out events!

Goldmark Cultural Center

One of the most exciting new developments in District 11 is the Goldmark Cultural Center (GCC). This is a great example of property owners collaborating with the city to improve existing buildings. The GCC is a home for artists and non-profits. Over the course of 2018, Dr. Yeh and his daughter, Chin-Chin, along with

artists Du Chau, Brandi Cooper, Jeulet Noyes, Marty Ray, and many others, have transformed a relatively empty office park of 64,000 square foot office buildings on Goldmark Drive, near Spring Valley and 75, into a vibrant fellowship of artists and organizations that support the community.

This transformation was possible only through the extraordinary efforts of Commissioner Jaynie Schultz, Dallas Police Sergeant Karl Kemper, Dallas Police Officer Steve Junger and many others. GCC will be the first organization to house international resident artists in the Dallas area. The first residency will begin in January 2019. There are studio spaces, classes, workshops, galleries, a store, event spaces, pop-up events and many, many ways to connect with art and each other! For more information click here [THE CENTER ARTS](#) or call 214-693-4555.



Art Table: Mart Ray, Professor Emeritus at North Lake, Jeulet Noyes, Textile Artist, Eliana Miranda Instructor at UTD, Joseph Yeh, Susan Sponsler, Brookhaven Instructor, Lise Dearborn, Chin-Chin and Mo



Professor from Nigeria, creating murals at GCC

Uzzi Fetus, Art



Don Taylor, Brookhaven Instructor, in his Studio



**Debra Chronister,
Ceramic Artist teaching
Yoga
For Artists**



**Brandi Cooper
teaching a Mask
Making Class**

District Updates

Willow Lane (north side) Sidewalk Improvements from Preston Road to Hillcrest Road:

- Plan completion: The plans are 65% complete and, due to drainage and topographic challenges, will be completed through field engineering with the contractor.
- Plans issued for bid: The Project Group was advertised on August 15th and August 22nd 2018.
- Bid pricing due: The bid opening was August 31, 2018 with only estimated quantities, but anticipate starting the Willow Lane project first.
- Contract award: This item is scheduled for Council Approval on November 14, 2018.
- Contractor start date: We anticipate our contractor starting in December 2018.
- Completion date: The estimated construction time is 10-12 months.

Fretz Family Aquatic Center:

The Cove at Fretz opened on Saturday, August 11. The rain did not stop people from attending this fun community event! Over 200 people enjoyed the ribbon cutting ceremony, ate delicious burgers by The Hamburger Man, and of course, swam and went down the slides at the pool area.



Council Members Sandy Greyson and Jennifer Gates, Park Board Members Jeff Kitner, Rodney Schlosser, Bobby Abtahi, Becky Rader, Larry Jones and Representative Linda Koop, and Director of Parks and Recreation Willis Winters



**Willis Winters
Director of Park and Recreation**



Thank you all for attending this event!

City of Dallas Updates

New Mobile App

The City of Dallas has a new mobile app "OurDallas" now available to download in the App Store and Google Play.



Dallas Cultural Plan Update

The Office of Cultural Affairs finalized staff recommendation for Cultural Plan and Policy - both documents were unanimously recommended by the Steering Committee on September 19th and the Cultural Affairs Commission on September 20th. Click here to review the draft [Cultural Plan](#).

Planned Next Steps:

The Office of Cultural Affairs continues to work with the City Attorney's Office on policy language refinements. The plan is to brief the City Council on the following dates:

- Monday, October 22 - Briefing to Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee
- Tuesday, November 6 - Briefing to full Council
- Wednesday, November 28 - Vote at Council Agenda Meeting

Upcoming Meetings & Events

City of Dallas Office of Community Care

Senior Services Division's
Listening Session for District 11
Thursday, October 25 at 9:45 a.m.
Jewish Community Center of Dallas
7900 Northaven Rd, Dallas, TX 75230

It's My Park Day event - Saturday, October 20

FRIENDS OF NORTHAVEN TRAIL PRESENTS

IT'S MY **PARK DAY** 2018

LUNCH PROVIDED BY
SHAKE SHACK

OCT 20 FEATURING **PUPPY YOGA** BikeDFW & MORE!

RESPIRE ON NORTHAVEN TRAIL NEXT TO 10937 EDMERE RD

PUPPY YOGA STARTS AT 10am AND THE OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE FROM 11am - 2pm
SPACE IS LIMITED! GET YOUR TICKETS AT <https://tinyurl.com/yam9d36c>

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WWW.NORTHAVENTRAIL.ORG CHECK OUR FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND WEBPAGE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATES!

*The Fall event of Operation Beautification
Saturday, October 20*

OPERATION BEAUTIFICATION
Dallas, Texas

A Citywide Community Cleanup

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20TH

Let's work together to make our communities litter free.
Grab your neighbors and participate in the largest citywide community cleanup.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER: CALL 311 OR VISIT BIT.LY/DALLASOPB

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The registration deadline is Monday, October 13.

Register by calling 3-1-1 or emailing dallas311@dallascityhall.com.
Planning and Urban Design is the program administrator for Operation
Beautification. Follow on Facebook and Twitter at DallasPlanUD

Carnival & Foodie Silent Auction - Saturday, November 3



The poster features a central illustration of three red and white striped tents with yellow suns and flags. Below the illustration, the text reads: "CARNIVAL AND FOODIE SILENT AUCTION". The event details are: "SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2018, 2PM-5PM, KRAMER ELEMENTARY, 7131 MIDBURY RD." A "BALLET FOLKLORICO PERFORMANCE 4PM" is also listed with "\$5 ADMISSION PER PERSON". The sponsor is "ADVOCATE", with a logo featuring a stylized 'a' in a blue square. Ticket information is provided at the bottom: "Tickets and sponsorships available www.kramerelementary.org" and "LIKE us on Facebook Foodies for Kramer".

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Holiday Light the Trail Party - Sunday, December 9 ***For additional information visit [Northaven Trail](#).***

Contact Us

We enjoy hearing from you and ask that you continue to connect with our office. As always, our office is here to assist with any service request and any policy questions.

Sincerely,

The District 11 Team
