

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 17, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – May 14, 2019**

Updated Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule – May 14, 2019 & May 21, 2019](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on May 14, 2019 and May 21, 2019:

May 14, 2019	May 21, 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2600 Taylor St (District 2)• 300 Henry St (District 2)• 1900 E R L Thornton Freeway (District 2)• 2100 E R L Thornton Freeway (District 2)• 1100 South Ervay St (District 2)• 1800 South Blvd (District 7)• 4040 Commerce St (District 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8907 Lyndon B Johnson Service Road (Behind TI property near 75) (District 10)• 2380 West Northwest Highway/Harry Hines at Northwest Highway (District 6)• Interstate I-35 at Medical District (District 6)

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, or Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

[2500/2600 Louise and Dawson Street Encampment Closure and Site Hardening](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has identified 2500/2600 Louise and Dawson Street between Good Latimer and Malcolm X in Council District 7 as an encampment site in need of permanent closure due to health and safety concerns. Closure is scheduled for 9:00 am on Friday, May 17, 2019. OHS is leading a collaborative effort to connect persons experiencing homelessness that have been residing at Louise and Dawson Streets to shelter and resources. Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) is spearheading the outreach efforts. After closure and cleaning of the site, OHS will repair and secure the fence with a lock box and Dallas Police Department (DPD) will assist OHS in continuous monitoring. The closure of this site is aligned with the OHS's implementation of site hardening and reclamation strategy. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler-Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer or Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

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New Items

[Older Americans Month and Health Fair](#)

On Thursday, May 16, 2019 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at Centennial Hall in Fair Park, the Dallas Police Department (DPD) Community Affairs Office will host a vendor table at the Older Americans Month and Health Fair. Neighborhood Patrol Officers will be available to provide safety information as well as department information for event attendees. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Renee Hall, Chief of Police.

[Coffee with Cops](#)

On Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9:00 am-11:00 am, the Dallas Police Department (DPD) will host Coffee with Cops at participating McDonalds' locations listed on the attached flyer. This is a great opportunity for constituents to meet and enjoy some coffee with Neighborhood Patrol Officers and DPD command staff. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Renee Hall, Chief of Police.

[Love Field's 3rd Annual 5k on the Runway](#)

The Department of Aviation will host its third annual 5K on the Runway on Saturday, May 18, 2019. The race is set to begin at 8:00 am and runners will travel on Love Field's runway 13L/31R (the one nearest Lemmon Avenue). This year's race is on pace to be the largest so far with nearly 2,500 participants expected. The event has continued to grow in popularity as participants experience the fun of running or walking on an airport runway and the flattest 5k course in Dallas. City of Dallas employees can receive 15% off race registration using the promo code: CITYSTAFF. Registration fee is \$50 and the race is open to all ages. For more information regarding the race, visit www.lovefield5k.com. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Duebner, Director of Aviation.

[Operation Beautification](#)

The City will be coordinating Operation Beautification, a biannual event featuring neighborhood clean-ups throughout Dallas, on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Sanitation Services will provide special trash collection following the event. Residents or neighborhood groups are encouraged to register through 311 Customer Service and may do so until 5:00pm on May 15, 2019. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Peer Chacko, Director, Planning and Urban Design.

[Bulk and Brush Collection Rescheduled](#)

Due to spring volume surges and unfavorable weather, Week 1 of bulk and brush collection was delayed. Sanitation Services crews will be joined by Code Compliance, Public Works, and outside contractors to ensure that collection gets back on schedule. Week 1 is to be completed by Tuesday, May 14, and Week 2 by Saturday, May 18. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelly High, Director of Sanitation Services.

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Media Inquiries

As of May 13, 2019, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Paid Sick Leave
- Diaper Ordinance
- Mosquito Vector Abatement
- Potholes

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the May 8, 2019-May 13, 2019 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
May 6 – May 13

May 6, 2019; Minju Park, NBC 4 Los Angeles

I'm with the Investigative Team for NBC LA, and I'm researching vector abatement programs in several cities.

I'd like to get some more information regarding the mosquito abatement team for Dallas County. I've been in contact with the public information officer for the Dallas County Health & Human Services, but she said the city collects data about this, and referred me in this direction for these questions:

- How much funding is allocated annually to the team? (most recent figures would be best)
- How many employees are employed within the team?
- What are the main responsibilities?

There's some numbers available regarding funding and employees, but I believe that's for the entire Department. If possible, I'd like to get numbers specifically for the mosquito abatement team.

City Response:

- How much funding is allocated annually to the team? (most recent figures would be best) \$524,000
- How many employees are employed within the team? During the mosquito season we have 5 regular full -time staff and 15 additional employees that work part-time during mosquito season . 10 are available to assist with mosquito abatement activities daily. We have another 10 employees that assist with spray operations in the evening.
- What are the main responsibilities? Employees that work on the mosquito trap team are responsible for setting and collecting assigned mosquito traps daily, other employees are responsible for responding to citizen mosquito breeding complaints, applying chemical treatments to known and potential breeding sites, as well as conducting spray operations in evening.

May 7, 2019; Alyssa Woulfe, WFAA Content Editor

WFAA TV is seeking additional details regarding a recent incident that occurred at 2323 Winthrop Drive in Dallas.

The woman claims her next door neighbor's dog jumped their fence and killed one of their pet chickens.

Was DAS notified of this? If so, what information is available? If it helps, the woman says her case number is #1900505846.

City Response: This is an active investigation, so we cannot comment on it at this time.

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May 7, 2019; Robbie Owens, CBS 11 Reporter

It's spring time and that means the constant rain is also making a mess of city streets. Can we tag along for a bit while a crew makes pothole repairs? What should citizens do if they spot one that might be dangerous or is bad enough to cause a wreck? Should citizens call 311 to report? Are crews working overtime, trying to keep up?

City Response: Yes – 311 is still the fastest way for residents to alert the City about potholes. Pothole requests are forwarded to Public Works crews immediately after being received at 311. Heavy rain may slow down repairs since the ground has to be dry to repair the pot hole. Once the weather warms up, Public Works will have crews doing “pothole patrols” working longer shifts to fill potholes around the City.

May 7, 2019; Maritza Esquivel, Univision 23 Assignment Editor / Producer

We would like to request information in regards to boxes of crawfish in state of decomposition that were apparently left behind by somebody at the alley area of 3218 Story Lane. The resident who called to report this to us says that he called “311” to report it but they told him it was his responsibility to pick it up. In addition, he mentioned that the city picks up his trash in front of his house and not behind. Therefore, we wanted to verify with you to see if this is part of the city’s policy. Or what department can be contacted for this type of situation so that the crawfish can be picked up.

City Response: Trash in this neighborhood is typically collected from the front of the house, so Sanitation staff wouldn’t have seen these boxes on a collection day. Sanitation is sending a crew to collect this trash. Calling 311 is the best solution to get an issue such as this addressed. I can’t confirm anything about this specific 311 call at this time; I will have more information about it tomorrow.

May 8, 2019; Lori Brown, Reporter, FOX 4

Has the city been notified if Phillip Jones with Visit Dallas is stepping down? We heard that rumor. Also, are there going to be any council briefings with Visit Dallas coming up? I recall they were supposed to provide an update to Council in May. Thanks.

City Response (after Visit Dallas press release was issued): Hi Lori, the briefing regarding Visit Dallas audit is set for May 15.

May 9, 2019; Marysol Gonzalez, Assignment Manager, Univision

I wanted to know if there is anyway for us to know the outcome of votes that took place yesterday or confirm any information, since we were not present in the board meeting yesterday? I’m interested in the diaper changing tables matter, want to know what decision was made? As well as the decision on Atmos Energy Hike Request? Thank you very much

City Response: Council passed the diaper changing table ordinance. The Atmos Energy rate hike request was rejected.

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May 9, 2019; Allie Spillyards, Reporter, NBC 5

I'm reaching out to get some info on the diaper changing ordinance that passed last night. How soon does it go into effect? Who must follow the new requirement to have a diaper changing accommodation in at least one women's and men's rooms? I'm working on a story for 10 tonight.

City Response: The ordinance approved by the City Council last night is available in its entirety in the section for Agenda Item #8 here:

https://dallascityhall.com/government/Council%20Meeting%20Documents/Final%20Agenda_May%208,%202019.pdf The excerpts below are responsive to your specific questions: SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so ordained.

May 10, 2019; Deborah Tam, Editor/author, Thomson Reuters

I am an editor/author with Thomson Reuters. Recently the City Council approved an ordinance for paid sick leave. Does the ordinance require additional readings or mayoral approval or is the ordinance approval process completed? Additionally, could I obtain a copy of the ordinance.

City Response: The paid sick leave ordinance passed and is set to go into effect in August. You can read all the documents in the April 24, 2019 Council Agenda here - https://dallascityhall.com/government/Council%20Meeting%20Documents/Final%20Agenda_April%2024,%202019.pdf They're bookmarked for each agenda item, the item in question is #46.

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: May 6th – May 12th, 2019.

Monday, May 6th: All local news desks – May we have more information about an accident that DFR is responding to involving a DART bus?

City Response - At 13:02 Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a 911 call for a Motor Vehicle Accident after a collision, involving two vehicles and a DART bus, happened at the intersection of East Ledbetter Drive and Rocky Ridge Road. Among the resources dispatched, DFR sent 6 rescue units to the scene. A total of 10 people (9 adults and 1 child) were taken to local hospitals, to include Veteran's Hospital, Dallas Methodist and Charlton Methodist, with non-life-threatening injuries.

Tuesday, May 7th: Dallas Morning News (Cassandra Jaramillo) – Can you advise me on the number of Active Duty Deaths DFR has had over the past 5 years? Specifically, was William Scott Tanksley's death determined to be Line of Duty, and if Steve Washington and Dennis Page retired prior to their deaths to affect certain benefits for their families?

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City Response – William Scott Tanksley’s death was determined to be Line of Duty. Additionally, the only member I can confirm retired prior to passing away, to affect benefits for his family, was Stephen Washington. However, Dennis Page’s retirement was due to his inability to effectively do his job; not the benefits.

The final tally, for the number of active duty deaths over the past 5 years, is 11.

Friday, May 10th: All local news desks – Reaching out for information on a possible body recovery at LBJ & Bonnie View Road.

City Response - At 14:57 Dallas Fire-Rescue was called out to a body of water, near LBJ Freeway and Bonnie View Road intersection, after a witness reported seeing an unidentified body floating face-down on top of the water.

DFR units arrived on the scene, confirmed that it was in fact a body and called for the Swift Water Rescue team to affect recovery efforts.

Swift Water Technicians extracted the body from the water just after 18:00 and transferred custody to the Medical Examiner. We will not be releasing any details related to the body's identification, as that will have to be something acquired either through law enforcement or the Medical Examiner.

Saturday, May 11th: All local news desks – Do you have any information about a fire that broke out on Army Avenue early this morning? We’re hearing that it may have ignited twice. Was anyone injured in this fire? Any word on what may have happened?

City Response - On Friday, May 10th, at 22:37, Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at a home, located at 110 South Navy Avenue, in West Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the large two-story home, they observed flames coming from the first-floor kitchen window. The flames extended into some of the adjacent rooms of the home, but firefighters were able to mount an offensive fire attack and extinguish the flames; leaving moderate damage mostly in the kitchen area.

A few hours later, on May 11th, around 02:30, DFR responded to the same location for another fire. When first responding companies arrived, they observed flames coming from the same location of the home; except this time the fire was a lot larger as the flames had already extended vertically into some of the second-floor rooms. The fire was fought mostly from a defensive posture, as ladder towers and hand-lines were deployed to drown out the flames. After a second alarm response, which resulted in the efforts of approximately 45 - 50 firefighters, the fire was declared extinguished just over an hour later.

Though the home does have an occupant, there was no one there at the time of either fire; and no injuries were reported. Investigators believe both fires originated near the kitchen area of the home, but the causes are undetermined.

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Sunday, May 12th: All local media news desks - Can you provide more information about the church fire at 3936 S Denley Dr?

City Response - Our units were first assigned to this incident at 04:37. The structure was fully involved, with fire coming through the roof, when firefighters arrived. Suppression efforts were defensive from the onset. The fire was declared extinguished in just under an hour, but not before the building burned to the ground.

There was no one at the location when the fire occurred, and there were no injuries reported. The cause of the fire is undetermined.