

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 18, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – December 17, 2020**

## New Updates

### [Watch DPD Chief Candidates Forum](#)

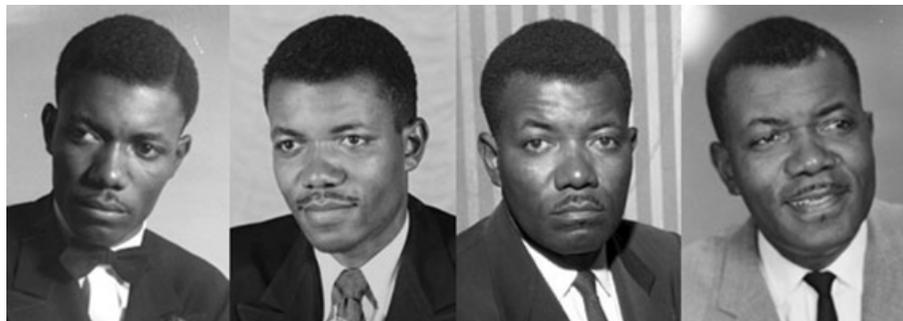
For those who were unable to view the DPD Chief Candidates Forum live on Dec. 16, it will be rebroadcast twice daily at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. from Thursday, Dec. 17 through Sunday, Dec. 20 in English on Spectrum Channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and in Spanish on Spectrum Channel 95. It may also be viewed on-demand at [bit.ly/cityofdallastv](http://bit.ly/cityofdallastv) or [youtube.com/cityofdallascityhall](http://youtube.com/cityofdallascityhall).

### [DFR Promoting Christmas Tree Safety](#)

With the Christmas holiday just around the corner, Dallas Fire-Rescue is providing safety tips and information for citizens who choose to use real Christmas trees in their homes. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fire departments across the country respond to a yearly average of 160 home fires caused by Christmas trees. Though they are not common, they are more likely to become serious when they do occur because most don't receive the proper care to keep them from drying out and becoming an even greater fire risk. Be sure your tree is fresh by stroking the branches to see if the needles fall off; keep your tree hydrated, be mindful of the condition of the lighting you use to decorate your tree and dispose of it immediately after use. Happy and Safe Holidays, from Dallas Fire-Rescue!

### [Dallas Public Library Debuting Marion Butts Collection](#)

Dallas Public Library is honored and excited to announce for the first time, 18,000 digital photos from the Marion Butts Collection are available on the library's website. Lee Marion Butts, Sr. (1924 – 2002), an African American commercial photographer and editor of the Dallas Express, recorded events and community life in Dallas. His rich body of work documents not only segregation and civil rights, but also business, civic, religious, educational, and social life, as well as visits by national leaders and celebrity entertainers. Dallas Public Library's Dallas History & Archives Division is honored to preserve and share the works of Marion Butts. Visit their new webpage (at the below link) to see these wonderful photos, just a



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small sampling of the works of an amazing photographer and historian. Should you have questions, please contact Jo Giudice, Library Director, for more information.

<http://dallaslibrary2.org/marionbutts/>

### 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
CIZ1957	Elmwood Parkway Trail – Phase Three – Site Development, by Park and Recreation Department
CIZ1958	Reverchon Ballpark Improvements, by Park and Recreation Department
BKZ21-00011942	Actuarial Services for ORM
BQZ20-00014463	Court Reporting, Deposition, Transcription Services
BYZ20-00014988	Dockless Vehicles Aggregate Data
BR21-00015316	Eviction Assistance Initiative
BG21-00015357	Hygiene and Wellness Products for Seniors and Young Children
BI21-00015176	Interior Landscape and Plant Purchase
BV21-00015344	Pump Overhaul & Repair Services
BF21-00014101	Trinity River Tire Removal, Creeks/Channels/Vacant Lots Trash/Debris Removal and Lake Ray Hubbard Cleanup

For citywide opportunities for the current quarter, we invite you to review the [Procurement Quarterly](#), 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.

### Dallas Public Library Wins Honorable Mention

The Urban Libraries Council (ULC) announced Dallas Public Library (DPL) as an Innovations Initiative Honorable Mention award winner during the 2020 ULC Innovations Celebration last Friday. The P.O.N.D. - Podcast on Natural Dallas, was selected from 260 submissions in 10 categories that showcase creative thinking and imaginative applications of library resources. DPL won in the category of Adult STEM education, with award winners being recognized for their level of ingenuity, the outcomes achieved and the ability for other libraries to adapt and implement their work. Visit the POND at <https://dallaslibrary2.org/pond/> to listen to the podcast, subscribe to the newsletter, and attend the 2020 Virtual Nature Expo! Should you have questions, please contact Jo Giudice, Library Director, for more information.

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### [Virtual Neighborhood Public Meetings for HUD Grant Funds](#)

Budget and Management Services (BMS) and the Community Development Commission (CDC) will host six public engagement meetings, beginning January 7 - 14, 2020. The purpose of these meetings, is to encourage residents to provide comments and input on potential uses for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds of the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan grants include: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA). Information on the dates, times, and links for the virtual meetings are published on community development website: <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/budget/communitydevelopment>

The attached flyers and shareable social media graphics, in English and Spanish, may be used to promote the virtual meetings. A Press Release will also be issued closer to the event. Should you have any questions, please contact Chan Williams, Assistant Director of Budget and Management Services.

### [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week](#)

In January 2021, the City of Dallas will host its 39th annual celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a weeks' worth of events highlighting issues of equity, diversity, and opportunity. The theme for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Week 2021, selected by the MLKJCC Advisory Board is "The Fierce Urgency of Now." MLK Week 2021 will include a Candle Lighting Ceremony, Youth Fair, Wreath Laying Ceremony, Job Fair, Equity Symposium, and culminate with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards & Scholarship Gala. Event details are being finalized and can be found at <https://dallasmlkcenter.com/mlk-celebration-week/> . Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Jessica Galleshaw, Director for the Office of Community Care Director.

### [Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest](#)

The City of Dallas is pleased to announce the [2021 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest!](#) The contest will award six scholarships up to \$5,000 (per award) to graduating high school seniors or first-year students accepted into a college-level educational institution (two-year college, four-year college, or trade school). This year's essay prompt aligns with the theme of the 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week, "The Fierce Urgency of Now". The submission deadline is December 31, 2020.

**Essay Prompt:** Describe a social justice problem, concern, or issue you would like to solve as it relates to "The Fierce Urgency of Now." It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance. Explain its significance to you and what steps you can take to identify a solution.

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### 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Early this year the Office of Community Affairs did “Random acts of Kindness” in different parts of the city. We would like to bring this year to a close on that same note. What better way to stay connected this holiday season than as a community we all do a daily random act of kindness. The Office of Community Affairs will be starting a **DAILY COMMUNITY CHALLENGE, 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**. Starting Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>. We are kindly asking all divisions (NPO Units) and DPD Volunteers to participate. We are asking officers/city personnel who witness “Random acts of Kindness” or participate in one to please send photo/selfie to [dpdcommunityaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:dpdcommunityaffairs@gmail.com) so that we can post them. The first challenge started on this past Monday and was “PAY IT FORWARD”.

Please see the attached documents for this engagement, one is the event flyer, and the other is the Community Challenge list for the next 12 days. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sergeant Wanda West at [wanda.west@dallascityhall.com](mailto:wanda.west@dallascityhall.com).

### BAGS AND BADGES HOMELESS GIVEAWAY

Saturday, December 19, 2020

Event Time: 1:00am –3:00pm

Where: MLK Center

Address: 2922 Martin Luther King Jr, Dallas, TX 75215

Patrol Division: Southeast

Beat: 300

Council District: D7 / Adam Bazaldua

This engagement is for a targeted group and has not been posted to social media. The Office of Community Affairs will be passing out care bags with essential items to LGBTQ+ homeless youth in the area. Please see the attached flyer for this engagement. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sergeant Wanda West at [wanda.west@dallascityhall.com](mailto:wanda.west@dallascityhall.com).

### Homeless Encampment Cleaning Update

On December 4th, City Council was advised by the Office of Homeless Solutions and Dallas Police Department of the implementation of a temporary suspension of homeless encampment resolutions as a result of on-going COVID-19 cases and current guidance. This week, The OHS Street Outreach teams engaged with persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness, following all current CDC COVID-19 protocols and procedures, and provided proactive clean-up of trash and debris, distributed waste and hygiene supplies, and made connections to resources and shelter. The following locations were served on Tuesday, December 15th:

- US-75 & Forest Lane
- 508 & 515 Park (Corner of Canton St. & Park)

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OHS will continue to monitor, assess, proactively clean and provide sanitary products to known encampment locations to limit the potential spread and effects of COVID-19.

Information on continued service to homeless encampments can be found [here](#). Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Oden, Interim Director for the Office of Homeless Solutions.

### [Office of Community Police Oversight \(OCPO\)](#)

The Community Police Oversight Board (CPOB) took a historic step at its December 8<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. The Board voted for and added Dallas City residents to all five of its subcommittees. The community members will be notified of their appointment by the Director of OCPO. You will be able to view the selected residents on the [CPOB website](#) soon. OCPO is excited about working with the CPOB to onboard the community members so they can start serving on those committees in the early part of 2021. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Tonya McClary, Police Monitor for the Office of Community Police Oversight.

### **Look Ahead**

#### [City Council Briefings](#)

January 6, 2020

- Redistricting

January 20, 2020

- Coronavirus Relief Fund Update

#### [Media Inquiries](#)

As of December 15, 2020, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Library Wifi Hotspots
- Street Lane Stripping
- Material Shingle Removal
- Fox National News Highlights Impact of COVID-19 on EMS Providers
- WFAA 8 Alleges Slowed Response Time Due to Fire Station Closure
- Firefighters Battle Two-Alarm Blaze in North Dallas Townhomes
- DFR Surprises Daughter of Fallen Firefighters for Her College Graduation
- No Injuries Reported at Lake Ray Hubbard Boat Fire
- Dallas Morning News Inquires About COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
- RIGHT Care Continues Showing Success in its Numbers

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Please see the attached document compiling information provided to media outlets, during the period from December 8 – 15, 2020, for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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City Manager

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| Chris Caso, City Attorney                  | Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager  |
| Mark Swann, City Auditor                   | Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager  |
| Biliera Johnson, City Secretary            | Dr. Eric A. Johnson, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services |
| Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge     | M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer                                  |
| Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff    | M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion            |
| Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager | Directors and Assistant Directors  |

# Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



## PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



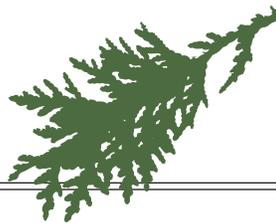
## PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



## LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



## After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

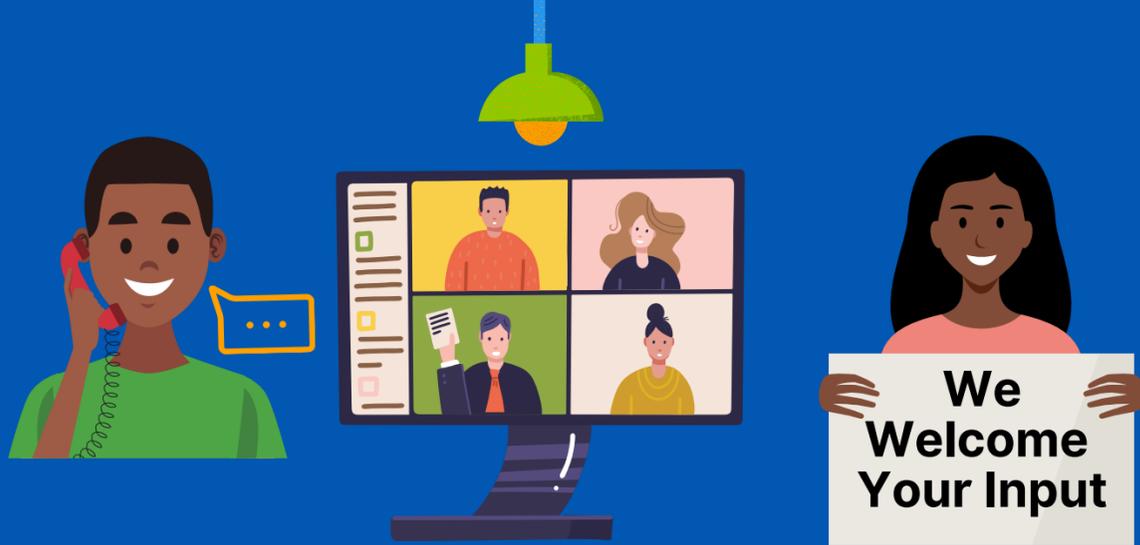
## FACTS

- ! More than **one of every four** home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes **one in every four** of the fires.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



# Virtual Neighborhood Public Meetings

## FY 2021-22 Consolidated Plan Budget

for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant Funds

**CDBG**



Community Development Block Grant



Home Investment Partnerships Program

Join us virtually as the City of Dallas staff discuss the budget development process for HUD Grant Funds and invite your input on the use of federal funds for low and moderate-income individuals and programs.

- Neighborhood Improvements
- Homebuyers Assistance

### Date & Time

LOG-ON

- Home Repair Assistance
- Youth Programs

- January 7, 7:00 P.M. : <https://bit.ly/CODHUD1>
- January 11, 6:00 P.M. : <https://bit.ly/CODHUD2>
- January 12, 10:00 A.M. : <https://bit.ly/CODHUD3>
- January 12, 6:00 P.M. : <https://bit.ly/CODHUD4>
- January 13, 12:00 P.M. : <https://bit.ly/CODHUD5>
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Spanish (888) 400-9342

Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing

Housing Support for Persons w/HIV or AIDS and their families



Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS



Emergency Solutions Grant

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service to fully participate in or attend any public hearing should notify the Office of Budget/Grants Administration Division at (214) 670-4557 or TTY 1-800-735-2989, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled meeting.  
 Toda persona que necesite un servicio o ayuda auxiliar para participar plenamente o asistir a cualquier audiencia pública debe notificar al Oficina de Presupuesto/División de Administración de Subsidios al (214) 670-4557 o TTY 1-800-735-2989, cuarenta y ocho (48) horas antes de la reunión programada.



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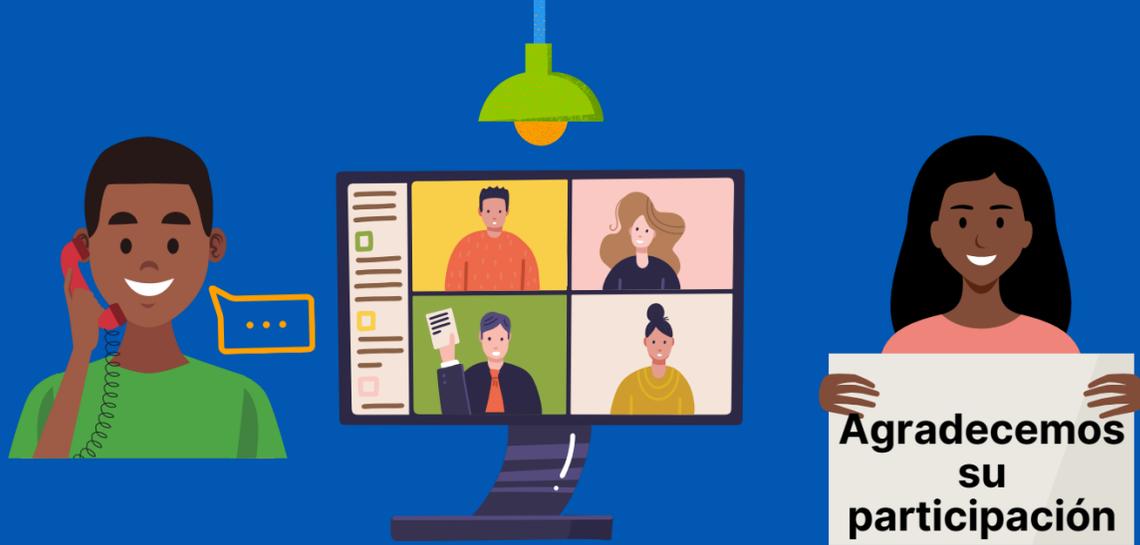
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# Reuniones públicas virtuales del vecindario

**Año fiscal 2021-22- Presupuesto del plan consolidado**  
 para los fondos de subvención del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD por sus siglas en inglés)



**Subsidio en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario**



**Programa de Sociedades para Inversión en Vivienda (HOME)**

Participe virtualmente mientras el personal de la Ciudad de Dallas discute el proceso de desarrollo del presupuesto para los fondos de subvención del HUD y solicite su opinión sobre la utilización de los fondos federales para las personas y los programas de ingresos bajos y moderados.

- Mejoras en el vecindario
- Asistencia a los compradores de vivienda

## Fecha y hora

CONÉCTATE

- Asistencia en la reparación del hogar
- Programas para jóvenes

- 7 de enero, 7:00 P.M. : <https://bit.ly/CODHUD1>
- 11 de enero, 6:00 P.M. : <https://bit.ly/CODHUD2>
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**Oportunidades de Vivienda para Personas con VIH/SIDA**



**Subsidio de Soluciones de Emergencia**

**Prevención de los sin techo y reubicación rápida**

**Apoyo a la vivienda para personas con VIH o SIDA y sus familias**

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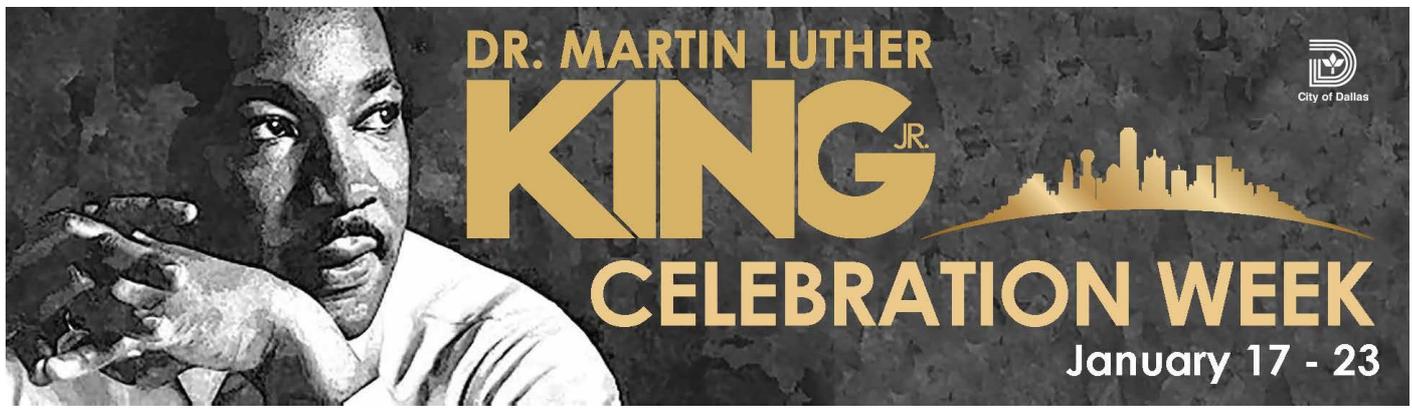
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## 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Essay Contest

The City of Dallas is pleased to announce the 2021 high school senior and college freshmen essay contest! The contest will award six scholarships up to \$5,000 (per award) to graduating high school seniors or first-year students accepted into a college-level educational institution (two-year college, four-year college, or trade school).

### Essay Contest Rules & Eligibility

1. [The 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest](#) is open to; 1. High School Seniors attending a City of Dallas High School; and 2. First-Year students (must have a permanent address within the City of Dallas) accepted into a collegiate educational institution (two-year college, four-year college, or trade school). These Scholarships are to help defray the cost of tuition, books, room and board, etc. Winners will be formally recognized at the **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship & Awards Gala** on Saturday, January 23, 2021.
2. Submission Deadline: **Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** [via submission portal](#).
3. One essay per student. Essays must be original, typed, and double-spaced; high school essays should not exceed 1,000 words and college essays should not exceed 1,500 words.
4. The cover sheet must contain the student's name, school, home/cellular phone number, address, and email address (**do not include this information in the body of the essay**).
5. Essays will be judged based on organization, content, voice, creativity, and grammatical structure.
6. Prior scholarship **winners** are ineligible to apply.

### Essay Theme: "The Fierce Urgency of Now"

"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there "is" such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action." — **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 1963**

### Essay Prompt

Describe a social justice problem, concern, or issue you would like to solve as it relates to ["The Fierce Urgency of Now."](#) It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance. Explain its significance to you and what steps you can take to identify a solution.

*Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered.*



THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:



# BADGES & BAGS

SATURDAY DEC. 19 2020  
1:00PM TO 3:00PM

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY  
CENTER PARKING LOT  
2922 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD.  
DALLAS, TX 75215

COME GET A BAG OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS  
TO GET YOU THROUGH THE WINTER

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# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

## DAILY CHALLENGE

1st Day of Christmas

- **PAY IT FORWARD**

2nd Day of Christmas

- **THANK A TEACHER**

3rd Day of Christmas

- **THANK A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL**

4th Day of Christmas

- **DONATE A BOOKS TO A DAYCARE**

5th Day of Christmas

- **BUY LUNCH FOR AN ESSENTIAL WORKER**

6th Day of Christmas

- **HELP OR DONATE TO HOMELESS SHELTER OR FOOD PANTRY**

7th Day of Christmas

- **SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD TO YOUR NEIGHBOR**

8th Day of Christmas

- **BE A SECRET SANTA TO A CO-WORKER**

9th Day of Christmas

- **DONATE PET FOOD TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER**

10th Day of Christmas

- **BUY SOMEONE A CUP OF COFFEE**

11th Day of Christmas

- **GIVE A GIFT CARD TO A STORE CLERK**

12th Day of Christmas

- **CONNECT WITH A LOVED ONE ON ZOOM, SOCIAL MEDIA, OR FACETIME**



# JOIN US

DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

**STARTS TODAY DECEMBER 14TH**

What better way to stay connected this holiday season than as a community we all do a daily random act of kindness. Email us a photo/selfie of your completed challenge to [dpdcommunityaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:dpdcommunityaffairs@gmail.com) we will post it! One Dallas One Community!

1st Day of Christmas  
**PAY IT FOWARD**



DALLAS POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

**Communications, Outreach and Marketing**  
**Media Requests**  
**December 8 – December 14**

**Date Submitted:** 12/8/2020

**Topic:** Writer Patrick Graves with the State Comptroller's Office inquired about the number of small cell permits (nodes etc.) approved by the City of Dallas to date. COM instructed Patrick to complete an Open Records Request to obtain that information.

**Submitted By:** Demeshia Jackson (Public Works)

**Media Entity:** Patrick Grave (State Comptroller's Office)

**Date Submitted:** 12/09/2020

**Topic:** D Magazine inquired about Dallas' parking code and the potential changes that may be made to the code. COM provided a detailed response from Sustainable Development & Construction that outline how the City Plan Commission (CPC) authorized a public hearing to consider amending Chapters 51 and 51A of the Dallas Development Code.

**Submitted By:** Demeshia Jackson (Sustainable Development & Construction)

**Media Entity:** Peter Simek, Senior Editor (D Magazine)

**Date Submitted:** 12/11/2020

**Topic:** Dallas Morning News requested the certificate of occupancy for Belly Button, at 2148 Royal Lane in Dallas. COM provided the following link [developdallas.dallascityhall.com/](http://developdallas.dallascityhall.com/) to request a copy of the occupancy certificate.

**Submitted By:** Demeshia Jackson (Sustainable Development & Construction)

**Media Entity:** Sarah Blaskovich, Food Writer (Dallas Morning News)

**Date Submitted:** 12/11/20

**Topic:** NBC 5 wanted to know if the City had any plans to handle evictions after the moratorium ends and what resources were available. COM provided information about the Dallas Eviction Assistance Initiative, the City of Dallas Eviction Ordinance and a list of resources for both Dallas and non-Dallas residents.

**Submitted By:** Demeshia Jackson (Office of Equity & Inclusion, Fair Housing)

**Media Entity:** Vince Sims, Reporter (NBC 5)

**Date Submitted:** 12/11/2020

**Topic:** Library Wifi Hotspots

**Inquiry:** Keri Mitchell, with Dallas Free Press inquired: "We're working on content around how to check out WiFi hotspots from neighborhood library branches. On WiFi in library parking lots:

- 1) Is this still happening?
- 2) Have any other libraries been added to the list?
- 3) Is there any tracking of whether/how/when people are using it?
- 4) Where have funds for both initiatives come from, and how much does each cost?
- 5) Besides library hot spots and parking lot WiFi, does the city have any other specific internet initiatives involving city buildings or city funding?

**The City's response:** On WiFi in library parking lots:

- 1)** Is this still happening? Yes - currently at 4 pilot locations: Paul Laurence Dunbar Lancaster-Kiest, Highland Hills, Prairie Creek and Dallas West Branches.
- 2)** Have any other libraries been added to the list? We are working with our IT department and the Digital Equity team to determine how to extend the WiFi at all branch library locations. It is a work in progress parallel with additional WiFi initiatives in neighborhoods.
- 3)** Is there any tracking of whether/how/when people are using it? Can you send me the unique logins for each branch since the initiative began, however you're tracking it? (hourly, daily, weekly, etc.) Our IT department can report the number of unique log ins to the WiFi but we do not collect any personal information on the users. Upon double-checking with the IT Department, they are still working on a solution to monitor the WiFi usage in the parking lots. The data we receive now is based on whole department use and is not broken out by location. Currently we only have anecdotal information regarding usage at our four pilot locations from Library Board Members stopping by and viewing users in the parking lots with their devices as well as staff watching the number of cars in the lots. Typically, we are noticing 4-5 users at any given time during the day, there is no evening monitoring currently.
- 4)** Where have funds for both initiatives come from, and how much does each cost? How much of the donation has been used for the pilot program, and what else is the donation being used for? The pilot program at the first four locations was part of a donation from Cisco. The total values of the donation are \$500,000. The \$500,000 is the value of the equipment that was donated by Cisco. All the equipment has been installed in the four selected libraries.
- 5)** Besides library hot spots and parking lot WiFi, does the city have any other specific internet initiatives involving city buildings or city funding? The City currently has the following projects underway using CARES Act Funding which is set to expire on December 30, 2020:
- Dallas ISD Private Cellular Network at Lincoln High School
  - Digital Navigators
  - Digital Navigators Program
  - Fiber Optic/Wireless Broadband Network
  - Laptops for Libraries: the library has ordered 1200 laptops that will be configured for customers to check out, just like a book or hotspot. We expect to have these ready for public use sometime in February.

**Submitted By:** Tenisha Bogan (Dallas Public Library)

**Media Entity:** Keri Mitchell, Dallas Free Press

**Date Submitted:** 12/14/2020

**Topic:** Material shingle removal at 9505 S. Central Expressway

**Inquiry:** CBS DFW, NBC DFW inquired about the removal timeline and photo opportunities when CM Atkins issues a press release announcing the removal of shingles at 9505 S. Central Expressway would soon begin. We responded to media inquiries as such: The city's contractors will spend the next several days preparing the site to ensure the removal process is both efficient and safe. Removal is estimated to take 90 days as noted in the attached press release. Be sure to monitor your inbox as a new press release will likely be issued once material removal begins.

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Mayor & City Council, City Attorney)

**Media Entity:** CBS DFW, NBC DFW

**Date Submitted:** 12/14/2020

**Topic:** S. Central Expressway

**Inquiry:** Is the city still pursuing legal action against the other defendants named in the city's lawsuit? City responded yes.

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Mayor & City Council | CAO)

**Media Entity:** Michael Phillis, Law 36.com

**Date Submitted:** 12/14/2020

**Topic:** Street Lane Striping

**Inquiry:** Dave Liber, WatchDog Reporter for the Dallas Morning News asked about who is responsible for updating road lines. Difficult to see lanes at night in the rain. Is painting going on in pandemic? If people have a specific complaint on this, who do they go to?

There are two scenarios when it relates to Pavement Marking Maintenance within the City's ROW. Typically, if there is a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) the restriping would be the responsibility of the Contractor under Public Works (PBW) control. However, in the event there is primarily maintenance of the existing roadway due to faded markings, this will be the responsibility of Transportation (TRN). Yes, we are still striping lanes, which depends on the weather and the impact of COVID19 on workforce availability. If someone has a compliment, complaint, or concern about lane striping in Dallas, please dial 311 or 214-670-3111. Or they can use the OurDallas Mobile app available on the app store or google play.

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Transportation)

**Media Entity:** Dave Liber, Reporter, Dallas Morning News

**Date Submitted:** 12/14/2020

**Topic:** Continued litigation and materials removal at 9505 S. Central Expressway

**Inquiry:** Ms. Cooper asked a number of questions regarding environmental health & safety as well as a better understanding of the court's judgment.

The City has engaged Modern Geosciences (with Dr. Kenneth Tramm) to oversee the environmental concerns associated with the removal event. Air monitoring will occur onsite and offsite to help confirm air quality meets appropriate standards to protect human health. Periodic reporting by Dr. Tramm will provide the community information on both the air quality and removal progress being made at the site. The judgment is a court order which authorizes the City to remove the material from the property. The parties reached an agreement in November 2020. However, pursuant to state law, the judgment was published for public comment for 30 days. Following the comment period, the judgment was filed with the court. The judgment was signed late last week.

The shingles will be deposited at the McCommas Bluff Landfill, which is prepared to receive this type of material.

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**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Mayor & City Council | OEQS | SAN )

**Media Entity:** Brooklynn Cooper, Dallas Morning News

**Date Submitted:** 12/14/2020

**Topic:** Zoning Inquiry

Inquiry: Ms. Mitchell inquired about a case that was held under advisement; the City prepared the following response:

Z190-158 is a request for a Planned Development District for office and mixed uses on the northeast corner of Gulden Lane and Singleton Blvd. The item is on the City Plan Commission agenda for Thursday. The case was held under advisement on December 3 to be heard December 17.

Link to the December 17, 2020 City Plan Commission agenda:

[https://dallascityhall.com/government/meetings/DCH%20Documents/12-17-2020\\_CPC\\_Docket.pdf](https://dallascityhall.com/government/meetings/DCH%20Documents/12-17-2020_CPC_Docket.pdf)

Link to City Plan Commission webpage where agendas for each meeting are posted

<https://dallascityhall.com/government/meetings/Pages/city-plan-commission.aspx>

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Mayor & City Council | SDC )

**Media Entity:** Keri Mitchell, Dallas Free Press



CITY OF DALLAS

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department  
Media Requests: December 8 – 14, 2020.

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: Fox News Channel (Hunter Davis)** - We are looking for a paramedic or two that may be able to talk to us about working through the Pandemic and what the response has been like for them? A lot of focus is on the doctors and nurses, but we were hoping to get a different perspective, those unsung heroes.

I am hoping we might be able to set something up with the Dallas Fire & Rescue for this story.

Thanks and I hope to hear from you soon!

**City Response** – Set up face-to-face interviews for the reporter with EMS Deputy Chief, Tami Kayea and Firefighter/Paramedic, Ryan Snow. The story can be seen at the following link: <https://www.foxnews.com/health/coronavirus-pandemic-crippling-ems-agencies>

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: WFAA 8 (Matt Howerton)** - Wanted to see if I could get a statement from DFR about the status of Station 30.

It's been out of service for a while now and I'm doing a story tonight about one homeowner at 3144 Catamore Ln who lost their home last week to a fire in that area.

The response came from station 35 instead and some on scene said the house could have been saved if 30 was operable.

**City Response** - In November 2019, Dallas Fire-Rescue Station #30 was evacuated due to structural concerns related to foundation issues. This decision was made for safety concerns after structural engineers, contracted through the City's Building Services (BS) Department, examined the station and recommended operations at the location immediately cease. In the time since, Engine 30 has responded out of Fire Station #35 (3839 Walnut Hill Lane) and Rescue 30 has responded from Fire Station #2 (4211 Northaven Road). The station is tentatively scheduled to reopen in the Summer of 2021; but until then, the department will continue to monitor its response times to ensure we are providing optimal service delivery to the citizens of Dallas.

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>: Univision 23 (Maritza Esquivel) and CBS 11 (Robbie Hoy)** - We would like to request information in regards to a apartment fire at 14618 Las Flores Dr.

**City Response** - At 19:52 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Watersong Villas Townhomes, located at 14618 Las Flores Drive, in North Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the two-story residential structure, they observed smoke and fire coming from the second floor. Command called for a second-alarm response at 20:00, but the fire is mostly contained at this point.

Thankfully, there were no reported injuries, but an unknown number of units have sustained varying degrees of fire, smoke and water damage. An unknown number of residents will be displaced as a result of the damage, but the American Red Cross has been notified to assist them with their needs.

The cause of the fire is currently undetermined.

**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>: Sent the following to all the local news desks –**

**What:** Drive-By Style (post) Graduation Celebration for Bryana Davis-Moore (Daughter of fallen DFR firefighter, Vincent Davis)

**When:** Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, @ 1:00 p.m.

**Where: Staging** at Mansfield Lake Ridge High School (101 Day Mier Rd, Mansfield, TX 76063)

**Background:** On Saturday, a community drive-by style parade will be held in honor of Breyana Davis-Moore's recent graduation, with a degree in Criminal Justice and forensic psychology, from the University of North Texas. Breyana is the youngest child of fallen Dallas Fire-Rescue firefighter, Vincent L. Davis, who died in the line of duty in February of 2002. She was just three years-old when her Father died; but in the years since, the fire department family (current and retired) has maintained close contact with the family, assisting in whatever matters and affairs it's been able to; which has helped the family to understand that it doesn't matter how long ago someone has passed.....when you become part of the fire department family, you are always a part of it. That being said, **AS A SURPRISE PARADE INCLUSION**, the engine from Fire Station 26 (the station at which Vince worked his entire career) will be making the drive to Mansfield to show the support of her extended family, to show her how proud we are of her and perhaps serve as an added reminder of how proud her Father would have been. More information about Vincent's death can be found at [this link](#); and a tribute to him, by his nephew Albert Patterson, Jr., can be heard [here](#).

**Contacts:**

- **Albert Patterson, Jr. (Vincent Davis' nephew)** – Phone: (678) 360-4775; Email: [multiplyingdreams@gmail.com](mailto:multiplyingdreams@gmail.com). Mr. Patterson is the point of contact chosen to speak on behalf of the family and potentially arrange interviews (after the event) with other family members, to include Breyana.
- **Milton Williams (retired DFR and dear friend of Vince's)** – Phone: (214) 212-7599; Email: [milwill26@gmail.com](mailto:milwill26@gmail.com). Milton is overseeing staging, while serving as the point of contact chosen to speak on behalf of the fire department family, and arrange interviews with other parties who played a significant role.

**MEDIA** : If you are planning to send a photographer to this event, it has been asked that you arrive at Noon so you can coordinate with Milton Williams on interviews, as well as find out the best locations to set up without giving away the surprise. If you are unable to commit that early, then please arrive as early as possible.

The Advisory resulted in positive local news coverage which can be seen at the following links (there story also went national) -

**WFAA 8** - <https://www.wfaa.com/video/news/local/her-firefighter-dad-died-years-ago-now-his-station-drove-by-and-supported-her-at-her-unt-graduation/287-de77f61a-dcfc-4d64-b407-60bb9e818797>

**Fox 4 News** - <https://www.fox4news.com/news/firefighters-hold-special-graduation-parade-for-daughter-of-fallen-dallas-firefighter>

**CBS 11** - <https://dfw.cbslocal.com/video/5063353-daughter-of-fallen-dallas-firefighter-surprised-at-college-graduation-celebration/>

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: Telemundo (Joanna Molinero) and Fox 4 (Steven Young)** - I am reaching out regarding a possible Water Call at LRH -**2020278513**

**City Response** – DFR units were assigned to this call at 17:17, after someone saw a wooden boat, about 100 -150 yards off-shore on fire in the water. Thankfully, there were no passengers on board this boat, and the fire burned itself out before firefighters arrived. The cause is undetermined.

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: Dallas Morning News (Bailey Everton)** - I hope all is well with you both. Is it known yet whether Dallas city government will receive any of the first batch of COVID-19 vaccines being distributed now? If the city isn't getting any from the first shipment, has the governor's office indicated when or if the city will be given any of the vaccines to administer directly?

**City Response** - The City has yet to be approved as a provider at this point. That being said, the answer to both of those questions is no.

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: Dallas Morning News (Hayat Norimine)** - I'm hoping to get some updated numbers on the RIGHT Care program and how it's been working for the city. I'd love to get this by the end of today if possible:

-number of behavioral health calls DPD typically responds to in a year

-when/where exactly the RIGHT Care program was launched

-any numbers that indicate a change since the RIGHT Care program was launched. I'm specifically interested in the number of Dallas County jail bookings involving mental health, or the number of officer-involved shootings involving mental health cases before and after the program started.

**City Response** -

-number of behavioral health calls DPD typically responds to in a year – From 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019, DPD responded to 15,720 mental health calls.

-when/where exactly the RIGHT Care program was launched - Launched in January 2018 in South Central Dallas. Fully covering zip codes 75203, - 216, -232 and -241; and partially covering 75224 and -237.

-any numbers that indicate a change since the RIGHT Care program was launched. I'm specifically interested in the number of Dallas County jail bookings involving mental health – From 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2016 (the time period used in part to justify the teams implementation), 3,526 bookings involved a behavioral health emergency; from 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 there were 2,746 such bookings.

