

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 6, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – September 5, 2019**

Updated Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule – September 3, 2019 & September 10, 2019](#)

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

September 3, 2019	September 10, 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2600 Canton Street (District 2)• 2600 Taylor Street (District 2)• 600 Second Street (District 2)• 710 Exposition Avenue (District 2)• 7900 South Loop 12 (District 5)	<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)

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.

New Items

[CERT Disaster Simulation Exercise](#)

The Office of Emergency Management and the Dallas Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be facilitating a Disaster Simulation Exercise on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 9:00am-11:00am at the Dallas Fire-Rescue Training Academy at 500 Dolphin Road, Dallas, TX 75223. There will be a graduation ceremony at 11:30am. The overall goal of the CERT program is to train residents in basic disaster preparedness so that they are better equipped to care for themselves, their families, and their neighbors in an emergency or disaster. The Dallas CERT class finale is a showcase of what our registered residents learn in order to be a vital part of emergency response. Council members are invited to participate, and a shaded area will be available for viewing the exercise live or through drone footage. Cold beverages and treats will be available. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager or Rocky Vaz, Director of the Office of Emergency Management.

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[Community Engagement for the City's CECAP](#)

City staff will be convening six community meetings throughout Dallas to receive input on identified focus areas and potential actions of the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) between September 17, 2019 - October 3, 2019. The Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability will be available to meet separately about CECAP with residents or interested parties and to date, staff has already supported more than 40 such meetings with neighborhood associations, professional organizations, and local groups. Staff will also provide a “meeting in a box” and social media toolkit next week to support community engagement. CECAP progress, survey results, presentations, and background on the City's internal environmental task force can be found at www.dallasclimateaction.com. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact James McGuire, Director of the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability.

[Music Hall at Fair Park Renovations](#)

Under the 2017 Bond Program-Proposition C (Fair Park), the Music Hall facility was approved for \$4.3 million for design and renovations to the interior and exterior. A design-build contract was awarded in June 2018 and to-date, the elevator, women's restrooms, ramp installation, and exterior lighting have been completed. Additional construction work will start in October 2019 and is expected to be completed by March 2020. This work includes carpet replacement, roofing, water infiltration repairs, and auditorium lighting. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager.

[Welcoming Week](#)

The Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs (WCIA) will be participating in five events during Welcoming America's Welcoming Week, September 13-22, 2019. A calendar of events is being created by the Public Affairs Office to include an expanding list of events in the Dallas area. The calendar will be available Friday, September 6 and will be shared with council members. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Liz Cedillo-Pereria, Chief of Equity and Inclusion.

[District 5 DPD Townhall](#)

The Dallas Police Department (DPD) has created a new initiative to improve outreach to the Latino community by hosting a series of townhall meetings in each of the 7 patrol divisions. The first meeting titled, “UNIDOS & Univision Town Hall Meeting”, will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Cristo Rey Dallas College Prep School located at 1064 N. St. Augustine Dr., Dallas, TX 75217. The meetings aim to address issues of concern and importance to Latinos. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager.

[Dallas PD Partners with DISD to Provide Gang Awareness](#)

The Dallas Police Department (DPD) Gang Unit will conduct a series of presentations for DISD students that will focus on deterring students from joining gangs, creating open dialogue forums for students to interact with guest speakers, and conducting scenarios on gang topics. Faculty will receive training on gang identification in their respective schools, including gang awareness and culture. The DPD officers will also meet with students once a week to provide mentoring and to have open discussions without barriers regarding social issue topics. Part of the mentoring program will include field trips to strengthen the relationship between officer and student as well as allow students the opportunity to explore possible careers in Criminal Justice. The first two

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trainings will be held September 5, 2019 at South Oak Cliff High School, 3601 S. Marsalis Ave., Dallas, TX 75216 and September 10, 2019 at North Dallas High School, 3120 N. Haskell Ave., Dallas, TX 75204. Should you have any questions, please contact Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager.

Cottonwood Trail Enhancements

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) in partnership with Dallas Park and Recreation department will install pedestrian lighting along the Cottonwood Trail to address safety concerns of individuals using the trail in the evening. The estimated completion date will be Friday, September 13, 2019. Shortly after the installation, the OHS will replace fencing along the trail that was damaged in the June 9th storm. OHS staff will also conduct encampment cleanups. Throughout this process the OHS Outreach team will engage and provide resources to individuals experiencing homelessness. 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.

Age-Friendly Dallas Expo

On Tuesday, September 10, 2019, the Senior Affairs Commission and the Office of Community Care will host the first ever Age-Friendly Dallas Expo. The Expo will take place in the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center (ballrooms A-D) from 10:00am – 2:00pm. The Expo will feature 30+ vendors offering services that align with identified domains of livability within the Age-Friendly Dallas Plan, educational seminars, a wellness area with interactive exercise activities, and a healthy snack preparation demo area. Various entertainment and performances will be featured throughout the event. Should you have any questions, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, and Jessica Galleshaw, Director of Office of Community Care.

Lane Plating Superfund Site

The Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability (OEQS) is facilitating communications with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the Lane Plating Superfund Site. The EPA requested that City Councilmembers for Districts 4, 7 and 8 identify two candidates each to serve on a Community Advisory Group to advise on the clean-up. OEQS briefed the identified community group members on the site and provided each member with a binder including site history and background information. We anticipate that the EPA will convene this group to meet in early September 2019. OEQS continues to maintain the largest depository of information concerning this site at: <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/OEQ/Pages/Lane-Plating-Works-Inc.aspx>. Should you have any questions, please contact James McGuire, Director of the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability.

Dallas Mavericks Bar and Grill

The Pop Four Love Field JV contract renewal terms were approved by City Council on June 26, 2019. Attached are the renderings and floorplan/equipment schedule (30% plan submittal) for the rebranding of Bruegger's Bagels. The project should take less than the normal 90-120 days as the intent is to utilize existing infrastructure. The Concessions Manager has been in contact with the Maverick's organization as well as the operator. These estimates are subject to change based on a number of variables such as city review, permitting, and change orders. The current schedule is as follows:

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September 4, 2019	60% (MEP) Submittal to Aviation for review and comment
September 18, 2019	90% Complete set incorporating any Aviation revisions
September 27, 2019	100% final set to City for permitting
October 25, 2019	Expected receipt of permitting and closing of Bruegger's Bagels to start construction
December 16, 2019	Project opening of Mavs Sports Bar

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Duebner, Director of Aviation.

Media Inquiries

As of September 4, 2019, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- North Dallas Apartments Left Uninhabitable After Utility Pole Ignites Fire
- DFR Responds to Strange Odor in City Hall
- Isolated Storms Capsize Boats in Area Lakes
- DFR Members to Assist with Hurricane Dorian Aftermath
- DFR Responds to Fire in Downtown Dallas Underground Transformer Vault
- Pepper Spray Incident at City Hall
- Calumet Avenue Project

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the August 27– September 4, 2019 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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**Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
August 26 – September 2**

August 29, 2019

Topic: Strange odor at City Hall affecting councilmember

Summary of Statement: Provided statement from DPD

Department: DPD

Media Entity: WFAA

August 30, 2019

Topic: Right of way inquiry

Summary of Statement: Described public right-of way regarding Calumet Avenue Project.

Department: Public Works

Media Entity: Marysol Gonzalez, Assignment Manager, Univision

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: August 26, 2019 – September 1, 2019.

Tuesday, August 27th: All local news desks – Can we have more information on a multiple alarm apartment fire happening on Lina Street? Thanks!

City Response - At 23:44 Dallas Fire-Rescue units responded to a 911 call for an investigation after a utility pole collapsed onto the side of an apartment building at a North Dallas apartment complex, located at 18950 Lina Street.

When firefighters arrived at the scene, they observed a utility pole leaning against the south side of a three-story apartment building. As a result of the contact made with the building, a fire began within the floor spaces and attic. Though there was very little visible flames, the response escalated to a 4th alarm as a result of the manual labor associated with the required use of hand-tools to breach walls and ceiling/floor spaces to gain access to the fire. After the work of nearly 100 firefighters, the fire was declared extinguished around 2:30 a.m.

There were a total of 12 units in the building, all of which were left uninhabitable as a result of the incident; leaving an unknown number of residents displaced. However, the American Red Cross was called out to assist with their needs.

Thursday, August 29th: WFAA 8 (Mike Pool) - What information is available on a possible incident at Dallas City Hall involving an odor in an elevator? Hearing a city councilmember and staff members may smelled/inhaled a substance in the elevator and being checked out.

City Response - Mike, I can't disclose/confirm much detail due to HIPAA, but the smell was pepper spray that had been sprayed in an elevator at some point prior to people getting on.

All parties were check out, and no one was transported.

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Friday, August 30th: All local news desks – Can you provide more detail on water rescues you are conducting on both Lake Ray Hubbard and White Rock Lake?

City Response - Some of you have reached out to me about the water rescues listed in the email subject. Here is what I know for each:

Units were assigned to the incident at Lake Ray Hubbard at 14:33, after someone called 911 when they saw a boat overturned with two people, wearing life vests, in the water. Those people were able to safely make it to shore and no one was taken to the hospital. Ten minutes later, at 14:43, units were assigned to a water rescue at White Rock Lake after a boat and multiple kayaks, with 3-4 people on board, capsized. Not sure if they were rescued or made it to shore in their own; but all people are accounted for and made it safely to shore. No one was taken to the hospital.

Friday, August 30th: DFR Members Deploy to Florida in Response to Hurricane Dorian Aftermath –

On Friday, August 30th, at approximately 5:00 p.m., two members from Dallas Fire-Rescue deployed to Tallahassee, Florida, as part of a FEMA Type 3 Urban Search and Rescue Team, to assist with search and rescue efforts expected to be of need during the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian.

There is no definitive timeline associated with the deployment, but it could potentially last up to 14 days.

Sunday, September 1st: All local news desks – Can you please send us more information about an incident in Downtown Dallas reportedly resulting in the lids of multiple manhole covers being blown into the air? Thank you.

City Response - At 06:26 Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a 911 call for a fire after reports of flames shooting up from multiple manhole covers were reported on the 1200 block of Elm Street in Downtown Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the scene, they observed smoke coming from multiple manhole covers; which led to underground vaults where electrical transformers were located. There were very little flames left when firefighters arrived at the location, and the fire was ultimately declared extinguished in about an hour.

There were no injuries reported, and questions regarding the cause should be directed to Oncor, as they remained at the scene (with DFR resources on standby) looking into what may have happened.