**Budget Listening Sessions  
What Do You Want to See in 2022-2023?**

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| Budget season is upon us, and we want to hear from you!  The City of Dallas will begin a new fiscal year in October. As we construct the budget for FY22-23, resident input is crucial. There are multiple opportunities for you to participate in the budgeting process.  Attend a budget listening session this August - Three budget listening sessions will be hosted throughout the district at various times, giving you multiple opportunities to make your voice heard. Sessions will be led by city staff and attended by members of multiple departments. Find out more information using the graphics below, and make sure to spread the word!  **The July 25th Love Field Active Shooter & DPD Response**  On Monday, July 25th, a woman at a Love Field ticket counter pointed a gun towards the ceiling and fired multiple rounds. Officer Ronald Cronin, a 15-year veteran of DPD, was in the immediate area and engaged the shooter, giving verbal commands to drop the weapon and eventually hit the suspect several times.    Deputy Chief Reuben Ramirez, a D13 resident, gives a briefing of the incident in the video below.  The DPD has released this video, and I wanted to include it in this newsletter for a couple of reasons:  to give you a sense of what an active shooter situation is like from multiple angles and hope you never need to draw upon it, and to give appreciation to the skill, bravery and expertise of Officer Cronin and other law enforcement personnel in their immediate response and professional conduct during the situation and with the injured suspect.   Be aware that the video is blurred but the suspect is seen and heard at 9:48 should you choose to stop viewing then.  The Dallas Police Department is providing a course to Dallas residents to learn what to do in an active shooter situation. [There are still some spaces available](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa8a62ca7fbce9-active). If the timeslots are full, please email district13@dallas.gov to let us know you’d like to be notified when the next one occurs.  **Trash Collection 101** |

Has your trash pickup been missed? Do you know when or how to have your bulk trash (like mattresses, brush, etc.) collected? Want to stay in the loop regarding changes to your routine trash schedule? If you answer yes to any of these questions, read below to learn about best practices and to stay informed.

**Q: How should I position my roll cart?**  
A: Roll carts should be facing the point of collection and **allow for 3 feet of space on all sides** from any obstructions.  
  
**Q. My collection was missed. What should I do?**  
A. If your roll cart is not serviced by 8 p.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day, please [Click Here](https://dallascrm.force.com/public/request/SANMISGA/location) and answer a few questions to report the missed pickup. In addition, make sure you are [signed up for Sanitation Services' alerts](https://api.recollect.net/r/area/Dallas/waste), so you know when your scheduled day is altered.   
  
**Q: How do I know my trash and recycling pickup days?**  
A: You can [type your address in here](https://gis.dallascityhall.com/stmatch.aspx) to pull up your sanitation days and bulk trash weeks, along with other handy info.  
  
**Q: My question regarding Sanitation was not answered. How can I find an answer?**  
A: The [homepage of the Sanitation Services website](https://dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation/Pages/default3.aspx) contains links to information regarding trash, bulk, and recycling. It also has a convenient link to [sign up for updates](https://api.recollect.net/r/area/Dallas/waste) -- please sign up so you do not miss important information regarding your collections.

**Dallas Selected as FIFA World Cup 2026 Host City**

In June, The City of Dallas was named one of 16 host cities for FIFA World Cup 2026™, as announced by FIFA on a live broadcast from New York City. It is a significant milestone on the road to FIFA World Cup 2026™, as the 16 host cities in three countries are due to stage matches between 48 teams. A crowd of enthusiastic fans gathered at the AT&T Discovery District in downtown Dallas to watch the live announcement, celebrating the historic announcement as Dallas was named one of the host cities for the first time since 1994.

CM Willis awaited the news with Fort Worth Mayor Mattie Parker as well as Councilmembers from Dallas, Frisco and other surrounding communities.

**The Dos and Don'ts of Bar Ditches**

Bar ditches are an essential part of City drainage systems when it comes to "unimproved roads" - roads without sidewalks and curbs. They run alongside streets and help funnel stormwater to a safer place, so that homes do not flood. It is important to maintain your bar ditch to prevent flooding. Here are some helpful do's and do not's when it comes to bar ditches:

**DO** check your bar ditch for debris, trash, leaves, and other items that may block the flow of water in the ditch and cause flooding.  
**DO NOT** dump items in the bar ditch, like hazardous liquids, which could get into the water system or damage your neighbor's property.  
**DO** mow your bar ditch when you mow your lawn.  
**DO NOT** allow your bar ditch to become overgrown or your driveway culvert to become blocked.   
**DO** contact the city for structural repairs to bar ditches.  
**DO NOT** pave or otherwise fill in your bar ditches - doing so exposes you and your neighbors to a higher risk of flooding. You can be fined and required to remove any barrier to the drainage that’s intended.   
  
If you have further questions about how to take care of your bar ditch, you can email [district13@dallascityhall.com](mailto:district13@dallascityhall.com) and we can help you find an answer!

**Back to School Fairs and Resources**

It's almost time to head back to class! For Dallas and District 13 residents, that means new school supplies, new backpacks, and more! There is a lot to think about, but there are also some great resources to prepare for the upcoming year. Check out several below:  
  
**HHM Health's Back to School Fair** hosts a back to school fair that includes FREE immunizations, backpacks, school supplies, snow cones, and fun! Sports physicals are also available for $15. The event will be held at 5750 Pineland Drive from 11:00-2:00pm on July 30th. [More information here](https://lakehighlands.advocatemag.com/2022/07/22/hhm-health-hosting-back-to-school-fair-at-the-end-of-this-month/).  
  
**The Mayor's Back to School Fair** is on August 5th! You must register by July 29th to attend. Find out more information and register here: <https://www.mayorsbacktoschoolfair.com/>  
  
**DISD's Back to School Registration Fair** is Saturday, August 6th! Whether your child is registering for Pre-K or for their last year of high school, come out for free school supplies, assistance completing enrollment, and more. More information [.](https://www.dallasisd.org/backtoschool)

**Our teachers could use your help in adding resources to their classrooms.   Check out their Wish Lists here:**   
[DISD Amazon Wishlists](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1TSNC3IPC1B9M?ref_=wl_share%20)

**Projects In The District:**

**A 311 Guide and District Project Highlights**

You can [create a 311 request](https://dallascrm.force.com/public/servicetypes) for issues ranging from street and alley repair, to code violations, to homeless encampments, to sanitation concerns, and everything in between. 311 is an important city resource. It is what the City uses to track every kind of project and citizen request.   
  
Each request is sent to a responding department, and updates are tracked with service request (SR) numbers, so you can [look up the status of your request at any time](https://dallascrm.force.com/public/requests).   
  
Thousands of 311 requests are made in District 13 alone every month. If you are having issues with having your SR fulfilled, please be patient. When filing an SR, you are provided with an estimated completion date. If that date is not met, our office would be happy to help. Reach out to us with the SR number and a description, and we will investigate.  
  
**City employees are working hard and carrying out projects in the district every single day. Below is a list of a few of the recent projects within District 13, both completed and active, that the D13 team is tracking.**  
  
Completed:

1. Weeburn/Shady Hill Drive Alley Repair - The Department of Public Works investigated the alley, found its surface in need of repair, and completed the project at the beginning of July.
2. Water Main Break on Killion Drive - Our office received a report of a water main break that was incorrectly categorized as a leak. We corrected the mistake with DWU, and a repair team responded within the hour and fixed the issue.

In Progress:

1. Harvest Hill Road Reconstruction - The Inwood section of this project is complete—the road is smooth and restriped.  The reconstruction of Harvest Hill is to be completed in early August, weather permitting. Public Works anticipates that dust control will be necessary for the last few days of the project, and are preparing water trucks for dust control. The D13 office has responded to several requests from constituents concerned with directional signage and contractor water use—please let us know if you see anything of concern as work continues to make this street as smooth as the Inwood section.
2. Holly Hill Road Reconstruction - - Contractor-related delays and an Atmos gas line “surprise” under the roadway slowed this project down.  Poor or non-existent sidewalks caused issues for residents, and the D13 team worked to have a temporary sidewalk laid. CM Willis is in constant communication with Public Works to keep the project moving—this project is in Vickery Meadow where many residents wear long garments, travel on foot and push strollers.
3. Lighting at Pensive Trailhead - After reports of illegal activity near the trailhead on Pensive Dr., the D13 team asked DPD to increase patrols in the area. Over a 2 week period, police visited the location 25 times, and reported that any vehicles that were at the location immediately left the area or were patrons of the trail maintaining normal activity. D13 is coordinating with Parks and Recreation (PKR) and Oncor, who owns 1/4th of the lot, to install lighting in the area. A quote was recently submitted by PKR for approval and funding.

The above projects are just five of many we are monitoring and working on. If you have questions, please reach out to our office.

**Who Is Visiting Dallas?**

**USA Water Polo’s Junior Olympics Session III**The USA Water Polo Junior Olympic Championships is the largest age group water polo tournament in the country. Athletes and teams will come from across the country to compete on the national stage in the third session of USA Water Polo’s Junior Olympics. The 2021 event attracted over 2,300 attendees each day.  **Conferences, Sites, and FAMs**

* The Mary Kay convention continues this week at the KBHCC. This annual meeting brings 20,000 attendees and an estimated $35 million in economic impact.
* The National Automobile Dealers Association are in town this week for a prospective future convention site visit.

**D13 In The Community**

**If you are a District 13 neighborhood organization, crime watch group, or similar, please** [**email District 13**](mailto:district13@dllascityhall.com) **if you would like to invite the Councilmember or staff to attend.**  
  
Below:

1. CM Willis presents at the Midtown Improvement District's annual community meeting.
2. At the Midtown Improvement District meeting, CM Willis fielded questions regarding issues such as local street repair projects, public safety, and community involvement. She highlighted local nonprofits and the Vickery Park Library, which do great things in the Vickery Meadow community.
3. Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs) that are part ofthe Northwest Patrol Division presented at the quarterly crime watch meeting for District 13. This meeting covered what has been happening on the west side of D13, where their patrol operates.
4. The Northwest Patrol hosted a "Coffee With Cops," which afforded members of the community a chance to speak in a casual setting with NPOs and build relationships.
5. Officer Kim, a NW Patrol NPO, poses with residents at the Coffee With Cops.

**Council Member Willis' Mayoral Appointments:**  
Ad Hoc Administrative Affairs (Chair)  
Government Performance and Financial Management Committee (Vice Chair)  
Public Safety Committee  
Economic Development Committee  
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Legislative Affairs Committee  
Judicial Nominating Committee  
Visit Dallas Board of Directors  
Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Task Force