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Dear District 13 Neighbors,

There have been a lot of changes and challenges keeping us busy at City Hall. I would like to take a moment to share a few highlights.

City of Dallas new appointees

City Manager T.C. Broadnax continues to create leadership changes at Dallas City Hall. **Nadia Chandler Hardy** will join the City on May 22, 2017 as the Chief of Community Services. **Jon Fortune** will join the City on May 30, 2017 as an Assistant City Manager.

Nadia Chandler Hardy previously served as Assistant to the City Manager and Director of Neighborhood and Community Services for the City of Tacoma. In Tacoma, she established the TacomaFIRST (311) Center and spearheaded a citywide Ten-Year Vision and Strategic planning effort engaging more than 4,000 residents and community stakeholders. The effort culminated in adoption of "Tacoma2025", the City's guiding policy for service delivery, community development and government performance. Hardy also led efforts to establish the City's "Continuum of Services" for homelessness, mental health and workforce development programs. In addition, she worked to establish a partnership with the Tacoma Housing Authority for development of a three-acre property into a campus for crisis residential housing.

Hardy earned a Master's degree in Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. She will begin her duties at the City on May 22.

Jon Fortune brings more than 25 years of experience in local government; the past 17 years as Denton's Assistant City Manager. A credentialed manager with the International City Management Association, he has a diverse portfolio of managing municipal operations. In Denton, Fortune provided leadership and oversight of Public Safety, Finance and Budget, Development Services, Utility operations, Denton Enterprise Airport, and Economic Development departments. He previously served as the Director of Management and Budget, Chief Finance Officer, and Management Services Administrator in Denton. As lead negotiator for Denton's management team, he helped create the City's first-ever Meet and Confer Agreements with Police and Fire associations. Jon led the development of a long-range financial planning process including Denton's economic development efforts to expand commercial and industrial growth. In addition, Jon recently implemented an innovative landfill mining program to recover recyclable materials and reclaim valuable landfill space.

An Oklahoma native, he has a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of North Texas and a

Bachelor's degree in Public Affairs and Administration from the University of Oklahoma. He begins his duties at the City of Dallas on May 30.

Emergency Notification System

City of Dallas Public Information Office staff have updated their public notification protocol in the event of an emergency. During an emergency, residents can find important information by going to dallascitynews.net, dallascityhall.com or the City of Dallas Facebook and Twitter pages. Our Dallas Facebook page will also make every effort to keep you informed. The information will also be available on Dallas City News TV, channel 16 and will be continually updates throughout the emergency.

The emergency alerts will look like this on the webpages:



Citizen Bond Task Force

Dallas City Manager TC Broadnax has created a "Citizens Bond Task Force" to assist the Mayor and City Council with reviewing and recommending projects for each proposition in the 2017 Capital Bond Program. This process is important in selecting critical projects and involving community members and will not impede the progress for calling a November 2017 Bond Election.

The Citizen Bond Task Force is comprised of 15 citizen members: a chair recommended by the mayor and fourteen citizens recommended by each City Council Member. The Citizen Bond Task Force is also supported by five technical subcommittees, each with fifteen citizen members. The technical subcommittees include a non-voting staff member who is an expert in that field.

Meetings begun on April 24th and will continue through the end of May. All meetings are posted on the City's website. In early June, the City Bond Task Force and City Manager TC Broadnax will present a recommended Bond Program to the Mayor and City Council.

Please see your District 13 task force members below. Thank you to task force members for volunteering your time in this vital process.

	Citizen Bond Task Force District 13 appointee
Wade Vache	Streets Technical Subcommittee

Crayton Webb	Parks and Trails Technical Subcommittee
Joe Hollinshead	Flood Control Technical Subcommittee
James Garner	Economic Development and Housing Technical Subcommittee
Gay Donnell	Critical Facilities (libraries, community centers etc) Technical Subcommittee

Election Day

Election Day for Dallas City Council and Dallas Independent School District School Board is May 6, 2017. To find your voting location visit Dallas County Voter Look Up

District 13 voting locations are listed below:

Vickerv Baptist Church	5814 Ridgecrest Rd	Dallas, TX 75231
Lee Mcshan Jr. Elem School	8307 Meadow Rd	Dallas, TX 75231
Marcus Rec Center	3003 Northaven Rd	Dallas, TX 75229
W T White High School	4505 Ridgeside Dr	Dallas, TX 75244
Thomas C Marsh Preparatory Academy	3838 Crown Shore Dr	Dallas, TX 75244
Nathan Adams Elem School	12600 Welch Rd	Dallas, TX 75244
DeGolyer Elem School	3453 Flair Dr	Dallas, TX 75229
John Calvin Presbyterian Church	4151 Royal Ln	Dallas, TX 75229
John J Pershing Elem School	5715 Meaders Lane	Dallas, TX 75229
Edward Carv Middle School	3978 Killion Dr	Dallas, TX 75229
Walnut Hill Rec Center	10011 Midway Rd	Dallas, TX 75229
Lovers Lane United Meth Church	9200 Inwood Rd	Dallas, TX 75220
Ewell D Walker Middle School	12532 Nuestra Dr	Dallas, TX 75230
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	7611 Park Lane	Dallas, TX 75225
Henry W Longfellow	5314 Boaz St	Dallas, TX 75209
Caillet Elem School	3033 Merrell Rd	Dallas, TX 75229
DeGolver Elem School	3453 Flair Dr	Dallas, TX 75229
Sudie Williams Elem School	4518 Pomona Rd	Dallas, TX 75209

Street Update

• The Dallas Water Utilities is replacing the pump station at

Walnut Hill and Hillcrest. Demolition of the old pump station and reservoir is now complete. Construction for this project will last through Fall of 2019. The landscaping for this project is only 20% complete. Dallas Water Utilities will revisit the landscape plan and engage the Ad Hoc Committee beginning in January 2018. The Planned Development (PD) requires the building official to approve the inventory all plants in the final landscape plan and Council will be required to approve the contract prior to implementation of the final landscape plan. For more information on this project please see the Walcrest Pump Station Fact Sheet here and visit www.walcrest.org

- There is an ongoing DWU project on Walnut Hill between the Tollway and Surrey Oaks Drive. All of the water mains have been installed and are operational. The paving over the new water mains is complete with the exception of the Inwood intersection and some other small areas that overlap the construction work for the wastewater main. Paving repairs east of Inwood should be completed within the next 2-3 weeks, weather permitting. This will allow for traffic lanes east of Inwood to be fully opened upon completion of paving repairs. The contractor also continues to work on the final section of wastewater main in front of Ursuline Academy. This week the contractor is removing tunneling equipment and then will begin installing pipe. Once the pipe is installed a new manhole will be built in front of Ursuline and the contractor will backfill the tunnel pits. Temporary paving will be placed in Walnut Hill Lane over the backfilled pits. Staff expects that paving restoration from Inwood to the Tollway will be completed in May 2017 before Memorial Day. The contractor will return after the holiday to finish the remaining work west of Inwood.
- Dallas Water Utilities has a scheduled Wastewater Pipeline installation from LBJ Freeway and Dallas North Tollway to Northaven Road. Work started in March 2017 with an estimated completion date of April 2018, weather permitting. Construction along Inwood will be confined to Southbound lanes, and no closure of Inwood will occur. During May, the majority of the traffic impacts will be on Northaven. Flaggers will direct traffic affected by trench construction during working hours. Two way traffic on Northaven will be maintained after working hours. After tunneling work at the intersection of Forest Lane and Inwood Road is complete, a section of paving for the tunneling shaft will be restored. The right lane on southbound Inwood just north of Forest Lane will be reopened after the concrete is allowed to cure. To see an updated information sheet on this project click **here**.
- The North Texas Tollway Authority has begun an improvement project on the Dallas North Tollway (DNT) between Harvest Hill Road and Interstate 35E. The two-year project will include replacing the tollway's center barrier and pavement. To minimize traffic impacts, the improvement work will be conducted during off peak hours at night and during some weekends. Some temporary lane and ramp closures may be needed. While the barrier is being removed and replaced, the work will be noisy, and

the main lanes of the DNT will need to be narrowed. For more information visit NTTA.org and see the The Project Fact Sheet

Sanitation information

To see information about Dallas Zero Waste plan please <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

The next Batteries Oil Paint and Antifreeze (BOPA) pick up is on June 10, 2017 at 8:00-11:00 AM. click here for the flyer

To see information on the app that will call and remind you when your bulky trash pick up is **click here**

Finally, see some Dos and Don'ts for recycling **here**.









Senior Resources

The Office of Senior Affairs is launching the Senior Medical Transportation Program (SMTP), that will provide transportation services to hospital, medical or other health related appointments at no cost to the citizen. To enroll in this program call 214-670-7235 and for more information on this program click here.

Spring Highlights

Spring time ushers in great weather to get outside and experience all that Dallas has to offer. Strap on your helmet and go for a bike ride on one of the many bike trails around Dallas. As a refresher here are some tips for cyclists and drivers. The Dallas Zoo opened the Simmons Hippo Outpost, the first time in sixteen years that the Zoo has had hippos. Make a trip to the Zoo and welcome the newest City of Dallas residents.





(pictured above: Attending the opening of the exhibit with my grandsons and my grandson makes a new friend with Adhama the Hippo.)

Sincerely,

Jennifer