

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 17, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – December 16, 2021**

New Updates

[DRTRR Closes Another Encampment Through Housing!](#)

Having closed its first encampment through housing on Friday October 29th, the DRTRR team of homeless service providers, co-led by the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) and Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA), is currently targeting several additional encampments, which will result in closure through the housing of those unsheltered individuals before the end of the year.

The OHS & MDHA co-led encampment decommissioning group did a phenomenal job getting people experiencing homelessness approved for housing this week! The encampment decommissioning took place near Bonnie View Road and Cedardale Drive, in District 8. The team included CitySquare, Catholic Charities, The Bridge, and Stewpot, who worked at the travel center and library to help provide IDs and fill out documents for housing. The final week of housing unsheltered individuals at these sites is the culmination of over a month of on-the-groundwork with encampment residents to assess their needs and prepare them to apply for and move into housing. The final week entails activities like:

- Partnering case managers transporting the clients to the library to receive assistance with apartment leases
- Transporting clients to the Stewpot for services
- And the best part of the process: transporting the unsheltered residents to their new apartments and welcoming them to their units with [We Come Home kits](#).



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MDHA will be hosting regular 'Meet and Lease' events, bringing together the various components of the rehousing system to streamline housing placements. These events represent collective impact in action, leveraging the strengths and assets of a broad array of partners. Service providers, housing authorities, and landlords will join with a commitment to finding housing options for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community. In the new year, 'Meet and Lease' events will be hosted throughout Dallas and Collin Counties to promote equitable access to housing resources.

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. During this time, the OHS Street Outreach Team will continue to engage with unsheltered residents through normal street outreach, connecting people with resources. Unsheltered residents will have access to obtaining IDs, 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 December 13 – 17, and 20 – 24. Please note that these will be for debris removal and outreach only. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Christine Crossley Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.



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['Tis The Season to Donate/Partner with a Local Charity!](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) and its partner, Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) are encouraging those that want to give back this holiday season to forgo street charity and instead donate or partner with the shelters that serve the homeless. With contributions from individuals, families, churches, and businesses, the shelters can sustain and maintain a level of care and support that grows exponentially during the winter months. For a list of service providers that are accepting donations please visit the Homeless Collaborative (CoC) website [here](#). You may also choose to distribute the Charitable Giving flyers on your social media or emails. [English version](#). [Spanish version](#). Please also stay tuned for an upcoming email with shareable graphics around MDHA's DRTRR-based "[We Come Home](#)," campaign. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Christine Crossley Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.

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

The Community Development Commission (CDC), along with staff from Budget and Management Services (BMS), will host six public engagement meetings, beginning January 6-20, 2022. The purpose of these meetings is to encourage residents and nonprofit organizations to provide comments and input on the potential uses for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds of the FY 2022-23 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan grants include: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) programs, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). These grants allow the City of Dallas to improve the physical, economic and social conditions of Dallas' diverse communities. Information on the dates, times, and links to join these virtual meetings are published on the BMS Community Development website: <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/budget/communitydevelopment/Pages/default.aspx>. The attached flyers and shareable social media graphics, in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese 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.

[DFR Wildland Team Deployed to Wildfires in Electra, Texas](#)

On Friday, December 10, a Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) Wildland Fire Group, in response to a State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR), was activated to respond to a wildfire in Electra, Texas. The team was deployed to northwest Texas where they were staged and briefed on needs and assignments. They were designated Strike Team 131, and assigned to patrol the Eastern head of the fire, while looking for any active burning within 30-60 feet of the fire-line. They insured all hotspots within their areas of responsibility were completely extinguished, while remaining available as an initial attack team on any fires that might start back up in the region. DFR Wildland medics are also on standby for response by request of the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force. All members of the team are doing well and representing the City in an exemplary fashion. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Dominique Artis, Fire Chief for the Dallas Fire Department.

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Planning & Urban Design Hosted Neighborhood Listening Sessions for Neighborhood Leaders

As a part of the recent reorganization of the Planning and Urban Design Department (PUD), the department is initiating new and comprehensive strategies to assess existing planning processes to improve efficiency, inclusiveness, equity and sustainability. Even prior to the reorganization and inclusion of the Sustainable Development and Construction Department with Planning & Urban Design, staff began meeting with neighborhood coalitions to hear their concerns and ideas regarding neighborhood planning. To gain additional insight, the department hosted three listening sessions with neighborhood leaders to prompt additional input.

The Neighborhood Planning Process was identified as one of the first processes slated for internal review and redesign, with the goal of establishing a transparent process, more inclusive grass-roots engagement, and ongoing partnerships with neighborhood organizations.

Some of the key themes and consistent feedback included:

- Establishing a process by which neighborhoods can create implementable plans that are adopted or included in City departments strategic plans that will address neighborhood concerns; specially to increase affordable housing, neighborhood stability, equity, and fewer environmental impacts
- Request to identify a specific webpage/dashboard to obtain updates, information, and resources
- Request for robust community engagement and capacity building/empowerment
- Ensure that neighborhood planning processes are as streamlined, efficient and implementation focused as possible

The feedback from these initial listening sessions will be used to refine a draft of an updated department neighborhood planning process, expected by the first of the coming year. PUD will host future listening sessions to review the draft with neighborhood leaders and gather additional input prior to finalizing any updated process. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Julia Ryan, Interim Director for the Office of Planning & Urban Design.

Redistricting

The Redistricting Commission met on Monday, December 13, and received an update on the redistricting plan submission process, the redistricting website and the mapping tool.

The Commission hosted their first of eight-townhall/listening sessions on Saturday, December 11, 2021. The next townhall will take place on Thursday, December 16 at Beckley Saner Recreation Center at 6:30 p.m. Individuals who wish to speak during a Redistricting Town Hall should register at bit.ly/2021RDCTH by 10 a.m. the day of the

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meeting. All speakers who signed up before the deadline will have three minutes to speak related to the redistricting process. Please note, this meeting is only offered in person. Virtual participants can join us for our last townhall meeting at City Hall on February 10 at 6:30 p.m. For a complete list of all Redistricting Commission meetings, including townhalls, visit DallasRedistricting.com. We encourage you to send this information to your various constituencies.

The Office of Communications, Outreach and Marketing has been promoting the Redistricting Townhalls via social media, blog posts, text alerts, PSAs, and outdoor digital advertising.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Director of the Office of Government Affairs at brett.wilkinson@dallascityhall.com.

Annual Point in Time Count

Preparation for the 2022 Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count is underway. The annual count is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is the responsibility of Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA), the lead agency of the Continuum of Care (CoC) for Dallas and Collin Counties. The 2022 Count is scheduled to begin the evening of January 25 running through the evening of January 31, 2022 and will be conducted by a combination of volunteers and street outreach teams from various organizations in the CoC. Dallas. As the largest city in the CoC, Dallas is once again taking an active role in supporting our partners at MDHA. If you would like to participate in the count as the leader of a four-member team, please contact Gloria Sandoval, Program Administrator, in the Office of Homeless Solutions. Please provide names and e-mail addresses for all team members. Please note that all individuals must be vaccinated against COVID-19. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Christine Crossley Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.

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
BRZ22-00018138	Emergency Solutions Grant II Additional Funding
BKZ22-00017991	Investment Advisor Services
BBZ22-00018097	Medstat Rescue All-Terrain Vehicles
BV22-00018179	Printed Utility Bill Inserts

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](#).

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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](#)

January 5, 2021

- On-Street Parking and Curb Lane Management Policy
- Vision Zero Action Plan
- Traffic Signal Infrastructure for Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Technology

[Media Inquiries](#)

As of December 13, 2021, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- DFR Holds Funeral Service for Loss of Active-Duty Captain
- DFR to Begin De-Escalation Training for Its Members
- Firefighters Save Commercial Structure from Burning in Northwest Dallas
- Thirteen Residents Displaced and One Injured Following North Dallas Apartment Fire
- Firefighter Injured During Aftermath of Northeast Dallas Apartment Fire
- COVID Water Testing
- Building Permit Question
- Public's Ability to Access Police Reports
- Dallas ITS

The City has received other media requests from various news outlets at the following links: [Communications, Outreach and Marketing](#) or [Dallas Fire Rescue](#).

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



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c: Chris Caso, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge

Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager
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Dr. Eric A. Johnson, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer

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Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager

M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion
Directors and Assistant Directors

Encampment Resolution (Cleaning) Schedule December 13th-December 23rd, 2021

LOCATION	LOCATION
12/13/2021-12/17/2021	12/20/2021-12/23/3021
Frankford and Gibbons	8901 RL Thornton Freeway
7575 Frankford Rd	4200 S. Polk Street
N Central Expressway and 635/LBJ underpass	St. Francis and I30
Forrest and 75 (Both Sides)	
911 Barry Ave.	
2403-2407 North Fitzhugh Ave	
2700 Taylor Street	

Fechas y horas

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