

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 12, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – November 10, 2021**

New Updates

OHS Street Outreach Update

OHS Street Outreach team kicked off the Dallas R.E.A.L. Time Rapid Rehousing (DRTRR) Initiative on October 1st, 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 4th.

Closing its first encampment through housing on Friday October 29, 2021; the DRTRR team of homeless service providers, co-led by OHS and MDHA, is starting the next steps toward targeting and housing members of several additional encampments over the next month. The team will outreach to these sites and meet with various persons experiencing homelessness to assess their needs in preparation for site closure via housing. 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 November 8-12 and November 15–19. Please note that these will be for debris removal and outreach only.

OHS continues to urge people who see an encampment to report via 311 or 311's OurDallas smartphone app to ensure strategic alignment with comprehensive OHS outreach. Please also stay tuned for the DRTRR Dashboard through MDHA, which is slated to be presented to the Citizens Homelessness Commission, Housing and Homeless Solutions Committee, and the Dallas Area Partnership Board later this month. 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

Senior Corporal Paul Farr is a 25-year veteran (active and reserve) of the U. S. Army where he served tours in Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan, and a peace keeping operation in Bosnia.

Senior Corporal Farr is the Dallas Police Department's Military Liaison and the Veteran's Affairs Education representative for the department where he is in constant communication with the VA in keeping up with the educational records for the recruits in the academy and during field training. Paul also out-processes officers that are activated for military



deployments and in-processes them when they return. Senior Corporal Farr went to Austin and lobbied for seven additional "military leave" days for activations in times of disaster for the State of Texas for all National Guard and Reserve members. Governor Abbott signed this into law effective September 1, 2021. These seven days are in addition to the 15 days for reserve duty each year. Thank you, Senior Corporal Farr, for being an advocate to our veteran employees!

City of Dallas Videos Earn Statewide Recognition

Videos produced by Dallas' Communications, Outreach and Marketing team were honored Thursday, November 4th at the 2021 conference of TATO (Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors) including an Honorable Mention for the [FY2021 Budget Video](#) and 3rd place awards for the Spanish language video on "[Programa Para Reducir La Brecha Digita](#)" (Closing the Digital Divide); the [Dallas CARES Coronavirus Relief Fund Update](#); and the [39th Annual MLK Jr. Scholarship & Awards Gala](#). Please direct any questions to Communications, Outreach & Marketing Director, Catherine Cuellar.

Redistricting

The Redistricting Commission met on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. They received information on a proposed Redistricting Marketing Strategy and approved a public town hall/listening session meeting schedule for December 2021 and January 2022. There will be a total of 7 initial town halls/listening sessions. City staff is working to determine locations for each town hall/listening session, with the intent to cover as many geographical areas of Dallas as possible. Once finalized, a list of the meetings and locations will be made available at DallasRedistricting.com and to the City Council.

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The Redistricting Commission also approved a regular meeting schedule for 2022, beginning every Monday, from January through May 2022. These meetings will alternate start times, between 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm, giving residents plenty of opportunity to attend.

The Office of Government Affairs continues to work with the Office of Equity and Inclusion and the third-party consultant to make the Redistricting website ADA compliant. We will continue to keep the City Council updated on the redistricting process.

[A Radio Salute to Dallas-Area Veterans](#)

In honor of Veterans Day this Thursday, November 11th, the City of Dallas-owned radio station, Classical 101.1 WRR-FM, is once again featuring community stories from Dallas-area veterans that will be read on air throughout the day. Stories include that of a 92-year-old Holocaust survivor living in Dallas who joined the US Army after being liberated from the Nazis; a WWII bomber pilot in District 10 who is leading an effort to establish National Home Front Heroes Day; a high school student's tribute to his father who served in the Persian Gulf War; a 97-year-old WWII vet who helped create the Kaufman County Memorial Park; a Vietnam veteran who helped the CIA take down the Korean mafia, and many more.

All stories are posted on WRR's website at www.wrr101.com. WRR will also be playing a soundtrack of patriotic and American-themed pieces throughout the day on Thursday. People who are unable to listen via the radio can stream WRR from the station's free mobile app, or directly from the station's website. Please share this information with your constituents and encourage them to tune in to honor our area's brave service men and women. For any questions or comments, please reach out to Amy Bishop at WRR at: amy.bishop@wrr101.com.

[Dallas Attains Increased Rating for Flood Protection from FEMA](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has recently increased the City of Dallas' rating from a Class 5 to a Class 4 in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). **This increase makes the City of Dallas the only community in the State of Texas to have attained this distinction.**

The NFIP regulates the flood insurance policies for residential and commercial properties. The improved rating will qualify Dallas property owners for a 30 percent discount on flood insurance premiums for most policies issued or renewed on or after April 1, 2022. The rating change is the result of the City's implementation of flood mitigation activities which will protect lives and reduce property damage.

The rating will be renewed automatically each year as long as the necessary CRS activities are continuously implemented and included in the City's annual recertification documentation. The next field verification visit will take place in accordance with a 3-year cycle. More information about the Community Rating System can be found on FEMA's web site: <https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/community-rating-system>. For

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additional information or questions, please contact Terry Lowery, Director of Water Utilities.

WCIA and Partners Promote Vaccinations

Welcoming Communities & Immigrant Affairs Division has partnered with Councilmember Schultz, Dallas County, and other local nonprofits to promote COVID-19 vaccines throughout Dallas, concentrating in zip codes with higher concentrations of immigrant residents and low vaccination rates. Since the beginning of this initiative, WCIA has co-hosted thirteen pop-up clinics, approximately over 850 doses have been administered, including first, second and booster shots. WCIA has provided PPE, personal hand sanitizers, resources information, technical assistance, coordination of multilingual assistance and interpretation, community block walks, and securing \$800 worth of corporate donations for incentives. Following the approval of CDC vaccines for youth, WCIA will be working with partners to promote the COVID-19 vaccine for children and youth 5 years and older among immigrant communities.

We are thankful for all the partnerships and support as we aim for the goal of increasing vaccine accessibility among immigrant communities. If you are interested in getting involved and supporting the COVID-19 vaccine efforts please contact Christina da Silva, Welcoming Communities & Immigrant Affairs Officer.

Vision Zero Public Meeting

On Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6pm, the Department of Transportation will host a public meeting regarding the development of the Vision Zero Action Plan. Vision Zero is a traffic safety strategy that seeks to eliminate all traffic fatalities while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. This meeting will provide an opportunity to update the public on the plan and introduce a new survey that will be available next week and stay open for feedback until November 30th. If you have any questions please contact Transportation Planner, Wayne Powell, at wayne.powell@dallascityhall.com. Flyers in English and Spanish are attached for use in sharing with residents.

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-20469/470	2021 DWU Roof and HVAC Replacement Project, by Dallas Water Utilities
CIZ-PBW-2021-00016720-2	2021 Sidewalk and Barrier Free Ramp Improvements at Various Locations Contract, by Public Works
BJ22-00017865	CDBG Funding Opportunity for Non-Profit Public Facility Improvement Projects

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BBZ22-00017953	Defibrillators, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), and Chest Compression Device Purchase, Maintenance and Repairs
BJ22-00013276	Door Hardware, Key Blanks & Locksmith Services
BV22-00011763	Equipment Fluid Sampling, Testing & Analysis Services
BVZ22-00017990	Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP)
BT22-00017974	Purchase & Physical Processing of Library Audio Visual
BY21-00017423	Traffic Signal Poles, Mast Arms, Street Light Poles, Transformer Bases, Screw-In Foundations and Powder Coating
BV22-00017955	Traffic Signs, Signs and Hardware

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.

Look Ahead

City Council Briefings

November 16, 2021

- City Manager 2021 Goals
- Sidewalk Master Plan Update

Media Inquiries

- DFR Discloses Identity of Woman Who Started Weekend Fire
- First Latina Female Firefighter in North Texas Retires from DFR
- One Dead in Northeast Dallas Apartment Fire
- Northwest Dallas Barbeque Restaurant Closed Following Weekend Fire

The storylines listed above reference the major media inquiries addressed by DFR during the period dating from November 2–8, 2021. A more detailed account of the department's responses to those inquiries, and others, can be viewed at [this link](#). In the event you are contacted by the press, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chief Artis, Dallas Fire-Rescue.

Additional media inquiries from COM are available here: [Media Inquires 11.9.21.docx](#), highlights include: City of Refuge, DPD Helicopter footage, and DPD Information Portal.

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



T.C. Broadnax
City Manager

c: Chris Caso, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
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 November 8th, 2021

LOCATION	LOCATION
November 8 th -12 th	November 15 th -19 th
7100 Cockrell Hill	1349 Empire Central
3000 Hickory Street	4200 South Polk Street
17786 Dallas North Tollway	4988 RL Thornton Freeway
18055 Rock Branch Drive	1700 Baylor Street
North Central Expressway @ Forest Lane (Multiple areas along there)	
4471 Frankford Road	
1700 Chestnut Road	
210 Greenhaven Drive	



VISION ZERO

Safer Streets



Fewer Injuries



Zero Deaths

PUBLIC MEETING

November 16, 2021, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

The City of Dallas is hosting a virtual public meeting to present information on Vision Zero, a traffic safety strategy that seeks to eliminate all traffic fatalities while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. Your participation and feedback will guide the development of the final Vision Zero Action Plan. Take the survey by November 30 to provide input on priorities for improving safety.



Use the QR code or visit
dallascityhall.com/VisionZero
for meeting and survey links





VISION ZERO

Calles seguras ● Menos lesiones ● Cero muertes

REUNIÓN PÚBLICA

16 de noviembre de 2021, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

La Ciudad de Dallas llevará a cabo una reunión pública para presentar información sobre Vision Zero, una estrategia de seguridad vial que busca eliminar muertes a causa de accidentes de tránsito y a la vez crear un sistema de tránsito más seguro y accesible. Su participación y comentarios ayudarán con el desarrollo de un plan de acción para Vision Zero. Llene la encuesta antes del 30 de noviembre para proveer su opinión sobre prioridades que afectan la seguridad vial.



Use el código QR o visite dallascityhall.com/VisionZero para participar en la reunión y encuesta

