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DISTRICT 1 UPDATE

March 7, 2008

2008 Old Oak Cliff Conservation League Conference

The Old Oak Cliff Conservation League invites you to attend the 2008 Old Oak Cliff Neighborhood Conference hosted by the Dell's District Neighborhood Association.

Saturday, March 15

10am – 1pm

Lunch provided

Grace Fellowship Church, Fellowship Hall

411 S. Westmoreland (corner of Jefferson & Westmoreland)

This will be an opportunity for neighborhood associations and homeowner groups across Oak Cliff to come together, share ideas, and discuss issues and solutions to Oak Cliff. For more information, please contact Vicki Fitzgerald, at (214) 948-9809 or Jon Vance, (214) 336-9960.



Oak Cliff Earth Day 2008, Sunday, April 20, 2008, 11am- 5pm

Come celebrate the Second Annual Oak Cliff Earth Day at historic Lake Cliff Park in Oak Cliff. Become a part of our effort to save and protect our environment. Visit information booths on environmental issues and products. Enjoy the all day entertainment, browse and shop art from local artists and eat great food. Bring your children, your pets (on leashes), and your family.

For volunteer and sponsorship information, please visit the website at <http://www.oakcliffearthday.com/>

City of Dallas West Multipurpose Center is holding free health screenings, immunizations, and job fair.

Saturday, April 19th, at the West Dallas Multipurpose Center, 2828 Fish Trap Road. For more information, please go to <http://dallascityhall.com/pdf/ehs/WellnessExpoNews.pdf>

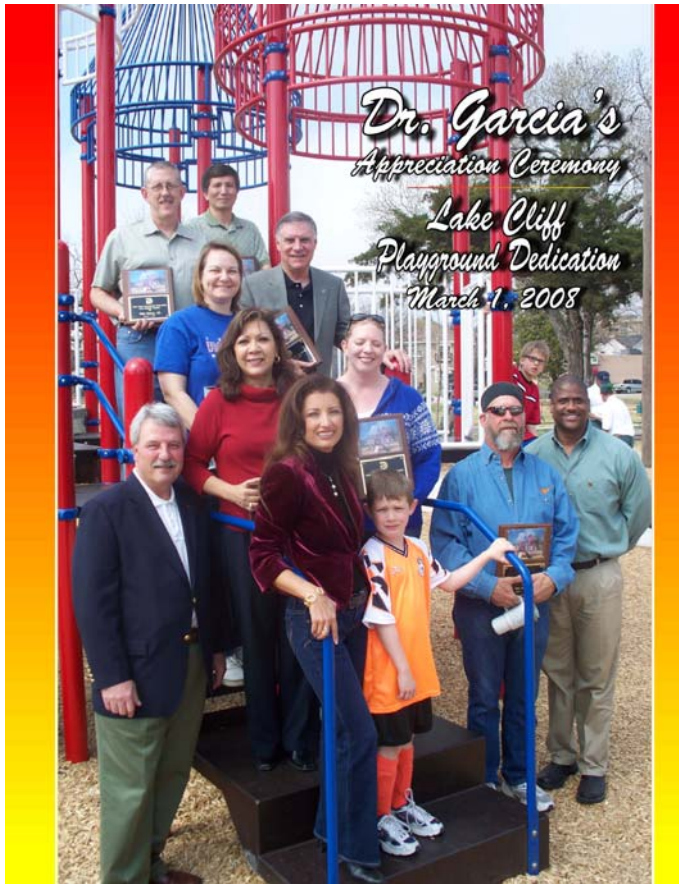


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Lake Cliff Playground Dedication

On Saturday, March 1, 2008, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Elba Garcia held a dedication and recognition ceremony for the new Lake Cliff Playground. Funding for the project was provided by the 2003 Bond Program. Total project cost was \$300,000. The playground is a replica of the rocket ship playground that was built in the 1960's and its unique features reflect the era of the sixties.

City of Dallas to receive \$3,339,087 for the installation of sidewalks, barrier free ramps, traffic signs, and crosswalk markings for 15 public schools

KEY FOCUS AREA: Economic Vibrancy
AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2008
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13
DEPARTMENT: Public Works & Transportation

SUBJECT

Safe Routes Non-Infrastructure Plan Implementation and Infrastructure Projects

* Authorize Interlocal Agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation to obtain reimbursement for engineering design and installation of sidewalks, barrier free ramps, traffic signs, and crosswalk markings for 15 public schools. Financing: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Grant Funds

* Authorize Interlocal Agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation to obtain reimbursement for labor and materials associated with safety education and training programs at 15 public schools - Financing: TxDOT Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

In 2005, Federal transportation legislation created funding for a Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Program to enhance safety in and around school areas.

A national study found that today, 16% of students walk to school compared to 87% in 1969. This shift has resulted in traffic congestion and parking issues around many of our older schools that were never designed for the current passenger loading demands.

There are also areas in the City where sidewalks are damaged or missing along critical routes to school.

The first step toward addressing these concerns is to develop a Safe Routes to School "Plan". The "Plan" uses a comprehensive map to identify the safest routes to school. Once routes are established, infrastructure improvements are identified to enhance safety along those routes (i.e. sidewalks, traffic signs and crosswalk markings). Traffic circulation plans are also developed to organize pedestrians, vehicles and buses to enhance a safe and efficient movement of pedestrians and vehicles around a school.

The second step is to implement the necessary infrastructure improvements to increase safety and encourage use of the designated routes. After the infrastructure improvements are in place, students and parents will be: 1) educated and encouraged to use the established routes, and 2) trained on safe walking practices.

TxDOT was apportioned \$40 million in Safe Routes to School federal funds and will distribute these funds over multiple years using a series of statewide competitive calls for projects. The first call for projects was conducted last year and resulted in \$25 million in projects approved statewide. The City of Dallas submitted 24 projects (for 30 schools) and all project applications were selected

for a total of \$3.2 million in federal grant funds. Schools located in close proximity were combined into a single project because the schools have overlapping routes. The City is receiving funding for a total of 24 projects (30 schools) which fall into two project category types:

- **Plan Implementation Projects** – There are 12 projects (15 schools) to implement a Safe Routes to School “Plan”. These types of projects already have completed Plans and will be implemented using two separate contracts.
 - 1). An infrastructure contract to install sidewalks, barrier free ramps, traffic signs, and crosswalk markings, and,
 - 2). a non-infrastructure contract to provide education and training on the route plan and safe walking/bicycling practices. The education and training will be performed by a professional services contract.
- **Plan Development Projects** - 12 projects (15 schools) will receive funding to develop a “Plan”. Once these plans have been completed, the City will submit project applications to fund infrastructure and education programs in the next statewide call for projects (scheduled for November of 2008).

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Infrastructure Projects

Begin Project April 2008

Complete Project April 2009

Implementation Plans

Begin Project April 2008

Complete Project October 2008

FISCAL INFORMATION

Texas Department of Transportation Grant Funds - \$3,219,087

Texas Department of Transportation Grant Funds - \$ 120,000

Council District	Amount
1	\$ 157,204
2	\$ 409,557
4	\$ 172,818
5	\$ 339,525
6	\$ 332,327
7	\$ 625,136
8	\$ 324,206
9	\$ 184,310
10	\$ 461,677
13	\$ 332,327
Total	\$3,339,087

**Safe Routes to School Plan
 Non-Infrastructure Plan Implementation and
 Infrastructure Projects Non-Infrastructure Plan Implementation**

Council School Address	District
Anson Jones Elementary 3901 Meredith Street	1
Oran M. Roberts Elementary 4919 East Grand Avenue	2
John Ireland Elementary 1515 North Jim Miller Road	4
Sarah Zumwalt Middle 2445 East Ledbetter Road	5
David G. Burnet Elementary 3200 Kinkaid Drive	6
Albert Sydney Johnston Elementary 2020 Mouser Street	7
J. P. Starks Elementary 3033 Tips Boulevard	7
George W. Truett Elementary 1811 Gross Road	7
Martin Weiss Elementary 8601 Willoughby Blvd.	8
D. A. Hulcy Middle 9339 South Polk Street	8
Reinhardt Elementary 10122 Losa Drive	9
White Rock Elementary 9229 Chiswell Road	10
Jack Lowe, Sr., Elementary 7000 Holly Hill Drive	13
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Council Authorizes \$477,337 District 1 for installation of Water and Wastewater Mains for Madison Ave. from Ballard to Neches; and Pembroke Ave from Van Buren to Llewellyn

KEY FOCUS AREA: Economic Vibrancy
AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2008, Agenda Item #66
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 14
DEPARTMENT: Water Utilities, Public Works & Transportation

SUBJECT

Authorize a contract for the installation of water and wastewater mains at 22 locations (list attached) - John Burns Construction Company of Texas, Inc., lowest responsible bidder of four - \$6,552,376 - Financing: Water Utilities Capital Improvement Funds (\$6,543,667), 2003 Bond Funds (\$8,709)

BACKGROUND

This project consists of the installation of approximately 32,870 feet of water and wastewater mains. Approximately 3,650 feet of 8-inch, 10-inch, and 15-inch wastewater mains will be rehabilitated utilizing technologies that are more cost effective than the typical open-cut construction, which require less excavation, therefore, minimizing disturbance to the existing pavement as well as inconvenience to the public.

The existing water and wastewater mains that were built prior to the 1920s through 1968 are deteriorating and resulting in increased maintenance costs, service interruptions, and water quality complaints. The installation of the proposed segments will improve water quality, increase the capacity of the water and wastewater mains for improved service delivery, and will reduce maintenance costs.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Begin Construction March 2008
Complete Construction March 2009

FISCAL INFORMATION

\$6,543,666.50 - Water Utilities Capital Improvement Funds
\$ 8,708.70 - 2003 Bond Funds

District	Amount	
1	\$ 477,337.46	Madison Ave from Ballard to Neches St & Pembroke Ave from Van Buren to Llewellyn Ave.
2	\$2,417,445.14	
3	\$ 636,567.51	
5	\$ 306,279.38	
6	\$1,903,992.68	
9	\$ 102,938.37	
14	\$ 707,814.66	
	Total \$6,552,375.20	

City launches new Web tool for community associations; Additional input is being sought from the community

The City of Dallas has launched the Community Associations Mapping Project, an online service that allows residents to quickly access information on local homeowner, neighborhood and crime watch associations.

The interactive site, accessed through www.dallascityhall.com (click on 'Find a Map' in the left column), allows residents to type in their home address and obtain information on their local neighborhood association, homeowners association and/or crime watch zone, including meeting times and locations. The availability of this map will encourage residents to become more involved in their neighborhoods, according to Assistant City Manager Jill Jordan. "The more involved and invested people are in their communities and neighborhoods, the better and stronger Dallas becomes," said Jordan. "We have found that although many people wanted to get involved in their neighborhoods, they just didn't know where to start. This tool makes getting involved easier."

For more information about the Community Associations Mapping Project, contact Maibel Medina at the Office of Strategic Customer Services at (214) 670-5551 or scs@dallascityhall.com.

City's online e-Payment system for citations is now in place; Paying traffic tickets will now be easier and faster.

This 24-hour convenience is in addition to the 24-hour, seven days a week window operation for handling class C Misdemeanors at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center Lobby at 111 W. Commerce. To pay citations online, visit www.dallascityhall.com and click on "Other Tickets," in the left hand margin. After reading the "Terms and Conditions" page, click on the "Make Payment" at the button of the page and enter the information on the citation. The system will provide a total due and accept payment by credit card or personal/business check.