

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 14, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – June 11, 2019**

Update Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule – June 11, 2019 & June 18, 2019](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on June 11, 2019 and June 18, 2019:

| June 11, 2019 | June 18, 2019 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Henry at Taylor St. (District 2)• 1600 Chestnut St. (District 2)• Ash Lane at Fletcher St. (District 2)• Interstate I-20 at Bonnie View (District 8)• Interstate I-20 at Lancaster (District 8)• 4040 Commerce St. (District 7) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12667 East Northwest Highway (District 9)• Northwest Highway at Shiloh Rd. (District 9)• 13069 Jupiter Rd. (District 9)• Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway at Josey Lane (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, and Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

[2019 Inauguration Ceremony](#)

The Mayor and City Council Office staff continues to gear up for the Inauguration Ceremony on June 17, 2019 at the Winspear Opera House. Invitations and VIP tickets were distributed last week to current City Councilmembers and this week to new City Councilmembers. On the morning of inauguration, complimentary parking for guests and city staff will be available at Booker T. Washington or in the Lexus Silver Parking Garage. Stage seating will be arranged by elected seniority. A separate memo with additional details will be distributed shortly. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of the Mayor and City Council Office.

[Respite Center for Border Migrants](#)

Several Dallas faith-based organizations have been working for the past several months to help migrants released by DHS at El Paso as they transition to destinations in the Eastern part of the United States. Due to the growing demand for services at the border and requests from service organizations in El Paso, Dallas faith-based organizations have developed plans to receive migrants to the Dallas area and assist them for a few days as they make final arrangements to their targeted destination. One bus load of 50-55 persons every 3-4 days who will be staying here for 6 to 60 hours is to be expected. To assist the migrants, a respite center facility pop-up

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will greet the incoming buses to provide food, clothing, emotional, and spiritual support services while additional travel arrangements are being made. The guests will then be transported to hotels to stay overnight and will return back to the facility during the day to receive food and services. Due to the generosity from the local hotel industry, free room nights for the next 2 to 3 weeks have been provided to assist their efforts. City staff will continue to work with organizations as they explore overnight stay options beyond the 3-week period. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rocky Vaz, Director of the Office of Emergency Management or Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager.

[UNIDOS Community Forum](#)

This evening, Tuesday, June 11th, the Dallas Police Department (DPD) will host a UNIDOS Community Forum to interact with local community members and provide insight on community concerns. The forum will be from 6:00-7:30pm at Bachman Lake Branch Library, 9480 Webb Chapel Rd, Dallas, TX 75220. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager.

New Items

[Brush & Bulk Trash Delays-Storm Update](#)

Sanitation crews are working diligently to remove the debris from the storm on June 9. Bulk and brush pickup will continue for June, but residents are being asked to help with storm debris collection by limiting bulk set-outs in June. **Only storm debris will be collected in July.** Normal bulk and brush pick up will resume in August. Until further notice, Code Compliance will suspend citations for early or late set out of storm related brush/debris only. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelly High, Director of Sanitation Services. For constituents, please refer them to www.dallaszerowaste.com for sanitation transfer station locations and 311 to report storm debris or downed limbs in roadways.

[John A. Sasso Award](#)

On May 29, 2019, the City of Dallas was selected as a recipient of the National Community Development Association – 2019 John A. Sasso Award. This award recognizes community engagement and outreach efforts in promoting National Community Development (NCD) week. The NCD Week campaign is designed to focus both local and national attention on the outstanding accomplishments of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant. Activities conducted by the Office of Budget, Grants Management Division were also acknowledged as best practices. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer.

[Media Inquiries](#)

As of June 3, 2019, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Lee Statue Auction (next steps)
- Nowitzki Way Name Change (next steps)
- Trinity River Water Rescue
- Structure Fire Southwest Dallas
- Elevator Rescue

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the June 3-June 9 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: June 3rd – 9th, 2019.

Monday, June 3rd: All Local Media Outlets – Can we have more information about a water rescue that DFR is conducting in the Trinity River at John Carpenter Freeway?

City Response – At 17:52 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a water rescue after a witness reportedly observed someone jump from a bridge, on John Carpenter Freeway near Regal Row, into the Trinity River. DFR and Irving Police Department worked together to search the area and the river, even calling out a dive team at one point, but nothing was ever found.

The search went on for a couple of hours, but with no results, or further confirmation that anyone ever jumped in the river, all agencies ceased operations and cleared the scene.

Tuesday, June 4th: NBC 5 (Karen Ballesteros) – Do you have any information on a fire at 107 N. Morocco Avenue?

City Response - At 11:10 DFR units were assigned to a 911 call for a structure fire at a one-story residence, located on the 100 block of North Morocco Avenue, in Southwest Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the location, they observed smoke and fire coming from the house. Approximately 22 firefighters responded to the fire; which was declared extinguished in just under two hours.

There were two adult males who lived at the house, but neither of them were at home when the fire occurred. Therefore, no injuries were reported, and the American Red Cross was notified to come out and assist the men with their needs.

Fire Investigators determined that the cause was accidental in nature, and began as the result of an electrical short in the attic.

Tuesday, June 4th: All Local Media Outlets – Can we have more information on a structure fire DFR is fighting at 3550 St. Francis Avenue?

City Response – At 18:15 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Casa Bonita Apartments, located at 3550 Saint Francis Avenue, in East Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the location they observed flames coming from the roof of a two-story apartment building. First arriving companies were met outside by witnesses claiming that residents were still inside; at which point firefighters, as well as police officers already on scene responding to a separate incident, went door-to-door making

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sure all residents were out. Police officers were even able to rescue a wheelchair bound woman from her apartment. After the building was clear, all attention was focused on fire suppression efforts, and the fire was declared extinguished in an hour. According to Fire Investigators, as many as four units sustained varying degrees of fire, smoke and/or water damage. An unknown number of residents were displaced as a result, but the American Red Cross was called out to assist. Thankfully, there were no injuries reported as a result of this fire. However, during clean up a firefighter had to be taken to the hospital after becoming overheated; but is expected to be okay. Fire Investigators were also able to determine that this fire was accidental in nature, and began after a woman briefly left her cooking unattended in a first floor apartment unit. When she returned there were flames coming from her apartment; but she and the other three occupants were able to make it out safely. The flames quickly made their way to the second floor and into the attic, before ultimately causing significant damage to the building.

Friday, June 7th: All Local Media Outlets – Can we have more information on a body recovery DFR is conducting in the Trinity River?

City Response - At 13:57 DFR was assigned to a 911 call for a water rescue, after a body was seen floating downstream, in the Trinity River.

The original call came from someone travelling on Woodall Rogers, reporting that they saw a body floating downstream at a high rate of speed. DPD's Air 1 was called in to assist in locating the body's whereabouts. The body was eventually spotted again, near Interstate 45, after getting hung up on some debris. DFR has already recovered it, and are awaiting the arrival of DPD and the Medical Examiner.

Friday, June 7th: CBS 11 (Suzanne McCafferty) - Do you have any details about a USAR incident at 1900 Bryan Street?

City Response – DFR responded to a 911 call for an elevator rescue at the Harwood Center, located at 1900 Bryan Street, in Downtown Dallas. Four people were stuck in an elevator, located in a blind shaft, between the 25th and 26th floor. The good news is the blind shaft began at floor 26, so firefighters were able to simply lower a ladder into the top of the elevator car and help all four people climb to safety.

Sunday, June 9th: All Local Media Outlets and National Outlets (Upon Request) – Can we please have more information on a crane collapse that occurred on Live Oak Street?

City Response - At [13:57](#) Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for an "Industrial Accident" after a crane collapsed onto the Elan City Lights residence, located at 2627 Live Oak Street, on the outer edge of Downtown Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the location, they observed a crane, being used at a construction site next to the building, which had collapsed onto the top of the five-story residential structure. Multiple resources, to include Fire Operations, Emergency Medical Services, Urban Search and Rescue and Hazardous Materials assets, were dispatched to the scene to help mitigate the situation following reports of multiple collapses resulting in multiple injuries.

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There were 6 people taken to local hospitals, to include Baylor Scott and White and Parkland Hospital. Two of those people were critical, two were seriously injured, one suffered a minor injury and was quickly discharged from the hospital and 1 person died. Using Fire personnel and 3 Live Find Dogs, DFR searched and cleared every unit that could be accessed, and found that no one was inside those locations. Residents living in spaces that were inaccessible were confirmed to be out either as being someone taken to the hospital, or having been contacted directly by property management. Though there were still parts of the building that were structurally sound, property management made the decision to have the entire location evacuated. Residents were systematically taken back inside the building, by a team of one firefighter and one police officer, to retrieve personal belongings. For the undetermined future, management has secured living arrangements for its residents in a "block of hotels", set up a per diem system for food and established an 800 number for residents to call if they have questions that still need addressing. Any questions regarding the investigation or how the crane will be removed from the building should be directed to property management and the crane company respectively.

Public Affairs & Outreach
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Topic: Next steps after the auction of Lee statue.

Summary of response: Council will vote to accept or deny the high bid on June 12. If the bid is accepted, the purchaser shall not publicly display the statue in the City of Dallas. Proceeds from the sale of the statue will go back into the City's general fund.

Department: Office of Cultural Affairs, Procurement Services

Media Entity: FOX 4, WFAA, WBAP/KLIF, KRLD, CBS 11, New York Times

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Topic: Update on Nowitzki Way Name Change

Summary of Statement: Provided confirmation of approval by the Subdivision Review Committee and next steps needed in the name change process.

Department: Sustainable Development & Construction

Media Entity: NBC 5, CBS 11, WFAA