

**COMING SOON!**

**Beyond the DROPS: 10 SEEDS of CHANGE**

We know that much of the positive work that leads to improvements in our city will never make the morning newspaper or evening newscasts. City employees, community leaders, business owners and caring residents are the reason that progress takes place but often that progress goes unrecognized.

Some might say all of those people are just doing their jobs. Indeed they are. But sometimes the work it takes to reap those rewards is hard fought, complicated, and takes more time than most people realize to accomplish – making that work and the individuals that accomplish it – extraordinary.

It is these types of accomplishments that go beyond a drop in a bucket. We're talking about different aspects of progress that collectively builds momentum leading to change. We call them: The SEEDS of Change.

What are the SEEDS we are talking about? Certainly code issues brought into compliance; dilapidated structures torn down, and overall blight eradicated. But the SEEDS are also often other activities like a cultural event in a neighborhood; a program at the local library that influences a child to get a college education; a litter clean up at a park that shows community pride; or even a capital investment to give future generations a reason to stay connected to their community. All of those SEEDS help attract something bigger. Something we all hope for: a better place to live.

With that mission in mind, this monthly series of reports will shine a light on the SEEDS that are changing southern Dallas. Each month we will showcase the accomplishments, big and small, that are improving the quality of life for the people and business owners who live and work south of the Trinity River.

We pledge to highlight examples in all southern Dallas neighborhoods, but realize our efforts won't be perfect. So, we invite our readers to report good news, too, by emailing your SEEDS of Change to: [PIO@dallascityhall.com](mailto:PIO@dallascityhall.com)

Now, let's get busy planting more SEEDS and watch them grow.