

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 29, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – October 28, 2021**

New Updates

[Encampment Resolution \(Cleaning\) Schedule October 26th, 2021](#)

OHS Street Outreach team kicked off the Dallas R.E.A.L. Time Rapid Rehousing (DRTRR) Initiative on October 1, using 311 data and sites identified in the field to develop and implement the outreach and resolution via housing approach briefed to City Council on August 4. As of this week, the DRTRR encampment resolutions team, co-led by OHS and MDHA, has begun the decommission through housing phase of the first encampment site. While staged at the site, they are directly assisting with apartment applications and collecting critical documents needed to secure units of the unsheltered resident's choice. By the end of this week, will be transitioning several unsheltered residents to their new homes!



During this time, the OHS Street Outreach Team will continue to engage with unsheltered residents through normal street outreach, connecting people with the needed resources, such as: getting IDs, working with Community Courts on expunging eligible tickets and offenses from their records, identifying medical needs, and getting them access to the Coordinated Access System (CAS).

Please see the attached schedule for homeless encampment cleaning the weeks of October 25–29 and November 1–5. Please note that these will be for debris removal and outreach only.

The OHS Service Request dashboard can be utilized to track the progress of encampment resolution efforts. Please visit the [dashboard](#) and feel free sharing this tool with residents. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Christine Crossley Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.

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City Manager's Corner

Amanda Le Mukhin has taken her rightful place in the Park Maintenance Division as a Special Events Coordinator. She took the lead on the ribbon cutting event for the Honey Springs-Cedar Crest Trail that was most recently televised and for the Better Block Pop-Up Park Event for Forrest/ Adelia Park which also received local news coverage. She also initiated a program with several recreation centers and collaborated with Dallas Mavericks former shooting guard J. J. Reddick to distribute basketballs and soccer balls to underprivileged youth in the city. Along with being one of the writers and editors for the Park Maintenance Monthly Newsletter, she is also a rising and refreshing young professional with savvy skills that makes her an asset to the Park Maintenance Division. Congratulations Amanda! We look forward to seeing all that you will continue to accomplish.



Collaborative Successful Outcome

This week, Ms. Opal Hoskins of the Code Compliance Boarding Home Enforcement team contacted RIGHT Care regarding a situation where multiple individuals were living in an unlicensed boarding home arrangement at an extended stay hotel. It was reported that 5 males and 1 female were sharing an area together and that the female inhabitant was highly uncomfortable with the arrangement and had significant unmet needs. RIGHT Care responded to the call and led an exceptional response that culminated with our partners at Metrocare placing the client in a safe location and meeting quality of life needs. The client will continue to receive on-going case management and care to ensure her safety and quality of life.

This is another fantastic example of the inter-departmental collaboration that exists between all the stakeholders that support the behavioral health and quality of life needs of our residents. Special thanks to Ms. Opal Hoskins for always seeking care for residents in unstable living situations and Ms. Sarah Holigan, RIGHT Care Social Worker with Parkland Health & Hospital System Psychiatric Services, and the combined Parkland and Metrocare teams for their response and compassion shown in meeting critical needs. Thanks again to all our partners! For additional information please contact Kevin Oden, Senior Manager of Operations and Performance.

Help is Here – Accessing the Child Tax Credit

Family with kids can receive monthly payments thanks to the Child Tax Credit. The American Recovery Plan Act increased the amount of the 2021 Child Tax Credit to support families with children, up to \$3,600 per child. The United Way is working to educate the public about the availability of this resource, which is available for most families, even those with little or no income. The attached fliers provide information on how families can access the funds if they have not yet begun receiving deposits. Please help us share this information with the community so that all eligible families can get the

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full benefit of the Child Tax Credit. Additionally, United Way and its nonprofit partners are looking to host community learning sessions about the resource. If your office is interested in partnering to host or co-host a listening session, or if you have any questions about the Child Tax Credit and attached resources, please reach out to Office of Community Care Director Jessica Galleshaw.

[Join us for Municipal Courts Week November 1-5, 2021](#)

The City of Dallas Municipal Court will celebrate Municipal Courts Week with various events from November 1- 5. Municipal Courts Week is an annual celebration to show appreciation to municipal judges, court clerks, court administrators, bailiffs and warrant officers who comprise the Texas municipal court. This celebration recognizes the important role that local courts play in the criminal justice system and their contributions to keep communities safe. These events are free and open to the public. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Administrative Judge Preston Robinson.

[New Public Meeting Video Archive Access](#)

To continue providing equitable service citywide and streamline the viewership experience for Dallas residents and stakeholders as in-person attendance at public City Council committee meetings, briefings, and agenda meetings increases, **effective November 1, 2021**, COM will adjust which public meetings are televised on the City's cable channels. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Catherine Cuellar, Director for Communications, Outreach and Marketing.

COM-produced live telecasts:

City Council Committee Meetings
City Council Briefing Meetings
City Council Agenda Meetings

Televised WebEx Attendee Feed for Regular Meetings of:

Citizen Police Oversight Board
Ethics Advisory Commission
Board of Adjustments A, B, C
City Plan Commission
Civil Service Board
Landmark Commission
Park & Recreation Board
Permit License & Appeal Board
Redistricting Commission

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All other public meetings:

Members of the public may listen to WebEx meetings by phone or watch online at the WebEx link posted to the City Calendar and agenda on file in the City Secretary’s office. Upon adjournment, Board and Commission coordinators may email COM a link to their WebEx recording to: comavrequest@dallascityhall.com to be uploaded on the [Public Meeting Video Archive](#) within 24 hours of receipt. COM, ITS, CAO & CMO will ensure all public meetings meet TOMA requirements for hybrid functionality. Please contact comrequest@dallascityhall.com with any questions.

Breakfast with Champions – Special Olympics Texas

The Dallas Police Department is proud to partner with Special Olympics Texas in hosting a Breakfast with Champions event. The Special Olympics provides a year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. The event organizers would like to extend an invitation to the Mayor and City Council. The event will take place on November 18th, from 8:00-9:00am at The Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel (900 E. Lookout Drive, Richardson, Texas 75082). This event is free and includes breakfast as attendees hear from Special Olympics Athletes and their families on what the games mean to them. If you would like to attend the breakfast, please email kellie.renfro@dallascityhall.com from the Office of the Chief of Police.

New Procurement Opportunities

The Office of Procurement Services (OPS) is excited to announce the following new contract opportunities. More information can be found on the City’s [electronic bid portal](#):

Opportunity No.	Opportunity Name
CIZ-DWU-21 011E/012E	DWU Security Master Plan, by Dallas Water Utilities
CIZ-DWU-21 233/234	Water and Wastewater Main Replacements at Various Locations, Contract No. 21-233/21-234, by Dallas Water Utilities
BA22-00017860	Auto Body Collision and Repair Services
BA22-00017861	Concrete and Other Cement Type Products
BRZ21-00017823	Landlord Subsidized Leasing Program
BP22-00017740	Purchase of Fitness/Exercise Equipment and Maintenance Repair Service
BYZ22-00017873	Rental Assistance
BV21-00017583	Valves, Valve Parts and Accessories
BRZ21-00017822	Youth Homeless and Housing Program

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We are also pleased to share the latest, [Procurement Quarterly](#) listing citywide opportunities for the current quarter (of the fiscal year) and published on the OPS [website](#).

Please be advised that once an opportunity is advertised, it is considered an open procurement until the City Council awards the contract. The Code of Ethics prohibits communication between councilmembers and vendors/ suppliers on open procurements. Should you have any questions, please contact Chhunny Chhean, Director of Procurement Services.

[ForwardDallas Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update](#)

Input is needed to help shape land use and development in Dallas. Please join your Councilmember and the Urban Design Department for a virtual community workshop to identify your priorities for the ForwardDallas Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update. ForwardDallas sets out to ensure Dallas' land use policies actively promote equity, economic vitality and environmental sustainability throughout Dallas. Join us as we begin the process! **Registration is required.** For more information and a full list of workshops, visit <https://bit.ly/FDWorkshops2021>. Should you require additional information, please contact Julia Ryan, Interim Director for the office of Planning and Urban Design.

Look Ahead

[City Council Briefings](#)

November 3, 2021

- Vacant Property Registration Program
- Department of Aviation Budget Overview and Future Projects
- Dallas Water Utilities Budget Overview and Future Projects

[Media Inquiries](#)

As of October 25, 2021, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Second Video of Altercation Between DFR Member and Man Accused of Starting Grass Fire Released
- Man Charged in Relation to Highland Hills Apartment Explosion
- DFR Deputy Chief Speaks on Career and How it Almost Ended Before it Began
- Firefighters Injured in Highland Hills Explosion Transferred to Rehab Facility
- Fox 4 Highlights the Story of DFR Medical Director
- DFR Seeing Significant Decrease in Number of Positive COVID Tests

The City has received other media requests from various news outlets at the following links: [Communications, Outreach and Marketing](#) or [Dallas Fire Rescue](#).

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager

Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
Dr. Eric A. Johnson, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer
M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion
Directors and Assistant Directors

Encampment Resolution (Cleaning) Schedule October 26th, 2021

LOCATION	
October 25 th – October 29 th	November 1 st -November 5 th
11500 Ferguson Rd	600 RL Thornton
3246 Tres Logos Ln	N Central Expressway @ Forest Ln
635 and Ferguson Rd	North Central & Park Ln
Bonnie View Rd and I20	Stemmons & Walnut Hill
Lancaster and 20	John W. Carpenter & Mockingbird
45 and Botham Jean	
Lyndon B Johnson and Josey Ln	
LBJ & Webb Chapel	
John W. Carpenter & Regal Row	
175 and Beltline Road	
Metropolitan and SM Wright Freeway	
12200 Garland Road	

Help Is Here

Monthly payments for families with kids

Raising kids can be expensive, and the Child Tax Credit is here to help. President Biden's American Rescue Plan increased the amount of the 2021 Child Tax Credit to support families with children.

The full benefit of the Child Tax Credit is now \$300 per month per child under age 6 and \$250 for each child age 6 to 17.

Did you file taxes in the last 2 years? Then you don't have to do anything to get the money you're already owed!

If you filed your 2020 taxes this year or filed your 2019 taxes last year, or used the IRS "Non-Filer Portal" to get a stimulus check last year, you don't need to do anything. The IRS will automatically send you a monthly payment by direct deposit or check starting on July 15, 2021.

The Child Tax Credit is \$3,000 to \$3,600 per child with advanced monthly payments.

In order to get money to families quickly, the IRS will pay half of the credit as monthly payments now and the other half when you file your taxes next year. In total, you'll receive a total of \$3,600 for each child under 6 and \$3,000 for each child between 6 and 17.

Didn't file taxes in the last 2 years? There's 1 easy step to start getting your Child Tax Credit payments.

Just fill out a simple form to begin receiving your monthly Child Tax Credit payments. You can access it by going to childtaxcredit.gov

All you'll need to apply are:

- A reliable mailing address
- E-mail address
- Your children's Social Security Numbers
- Your Social Security Number (or ITIN)
- Your bank account information (if you want to receive your payment by direct deposit)

Eligibility: Most families, even those with little to no income, can receive the full amount. If you are a single parent making less than \$112,500 or a married couple making less than \$150,000—and have children under age 18 who will live with you for more than half of 2021—you are likely eligible for the full benefit. These benefits do not affect your eligibility for other federal benefits like SNAP.

Learn more and check out resources to help you fill out your form at [**ChildTaxCredit.gov**](https://ChildTaxCredit.gov)



Ha llegado la ayuda:

Pagos mensuales a familias con hijos

Criar a sus hijos puede ser costoso, y el crédito tributario por hijo brinda ayuda. El plan de rescate estadounidense del presidente Biden aumentó la suma del crédito tributario por hijo en el 2021 para respaldar a las familias con hijos.

El beneficio completo del crédito tributario por hijo es ahora de US \$300 por mes por hijo menor de 6 años y de US \$250 por cada hijo de 6 a 17 años.

¿Presentó su declaración de impuestos en los últimos 2 años? Entonces ¡no necesita hacer nada para recibir el dinero!

No necesita hacer nada si presentó su declaración de impuestos de 2020 este año o presentó la de 2019 el año pasado, o utilizó el "Portal del IRS para no contribuyentes" ("Non-Filer Portal") a fin de recibir un cheque de estímulo el año pasado. El IRS le enviará de forma automática un pago mensual por medio de depósito directo o cheque, a partir del 15 de julio de 2021.

El crédito tributario por hijo es de US \$3.000 a US \$3.600 por hijo en pagos mensuales anticipados.

A fin de hacer llegar el dinero a las familias rápidamente, el IRS entregará la mitad del crédito en forma de pagos mensuales ahora y la otra mitad en el momento que usted presente su declaración de impuestos el año entrante. En total, recibirá US \$3.600 por cada hijo menor de 6 años y US \$3.000 por cada hijo de entre 6 y 17 años.

¿No presentó su declaración de impuestos en los últimos 2 años? Hay un paso fácil para comenzar a recibir los pagos del crédito tributario por hijo.

Solo tiene que completar un formulario simple para comenzar a recibir sus pagos mensuales del crédito tributario por hijo. Puede accederlo en ChildTaxCredit.gov.

Todo lo que necesita para presentar una solicitud es:

- Una dirección postal fiable
- Una dirección de correo electrónico
- La información de su cuenta bancaria (si desea recibir sus pagos por depósito directo)
- Los números de seguro social de sus hijos
- Su número de seguro social (o ITIN)

Elegibilidad: La mayoría de las familias, incluso las que reciben ingresos bajos o no tienen ingresos, pueden recibir la suma completa. Si usted es un padre o madre sin pareja que gana menos de US \$112.500 o forma parte de una pareja casada que gana menos de US \$150.000, y tiene hijos menores de 18 años que residirán en el hogar durante más de la mitad de 2021, seguramente cumple las condiciones para recibir el beneficio completo. Estos beneficios no afectan su aptitud para recibir otros beneficios federales como SNAP.

Infórmese más y consulte los recursos que lo ayudarán a completar el formulario en

ChildTaxCredit.gov