

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 15, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – April 14, 2022**

## City Manager's Corner

In the spirit of excellence, Code Compliance staff, community volunteers and over 70 Amazon employees cleaned Chalk Hill Road, near the site of the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Dallas. The efforts of everyone involved resulted in nearly 70 bags of debris and trash collected. This cleanup signifies the beginning of a partnership with businesses to them in removing blight in their communities.



## Affordable Connectivity Program

The [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. The attached flyer was created to assist in amplifying and sharing information related to the program. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Genesis D. Gavino, Chief of Staff to the City Manager.

## Small Business Center: Wednesday In-Person Meetings

The City of Dallas Small Business Center will begin hosting in-person meetings to support entrepreneurs, small businesses, and non-profits with additional resources and technical assistance every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Dallas Central Library, 1515 Young St. (5<sup>th</sup> Floor), Dallas, Texas 75201 in the Small Business Center.

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For more information about the Small Business Center or to schedule an appointment, please contact Denita Lacking-Quinn, at [Denita.Lacking@dallascityhall.com](mailto:Denita.Lacking@dallascityhall.com) or visit <http://www.SourceDallas.org>.

### **Dallas Arts Month: ART214 exhibition**

Continuing the celebration of Dallas Arts Month, OAC invites you to all of our five cultural centers: Bath House Cultural Center, Latino Cultural Center, Moody Performance Hall, Oak Cliff Cultural Center, and South Dallas Cultural Center presenting the 2022 ART214 juried exhibition. This exhibition is a multi-venue visual arts project that showcases the works of artists who live in Dallas and the greater North Texas region: <https://art214.dallasculture.org/>. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gabriel Gonzalez, Marketing Coordinator at [gabriel.gonzalez@dallascityhall.com](mailto:gabriel.gonzalez@dallascityhall.com).

### **Fair Park Multimedia Center Opening Activities**

The Fair Park Multimedia Center is celebrating its Grand Opening with a week of festivities, tours, and workshops. Follow links below to register for events.

- [Tuesday \(4/19\) Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting](#) 9 a.m. includes breakfast, music, and tours
- [Wednesday \(4/20\) Crisis Communications Workshop](#) 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. COM and OEM are partnering to host a workshop and no-fault exercise.
- [Thursday \(4/21\) Headshot Studio by appointment](#) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for senior leadership. Departments may also schedule staff headshots in the future by submitting a [COM Service Request](#).
- [Friday \(4/22\) Executive Media Training](#) 10 a.m. to 12 noon for directors and other subject matter experts who represent departments in interviews with journalists.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Catherine Cuellar, Communications, Outreach & Marketing at [comrequest@dallascityhall.com](mailto:comrequest@dallascityhall.com).

### **Citywide Hiring Event**

The City of Dallas partnered with Workforce Solutions to host one of the City's largest citywide hiring event on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Over 25 City departments participated in collecting candidate information, screening candidates, conducting onsite interviews, and providing job offers. There were 757 job applicants that attended the event and approximately 108 job offers were extended onsite. Positions offered were in Dallas Water Utilities, Park and Recreation, Sanitation Services, Public Works, Dallas Animal Services, Department of Transportation, Office of Cultural Affairs, Aviation, and Courts and Detention Services. There were other interviews conducted, but no onsite offers extended. These interviews may result in additional job offers in the near future.

This year's event was a huge success. It is our plan to continue to host an annual citywide hiring event. We would like to thank everyone who participated in making this event so successful. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carmel Fritz, Assistant Director of Human Resources at [carmel.fritz@dallascityhall.com](mailto:carmel.fritz@dallascityhall.com).

### **Code Compliance Citywide Hiring Event**

During the city-wide hiring event held at the Convention Center, Code Compliance spoke to 144 residents looking for work. Out of the 144, 140 (94%) participated in on-the-spot

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interviews. Out of all the job seekers at the event 19% of them wanted to learn more about the opportunities the department has to offer. Code Compliance is still accepting applications online for positions such as Equipment Operator, Crew Leader, and Inspector (I & II). Should you have any questions or concerns, please Eric Onyechefule, CCS Public Information Coordinator, [eric.onyechefule@dallascityhall.com](mailto:eric.onyechefule@dallascityhall.com).



### **Redistricting**

The Redistricting Commission met on Monday, April 11 at 3:30 p.m. via videoconference and at Dallas City Hall – Council Chambers. They received an update on Commissioner suggested district maps and heard community redistricting recommendations. They also received an update on map submissions and approved a total of three map submissions for further consideration. All map submissions must be submitted by this Friday, April 15, 2022.

The Commission will begin the process of selecting their top three and then subsequent top two maps on Monday, April 25. They plan to start the amendment process on those final maps on Monday, May 2, and residents will have an opportunity to share feedback to those amended maps during a public hearing at City Hall – Council Chambers on Saturday, May 7 at 3 p.m.

Commissioners plan to select their final map on Monday, May 9 and plan to submit their final proposal to the Mayor on Monday, May 16. The next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Dallas City Hall – Council Chambers – 6EN.

Individuals who wish to address the Redistricting Commission may do so virtually or in person by attending a regular meeting. For a complete list of meetings or to submit your very own map, visit [www.DallasRedistricting.com](http://www.DallasRedistricting.com) or call 214-671-6197.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Director of the Office of Government Affairs at [brett.wilkinson@dallascityhall.com](mailto:brett.wilkinson@dallascityhall.com) or 214-670-5797.

### **City Procurement Opportunities**

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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](#):

<b>Opportunity No.</b>	<b>Opportunity Name</b>
BIZ22-00018987	CHANCE and ReEntry Career Pathway
BVZ22-00019182	Commercial Real Estate Data Subscription

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 Danielle Thompson, Interim Director of Procurement Services.

### **OHS Street Outreach Update**

The DRTRR team of homeless service providers, co-led by OHS and MDHA, is currently targeting several encampments, which will result in closure through the housing of those unsheltered individuals throughout the year. 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). The DRTRR Community Dashboard is live and may be found [here](#).

Please see the attached schedule for homeless encampment cleaning the week of April 11 through April 15, 2022. Please note that these will be for debris removal and outreach only. All encampment cleaning requests are being resolved as time allows. We appreciate everyone's patience.

### **Encampment Resolution (Cleaning) Schedule April 11 – April 15, 2022**

<b>LOCATION</b>
635 & Coit
635 & Markville

OHS continues to urge people who see an encampment to report it via 311 or 311's OurDallas smartphone app to ensure strategic alignment with comprehensive OHS outreach. The OHS Service Request dashboard can be utilized to track the progress of encampment resolution efforts. Please visit the [dashboard](#) and feel free to share this tool with residents. If you have any questions please reach out to Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.

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### Media Inquiries

As of April 11, 2022, the Communications, Outreach, and Marketing (COM) Department has received various media inquiries available to view [here](#).

The following storylines reference the major media inquiries addressed by Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) during the period dating from April 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. A more detailed account of the department's responses to those inquiries, and others, can be viewed at [this link](#). Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fire Chief, Dominique Artis.

- Family Wants Answers After Dallas Woman's Body Left Outside Overnight
- Five Dozen Displaced and Two Firefighters Injured at 5-Alarm Fire at Northeast Dallas Senior Living Facility
- Truck Drives Into Dallas Love Field and Damages Two Planes

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- Máximo \$75 de descuento al mes para hogares elegibles en Territorios Tribales.
- Un descuento único de hasta \$100 por una computadora portátil, computadora de escritorio o una tableta electrónica a través de un proveedor participante.

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