

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 15, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – February 12, 2019**

Update Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule –February 12 and 19, 2019](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on Tuesday, February 12 and February 19, 2019:

February 12, 2019	February 19, 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical District at Stemmons (District 6)• Interstate I-35 at Inwood (District 6)• Stemmons Freeway at NW Highway (District 6)• Lyndon B Johnson Freeway at Dallas Parkway (District 11)• Lyndon B Johnson Freeway at Josey Lane (District 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 929 Barry Ave (District 2)• 2600 Taylor St (District 2)• 2621 Hickory St (District 7)• 2600 Dawson St (District 7)• 2600 Louise Ave (District 7)• 1800 South Blvd (District 7)• 2200 N Field St. (District 14)

OHS Street Outreach team will continue to engage with homeless individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. OHS Community Mobilization staff are meeting with stakeholders to determine long-term sustainability of encampment sites and will provide periodic updates. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer or Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

[2019 Council Retreat and Planning Session](#)

On Wednesday, February 20th, the City Council will meet for the annual City Council Retreat and Planning Session at the Brain Performance Institute (2200 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas 75235) from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Similar to last year, several dedicated planning discussions will occur between a few outside speakers. Staff are currently finalizing details for a productive day and will provide further information once completed. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff or Carrie Prysock, Managing Director of the Mayor and City Council Office.

[Availability and Disparity Study](#)

The Office of Business Diversity kicked off its Availability and Disparity (A&D) Study with a public engagement meeting on February 5, 2019. Held within Council Chambers, nearly 200 people participated in-person and 275 participated virtually (250 telephone/25 webcast). The public engagement meetings target minority/women-owned business entrepreneurs to gain feedback about the process of doing business with the City of

Dallas. That data will inform the utilization phase of the study. **The next public engagement meeting will be at the Bill J. Priest Economic Development Institute from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on February 26.** Persons wishing to attend may register [here](#). Commissioned by the City in 2018, the Availability & Disparity Study is being independently conducted by MGT Consulting. The public engagement meetings are available to view [here](#). Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Zarin Gracey, Managing Director of the Office of Business Diversity.

New Items

[Single Family Rental Program Community Engagement Meetings](#)

The Department of Code Compliance Services is continuing its Single-Family Rental Program Community Engagement meetings. The meetings are focused on informing individuals who rent single family homes about their rights as a renter, as well as resources available to them if they are experiencing issues. A list of upcoming meetings is available below. Additionally, flyers have been attached for quick reference and distribution. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, or Lynetta Kidd, Interim Director of the Department of Code Compliance Services.

Date	Time	Location
February 13	6:00 p.m.	Highland Hills Branch Library 6200 Bonnie View Rd. Dallas, TX 75241
February 20	6:00 p.m.	Fretz Park Branch Library 6990 Belt Line Rd. Dallas, TX 75254
February 25	6:00 p.m.	Bachman Recreation Center 2750 Bachman Dr. Dallas, TX 75220
February 27	6:00 pm	Skillman Southwestern Branch Library 5707 Skillman St. Dallas, TX 75206

[Love Field Joins Aira Airport Network](#)

Dallas Love Field has a new amenity to assist blind and low-vision customers. The airport launched Aira Access (www.aira.io) and joined the Aira Airport Network, a nationwide network of more than 30 airports. Customers with the Aira smartphone application will receive a notification that they have entered an Aira-enabled facility upon arriving at Love Field. With the help of their smartphone lens, customers connect with a live agent who will talk them through all aspects of the airport experience including navigation, check-in, and concessions at no cost to the customer. Love Field is the first airport in North Texas to enable Aira Access. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Duebner, Director of Aviation.

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[15A Reporting Itemized Expenses of City-Funded Officeholder Account for Prior Fiscal Year](#)

Effective July 1, 2017, [Dallas City Code Section 15A-7.4\(h\) of the Elections Code](#) requires each Councilmember to file an annual statement [form](#) itemizing the expenses paid from the City-funded officeholder accounts during the prior fiscal year. The form is due to the City Secretary's Office by 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2019. Itemized transactions have been provided to Council staff to begin review. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carrie Prysock, Director of Mayor and City Council Office.

[Dallas Youth Commission Position Statement on the Juvenile Curfew](#)

The Dallas Youth Commission continues to meet on the second Tuesday of every month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. On February 12th the Youth Commission will discuss the Juvenile Curfew and vote on a position statement. In developing their position, the Commission wanted to receive input on the issue from various interests. Last month, the Commission received input from the Dallas Police Department and Texas Apple Seed. The Commission is planning to present their position statement at the February 13, 2019 City Council meeting.

The Commission is also working with the City Council, community organizations, and City departments to increase youth engagement through multiple initiatives such as the Census 2020, their plan for a city-wide publication, a community mural on Katy Trail, and an arts showcase for youth during the Mayor's Arts Month. Additionally, the Commission is currently planning a spring Youth Summit on April 27th at the Federal Reserve Bank located downtown where they have partnered with local school districts, the YMCA, and other area youth groups. The summit will include a youth town hall, workshops on leadership and civic engagement, as well as an opportunity for eligible students to register to vote.

We will continue to keep you updated on the Youth Commission's activities. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs.

[Media Inquiries](#)

As of February 11th, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Blue Star Recycling
- Lake Ray Hubbard
- Dallas Marshal's Office Warrant Roundup
- DFR Impacted by Defibrillator Recall
- Accident Involving DFR Rescue Unit Sends 3 To Hospital with Minor Injuries
- DFR Responds to 2-Alarm Apartment Fire in North Dallas
- Two DFR Medics Hospitalized After Fatal Accident Involving Ambulance
- DFR Paramedic Recovering in Hospital Following Accident

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the week of February 5th – February 11th for your reference and in the event you are

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contacted by the press. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

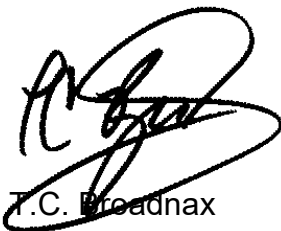
Upcoming Items

City Electricity Procurement

The City's current electricity supply contract with TXU Energy will expire May 31, 2019. Tradition Energy has been hired to serve as the City's Electricity Procurement Advisor during this procurement process. They bring a wealth of experience in developing customized local solutions originating from "best practices" developed working with national clients. A briefing is scheduled for Government Performance and Financial Management on April 1st to provide the following information:

- Explain the approach to the procurement.
- Seek City Council support for a resolution confirming a policy to purchase renewable energy.
- Discuss the potential for this procurement to leverage modest funding for renewable energy-focused programs to assist disadvantaged citizens, in an effort to lower their household energy expenses through renewables. A multi-departmental team would gather to discuss and further develop specific program elements based on the funding that may result.

A new electricity supply contract needs to be in place mid to late April to provide a comfortable transition period by May 31, 2019, whether or not TXU Energy is the successful proposer. It has been brought to our attention that Councilmembers are receiving meeting requests from both TXU and others regarding the upcoming procurement and we request that they be forwarded to staff. Please know that the procurement advisor was hired to ensure that we have independent, third-party market analysis to take advantage of the City's energy profile and result in a procurement strategy that delivers sustainable, low-cost electricity and budget certainty for years to come. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Errick Thompson, Director of Building Services.



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**City of Dallas
Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
February 5 - 12**

February 5, 2019; Jack Highberger, NBC 5 Reporter: Reaching out to see what the latest is on Blue Star Recycling's facility in south Dallas off South Central Expressway. In December, the city filed a lawsuit seeking a temporary restraining order, alleging large-scale illegal dumping.

What came of the lawsuit and has the facility been cleared for operation? Is current activity at the site considered legal?

City Response: The lawsuit is ongoing. The operations appear to the city to be excessive of the limits imposed by Blue Star's permits through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. That agency is investigating the facility.

February 5, 2019; Maria Guerrero, NBC 5 Reporter: Morning, I am looking to speak with the public works director about the ongoing expansion of South Cesar Chavez Boulevard downtown. I need to know what's going on with the project – that is still not complete. What's the holdup, timeline, etc. It's not for today – but I need information as soon as possible. And I want an on-camera interview with him about this – possibly early next week. Please let me know when you get this email.

City Response: Good afternoon Maria, The reconstruction project, which includes sections of Central Expressway, Pearl, and Live Oak, is approximately 80% complete and is scheduled to be completed in August 2019. As a reconstruction project, a large amount of underground utility work had to be and is still currently being completed. In addition to the underground utility work, a number of basements and buried fuel tanks have had to be addressed and/or removed in preparation of the final paving. Overall, the City of Dallas is making good progress on this project and is aggressively working towards its goal of completion in August 2019. Additionally, you can use this link <https://gis.dallascityhall.com/bond/> to check for updates on projects throughout the city. Is this something you're still interested on doing an on-camera interview on?

February 6, 2019; Jason Trahan, WFAA Investigative Producer: I'm circling back with the city of Garland to ask them why they never told you all about this, even after they were busted by the state for not disclosing it.

Of course, not disclosing it to Dallas means that Dallas can't do any real time tests of Lake Ray Hubbard to measure the impact of that 14-million-gallon effluent discharge.

I assume this that you all would have liked to have been informed of this back in October when it occurred, yes? Would you have done testing at the time?



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City Response:

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Garland is legally required to contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and local governments in the event of an unauthorized discharge of effluent water. When speaking with Garland, they state that they were aware of their obligation to contact TCEQ (which they did) but were not aware of the need to contact Dallas.

DWU struggles in receiving timely notification from the lake cities concerning discharges into the lake. We have been making efforts to reach out to each entity individually to identify the proper contact person to share with them our request to be notified and the numbers they can call to reach us 24/7. We are making some headway, but still struggling in this area.

We would like to mention late last year; the City of Garland did contact us for our notification/contact information so that they could update their notification procedures to include the City of Dallas.

Would you have done testing at the time?

Yes. Upon notification the Reservoir/Watershed team would respond to perform an investigation and collect samples if necessary. Attached is a copy of our form which outlines what information we would collect and field parameters we would test for.

On a final note, we would like to add that the water treatment plant monitors raw water quality and will make treatment adjustments when necessary to ensure finished water quality (i.e. tap water) continues to meet and/or exceed all regulatory standards for drinking water.

Each and every day, including these days in October, the East Side Water Treatment Plant successfully treats the raw water to a high-water quality standard that not only meets, but continuously exceeds all regulatory standards for drinking water.

February 6, 2019; Erin Jones, CBS 11 Reporter: I'm working on an update today on the situation with Blue Star Recycling in south Dallas.

About two months after the City of Dallas filed a lawsuit requesting a temporary restraining order, alleging widespread illegal dumping it appears it might be happening again according to residents.

Is this something that is on the city's radar?

Is this something the city would want to give comment on?

Also, councilman Tennell Atkins - who represents this area - has been vocal about this in the past. I'm wondering if he would like to give a comment on this?



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City Response: We will inform CM Atkins' office about your inquiry. Below is the City's statement:

"The lawsuit is ongoing. The operations appear to the City to be excessive of the limits imposed by Blue Star's permits through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. That agency is investigating the facility. "

February 6, 2019; Erin Jones, CBS 11 Reporter: Following the filing of the lawsuit, I'm wondering if Blue Star reached out to the city attempting any sort of settlement? You said there is a hearing set for March regarding the lawsuit. What is the purpose of the hearing?

City Response: The suit seeks compliance with the law. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain a temporary injunction against Blue Star in the event that they do not continue to work toward compliance according to the terms of our agreements.

February 7, 2019; Lourdes Sanchez Vazquez, Digital Content Producer, Univision: Good evening, I am working on a story about the Dallas Marshal's office collaborating with the North Texas Food Bank. I wanted to know what type of warrants would this apply to? Also when does warrant round up begin and how many people have been arrested in years prior during the round up? Is this the first time the city is working with NTFB to clear warrants? My deadline is Friday at 2 p.m.

City Response: Good morning Lourdes, The canned drive applies to class c misdemeanor city warrants and only to cases where there is no plea entered yet. The donation of three canned goods waives a \$50 warrant fee per case, this is a City fee, not a state mandated fee. This is the first time the Dallas Marshal's Office is partnering with NTFB during warrant round-up. During last year's warrant round up, the Marshal's Office executed 551 warrants which led to 74 arrests.

February 8, 2019; Marysol Gonzalez, Assignment Manager, Univision: We wanted to know if the City of Dallas plans on pretreating the streets due to possible sleet tonight, wintry mix? Thank you.

City Response: The City is monitoring the weather.



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: February 4th – February 10th, 2019.

Tuesday, February 5th: CBS 11 News (Giles Hudson) - Saw this today and was asked to check with local hospitals and fire departments to see if you folks use this brand.

Thanks.

<https://www.ajc.com/news/national/fda-recall-stryker-recalls-defibrillators-after-people-die-from-malfunction/7oN3UYVdoFPRitHdK1McuJ/>

City Response - Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) was recently made aware of a recall notice, issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in regards to the defibrillators we use. According to the notice, certain Stryker LIFEPAK 15 Monitor/Defibrillators can experience a lock-up condition after a defibrillation shock is delivered; rendering the unit unresponsive despite visual indicators of it having power. According to the manufacturer, over 13,000 of the units could be potentially impacted.

DFR utilizes a total of 53 LIFEPAK 15's, with 17 of those meeting the recall criteria. As it currently stands, none of those units have experienced the reported issue; however, the Department is already in the process of working with the manufacturer to apply the appropriate corrective measures in a timely fashion. In the meantime, DFR will continue providing service with excellence to the citizens of Dallas until the matter is fully resolved.

For more detail on the recall, and to view the actual notice, you can visit the manufacturer's website at: <http://www.strykeremergency.com/productnotices>

Thursday, February 7th: NBC 5 (Don Peritz) - Can you tell us about a major accident involving Rescue 22 at Forest and Central? Injuries?

City Response - Just after 08:00 a DFR Rescue unit was involved in an accident with another vehicle, at the intersection of Forest Lane and Interstate-75, while driving code 3 to a medical call.

One firefighter/paramedic, and the female civilian driving the other vehicle, was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Another rescue unit was immediately dispatched to address the original call.

Saturday, February 9th: All local media outlets – May we obtain information on a 2-alarm fire DFR is responding to?

City Response - At 18:39 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Spring Creek Apartments, located at 14833 Sprink Creek Road, in North Dallas.

The fire grew to a second-alarm response, as flames quickly made it into the attic space of the two-story apartment building. Around 50 firefighters worked to attack the fire and extinguish it in just over an hour.

An undetermined number of units were rendered uninhabitable, but the American Red Cross was called out to assist with the needs of those displaced. Thankfully, there were no injuries reported, to any residents or firefighters, as a result of the fire.



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Investigators are still looking into what happened; but as it currently stands, the cause of the fire is undetermined.

Sunday, February 10th: All local media outlets – Can we get more detail on an accident that a DFR ambulance was involved in overnight?

City Response - At approximately 3:15 a.m., a Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) rescue unit, while responding lights and sirens to a Medical Emergency, was struck by another vehicle at the intersection of W. Davis Street and N. Westmoreland Road.

Both medics, and the civilian driver of the other vehicle, were taken to a local hospital after being extricated from the wreckage.

The medic who was driving the ambulance is doing okay, and expected to be discharged from the hospital. The passenger-side medic sustained more serious injuries, and has been admitted for ongoing treatment and observation. Unfortunately, the injuries suffered by the civilian driver would prove to be fatal, as he was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Monday, February 11th: Sent the following update to all local media about the ambulance crash:

DFR Paramedic Recovering from Ambulance Crash

A Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) firefighter/paramedic continues his recovery at Dallas Methodist Hospital after being involved in a weekend accident that sent him and his partner to the hospital; but sadly resulted in the death of the driver who struck them.

On Sunday, February 10th, at approximately 3:15 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue's (DFR) Rescue 15 was struck by a pick-up truck, at the intersection of W. Davis Street and N. Westmoreland Road, while responding to a Medical Emergency. Both medics, and the civilian driver of the truck, were taken to a local hospital after being extricated from the wreckage.

While the officer driving the rescue unit (who wished to remain unidentified) sustained minor injuries, and was released from the hospital later that morning, his partner, 29 year-old Nicholas Granados, wasn't as fortunate. The collision, which occurred on the passenger side of the rescue unit, left Officer Granados with a collapsed lung, a fractured rib and multiple lacerations, contusions and abrasions over multiple areas of his body. Officer Granados was taken to Dallas Methodist Hospital where his injuries were treated and, thanks to the outstanding work of the medical staff, is expected to make a full recovery. Despite the challenging road ahead, he is thankful to be in the company of his immediate family, friends and loved ones to help him along. He also wishes to thank everyone who has reached out to him with their will-wishes, thoughts and prayers.

SPEAK

**WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

UP

Know your rights! Bring questions to any of our Single-Family Rental meetings and get the answers you need.
Learn more at the meeting below.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
6 - 7:30 p.m.
HIGHLAND HILLS LIBRARY

CONTACT FELICIA.FLYE-LEWIS@DALLASCITYHALL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
6 - 7:30 p.m.
FRETZ PARK LIBRARY

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6 - 7:30 p.m.

**SKILLMAN SOUTHWESTERN
LIBRARY**

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25
6-7:30 p.m.
BACHMAN
RECREATION CENTER

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