# Memorandum



DATE June 25, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT Taking Care of Business - June 24, 2021

### **New Updates**

Encampment Outreach Partnership & Resolution Schedule June 23, 2021

OHS Street Outreach team continues to engage with the unsheltered residents at designated encampment sites as part of an ongoing outreach effort in partnership with area providers. This partnership addresses a range of issues that include: getting IDs, getting on the Housing Priority List (HPL) if they qualify, working with Community Courts on expunging eligible tickets and offenses from their records, identifying medical needs, and breaking down the stigma around shelter through open conversations.

Our Street Outreach team is working tirelessly to engage with unsheltered residents and connect them to area resources, while abiding by the current CDC guidelines and City interpretation of only removing encampments when they present a clear health and/or safety risk. This includes any encampments on Parks grounds. All others are routinely schedule for debris around the sites to be removed but are not themselves removed at this time. Please stay tuned for upcoming changes to coincide with the larger Dallas Real Time Rapid Rehousing strategy announced this morning.

Please see the attached schedule for homeless encampment cleaning the week of June 21 – June 25. Please note that these will be for debris removal and outreach only.

During the July recess the OHS Service Request dashboard can be utilized to track the progress of encampment resolution efforts. Please visit the dashboard using the link below and feel free to share this information with residents:

https://dallasgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ccd41f0d795f407a94ae17e2c27bf073

Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.

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### City Manager's Corner



LaTisha came to the City in 2019, first as a consultant and then as an employee in the Housing Department. She has been paramount in providing guidance and oversight of the Tax Increment Financing Program (TIF), coordinating all TIF monitoring reviews and overseeing resolution of any issues of non-compliance identified during the reviews. Additionally, LaTisha has taken the lead on ensuring compliance with the COVID-19 Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program. She served as a HOME Program subject matter expert for the Office of Community Care staff advising on HOME regulatory requirements, waivers and suspensions due to the coronavirus

pandemic. Her contributions enabled the City to provide timely responses to all HOME audits and monitoring reviews. LaTisha is always willing to step up in anyway needed to assist the Compliance Division and is extremely thorough with her guidance provided to program partners. Congrats LaTisha!

### Mayor's Vaccine Raffle

Mayor Eric Johnson on Thursday kicked off the Mayor's Vaccine Raffle, a program meant to encourage Dallas residents to get their COVID-19 vaccines this summer. The Mayor is partnering with The Dallas Foundation to run the raffle program. Prizes available for the Mayor's Vaccine Raffle entrants include domestic and international airline tickets from American Airlines and Southwest Airlines, tickets to performing arts shows, Dallas Arboretum passes, Dallas Stars ice passes, State Fair of Texas passes, gift cards for restaurants and coffee shops, and more. The grand prize is a \$1,500 Visa gift card, provided by Walmart. Click here to see the full list of prizes. "It's time to finish off COVID-19 in Dallas and across the country," Mayor Johnson said. "The vaccines have proven to be safe and effective, and they are widely available and absolutely free. Let's get vaccinated, Dallas, and then let's have some fun this summer." Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Mary Elbanna, Chief of Staff to the Mayor.

### Laptop+Hotspot Bundles Expanded to 20 Library Locations

Dallas Public Library released 1,125 Laptop+Hotspot bundles in neighborhoods with the greatest need for Internet access. Funded with a CARES grant to help people navigate the challenges of COVID, the laptops are available for request through the <u>library's website</u> and can be checked out at <u>these library locations</u>. The laptops are loaded with Microsoft Office. These new bundles join Dallas Public Library's existing <u>technology-athome resources</u>. For more information, please contact Director of Libraries, Jo Giudice.

### Aids Walk South Dallas 2021

Aids Walk South Dallas and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center host the 5K walk/run which kicks off Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 8 AM. The 2021 theme, "Intensifying The Fight for Health and Rights," extends the mission of the 5K Walk which is to inspire, educate and galvanize the community of South Dallas and surrounding areas to continue

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to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS and assist those impacted. If you have any questions or would like any additional information about this event, contact Office of Community Care Director, Jessica Galleshaw.

### Dallas Police Department "Jazz in the Park"

"JAZZ IN THE PARK" is a community engagement effort that will allow for communities in Dallas and the Dallas Police Department to enjoy a day of music, fun, and education. It will also allow for the citizens of our city to see and meet police officers in a manner that they may not otherwise.

"JAZZ IN THE PARK" is a vision of the African American Outreach team in the Dallas Police Department's Office of Community Affairs and Employee Communications. Its purpose is to not only enjoy a day of fun, but to also rebuild community relationships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We encourage City Council to share the information on your social media channels. English & Spanish flyers attached.





## Public Forum on Racial Equity and Homelessness

Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions, and Councilmember Casey Thomas (District 3) are hosting a public forum on racial equity and homelessness on <a href="Tuesday">Tuesday</a>, June 29, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The featured speaker for this event is Ms. Regina Cannon who presented to the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee in January. With American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding available for addressing homelessness, Ms. Cannon's discussion next week will focus on operationalizing funding streams with equity in mind. The meeting will be hosted on <a href="Microsoft Teams">Microsoft Teams</a> and livestreamed on the City's website. Should you have questions, please contact Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.

### **Code Compliance Accomplishments**

We are pleased to share the following key accomplishments in the Code Compliance Department:

- Code Compliance illegal dumping hotline is now live, residents can call 214-671-CODE to speak directly to a member of the code compliance illegal dumping team to have any questions or concerns answered. Residents are still urged to call 3-1-1 or 9-1-1 as well. The hotline looks to create better communication and build relationships with our residents.
- Code Compliance's Multi-Tenant team finished a sweep of the pools at most apartment complexes in Dallas to educate managers about pool safety. Our Pool Safety Awareness Initiative saw 50 volunteers from the department inspect 811 pools at apartments across all City council districts from May 21<sup>st</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>.

• The Office of Arts and Culture and the Department of Code Compliance embarked on a pilot program titled "Beautiful Communities". The project's goal was to beautify our Dallas neighborhoods by decorating a 20'x7' roll off container to be displayed in various areas of the city as part of Code's Community Clean events. A call for artists was launched, and after an extensive panel review process, Nicholas Anderson was selected to be the first artist for this project. Nicholas is a Dallas-based artist whose vision for the roll off container was to sketch and portray the many silhouettes of Dallas neighborhoods along with symbols that represent and unify our city. Nicholas believes "while someone might not be in the best conditions, [he] always finds that visual art can brighten [anyone's] outlook on a space". The roll off container project, once unveiled, will provide a moving art piece for all neighborhoods in Dallas to enjoy.



On June 12<sup>th</sup> Code held a Community Clean event at Fair Park for residents and since October 2020 the department has collected:

392,570 pounds of bulk trash (furniture, rugs, mattresses, appliances, and electronics)

65,253 pounds of hazardous waste (BOPA-Battery, Oil, Paint, Antifreeze)

25,787 pounds of documents were securely shredded.

2,759 tires had been safely abated.

To date, we have had 1,708 residents participate in our cleanup events across multiple City Council districts in the city. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Carl Simpson, Director of Code Compliance.

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# **New Procurement Opportunities**

The Office of Procurement Services (OPS) is excited to announce the following new contract opportunities. More information can be found on the City's <u>electronic bid portal</u>:

Opportunity No.	Opportunity Name
CIZ21-2004	Central Business District Fair Park Link from Hall Street to Main
	Street – PB06U203, by Public Works
CIZ21-2005	Fleetwood St. at Schull St. and S. Harris Ct. Improvements
	HOEQ0021, by Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization
CIZ-BCM-21-	Fire Station 19 Replacement, by Bond and Construction
16622	Management
BRZ21-00016657	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Planning and Production
BIZ21-00016822	Ground Shuttle Services at Dallas Lovefield
BI21-00016805	Vent and Hood Cleaning Services
BYZ21-00015658	WRR Municipal Radio Station Management

We are also pleased to share the latest <u>Procurement Quarterly</u>, listing citywide opportunities for the current quarter (of the fiscal year) and published on the OPS <u>website</u>.

Please be advised that once an opportunity is advertised, it is considered an open procurement until the City Council awards the contract. The Code of Ethics prohibits communication between councilmembers and vendors/ suppliers on open procurements. Should you have any questions, please contact Chhunny Chhean, Director of Procurement Services.

### **Look Ahead**

### City Council Briefings

August 4, 2021

- Dallas Real Time Rapid Rehousing Initiative
- Digital Equity Plan
- Lew Sterrett Jail Contract (Tentative)

### Media Inquiries

As of June 21, 2021, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Gas Leak Causes Evacuations of Two Downtown Dallas Businesses
- Local Media Interested in DFR Heat Calls
- Man Rescued After Driving Car Into Lake
- DFR Speaks on Safely Navigating Nationwide Heatwave
- Reported Electrical Fire Claims Northeast Dallas Home
- Two Children Dropped Off at DFR Fire Station Following Stabbing

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- Two Hospitalized After Shooting in Northeast Dallas
- Cooling Centers and where they're located, in response to ERCOT's directive last week
- Dockless vehicles
- July 4th plans
- Swimming lessons in private homes
- Pedestrian crashes and fatalities
- Violent crime
- Dallas 911
- French Colony Apartments

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to media outlets, during the period from June 15 – June 21, 2021, for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

Chris Caso, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Bilierae Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, Chief of Staff
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager

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Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager Dr. Eric A. Johnson, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion Directors and Assistant Directors

# RACIAL EQUITY AND HOMELESSNESS

Join the City of Dallas Office of Homeless Solutions and Council Member Casey Thomas, II for an invigorating discussion of the racial inequities persons experiencing homelessness face in Dallas.



Christine Crossley
Director
Office of Homeless Solutions



Casey Thomas II
Council Member
District 3

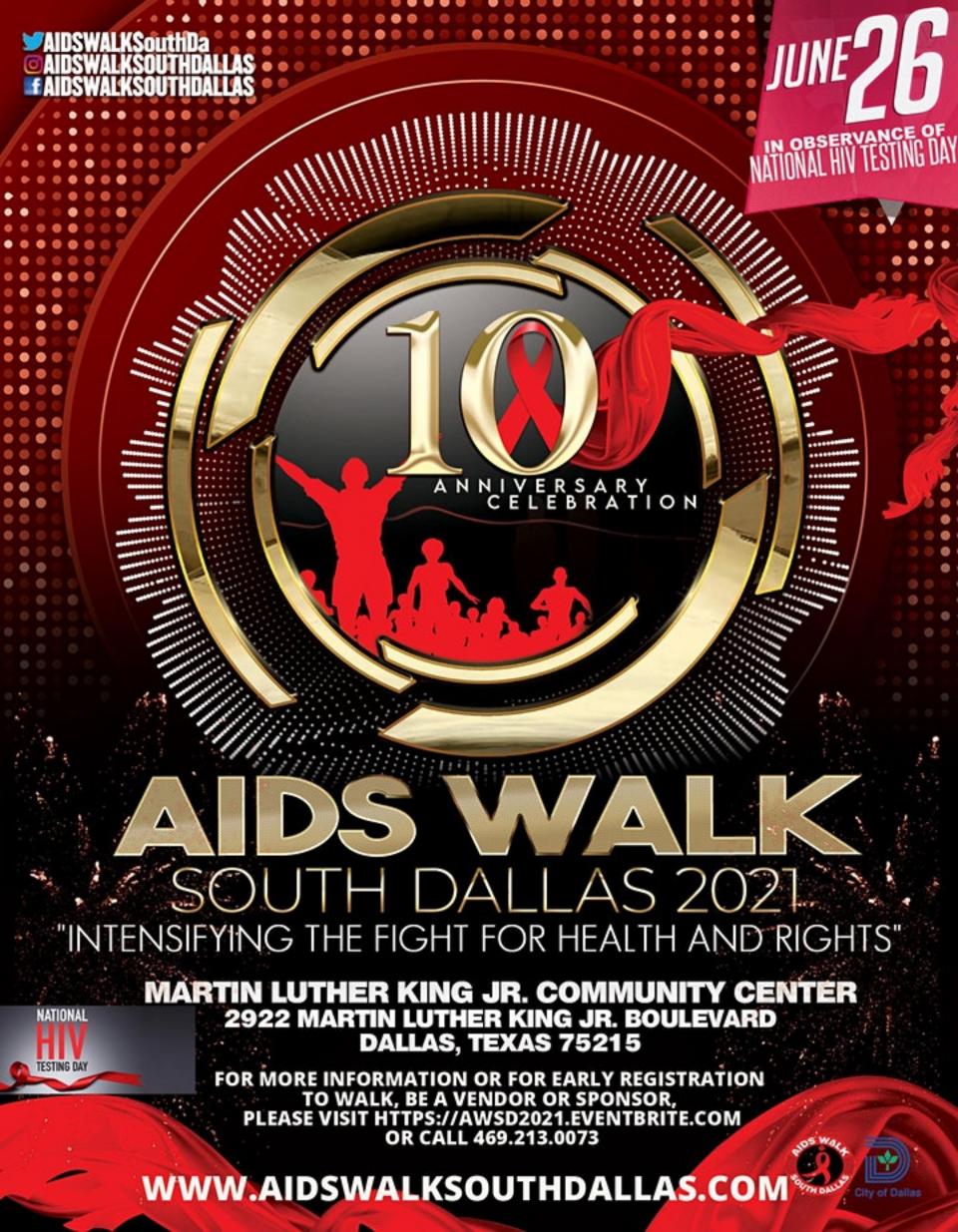


Regina Cannon
Chief Equity and Impact Officer
C4 Innovations

JUNE 29, 2021 | 11 A.M. TO NOON

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# Bring the internet home



Laptop + WiFi Hotspot

Request one with your Dallas Public Library card

# Acceder internet en casa



Laptop + WiFi Hotspot

Solicite uno con su tarjeta de la Dallas Public Library

### Communications Outreach & Marketing

### Media Requests

### June 15-21

**June 15, 2021 – UNIVSION (Sandy Moncada):** Hello, Hope all is well. Reaching out to you as a courtesy call to get permission for access to Dallas Love Field. Thank you for your time and hope to hear from you soon. Thank you again.

**City response:** Hi Sandy. That is fine. Thanks for letting me know.

**June 15, 2021 - WFAA (Lourdes Vazquez):** Can you provide information if cooling centers have been activated and where they are located? If they have not, when would they be activated?

**City Response:** Here is a link with more information on locations residents can use to get out of the heat. http://www.dallascitynews.net/beat-heat-dallas-safety-tips

If people need to escape from the heat, rec centers are open to the public during the following hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

**June 15, 2021 – Spectrum News (Michael Pool):** Good morning, Is the City of Dallas Planning to open or have opened cooling centers? If so, what can you share? Thank you very much.

City Response: Hi Mike,

If people need to escape from the heat, rec centers are open to the public during the following hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

June 15, 2021 – KERA (Alejandra Martinez): Hello, The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which manages the state's power grid, is asking people to conserve power as much as possible this week as demand for electricity might exceed supply amid record electricity usage and forced outages. They advised Texans should reduce their electricity use through Friday.

ERCOT said several power generators in the state are on forced outages for repairs, putting about 11,000 megawatts — about the amount of energy it takes to power 2.2 million homes on a summer day — out of commission.

I had some questions:

- How is the city of Dallas planning to combat heat exhaustion?
- Are there cooling centers available for vulnerable citizens?
- Is there anyone in the city available to talk to me about such plans?

City Response: Hi Alejandra,

If people need to escape from the heat, rec centers are open to the public during the following hours:

• Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

• Friday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

We're gathering more information for you and will let you know once we have more to share.

Thank you,

June 15, 2021 – KERA (Alejandra Martinez): Hello Roxana, Thanks for getting back to me. Is it all rec centers in the city of Dallas?

I also look forward to any more information you might get. Best regards,

City Response: Hi Alejandra,

There are three recreation centers not open. They are Marcus, Arcadia and Umphress. Let us know if you have any other questions.

**June 15, 2021 – Univision (Marysol Gonzalez)** Hello, We wanted to know if the City of Dallas has any plans of opening cooling stations during this week?

Thank you.

City Response: Hi Marysol!

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**June 15, 2021 – NBC Universal, KXAS (Ken Kalthoff)** Ercot is warning about black outs. Does Dallas have plans for cooling stations??

**THANKS** 

Ken Kalthoff

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We're gathering more information for you and will let you know once we have more to share.

June 16, 2021 - Dallas Observer (Steven Monacelli) Howdy Dallas media team,

I'm working with the Dallas Observer on a story regarding dockless vehicles. I'm hoping to get comment from the appropriate person in the department of transportation regarding their current status and future plans.

Who might be the best person to speak with about this?

**City Response:** The Dockless Vehicle Program in Dallas was suspended last Spring due to public safety concerns, as well as compliance issues. Over the last several months the Transportation Department has had discussions with the dockless vehicle operators, Dallas Police Department, Public Improvement Districts, and other stakeholders to develop a set of recommendations for the potential resumption of the dockless vehicle program. Transportation plans to brief the City Council in the coming months on the City's proposed timeline and strategy.

June 17, 2021 - Spectrum News 1 (Mike Pool) What are the City of Dallas' plans for the July 4th? Will there be fireworks, etc?

**City Response:** The City does not have any City-sponsored events for the 4th of July holiday scheduled. However, the City's convention and event services are in the process of working through the logistics for the following permit applications submitted by various community groups/members:

Event Atten. Event Type Date Venue AddressZip Start Time End Time Council District

July 4 - Lake Highlands Fourth of July Parade and Carnival 900 Parade Saturday, July 3, 2021 COD Park Property 9626 Church Rd. 75238 7 a.m. 12 p.m. 10

July 4 - Lakewood 4th of July Parade 1500 Parade Saturday, July 3, 2021 Other 6530 Lakewood Blvd. 75214 10 a.m. 11 a.m. 9

July 4 - Dallas Athletic Club Celebration 800 Private Event Sunday, July 4, 2021 Other 4111 Dallas Athletic Club Dr. 75228 11 a.m. 10:45 p.m. 9

July 4 - Sparkman July 4th Parade 250 Run/Walk/Ride Sunday, July 4, 2021 Other 3366 Duchess Trail 75229 10 a.m. 12 p.m. 13

July 4th - Prestonwood Homeowners Association Parade 99 Parade Sunday, July 4, 2021 Other Shadydale Drive75248 9 a.m. 10 a.m. 12

July 4 - Bent Tree West HOA 4th of July Parade 150 Parade Sunday, July 4, 2021 Other 4214 Briargrove Ln 75287 4 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 12

**June 18, 2021 - Univision (Laura Cruces):** Happy Friday We wanted to know if the City of Dallas offers swimming classes for children and adults and in which community centers, and if you have any special plan for those who do not have resources. Also, know where parents can find information on water safety. Thanks in advance

City Response: Hi Laura, We offer swim lessons for all ages.

For more information, you can visit dallasaquatics.org for pool locations, costs, operating times, water safety programs, etc.

Also, you can keep up with recent news about City programs here:

https://www.dallasnews.com/news/2021/06/14/diving-back-in-teach-a-child-to-swim-resumes-less ons after-a-pandemic-pause/

We also have Swim to Learn scholarships available. People can visit dallasaquatics.org to or call 214.671.SWIM for more information.

**June 21, 2021 – Star-Telegram (Luke Ranker)** Hello. Does Dallas permit swimming lessons at private homes? I saw the FAQ sheet under building inspections note that home businesses have to be inside, which would seem to exclude swimming lessons.

**City Response:** (From Eric Onyechefule, CCS) I wanted to give you some information about swimming lessons at private homes, per our Sustainable Development and Construction Team:

Pursuant to Section 51A-4.217(b)(11), private swimming lessons may be given under the home occupation use (see below).

Section 51A-4.217(8) Home occupation.

- (A) Definition: An occupation that is incidental to the primary use of the premises as a residence and conducted on the residential premises by a resident of the premises.
  - (B) District restrictions: This accessory use is not permitted in the P(A) district.
  - (C) Required off-street parking: None.
  - (D) Required off-street loading: None.
  - (E) Additional provisions:
    - (i) A person who engages in a home occupation shall not:
      - (aa) use any advertisement, sign, or display relating to the home occupation on the premises;
- (bb) use the street address of the premises on any advertisement, sign, or display off the premises;
  - (cc) employ more than one person on the premises, other than residents of the premises;
- (dd) have an employee, other than residents of the premises, who works on the premises more than four hours in any given week;
- (ee) conduct any activities relating to the home occupation, including activities on any porch, deck, patio, garage, or unenclosed or partially enclosed portion of any structure, unless conducted entirely inside the main structure;

- (ff) involve more than 3 people on the premises at one time, other than residents of the premises;
- (gg) generate loud and raucous noise that renders the enjoyment of life or property uncomfortable or interferes with public peace and comfort;
  - (hh) sell or offer products of the home occupation at or on the premises;
- (ii) generate vehicular traffic that unreasonably disrupts the surrounding residents' peaceful enjoyment of the neighborhood; or
- (jj) generate parking congestion that unreasonably reduces the availability of on-street parking spaces on surrounding streets.
- (ii) A home occupation may not occupy more than 25 percent or 400 square feet of the total floor area of the main structure, whichever is less. This area restriction controls over the are I hope this helps.

June 21, 2021 – Media Southwest Freelance (David Montgomery) Hey Catherine. Great to have your number and contact info, and I sure appreciate your help. The Dallas Transportation Department gave me Nichelle Sullivan as the contact, and I would have had no idea that was incorrect until I talked to you today. I'm on my last day of reporting a statewide story on pedestrian crashes and fatalities and would really appreciate anything you could give me from Dallas, since it's the third largest city in the State. I spent considerable time in Houston, Austin (where I'm based) and San Antonio, so I've regrettably been slower than I would have liked in being able to get to Dallas, and the setback with the misdirection to Nichelle complicating things further. I'm going to copy the email I sent her, which explains what I'm requesting. Thanks so much for bailing me out, and I'm delighted to make contact with you. It'll be great to be able to call on you in the future. Hi Nichelle. This is David Montgomery, a journalist with Media Southwest freelance in Austin. I'm doing a story for Stateline on the nation's escalating pattern of pedestrian crashes and fatalities, particularly in Texas. I was hoping to get a sense of the problem in Dallas and was hoping you could put me in touch with your Vision Zero expert or any other traffic officials or advocates familiar with the problem. I am pretty much at the end of my reporting but definitely wanted to include Dallas, one of the nation's 10 largest cities. I can be reached at 512-739-4471. Thanks so much for your help and if you could get in touch with me today I would be extremely grateful. I'll send you an email also. Thanks so much, Dave

**City Response:** I have shared your query with the Dallas Mayor's chief of communications and policy Tristan Hallman since neither Data and Business Intelligence (which tracks the data you reference) nor Transportation have availability to speak with you (or brief me to speak with you) today.

June 21, 2021 – NBC Universal (Maria Guerrero) Good morning. I'm trying to see if I could do a zoom interview with Tonya McClary about violent crime in Dallas. Is she available today??? Please let me know asap – on deadline for 4pm

**City Response:** Given the breadth and depth of this important topic, because Monitor McClary is otherwise engaged until 3 p.m., unfortunately she must decline since she doesn't have adequate time to meaningfully prepare to speak with you prior to your deadline.

If you still have interest and availability for discussion in the future, please provide a few times which you may be available for her consideration.

June 21, 2021 – WFAA (Rebecca Lopez): Could we please get a statement from you or an interview on what is happening with Dallas 911. Once again the center is in critical need of 911 operators. How did the staffing levels get to this point? When this happened before the citizens of Dallas were assured the problem would be fixed so why is this happening? Will you look at increasing pay to attract more people? A child died while waiting for help and we have heard from citizens all over Dallas who have waited long periods of time for a 911 operator to answer. Citizens feel they deserve better. Comment? We look forward to hearing from you.

City Response: Statement from Dallas City Manager T.C. Broadnax RE: Dallas 911:

I share the Dallas City Council members' deep concern about continued staffing challenges in DPD's 911 call center. As our economy emerges from the pandemic, we are competing with many other organizations for talent. In response, the Dallas Police Department has implemented a number of changes and improvements to recruit and onboard additional staff as quickly as possible. I've also asked Chief Garcia to take immediate measures to assign additional personnel to the call center to improve service levels as new personnel are onboarded. These new measures are currently being implemented and more long-term plans have been established to help sustain these improvements.

June 21, 2021 – UNIVSION (Sandy Monacda) Hope you are doing well this Monday afternoon. I just got off the phone with a viewer that lives at the French Colony Apartments located at 1239 Hartsdale Dr. They are telling me that the apartment management gave them a letter on Friday stating that they would have to either need to relocate offsite or at other communities by Tuesday June 22nd. Is this legal? Can you explain the rights of the tenants? They are claiming that if they relocate they would have to pay the total rent price but they have already paid rent for this month. Also, tenants are claiming that management is threatening them that if they don't leave, the city of Dallas will force them to vacate. Hope you can help with this inquiry.

### **City Response:** Here's what we can share:

On Thursday, June 17th, an MCIS Code Officer addressed a service request for a/c and sewer back up. At the arrival of the code officer, a contractor was found to be on site conducting repairs on the plumbing system affecting Building 1. Due to the extent of repairs, all Building 1 resident's will need to be relocated offsite or to their sister property, Atlas & Aurora by Tuesday, June 22nd. The residents have been notified there will be no penalties if they choose to get out of their lease or move with their families. All expenses will be on the ownership and majority of the residents accepted the proposal.

On Monday, June 21st, a re-inspection was conducted by a code officer, several residents are not happy with the services being provided by the property management/ownership. Unfortunately, the residents want to be compensated with more. Our Code Officer is seeking guidance from the City Attorney's Office on how to proceed with the residents that refuse to leave the premise.

June 21, 2021 – D Magazine (Alex Macon) With summer now underway—and with ERCOT asking Texans last week to conserve energy—I wanted to reach out and see whether the city's OEM has a plan in the event that there are power outages affecting Dallas in the coming months. I know the city has opened cooling stations during extreme heat advisories in the past. Are there plans to do so again this summer?

Are there specific plans in place in case of power blackouts? Generator-powered cooling stations, water distribution, etc.? You can reach me here or at 214-458-6611. Thank you!

**City Response:** Rec centers and libraries do not have generators at the moment. Our Office of Emergency Management is working to procure generators, due to the size of the project we do not expect to have or rely on generators this summer.

The City is currently operating Libraries and Rec Centers as places to escape the heat. If we do experience widespread power outages, we do have a plan in place. As we did during the winter storm, the City would identify rec centers, libraries and other City facilities not impacted by the power outage and designate as emergency facilities.



# Dallas Fire-Rescue Department Media Requests: June 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

<u>Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup></u>: All local media outlets – Can you provide us details on the gas leak taking place in Downtown Dallas?

<u>City Response</u> – On Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 p.m., DFR's HazMat unit was dispatched to the 1700 block of Elm Street, after a construction crew struck a reported 4" natural gas line, in Downtown Dallas.

When DFR units arrived, there was one building (the Press Box Grill at 1623 Main Street) that was self-evacuated after occupants noticed the smell of gas inside. HazMat technicians taped off the area and requested DPD to block streets at Elm St. and St. Paul and Northbound Ervay at Main Street.

Using gas monitors, HazMat technicians were able to check four buildings for gas, and the only one confirmed to have the presence of gas was the one that was self-evacuated. Later in the operation, technicians from Atmos and DFR also evacuated a second business adjacent to the first one.

Technicians from Atmos were ultimately able to address the leak, and the streets were reopened around 3:40 p.m.

<u>Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup></u>: **WFAA 8 (Lourdes Vazquez) -** Can you provide information on how many calls DFR responded to between noon and 7 p.m. due to the heat?

<u>City Response</u> - There were 2 responses to Environmental calls. 1 was transported to the hospital.

<u>Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup></u>: NBC 5/Telemundo (Joanna Molinero) and Univision 23 (Nathalie Palacios) - I am reaching out to DFR & DPD on a Water Rescue on 3000 Mountain Creek Pkwy. 2021147968.

<u>City Response</u> - DFR units were dispatched to this call after a man drove his vehicle down a hill and into a lake near 3000 Mountain Creek Parkway.

The car ended up approximately 20 yards offshore before it began filling up with water; causing the man to climb onto the roof of the vehicle.

DFR sent a boat put to retrieve the man, and safely rescued him.

<u>Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup></u>: NBC Today Show (Kayla McCormick) - Hope you are well. This is Kayla, producer for NBC News DFW bureau. I'm working on a pitch for Today Show tomorrow on the excessive heat the US and Southern US is grappling with. Wanted to check in and see how DFD is handling it and if you have any specific concerns or comments that we may be able to include as part of our story.

Please give me a call when you have a free moment.

<u>City Response</u> – Set them up with an interview with Section Chief, Scott Clumpner to speak on the matter. Story can be viewed at the following link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-B4buuuTp2l">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-B4buuuTp2l</a>

Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>: WFAA 8 (Matt Thomas) - Dallas, TX (Dallas County)| 1 Alarm Fire| 8721 Mediterranean Circle| U/D: B-7 out one story pitch roof fire showing from attic making quick attack| 12:17

<u>City Response</u> - Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to this fire at 12:08 p.m. after a 911 call indicating that an electrical box at home on the 8400 block of Mediterranean Drive was on fire and spreading to the home.

Its unclear what firefighters observed when they arrived, but the fire was declared extinguished approximately 15 minutes after units arrived.

There were no injuries reported as a result of the fire.

<u>Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup></u>: KRLD (Iris Bekker) - Hi..this just popped into the system. Do you have any details on this please?

Thank you!

Dallas, TX (Dallas County)| Shooting/Stabbing| 2025 Lagow| Station 44 o/s of a walk in stabbing at station, multiple juveniles stabbed|

<u>City Response</u> - This incident took place at approximately 14:00, after an individual dropped off two juveniles at Fire Station 44 with what appeared to be penetrating injuries. I'm unable to confirm more detail other than the fact that both were taken to the hospital.

I'd encourage you to reach out to the police department if you haven't already.....

The story can be viewed at the following link: <a href="https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/woman-in-custody-after-child-6-fatally-stabbed-another-hurt/2660129/">https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/woman-in-custody-after-child-6-fatally-stabbed-another-hurt/2660129/</a>

<u>Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup></u>: Dallas Morning News (Tom Steel) and NBC5/Telemundo (Claire Cardona) - I just wanted to see what information, if any, was available about the call in the 9000 block of Markville Drive this afternoon.

<u>City Response</u> - There's not much I can tell you other than the fact that DFR units were dispatched to a 911 call for a Gun Shot Wound, which took place at 9010 Markville Drive, at 1:49 p.m.

I don't have, nor could I disclose, incident details, but at least two people were taken to the hospital in undisclosed condition.