

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 4, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – September 3, 2020**

## [Encampment Resolution Schedule August 31 – September 4, 2020](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution the week of August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Several new locations have been added for service after previous recurring encampment locations have been vacated due to repetitive service. All new sites will be included in OHS' strategy of repetitive cleaning of the known areas of the City with concentrations of encampments. Repetitive service to concentrations of encampments is a recognized strategy to ending the recurrence of encampments and to encourage encampment residents to accept shelter and services.

The OHS Street Outreach teams have continued to engage with individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. OHS Community Mobilization will meet with stakeholders to determine long-term sustainability of encampment sites and will provide periodic updates. Please direct any questions to Kevin Oden, Interim Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

## **New Updates**

### [ForwardDallas Neighborhoods Summit](#)

The Planning & Urban Design Department will host a virtual neighborhoods summit on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to kick off the year-long process of updating the ForwardDallas Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Dallas neighborhood leaders, aspiring leaders and residents interested in working together to make Dallas a better place are invited to learn about the planning process and how to get involved. City Manager TC Broadnax will welcome attendees to this event which includes a variety of sessions: Introduction to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan; Community Transformation Roadmap; Data is Power; Land Use Basics; Area Planning; Homeowners Guide to Property Taxes and; How to Protect Your Property. It will feature speakers from City of Dallas, UNT College of Law and Dallas County Appraisal District. The SAVE THE DATE flyer is attached – we appreciate your assistance with spreading the word. For more information please contact Peer Chacko, Director of Planning and Urban Design.

### [Office of Bond Program Interim Assistant Director](#)

Candi Green was appointed on August 26<sup>th</sup> to serve as Interim Assistant Director for the Office of Bond Program (OBP). Candi oversees the financial administration of the City's bond programs which includes coordination with all City departments delivering bond funded projects. She provides continuous hands-on review, analysis and funding strategies to ensure commitment on all voter approved bond projects. She also oversees

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the development and submission of the citywide capital budget for the bond programs and the operating budget for the OBP. Ms. Green has been an employee with the City of Dallas for the past thirteen years, and through her tenure she has held several management positions including Fair Housing Administrator, Process Improvement Manager, Offender Re-entry Program Manager and Financial Manager for both the Consolidated Plan and Capital Budgets. Please contact Adriana Castaneda, Bond Program Director, or Majed Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager, if you have questions.

#### [“Safer at Home” Food Recovery Kits available for COVID-19 Clients](#)

The Office of Innovation has launched a pilot program in partnership with city affiliated COVID test sites that allows residents with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis to receive a free two-week supply of fresh food delivered to their homes through contactless delivery. Test takers will receive a flyer at the test site with program information. We encourage residents to please place their order after receiving their diagnosis. Once the pilot is complete, the program is intended to expand to support vulnerable and at-risk populations within the City of Dallas. Please reach out to Laila Alequresh, Chief Innovation Officer, if you have questions.

#### [New Code Compliance Dashboard Released](#)

The Office of Innovation has partnered with the Code Compliance Department to release its [first performance dashboard](#). This high level dashboard allows the viewer to see volume of calls on a map, expected response times and whether SLAs were met. There are several filters on the right including service area and Council District. For questions on the dashboard, please contact Laila Alequresh, Chief Innovation Officer; for questions about the data, please contact Carl Simpson, Director of Code Compliance.

#### [National Night Out 2020](#)

The Mayor and City Council Office met last week with partner departments on the status of 2020 [National Night Out](#) (NNO) event(s) on Tuesday, October 6. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

This year is more important than ever to identify ways to connect within our communities and NNO can be a great platform for outreach. Historically, the Mayor and City Council Office have led several District-specific events which engaged several departments throughout the City. Given the current pandemic, they are revisiting what National Night Out may look like this year. Staff met and will be reaching out to the national organization for guidance. We understand many of you are receiving calls from neighborhood organizations. In lieu of encouraging large gatherings, NNO this year could mean pushing out social media infographics about City services or hosting virtual drive-throughs or

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providing City resources such as the fridge magnets with City information. For more information please contact Carrie Prysock, Director of the Mayor and Council Office.

### [Dallas Love Field Invites All to Upcoming Alternate Entry Meetings](#)

Dallas Love Field (DAL) welcomes all residents and passengers across the region to participate in the upcoming virtual public meetings and to take the airport's Alternate Entry Public Input Surveys available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The virtual meetings will be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, are open for all community members, including public officials, aviation enthusiasts, customers, local businesses and residents to understand the project directly from DAL project team members as well as ask questions about the Alternate Entry Analysis.

The Alternate Entry Analysis was undertaken to address safety and mobility concerns, as well as the operational risks with a single point of entry to the nation's busiest medium-hub airport, with specific attention to the intersection of Mockingbird Lane and Herb Kelleher Way. This interchange has experienced significant growth of both passenger and regional traffic in recent years. As part of the analysis, this intersection was found to have an average daily traffic count of over 80,000. This project, led by the Department of Aviation in coordination with consultant firm Ricondo & Associates and the North Central Texas Council of Governments, has used research from various analyses and passenger surveys to identify a shortlist of potential entries in order to address these growing concerns. Should you have questions, please contact Mark Duebner, Aviation Director.

### [Community Police Oversight Board Subcommittee Finalization](#)

On August 11, 2020, the Community Police Oversight Board (CPOB) held its monthly meeting. The CPOB finalized the process for adding non-CPOB members to its subcommittees. The CPOB is looking forward to adding additional community members to its subcommittees and will hopefully bring forth some candidates at the September 8, 2020 meeting. The CPOB also had a presentation from Dallas County Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot regarding fair and equitable policing in the City of Dallas. During his presentation D.A. Creuzot discussed several concerns including the over representation of African American people in the arrest for low level amounts of marijuana and the tremendous budget strain for the testing of marijuana. After the presentation, the Board made and passed a motion to recommend to the Dallas City Council that the Dallas Police Department cease arrest for small possessions of marijuana and instead issue a class C citation. The CPOB will be sending correspondence to City Council regarding the motion. Please contact Police Monitor Tonya McClary for more information.

## **Look Ahead**

### [City Council Briefings](#)

September 16, 2020

- Updates to "Be the Solutions: Proposed Housing Options for Proposition J Bond Program & COVID-19 CARES Act"

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- Community Land Trust Application and Procedures
- Budget Workshop – Consider Amendments
- Dallas Housing Authority Annual Update

October 7, 2020

- 2021 City Calendar
- Community Police Oversight Board Mid-Year Report
- Bond Program Update

### Media Inquiries

As of August 31, 2020, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Hurricane Laura
- Traffic in Downtown Dallas
- Hensley Field
- Family of 6 Escape Southeast Dallas House Fire
- DFR Confirms 122 Total Members Testing Positive for COVID-19 to Date
- Small Fire Damages Popular Deep Ellum BBQ Restaurant
- Fox 4 Highlights the Work of Firefighters and the Volunteers Who Help Them

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for August 25, 2020 – August 31, 2020 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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Directors and Assistant Directors

**Encampment Resolution Schedule August 31 – September 4, 2020**

LOCATION	DIVISION
<b>Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup></b>	
I-30 @ ST. FRANCIS AVE	South
1700 CHESTNUT ST	South
1700 BAYLOR STREET	South
2600 DAWSON AVENUE	South
2600 HICKORY	South
1800 SOUTH BLVD	South
1500 N EDGEFIELD AVE	South
FRANKFORD AND GIBBONS	North
4454 FRANKFORD ROAD	North
75/N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AT 635/LBJ UNDERPASS (BOTH SIDES)	North
75/N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AT FOREST LANE	North
75/N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AT 635/LBJ UNDERPASS (WOODED AREA)	North
<b>Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup></b>	
W. PENTAGON PKWY. & MARVIN D LOVE FWY	South
US 67 & POLK	South
4400 S R L THORNTON FWY	South
2530 COMMERCE	South
2500 MAIN ST.	South
2600 CANTON ST.	South
2700 TAYLOR ST.	South
E NORTHWEST HIGHWAY AND SHILOH RD	North
FOREST LANE AND STULTS ROAD	North
635/LYNDON B JOHNSON AND TI BOULEVARD	North
75/N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AT ROYAL LANE	North
ROYAL LANE AT MANDERVILLE DRIVE	North
<b>Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
1800 SOUTH BOULEVARD	South
2300 COOMBS ST	South
US-175 @ METROPOLITAN AVE	South
2600 DAWSON AVE	South
2300 S. CESAR CHAVEZ	South
35/STEMMONS AT ROYAL LANE	North
35/STEMMONS AT WALNUT HILL LANE	North
W NORTHWEST HIGHWAY AND DENTON DRIVE	North
35/STEMMONS AT MEDICAL DISTRICT DRIVE	North
183/ JOHN WEST CARPENTER AT REGAL ROW	North
183/ JOHN WEST CARPENTER AT MOCKINGBIRD LANE	North
35/STEMMONS AT MOCKINGBIRD LANE	North

<b>Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
1500 S. LAMAR	South
E R L THORNTON and S MUNGER	South
500 S. HASKELL	South
500 S. PEAK	South
US 67 & POLK	South
35/STEMMONS AT ROYAL LANE	North
35/STEMMONS AT WALNUT HILL LANE	North
35/STEMMONS AT MOCKINGBIRD LANE	North
35/STEMMONS AT MEDICAL DISTRICT DRIVE	North
WEST NORTHWEST HIGHWAY AND DENTON DRIVE	North
635/LYNDON B JOHNSON AT JOSEY LANE	North
635/LYNDON B JOHNSON AT WEBB CHAPEL ROAD	North
183/ JOHN WEST CARPENTER AT REGAL ROW	North
183/ JOHN WEST CARPENTER AT MOCKINGBIRD LANE	North
2326 HARCOURT STREET	North
<b>Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
75/ NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AT HASKELL	North
45/CENTRAL AT ROSS AVENUE	North
WOODALL RODGERS AT FIELD STREET	North
WOODALL RODGERS SERVICE ROAD-SOUTHBOUND AT 45/CENTRAL	North



# *FORWARD***DALLAS**

## NEIGHBORHOODS SUMMIT

### SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, 9/19/2020

10:00AM - 2:00PM

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Learn more about the ForwardDallas Comprehensive Land Use Plan and how to get involved in the process.

More info to come on 9/4/20 by visiting [bit.ly/planningdallas](https://bit.ly/planningdallas)



**DALLASPLANUD**

**Communications, Outreach and Marketing**  
**Media Requests**  
**Aug. 25 – Aug.31**

**Date Submitted:** 8/25/2020

**Topic:** Response to Hurricane Laura

**Inquiry:** David Goins with WFAA asked what resources the City is using in response to Hurricane Laura. The City shared that the State designated DFW metro as a shelter hub and any evacuees would be housed in hotel rooms.

**Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio (Office of Emergency Management)

**Media Entity:** David Goins (WFAA)

**Date Submitted:** 8/31/2020

**Topic:** DMN - Honu COVID-19 testing contract

**Inquiry:** Holly Hacker with DMN asked if Honu is doing any work under the Dallas contract. The City said no, the only work Honu is doing locally is for the State.

**Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio (Office of Emergency Management)

**Media Entity:** Holly Hacker (DMN)

**Date Submitted:** 8/27/20

**Topic:** Traffic in Downtown Dallas

**Inquiry:** Dom DiFurio interviewed Department of Transportation Director Michael Rogers about traffic in Downtown Dallas for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Rogers shared details about traffic data NCTCOG collected and pointed him in the right direction.

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Transportation)

**Media Entity:** Dom DiFurio, Reporter, Dallas Morning News

Article: <https://www.dallasnews.com/business/economy/2020/08/30/the-future-of-downtown-dallas-is-on-pause-as-the-pandemic-drags-on/>

**Date Submitted:** 8/25/20

**Topic:** Demolition Inquiry

**Inquiry:** Tiffany Moore at CBS 11 asked about a demolition scheduled to happen at the shopping center at Marsh and Walnut Hill. We affirmed Sustainable Development and Construction issued demolition permits on 8/13/20 to "The Demo Company" for the following properties on the northwest corner of Marsh and Walnut Hill owned by Hopkins Commercial:

10051 Marsh

10053 Marsh

10055 Marsh

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Sustainable Development & Construction)

**Media Entity:** Tiffany Moore, Assignment Editor, CBS 11

**Date Submitted:** 8/26/20

**Topic:** Follow Up Question regarding potential fish kill at Kidd Springs

**Inquiry:** Matt Goodman, a reporter with D Magazine asked of the results of the lab testing will indicate what killed the fish. DWU replied as such:

The water sampling is sent to an external lab which will help with informing what may have been present in the water that lead to the occurrence. Results of the lab analysis indicate any parameters with elevated results which could be a possible source of pollution. Parameters requested were nitrates, phosphorus, ammonia, Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), Total Suspended Solids (TDS) and Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD). Elevated levels of nitrates and

phosphorus may indicate fertilizer run off. BOD, COD, and TDS may lead to industrial discharge. Elevated ammonia results could be possibly due to sewer wastewater. Illicit discharges are tracked to source and the responsible party is notified to remedy the discharge. OEQS is notified if illicit discharge is found to be from a construction or industrial site.

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Dallas Water Utilities)

**Media Entity:** Matt Goodman, Reporter, D Magazine

**Date Submitted:** 8/26/20

**Topic:** Hensley Field Photos

**Inquiry:** NBC 5 Ken Kathoff asked for clean copy photos of Dallas' Hensley Field for use in his report covering a vendor being awarded a contract to create a master plan for the area.

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Planning & Urban Design)

**Media Entity:** Ken Kalthoff, Reporter, NBC 5

Article: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/new-life-for-hensley-field-former-naval-air-station-dallas/2433215/>

**Date Submitted:** 8/27/20

**Topic:** Sheltered Animals

**Inquiry:** Laura Harris, morning anchor from NBC 5 in Dallas/Fort Worth requested pics of animals that are up for adoption at our facility and update on how *Clear The Shelters* has been for their newscast story. Leah Backo with DAS submitted photos.

**Submitted By:** Deme Jackson (Dallas Animal Services)

**Media Entity:** Laura Harris, Anchor, NBC 5

**Date Submitted:** 8/28/20

**Topic:** Interview for Hurricane Laura

**Inquiry:** Claire Cardona, Assignment Editor, requested a virtual interview regarding DAS assisting pets for Hurricane Laura. Leah Backo coordinated the interview.

**Submitted by:** Deme Jackson (Dallas Animal Services)

**Media Entity:** Claire Cardona, Assignment Editor, NBC5



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department  
Media Requests: August 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>: Univision 23 (Maritza Esquivel)** - We would like to request information in regards to a house fire at 7050 Parkdale Dr.

**City Response** - At 19:34 Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a structure fire at a home, located on the 7100 block of Parkdale Drive, in southeast Dallas. There were six people in the house when the fire began, but everyone was able to escape safely prior to DFR arrival; enabling attack teams to focus exclusively on suppression efforts.

Approximately, 22 firefighters responded to the scene, and had the fire extinguished in a short period of time. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

**Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>: Sent the following information to all the local news media –**

[https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes\\_q/status/1299456602672685056?s=09](https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes_q/status/1299456602672685056?s=09)

As of August 28th, @DallasFireRes\_q is reporting that a total of 122 #firefighters and civilian employees have tested positive for #COVID19. 109 have fully recovered and returned to work, and 29 are in #quarantine for on and off-duty exposures.  
@CityOfDallas #FlattenTheCurve

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>: All local news media** - Do you have any information you could provide about the fire at Pecan Lodge in the 2700 block of Main Street around 2:30am?

**City Response** - At 02:28, Dallas Fire-Rescue units responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Pecan Lodge BBQ Restaurant, located at 2702 Main Street, in Deep Ellum.

Firefighters arrived at the location to find a smoker/grill on fire. They deployed handlines and quickly extinguished the flames. The majority of the damage was sustained by the equipment itself, while the structure had minimal damage (est. \$2,000 worth).

There was one person, smoking meat for the coming day of business, in the restaurant when the fire began, but they were able to make it out safely. Fire Investigators

determined the fire to be accidental in nature, and most probably the result of grease accumulation in the smoker vent.

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>: Fox 4 News (David Sentendry)** – Is there someone with Dallas Fire-Rescue we can talk to about what firefighters are doing to prepare for fighting fires in the heat, and what its like to do it?

**City Response** – Coordinated interviews with DFR Captain, Cristian Hinojosa, as well as Mark Duval, President of the Box 4 Fire Buffs Organization, to talk about the aforementioned as well as what is being done to help firefighters combat the Texas summer elements respectively. The news coverage aired Saturday evening, during the 6 and 9 o'clock news casts, and can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.fox4news.com/news/north-texas-fire-crews-first-responders-taking-extra-precautions-because-of-the-heat>

<https://www.facebook.com/1437336429814171/posts/2762644550616679/>