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Suhm named Public Administrator of the Year

Dallas City Manager Mary K. Suhm was named "North Texas Public Administrator of the Year" by the North Texas Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (NTASPA). The award was presented by Plano City Manager Tom Muehlenbeck last month at the University of North Texas.

NTASPA Chapter President Abraham Benavides said recipients of the award must demonstrate a commitment to excellence, as evidenced by successful leadership and accomplishments. "The individual honored must also exemplify the highest standard of public service and it's clear that Mary K. Suhm meets those criteria."

Suhm was appointed Dallas City Manager in June 2005. As the chief executive officer for the city, she is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the municipal organization, including implementing an FY 2005-2006 budget totaling \$2.35 billion and overseeing 13,000 employees.

Ms. Suhm's abilities have earned her a reputation for creativity and innovation in meeting challenges facing a large city. She has played a long-standing leadership role in assessing departmental operations and developing

solutions for designated high priority concerns of the city. Some of her recent accomplishments include:

- Introducing cutting-edge



**Dallas City Manager
Mary K. Suhm**

technique to Budget for Outcomes by setting the price of government, developing strategies to achieve desired community results, providing essential services based on citizen input, and aligning those services in accordance with Council priorities;

- Reorganizing City service delivery to align with 5 priorities established by the City Council and establishing a customer service ethic throughout the organization;

- Establishing a permanent "Efficiency Team" to streamline City processes, generate revenues and reduce costs;

- Coordinating state and federal lobbying efforts related to the \$1.2 billion Trinity River Project.

Since joining the city in 1978, Suhm has also served as Executive Assistant Director of the Dallas Police Department (the first female non-sworn executive in DPD history); Director of Court Services; Assistant to the City Manager; Assistant to the Mayor; Manager of Urban Information Center at the Dallas Public Library and as Manager of three Dallas Branch Libraries.

Suhm joins other distinguished winners of the award, including former Arlington Mayor and Tarrant County Judge Tom Vandergriff; Dr. Wendell H. Nedderman, former president of the University of Texas at Arlington; and Dr. Ron Anderson president and chief executive officer of Parkland Health and Hospital System.

The American Society for Public Administration's national conference will be held in Dallas, March 8 -11, 2008.

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City of Dallas first in the nation to use NOx-Cutting biodiesel technology

Building on efforts to expand the use of clean and renewable energy, the City of Dallas has started running much of its fleet on biodiesel, an alternative fuel made mostly from vegetable oil. The City of Dallas is taking it a step further by becoming the first fleet in the nation to utilize a new biodiesel additive that reduces NOx (oxides of nitrogen) emissions, one of the primary causes of the ozone pollution problem in North Texas. The additive, ORYXE LED for Biodiesel, recently received approval from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The ORYXE Energy additive is blended with B20 biodiesel, which is a mix of 20% biodiesel and 80% petroleum diesel. The City of Dallas is fueling several hundred vehicles with the new biodiesel blend, including sanitation trucks, utility trucks and construction equipment. The city plans to use approximately 350,000 gallons of the biodiesel per year.

When compared to petroleum diesel, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) data shows that biodiesel reduces most harmful emissions, but increases NOx. Extensive testing shows the ORYXE Energy technology cuts NOx to a level that is acceptable for biodiesel to meet state air-quality standards.

“The City of Dallas is constantly striving to be at the

forefront of clean technology, and we hope our example will lead to other large diesel fleets using this cleaner fuel blend,” says Ramiro Lopez, who oversees fuel and environmental services for the Department of Equipment and Building Services. “With NOx being such a big issue in the Metroplex, we waited for this technology to become available so we could reintroduce biodiesel into our fleet.”

“This isn’t the first time the City of Dallas has taken the lead on new environmental technology,” says James M. Cleary, ORYXE Energy chairman and chief executive officer. “The growing use of biodiesel is exciting, and ORYXE Energy is fortunate to offer a solution that addresses the concerns of increased NOx emissions from biodiesel.”

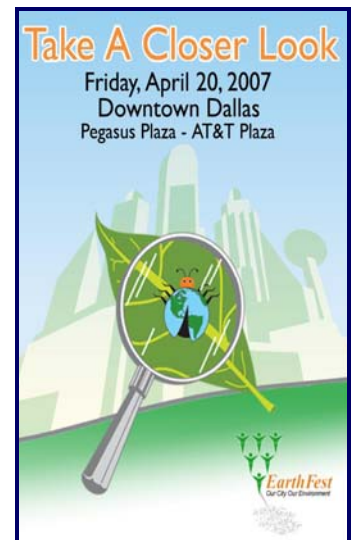
“North Texas air quality will continue to improve with efforts like this by the City of Dallas,” says Ramiro Lopez. “This program also provides an opportunity to further enhance the commitment by our city council and city management to reduce emissions in the region.”

Tests on ORYXE LED for Biodiesel followed strict federal test procedures, which are mandated by the TCEQ, and were conducted at West Virginia University Engine and Emissions Research Laboratory. The B20 fuel treated with the ORYXE additive showed equivalent NOx levels to

Texas Low Emission Diesel (TxLED) fuel (5.7% lower than standard EPA petroleum diesel). In addition to reducing NOx, the biodiesel blend with ORYXE Energy technology also reduced particulate matter (PM) by 28.8%, total hydrocarbons (THC) by 17.5% and carbon monoxide (CO) by 19% beyond the required TxLED levels.

ORYXE Energy can deliver the biodiesel additive from its manufacturing facility near Houston to anywhere in Texas for just pennies per gallon of fuel.

“In addition to being stewards of the environment, we’re also stewards of the taxpayers’ dollars,” says Lopez. “The ORYXE Energy technology not only allows us to do our part to clean up the air, but also be cost effective in doing it.”



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is offering training classes for the National Incident Management System (NIMS), which establishes a systematic and organized method to manage emergency events. The NIMS was developed to provide first responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines a way to work together to better manage natural disasters and emergencies, including acts of terrorism.

The Department of Homeland Security mandates that all local governments receiving federal grant funding implement the NIMS throughout its jurisdiction in response to any

type of disaster. The City of Dallas receives more than \$1 million each year in grant funding which is subject to this mandate.

To ensure the city's continued participation in these grants, the Police and Fire-Rescue Departments have trained all uniformed personnel through the Incident Command System (ICS) 100 and 200 level courses.

The OEM has also trained more than 500 non-public safety city personnel and area businesses on the NIMS and the ICS. Personnel from neighboring cities have attended the classes and are using the OEM's instructional

format as a model for their own training programs.

NIMS and ICS classes are offered every Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and are open to all members of the Dallas community. To register for a class, send an email to oem@dallascityhall.com, or call (214) 670-4278.

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**REMEMBER:
WE'RE IN A DROUGHT
EVERY DROP COUNTS**

**No lawn watering between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
from April 1 through October 31**

Time of day watering restrictions began April 1 and will continue through October 31. The restrictions began earlier this year and are extended for a longer period of time due to a change to the City of Dallas Water Conservation Ordinance.

“Water conservation is very important; every drop counts. Compliance with time of day watering restrictions will help Dallas conserve water,” said Carole Davis, water conservation division manager.

Customers are reminded to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Don't water your yard between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from April 1 through Oct. 31.
- Don't water during any form of precipitation.
- Don't allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks or streets.
- Don't waste water by allowing runoff onto a street or other drainage area when you're watering.
- Do hand water or use a soaker hose. Both are permitted at any time.
- Do maintain your sprinkler system. Repair any broken, missing or misdirected sprinkler heads.
- Do remember that automatic sprinkler system owners are required to have rain and freeze sensors installed.
- Do remember to monitor your total water usage. If you use more than 15,000 gallons a month, you must pay a surcharge on the amount above 15,000.

Violations can result in fines of \$250 to \$2,000 per incident. First offenders will be issued a warning. For water saving tips, go to www.savedallaswater.com or call (214) 670-3155.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the citizens of Dallas.

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Community emergency response team

The City of Dallas graduated its first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of 20 citizens from the Lake Highland and White Rock areas last month at the Dallas Fire Rescue Fire Training Academy.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the citizens of Dallas. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations or

workplaces in basic response skills.

Community Emergency Response Team Training Sessions Cover:

Disaster Preparedness

Fire Safety

Disaster Medical Operations-Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries

Light Search and Rescue

Team Organization

Disaster Psychology

Terrorism and CERT

Final CERT Exercise

CERT interactive and hands-on training classes are offered evenings and Saturdays. The course is 24-hours in length and is taught collaboratively with the Office of Emergency Management, Dallas-Fire Rescue and the Dallas Police Department. For more information on CERT training, please contact Tahira Ali at Tahira.ali@dallascityhall.com.

Nationwide tour promotes fire safety and education

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is launching a nationwide 19-city Whistle-Stop Tour to promote fire safety and education, highlighting the key message of "Everyone Goes Home™."

The tour passed through Dallas in April with an event at the Lowe's located at 1710 Chalk Hill Road East. The event was open to the public and involved a fire safety fair with educational displays and training demonstrations.

The highlights of the event were the untold stories of the survivors, those left behind by a fallen firefighter. John Collins spoke about his personal loss of a firefighter who died in the line of duty. On average, 100 firefighters die in the line of duty each year. The goal of the tour was to promote efforts to reduce this alarming number of deaths by 50 percent over a 10-year period.

This tour was made possible through a grant by the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation and the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Program, funded by grants from the Department of Homeland Security and the generosity of Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.

Dallas' Trinity River Corridor Project receives American Institute of Architects highest award

The City of Dallas' Trinity River Corridor Project has received the American Institute of Architects (AIA) 2007 Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design. The award was given for the Trinity River Project's "Balanced Vision Plan" that will guide development and appropriate land use along the Trinity Corridor. Recipients will be honored in May at the AIA 2007 National Convention and Design Exposition in San Antonio.

The recipients of the 2007 Institute Honor Awards for Regional & Urban Design "showed concern for repairing mistakes of the past, improving the quality of the urban environment, and creating sustainable places," said the jury. "A lot of the submissions defined and

articulated important issues, but what set these award-winning projects apart were innovative, clear and insightful solutions to those problems.

"They've taken a significant physical and environmental barrier and transformed it into a regionally scaled public domain that stitches together the surrounding urban areas and unifies the city. The design concept returns the river to its innately sinuous state and draws on the natural features of the terrain. Its emphasis on natural systems and sustainability addresses basic human needs," the panel said.

"We were extremely honored to be recognized by the AIA," said Rebecca Dugger, Director, Trinity River Corridor Project. "It's a great feeling to know that a project of this magnitude is receiving accolades from top professionals in the urban design field."

The Trinity River Corridor Project is the largest public works project in the city's history. When completed, it will provide flood damage reduction, recreational amenities and environmental benefits, improve traffic congestion in the downtown area, as well as encourage development of the land along the river.

Volunteerism leads to Linz Award nomination for city employee

Senior Public Information Officer Dale Long, was among the 78th Annual Linz Award nominees.

For the past 30 years, Long has actively given his time, talent and personal resources to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America to ensure that young people are prepared for life's challenges and able to become productive citizens.

"I am honored to be nominated for Dallas' oldest, most prestigious and coveted recognition for humanitarian efforts, and proud to be among such an august group of civic and business leaders," Long said. "I am committed to continuing to do my best to uplift the human condition by providing Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors for thousands of children from single parent families throughout our city and beyond."

In 1989, his contributions and support earned him the organization's highest honor: National Big Brother of the Year.



Dale Long
Sr. Public Information Officer

As a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha, he is committed to recruiting 10,000 men from across the U.S. to become Big Brothers. He is also on the board of Children's Medical Center of Dallas and the Sankofa Foundation.

Dale Long joins other nominees for the 78th Linz Award including Cecilia Boone, Garrett Boone, Caroline Rose Hunt, Mary Ellen Jericho, Bobby Lyle and T. Boone Pickens. Ray L. Hunt was the recipient of the 78th Annual Linz Award.

The Linz Award was created in 1924 by Simon Linz, one of the founders of Linz Jewelers, which was acquired by Zale Corporation in 1989. Since then, the Linz Award has recognized Dallas County citizens whose civic or humanitarian efforts, performed without monetary compensation, have created the greatest benefit to the community.

Dallas Public Library Assistant Director honored for her achievements

Miriam Rodriguez, Assistant Director of the Dallas Public Library, has received the 2007 University of North Texas (UNT) School of Library and Information Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award. The award will be presented during the Texas Library Association Conference this month in San Antonio.

Rodriguez began her career as a 16-year old library page in Havana, Cuba, where she was also an avid library user. Arriving with her family to Texas in 1983, she worked as a baker, practiced her English, and spent a lot of time in the library. "The Dallas Public Library was the first place my mother-in-law took me," she said. "I was amazed that you could take so many things home."

Six years later, while working for the Small Business Development Center, she got her first U.S. library job, as an assistant for the Garland

Public Library, the job that eventually led to her enrollment at UNT. After graduating in 1997, she joined the Dallas Public Library, and in 2001 was hired by the Irving Public Library as multicultural services



Miriam Rodriguez
Assistant Director of
Dallas Public Library

supervisor.

She returned to Dallas in 2004, as the city's first multicultural coordinator, and was named assistant director in 2006.

Rodriguez is a member of the American Library Association, the Texas Library Association and a

board member of DFW International. In 2005, she was one of only 25 librarians nationwide to receive the "Mover and Shaker" award from the Library Journal.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented to UNT graduates who have brought honor to themselves and to the School of Library and Information Sciences through outstanding accomplishments.

The Dallas Central Library will celebrate its silver anniversary with 25 hours of continuous events and activities. From noon Friday, April 20, to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, the library, at 1515 Young St. will host a special party for the community, with free workshops, children's and family events, contests, music and exhibits.

Dallas observes National and Global Youth Service

Nearly 500 North Texas youth will demonstrate the importance of giving back to the community when they perform various volunteer service projects as part of National and Global Youth Service Day, Saturday, April 21.

The youth will gather at Dallas City Hall Plaza for an opening ceremony, rally, music, entertainment.

There will also be an unveiling of poster contest winners from participating City of Dallas

recreation centers. Posters depict event theme, "Build Your Own Legacy through Volunteering."

Youth will then separate into project teams and perform service projects related to underage drinking prevention, landscaping, park beautification, environmental cleanups and equipment restoration.

National and Global Youth Service Day, formerly known as National Youth Service Day, is a public awareness and education campaign

that highlights the contributions young people make daily in their communities. Youth worldwide are involved in community service projects April 20-23.

Dallas' observance of youth service day is a partnership among the Dallas Park and Recreation Department, Texas Youth Commission, and Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Recycling Round Up

To increase recycling awareness as well as increase recycling opportunities the City of Dallas Sanitation Services will offer a Recycling Round Up event each season. The first Recycling Round Up will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 21 at these locations:

Fretz Recreation Center
6900 Beltline Road

Harry Stone Recreation Center
2403 Millmar Dr.

Mattie Nash/ Myrtle Davis Recreation Center
3710 N. Hampton Road

MLK Jr. Recreation Center
2922 M. L. King Jr. Blvd.

Kiest Park Recreation Center
3080 S. Hampton Road

Kleburg-Rylie Recreation Center
1515 Edd Road



**"Too Good
to
Throw Away!"**

The Recycling Round Up will have a roll-off container and other clearly marked trailers placed in a designated area on the recreation center grounds. Trailers will be ready to accept items such as tires (limit three), scrap metal, electronic items (e-waste), small kitchen appliances, clothing, shoes and used books.

In addition to the items listed, Fretz Recreation Center will provide document destruction on this date.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Sanitation Services at (214) 670-4364.

January Promotions

Employee	Dept.	Previous Title	Promoted Title
Adams, Justine A.	DWU	Office Assistant II	Supervisor II - General
Ambers, Briggette A.	PKR	Coordinator - General	Supervisor III - General
Andersen, Erik R.	DWU	Sr Accountant	Manager II - General
Asamoah, Joana F.	DWU	CAD Tech	Design Technician II
Ayers, Leonard R.	DWU	CAD Tech	Project Coordinator
Baltz, Jill R.	PKR	Project Coordinator	Supervisor IV - Facilities
Becks-Ellison, S	DPDC	Office Assistant	Office Assistant II
Beecham, Alfred J.	CCS	Equipment Operator	Sr Maintenance Worker
Butler-Moore, Latish	CCS	Human Resources Assistant	Coordinator II - General
Caro, Sandra D.	BMS	Coordinator - General	Sr Coordinator-General
Carter, Cedric L.	PKR	Coordinator - Recreation	Supervisor III - General
Castillo, Maximiano	DWU	Equipment Operator	Heavy Equipment Operator
Chantaca, Annabell	CVS	Sr Office Assistant	HR Analyst II
Eneh, Jeannie C.	MCC	Office Assistant II	Executive Secretary
Flores, German	SAN	Laborer	Truck Driver II
Gaytan-Lopez, Laura	PBW	Office Assistant	Office Assistant II
Gipson, Lydia R.	PER	Coordinator - General	Sr Risk Analyst
Gomez, Antonio S.	SAN	Laborer II	Heavy Equipment Operator
Graham-Banks, Charmi	CCS	Office Assistant	Inspector II - Code
Hubbard, Kimberly R.	HOU	Office Assistant	Loan Services Representative
Huff, Theresa	LIB	Librarian	Librarian II
Jackson-Young, N	DPDC	Coordinator II - General	Coordinator III
James, Babukutty	DWU	Supervisor III - Warehouse	Manager III - Warehousing
Lazalde, Alberto	DWU	Laborer II	Sr Maint Wkr - Water Utilities
Lazarin, Anica S.	CCS	911/311 Call Taker	Inspector II - Code
Long, Aqwana S.	HOU	Office Assistant	Loan Services Representative
Lowery, Terry S.	DWU	Manager III - Business	Sr Program Manager
Mikle, Cassandra L.	STS	Office Assistant	Office Assistant II
Montoya, Jenny	DWU	Office Assistant	Customer Svc Rep II
Moore, Kenneth W.	DFDC	Manager II - Communication	Manager III - Animal Control
Norman, Johnny L.	PBW	Office Assistant	Office Assistant II
Ochoa-Cardenas, Mari	CCS	Office Assistant II	Inspector II - Code
Perez, Elio E.	DWU	Water Field Representative	Water Meter Reading Rep
Raniere, Aidan C.	OEQ	Environmental Coordinator	Environmental Coordinator III
Roque, Derrick R.	AVI	HVAC Mechanic	Sr Maintenance Worker
Sanchez, Armando C.	PKR	Laborer	Laborer II
Strong, Geri	DWU	Coordinator III	Manager II - General
Tanguma, Amalia	DFDC	911/311 Call Taker	Coordinator - General
Thompson, Kamilah L.	SAN	Accountant II	Coordinator II - General
Towsley, Inna N.	DWU	Accountant III	Sr Accountant
West, Betty J.	PBW	Collector	Admin Hearing Officer
Wright, Carole F.	DPDC	Coordinator - General	Coordinator III



City of Dallas Fair Housing Office



The City of Dallas Fair Housing Office and Human Ordinance makes it illegal to discriminate against a person in regard to:

- RACE
- COLOR
- RELIGION
- SEX
- NATIONAL ORIGIN
- SEXUAL ORIENTATION
- FAMILY STATUS (Children under 18)
- HANDICAP (Mental or Physical)

RENTAL, including leasing, using and keeping a unit, and property management;

SALES, including brokers, sales agents, lenders, mortgage brokers, insurance agents and sellers;

ADVERTISEMENT, property for sale, rent or mortgage lending services;

EMPLOYMENT, hiring, promotion or work place treatment (relative to sexual orientation only);

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, service in restaurants, theaters, retail store, and non-governmental public services (relative to sexual orientation only).

If you suspect discrimination in these areas and wish to file a complaint, call: **214-670-FAIR (670-3247)**



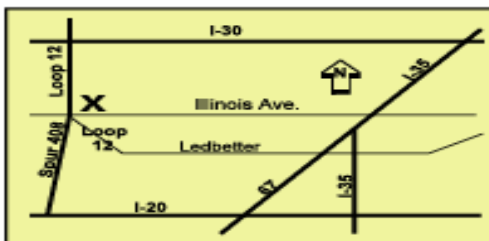
HOME CHEMICAL COLLECTION

Spring Cleaning?

Dispose of leftover chemicals the responsible way.

Saturday, April 14, 2007 9 A. M. - 3 P. M.

Gospel Lighthouse Church
5525 W. Illinois @ Loop 12 *Rain or Shine!*
Dallas, Texas 75211



(Mapsoo 52T)

FREE TO RESIDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING CITIES:

(Bring driver's license and utility bill as proof of residence.)

Residents from other cities may pay minimum \$95 disposal fee.)

Carrollton	Dallas	De Soto	Duncanville
Farmers Branch	Garland	Highland Park	Hutchins
Irving	Mesquite	Richardson	Rowlett
Sachse	Seagoville	Sunnyvale	University Park

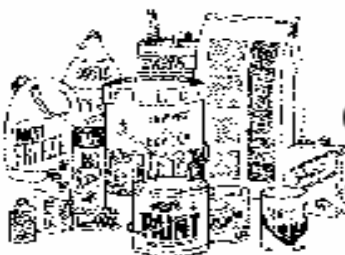
And the unincorporated areas of Dallas County

DO BRING:

- pool and yard chemicals
- craft/hobby supplies (glue, glaze, etc.)
- batteries, all kinds
- automotive fluids, oil filters, gasoline
- paint and home repair products
- cleaners, strippers, waxes, polishes
- fluorescent light tubes

DON'T BRING:

- business or medical waste
- containers larger than 5 gallons
- fires
- explosive/shock sensitive items
- common recyclable (aluminum, paper, plastic, glass)
- electronics or appliances



WHERE TO GO IF YOU MISS THIS COLLECTION DAY:

HOME CHEMICAL COLLECTION CENTER

Open year-round
Call for hours and directions
(214) 553 - 1765

This program is made possible by County of Dallas, the cities of the Dallas Area Household Hazardous Waste Network, North Central Texas Council of Governments, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and DFW Waste Oil.

April has **5** Mondays!

The City of Dallas doesn't pick up bulk trash during the week of the fifth Monday.

Confused? Don't be.

You can find out your pick up week by going to

www.maps.dallascityhall.com

and putting in your address.

Or, call 311 for assistance.



City of Dallas

APRIL 2007

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Week 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week 2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Week 3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Week 4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Week 5	29	30	No Bulk Trash Collection			4	5