

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 13, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – September 12, 2019**

Updated Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule – September 10, 2019 & September 17, 2019](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on:

September 10, 2019	September 17, 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8008 Forest Lane/North Central at Forest Lane (District 10)• 11197 Walnut Hill Lane/Lyndon B Johnson Freeway at Walnut Hill Lane (District 10)• 3090 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway/Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway at Webb Chapel (District 6)• Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway at Midway Road (District 13)• North Stemmons at Walnut Hill Lane (District 6)• 1105 Regal Row/North Stemmons Freeway at Regal Row (District 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2929 Hickory Street (District 7)• 1800 South Boulevard (District 7)• 1107 South Riverfront Boulevard (District 2)• 600 Barry Avenue (District 2)• 3900 South Lamar Street (District 7)• 2292 E R L Thornton Freeway East bound (District 2)

OHS Street Outreach team will continue to engage with homeless individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. OHS Community Mobilization staff are meeting with stakeholders to determine long-term sustainability of encampment sites and will provide periodic updates. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, and Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

Welcoming Week

The Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs (WCIA) will be participating in Dallas' Second Annual Welcoming Week September 12-22, 2019. The schedule of events is attached. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Liz Cedillo-Pereria, Chief of Equity and Inclusion.

Community Clean! Initiative Update

Community Clean!, an initiative by the Department of Code Compliance Services (CCS), kicked off this evening in Council District 8, with a community engagement meeting on Thursday, September 12, from 6:00pm-7:00pm at 3624 Simpson Stuart, Dallas, TX 75241. Residents and staff will discuss the details of the upcoming "Walk and Talk" on September 16, 2019. Since the program's inception in June 2019, CCS has mowed over 533 vacant lots, collected 1,288 piles of litter, removed 443 tons of bulk trash, collected and disposed 392 tires, abated 287 violations by residents and 862 violations by CCS staff. Should you have any questions or concerns, please

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contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, or Carl Simpson, Director of Code Compliance Services.

New Items

[Aviation/UTA Career Development Center](#)

The Department of Aviation (AVI), as part of a developing relationship with the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), invited UTA seniors to serve as fellows during a two-week internship. The internship provided the students with real-world experience in areas related to their current fields of study. Students were introduced to scenarios, addressed critical tasks, and assisted with major projects at Love Field Airport. The students were selected as part of the Transportation Leadership Institute (TLI), an organization formed between UTA and DART, with the mission to develop a highly skilled workforce in the transportation industry. The TLI is open to select seniors at UTA who are interested in a career in the transportation field and AVI is seeking to become a partner in this program to leverage access to top talent readiness to fill the talent pipeline. In addition, AVI will be participating in several job fairs at UTA over the coming months and the entire group of students from the TLI will spend several Saturdays with the department's executive leadership in March. The goal of this visit is to help students learn more about Love Field, to expose them to the City, build name recognition, and develop highly qualified recruits for employment. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Duebner, Director of Aviation.

[Bachman Transfer Station Repairs](#)

Beginning today, the Bachman Transfer Station will only accept waste from City collection vehicles due to an extended repair schedule. The Bachman Transfer Station at 9500 Harry Hines Boulevard will be repaired on October 31 instead of the originally scheduled date of September 30. Repairs include an exterior wall and an interior wall reinforcement upgrade. Engineers need to conduct a supplementary assessment due to recent additional deterioration and with the change in conditions, a portion of the waste processing area will be restricted while they determine what is needed to safely and full reopen the facility. Commercial and residential customers will be directed to use alternative disposal options and may utilize the McCommas Bluff Landfill Monday-Friday. **The Northwest and Southwest transfer stations will be available for residents only, on Wednesdays and Saturdays.** Signage will be posted at the front of the Bachman Transfer Station and staff will be available to assist customers at the entrance. Information will also be available on the department's [website](#). Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager or Kelly High, Director of Sanitation Services.

[DAS Featured by the New York Times](#)

On Tuesday, September 3, 2019, the *New York Times* released an article highlighting Dallas Animal Services' (DAS) success in dramatically reducing its euthanasia rate while still increasing its intake of loose dogs. A *Times* reporter and photographer spent two days with DAS in the shelter and field in order to gain insight into the complex issues surrounding animal sheltering and live release rates. DAS has increased its live release rates from 50% to 91% in just two years of establishing its own department. You may read the *Times* article [here](#). Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, and Ed Jamison, Director of Dallas Animal Services.

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Fire Station Updates

On Monday, September 30, the Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) Fire Station 46 will be abandoned for demolition and rebuilding. Stations 36 and 59 are moving into interior design concepts and exterior materials starting September 24. The current plan for Station 19 is to rebuild the apparatus bay only with a scheduled completion date of December 2019. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager.

Agenda Process Update

The City Manager's Office will no longer have addendums to a posted agenda. On September 13, the Agenda Office will distribute internally a DRAFT agenda for the September 25, 2019 City Council Voting Agenda. The DRAFT agenda will provide City Council an opportunity to view agenda items and provide questions to staff ahead of the meeting. The FINAL agenda will be posted with the City Secretary's Office on September 20, 2019. Any changes, revisions, or additions made to the DRAFT agenda will be outlined in a cover memorandum to the FINAL agenda. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

Media Inquiries

As of September 8, 2019, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Gas Line Breach Shuts Down 11 Businesses in NW Dallas
- Three People Escape East Dallas House Fire
- Power Lines Down Take Out Power to Multiple East Dallas Homes
- Garage Fire Destroys North Dallas Home
- Dallas Trail Extension
- Demolition of a Seven Story Building

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the September 4– September 8, 2019 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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**City of Dallas
Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
September 2 – September 9**

Date: Sept. 3, 2019

Topic: Dallas trail extension to Irving's Trinity View Park

Summary of Statement: Referred to DWU for more info

Department: Dallas Water Utilities

Media Entity: Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Date: Sept. 4, 2019

Topic: Sept. 15 implosion

Summary of Statement: A demolition permit was issued to on July 2, 2019 for the demolition of a 7-story office building located at 2727 Turtle Creek Blvd.

Department: Sustainable Development and Construction

Media Entity: WFAA

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: September 2 - 8, 2019.

Wednesday, September 4th: All local media outlets – Can we have more information about a gas leak on Denton Drive?

City Response - At 10:16 Dallas Fire-Rescue was called out to the 11100 block of Denton Drive, after a construction crew struck what was reported as a 6 inch gas line between Walnut Hill Lane and Southwell Road.

Traffic was shut down between along Denton Drive between the referenced streets, and Atmos Energy was notified to come out and address the issue. Though the gas levels in the area have dissipated since the breach was originally reported, there was a total of 11 businesses that had to be evacuated as a result of the incident.

Inquiries regarding whether the leak impacted the DART rail line should be directed to DART, and those regarding an estimated time for the work to be completed to should be directed to Atmos Energy.

Currently, all businesses remain evacuated and Atmos is still in the process of fixing the leak.

Thursday, September 5th: WFAA 8 (Maci Smith) and NBC 5 (Stephanie Smith) - Is there any information available regarding a 2 alarm fire in the 9400 block of Meadowknoll Dr. around 4:15am this morning?

City Response - At 04:05 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for structure fire at a home, located at the 9400 block of Meadowknoll Drive, in East Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the one-story residence, they observed flames coming through the roof of the home. Due to the fire already being in its advanced stages, Command requested a second-alarm response. Thankfully, crews had the fire contained and extinguished in just under an hour.

There were three adults in the house when the fire began. Thankfully, they all made it out safely prior to the arrival of first responders.



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Fire Investigators determined that the fire cause was accidental in nature, and began as the most probable result of an electrical short. The fire traveled vertically inside of the wall space, and made its way into the attic, before eventually breaking through the roof; leaving behind significant damage.

Thursday, September 5th: NBC 5 (Joanna Molinero) - Could you please provide us information regarding an incident that occurred June 10th after 12pm at the residence located on 11830 Flaming Lane, home owner said she called Dallas Fire department after the storms cause a tree branch to fall on a power/service line.

Home owner tell us that according to them, the ONCOR crew reconnected the power line and that caused electrical sparks/small fire prompting her to call the Dallas Fire Department.

Is there any way you could go back to your files to see if Dallas Fire responded to an electrical fire at that residence on June 10th or 11th?

City Response - I show that we were dispatched to this address on June 11th, at 3:28 p.m. Reports indicate the 911 caller stated hearing a "loud pop from power being turned on". The caller also claimed to smell smoke. We can't confirm what happened prior to DFR's arrival, but there was no fire or electrical arcing when our personnel arrived.

On the same day, at 8:03 p.m. we were dispatched to 11426 Flamingo Lane, after a 911 caller reported a transformer popping and sparking in the alley; causing a small fire in the trees. Unfortunately, there's no available information on what our members observed once they arrived.

On June 12th, at 7:51 a.m, DFR was dispatched back to 11830 Flamingo Lane, because there were power lines down in the back yard. The lines were not popping or arcing, so its unclear if these were a new development or if they were just the same ones that were down the day before.

Sunday, September 8th: NBC 5 (Karen Ballesteros) and Univision 23 (Jehova Azucena) -

Do you have any information on a fire at 6219 Preston Creek Dr?

City Response - At 21:31 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at a home, located at the 6200 block of Preston Creek Drive, in North Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the location, they observed smoke and fire coming from the home's garage. The deployed handlines and initiated an offensive fire attack, but the fire was so far into its advanced stages that the operation shifted to a defensive posture not too long after.

Ultimately, a second alarm was requested to help mitigate the situation, and the fire was declared extinguished just before Midnight.

There were two people, a husband and wife, in the home when the fire was discovered, but both were able to make it out of the home safely prior to DFR's arrival. Reportedly, the husband walked into the kitchen and began smelling smoke. He opened the door leading into the garage, saw heavy black smoke and called 911 while escaping with his wife.

Though investigators were able to determine the fire began in the garage, they were unable to conduct an internal investigation due to the extensive damage; which resulted from the fire and a major roof collapse. As a result, the cause of the fire is undetermined.