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## **DISTRICT 1 UPDATE**

**July 1, 2008**

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### **Mark Your Calendar...**

#### **District 1 - 2008-09 Budget Town Hall Meetings**

Tues., August 19, 2008  
6:30 p.m.  
Methodist Health System  
Hitt Auditorium  
1441 N. Beckley

Thurs., September 4, 2008  
6:30 p.m.  
Hampton-Illinois Library  
2951 S. Hampton Rd.

### **Dallas City Council Passes Revisions to Animal Ordinance**

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the City Council passed stricter regulations concerning animal ownership. The ordinance is an important step in reducing the problem of stray and dangerous dogs. Some of the provisions take effect immediately,\* and the rest beginning on October 25, 2008. Some of the provisions include:

1. Limit on number of pets to no more than a combined total of six for single family homes and four to apartment dwellings.\*
2. Owners of dogs and cats must register and spay/neuter their pets. Some exceptions include, if the dog/cat is under six months of age, a licensed veterinarian certifies that an animal not be spayed/neutered for health reasons, owner holds a valid breeder permit.
3. Tethering is prohibited, except under limited circumstances and conditions.
4. Breeders must register the animal, pay an annual permit fee of \$70 per dog/cat, submit a breeder permit application, microchip the animal, and if not a pure breed, take a Responsible Pet Owner Class.
5. The city can seize a dangerous dog that has caused bodily injury to a person and impound it pending a hearing. Additionally, the director can remove a dangerous dog from the city.\*

To read the complete briefing, please go to  
[http://dallascityhall.com/council\\_briefings/briefings0608/animal\\_ordinance\\_06182008.pdf](http://dallascityhall.com/council_briefings/briefings0608/animal_ordinance_06182008.pdf)

## A Reminder to Parents about the City's Juvenile Curfew Ordinance

Summer is here and I want to remind everyone about the curfew ordinance for teens. Passed by Council in 1991, the ordinance was designed to reduce juvenile crime.



- The curfew hours are 11 PM - 6 AM, Sunday through Thursday and 12 AM – 6 AM, Friday and Saturday.
- Officers must ensure that the juvenile does not have a defense to prosecution before enforcement is taken.
- Parents may be issued a citation for allowing a juvenile to violate the ordinance.
- Business owners and operators may be cited for allowing juveniles to remain on premises during curfew hours.
- The penalty for violation of the ordinance is a fine of up to \$500.

## The Dallas Council in Recess for July

The Council is adjourned for the month of July and will reconvene in August. Please call my office at (214) 670-4052, if you need any assistance with City services.



## City of Dallas Closings and Schedules for Independence Day

City offices, libraries and recreation centers will be closed in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. For a complete list of closings, please go to [http://dallascityhall.com/pdf/pio/july4\\_holiday2008.pdf](http://dallascityhall.com/pdf/pio/july4_holiday2008.pdf)

## Family Fun Day and July 4th celebration coming to Fair Park

- Celebrate Independence Day on Friday, July 4, at Fair Park. Dr Pepper Snapple Group Fair Park Fourth is the City of Dallas' Official Fireworks celebration! Beginning at 5:00 p.m., you can enjoy family fun at the park, free museum admission 5-8pm and see the TOP fireworks show in Texas all in one place!
- Grand Fireworks by Grucci at 9:30pm! The Grucci's, "America's First Family of Fireworks," have produced some of the world's most unforgettable fireworks programs for the Olympic Games, Statue of Liberty Centennial, New Year's Eve Celebrations in New York City, World's Fairs and six consecutive Presidential Inaugurations.
- Ride the Texas Skyway
- Fair Park Museums free from 5-8pm
- 45 minute Patriotic concert by Dallas Wind Symphony and U.S. Army Brass Quintet at 8:15PM
- Shop at the ArtMarket - for Fine Art & Crafts
- Carnival games
- City of Dallas- Cultural Affairs Live Music Stages
- 4th of July concessions will be available for sale
- Choreographed fireworks to music with a live broadcast on WRR 101.1 FM
- Dallas Summer Musicals presents a specially discounted matinee performance of HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL at 2PM.
- Lawn chairs, blankets and picnics allowed
- No alcoholic beverages, glass bottles or fireworks
- Viewing areas with sound located at Cotton Bowl Plaza, Lagoon, Big Tex Circle & Esplanade
- \$8 car parking. Enter Gates 2, 5, 6 & 13. Gates 5 & 6 for handicapped parking, Gate 9 (VIP only). For more information, go to [www.fairpark.org](http://www.fairpark.org)

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FAIR PARK FOURTH  
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION TO BE NORTH TEXAS' BIGGEST ...  
AND RANK AMONG AMERICA'S TOP 20 FIREWORKS PROGRAMS  
FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2008 5-10 PM.  
FREE ADMISSION  
FAIR PARK DALLAS, TEXAS  
FIREWORKS BY GRUCCI!  
FAIR PARK TX  
One fun thing leads to another.  
[www.fairpark.org](http://www.fairpark.org)

## Upcoming Summer/Fall Events...



- **Family Fun at the Zoo** – Saturday, September 20, 2008 (*Event for residents in District 1 & 3*)
- **2008 National Night Out** – October 7, 2008 (*previously held during first week of August*).



## Dallas Introduces New Neighborhood Pride Pilot Program

Grass-roots initiative to help residents improve neighborhoods

Improving quality of life and property values, and decreasing code violations are some of the goals of the Pride in Your Neighborhood program (PYN), a new initiative from the City of Dallas Sanitation Services and the non-profit group Keep Dallas Beautiful, Inc.

Designed to protect the vitality and integrity of Dallas neighborhoods, PYN will help revitalize neighborhoods by helping residents to combat deterioration, litter and graffiti. The pilot program consists of six Dallas neighborhoods whose residents will receive assistance, support and resources to assist in changing the appearance of their neighborhoods. Participating PYN neighborhoods are: Arcadia Park, Arlington Park, **Beverly Hills**, Cedar Oaks/Fordham Road, Dixon Circle and Singing Hills/Glendale Park.

For more information, call (214) 442-1632 or visit [www.KeepDallasBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepDallasBeautiful.org)

## City of Dallas Community Prosecutors for North and West Oak Cliff

City of Dallas Community Prosecutors are assigned to a specific neighborhood and work with the police and community leaders to develop proactive, creative solutions to quality of life problems such as code violations, noise violations, prostitution, alcohol offenses, and transient crimes.

**Ryan Presley**  
**North Oak Cliff Community Prosecutor**  
**Assistant City Attorney**  
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(214) 957-1093 cell  
Email: [ryan.presley@dallascityhall.com](mailto:ryan.presley@dallascityhall.com)

**Whitney Sanderlin**  
**West Oak Cliff Community Prosecutor**  
**Assistant City Attorney**  
4230 W. Illinois Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75211  
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### Community Prosecution Goals:

- To improve quality of life in targeted neighborhoods,
- Build meaningful partnerships to proactively and creatively solve community-based problems
- Hold Class C misdemeanor offenders accountable in the criminal justice system and to the community that have been harmed by their quality of life.

## Texas Garden Club Honors Friends of Oak Cliff Parks

In May, the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. honored the Friends of Oak Cliff Parks with three first-place awards. The Friends of Oak Cliff Parks assists the Parks department in restoring, conserving, and preserving all parks in Oak Cliff. The group received top honors for preservation of Kiest Memorial Garden at Kiest Park, creation and installation of a pocket garden at Kiest Memorial Garden and the Butterfly Garden at Kidd Springs Park.

## City of Dallas Housing Department - 2008-2009 Home Repair Program

Application Intake, please call: (214) 670-5397  
To Request an application during **July 21, 2008- July 25, 2008**

The City of Dallas Housing Department provides loan assistance to low-income homeowners located in the Dallas city limits. Provides assistance for maximum of two major system repairs for:

- Roof
- Electrical
- Plumbing / Gas
- Heating & Air Conditioning
- Lead Based Paint Hazards\*

Work is performed by city certified independent contractors who bid on projects. Contractors provide a one-year warranty on repairs. \*When applicable

### Income Guidelines

Annual household income at or below 80% of Area Median Family Income (AMFI) as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

For more information, please contact the Application Intake phone line at (214) 670-5397

## The Council passes ordinance amendment to address metal theft

The ordinance amendment is designed to strengthen the City's current regulation of secondary metal recyclers and enhance the City's ability to prevent and recover stolen property. Some of the changes include: (1) enhance recordkeeping requirements for scrap yard owners, (2) require photographs and thumbprints of sellers of regulated metal property, and (3) require metal recyclers to pay for nonferrous regulated metal property and certain metals by check or debit card mailed to the seller, unless the seller holds a valid cash transaction card.

## Crime Briefing Report for Week of June 18, 2008

CITY OF DALLAS				City of Dallas Council District 1 Dr. Elba Garcia			Demographics Population: 8637 Area: 10.1 Sq. Mi	
Chief of Police David M. Kunkle Contact # 214-671-3901 Acting First Assistant Chief Charles M. Cato Contact # 214-671-3927								
VIOLENT CRIMES	THIS MON	LAST MON	% CHANGE	THIS MON	LST YR MON	%CHANGE	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
MURDER	0	2	-100.00%	0	0	n.c.	4	4
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	0	n.c.	0	1	-100.00%	8	19
BUSINESS ROBBERY	1	8	-87.50%	1	4	-75.00%	36	20
INDIVIDUAL ROBBERY	16	19	-15.79%	16	18	-11.11%	123	148
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5	8	-37.50%	5	16	-68.75%	87	132
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-40.54%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-43.59%</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>323</b>
PROPERTY CRIMES								
BUSINESS BURGLARY	8	13	-38.46%	8	25	-68.00%	108	130
RESIDENCE BURGLARY	26	41	-36.59%	26	26	0.00%	357	316
SHOPLIFT	11	21	-47.62%	11	14	-21.43%	155	136
BMV & AUTO ACC	40	57	-29.82%	40	53	-24.53%	484	434
OTHER THEFT	15	18	-16.67%	15	35	-57.14%	193	281
AUTO THEFT	38	34	11.76%	38	47	-19.15%	323	364
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>-25.00%</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-31.00%</b>	<b>1620</b>	<b>1661</b>
<b>TOTAL PART 1 CRIMES</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>-27.60%</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>-33.05%</b>	<b>1878</b>	<b>1984</b>
MISC INFO								
VIOLENT CRIME PER 1000	5.47	9.20	-40.54%	5.47	9.69	-43.59%	6.49	8.12
NONVIOL. CRIME PER 1000	34.30	45.74	-25.00%	34.30	49.71	-31.00%	40.75	41.78
SHOTS FIRED CALLS	43	131	-67.18%	43	92	-53.26%	954	940
CRIMES INVOLVING GUNS	11	23	-52.17%	11	19	-42.11%	150	172
FIREARMS SEIZED	1	1	0.00%	1	1	0.00%	23	19
Crime numbers are based on date of report and unfounded offenses are not counted								
*n.c.=NOT CALCULABLE								



## City Council District One and Part One Crimes For June 11- 17, 2008



Data for this report extracted from the  
Comstat Server 7:00am, June 18, 2008

### Council District 1

- AGG ASSAULT
- BURGLARY-BUSINESS
- BURGLARY-RESIDENCE
- ▲ MURDER
- OTHER THEFTS
- ◆ RAPE
- ▲ ROBBERY-BUSINESS
- ▲ ROBBERY-INDIVIDUAL
- THEFT/BMV
- THEFT/SHOPLIFT
- UUMV

### Part One Crimes

District	Offense	Count
1	AGG ASSAULT	0
1	BURGLARY-BUSINESS	3
1	BURGLARY-RESIDENCE	14
1	MURDER	0
1	OTHER THEFTS	8
1	RAPE	0
1	ROBBERY-BUSINESS	1
1	ROBBERY-INDIVIDUAL	4
1	THEFT/BMV	16
1	THEFT/SHOPLIFT	5
1	UUMV	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>65</b>

