

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 16, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – April 15, 2021**

New Updates

Encampment Resolution Schedule April 15th, 2021

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment cleaning the weeks of April 12th-16th and April 19th-23rd. Please note that these will be for debris removal and outreach only. There are 19 sites scheduled for removal, April 12th-April 16th, through the ongoing OHS & Parks Department Strategy, which are listed in the attached Encampment Resolution schedule. Together, OHS & Parks were able to hand out 72hr notices for site removal to these location over April 8th and April 12th.

The OHS Street Outreach teams have continued to engage with individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. Last week, the OHS Street Outreach Team:

- Engaged a total of 103 unsheltered residents
- Linked 6 unsheltered residents to MLK Community Service program through Night Court to expunge existing tickets. This helps remove barriers for recovering IDs
- Referred 10 residents to Our Calling for shelter and COVID-19 vaccination
- Assisted 15 residents transfer from Our Calling to area shelters
- Referred 8 residents to the Stewpot for stimulus check assistance

The OHS Service Request dashboard can be utilized to track the progress of encampment resolution efforts. If you have any questions about the encampment resolution process or the dashboard please contact Christine Crossley, Director, Office of Homeless Solutions. Please visit the dashboard using the link below and feel free sharing this tool 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.

City Manager's Corner – Employee(s) of the Week

Sarah Evans, Council Liaison assigned to District 13, and Sophia Figueroa, Council Liaison assigned to District 11, are this week's employee(s) being recognized. During the severe winter storm which left thousands of residents without power and water, Sarah led the MCC effort to secure and distribute more than a million bottles of water throughout the city. These efforts ultimately led to a multi-department partnership relying each day on Sophia's daily reporting on water needs identified by MCC peers on the ground in the communities. Since she arrived at the city two years ago, Sarah has always been unafraid

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to address challenges head on. Sophia's more than 15 years of service and willingness to fill any gap has been a reliable source of support for the entire MCC team. Congratulations to Sarah and Sophia for their servant leadership on behalf of the City of Dallas.

[Community Clean Trash-Off Program](#)

The Community Clean Trash-Off program is an interdepartmental collaborative between the Department of Code Compliance, Department of Sanitation, Dallas Parks and Recreation, Community Courts, and the Dallas Marshalls office. Most recently, the City has also had volunteers from the Dallas Police Department Explorers program. The Department of Code Compliance initiated this program to reduce illegal dumping and blight in some of our most challenged neighborhoods.

Code Compliance recently facilitated the program at Jaycee Zaragoza Recreation Center in District 6. It was the largest turnout thus far that received positive feedback and compliments from residents. Attached is an impact report from the event, as well as a video link [here](#). Our next Community Clean Trash-Off program will be held in District 5 on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Crawford Memorial Park 8700 Elam Rd, Dallas, Texas 75217 from 10:00am – 2:00pm (*flyer attached*). Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Carl Simpson, Director for Code Compliance.

[Title & Property Assistance Program \(TAPA\) hosts seminar April 24](#)

The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization announces an informational seminar regarding the Title & Property Assistance Program (TAPA). This virtual event will provide an overview of how the City can provide financial assistance to qualified residents in correcting direct ownership and heirship issues, tax penalties, liens, and a host of other title issues. The seminars will be held on April 24, 2021, between 11am to 2pm and are open to all Dallas residents - It will be available in English and Spanish at this time. Registration is required, please call 469-708-0022 to sign up. If you RSVP before April 23rd, you will receive a free informational packet ahead of the meeting to review. The Title and Property Assistance Program (TAPA) is a collaboration between The City of Dallas and Cadillac Law, PLLC. The program seeks to provide financial assistance and education to under-served communities in the areas of title and property law. Please join us! The meeting link is: <https://bit.ly/3rSvwRu> Should you have questions or concerns, please contact David Noguera, Director for Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization.

[State of Homelessness Address – Registration Open](#)

Registration is now open for the virtual 2021 Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance State of Homelessness Address on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. In addition to providing the results of the 2021 Point In Time Homeless Count, there will be a very robust discussion of the overall homeless response system led by Ashely Brundage, Chair of the Homeless Collaborative for Dallas and Collin Counties and Peter Brodsky, Chair of the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Board. Here's the link to register:

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/state-of-homelessness-address-reimagined-tickets-150623409673>. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Christine Crossley, Director for Office of Homeless Solutions.

Arts Month event at Fair Park

This weekend, the Office of Arts and Culture’s Community Arts Program is presenting a Community Artist Showcase, three performances of free music, dance, spoken word and more at the Band Shell at Fair Park. This Dallas Arts Month celebration promises to be great outdoor family fun. Social distancing measures will be observed by limiting entrance only to those pre-registered and masks will be required. For tickets and a complete schedule, visit <https://www.fairpark.org/events/detail/oac-artist-showcase>. For more information, please contact Jennifer Scripps, Director of Arts and Culture.

Explore Public Art with an Interactive Map to Celebrate Arts Month

In celebration of Arts Month, the Office of Arts and Culture and the Office of Data Analytics partnered to provide residents with a way to explore public art in Dallas. The public can examine art installations closely by either selecting a thumbnail image or by selecting it on an [interactive map](#) of the City. Users will see a high-resolution image, title, artist name, and a detailed description of the installation. The map is available on any smart mobile device or desktop computer. The Office of Arts and Culture will launch Arts Month on Wednesday, April 14. For more Arts Month activities, please visit the Public Art Page at Dallasculture.org. For more information, please contact Jennifer Scripps, Director of Arts and Culture.

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 [electronic bid portal](#):

Opportunity No.	Opportunity Name
CIZ1968-2	Paul D Dyer Administration Building rebid to finish the remaining construction- Construction, by Parks and Recreation Department
CIZ1978	Alley Reconstruction Group 17-7001, by Public Works
CIZ1980	Alley Reconstruction- Group No. 17-9001 (Package B), by Public Works
CIZ1981	McKinney Ave/Cole Two-way Conversion, by Public Works
BP21-00015961	Bedding Plants 6” or Less
BFZ21-00014031	OEM & Aftermarket Car, Truck, Lifts, Motorcycle and Equipment Parts and Labor

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

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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

April 21, 2021

- HUD Consolidated Plan Budget for FY 2021-22 (City Manager's recommendation and CDC amendments)
- COVID-19 Federal Relief Legislation – American Rescue Plan
- Self-Certification Rental Inspection Program
- Cultural Plan Update

Media Inquiries

As of April 12, 2021, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Dead Body Recovered from Five-Mile Creek
- All Equipment and Medications Accounted for After Recovery of Stolen Ambulance
- Dallas Morning News Highlights Local Turned Federal Arson Case
- KERA/homeless stimulus checks
- Dallas Voice /homeless stimulus checks
- WFAA/COVID-19 vaccines
- Newsweek/Patriot's Voice
- Univision/COVID-19 vaccines
- Vice/Patriot's Roundup
- Dallas Voice/OHS
- Vice/QAnon

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to media outlets, during the period from April 5 – April 12, 2021, for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



T.C. Broadnax
City Manager

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

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

Encampment Resolution (Cleaning) Schedule April 15th, 2021

LOCATION	
April 12 th -April 16 th , 2021	April 19 th -April 23 rd , 2021
1700 Chestnut Street	4610 S R L Thornton
1600 Baylor Street	379 Commerce Street
700 2 nd Ave	Continental @ N. Stemmons Fwy.
2400 Coombs	3400 Harry Hines @ Houston St.
2600 Taylor Street	75/Forest Lane
11014 Harry Hines Blvd	11600 Forest Lane Central Drive
11311 Reeder Rd & Joe Fields St.	12505 East Northwest Hwy
35/Stemmons at Medical District Drive	8101 Stone River Road
35/Stemmons at Continental	
N. Central Expressway & Forest Ln.	

Encampment Resolution (Removal) Schedule April 15th, 2021

LOCATION	
April 12 th -April 16 th , 2021	
Moore Park,	Five Mile Escarpment
Kleberg	Craddock
Fruitdale	William B. Dean
Pacific Plaza	Trinity Strand Trail
Main Street Garden	Crown
Tommie Allen	Jaycee Zaragoza
Dealy Plaza	Bachmon
Lubben Plaza	
Santa Fe Trail	
Oakcliff Founders	
Coombs Creek Trial	
Annie Stevens	

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COMMUNITY ARTIST SHOWCASE

A weekend of music, dance, spoken word and more with over 20 different Dallas artists!

April 16-18, 2021

Friday, Saturday at 7 PM

Sunday at 3 PM

At the Fair Park Bandshell

Learn More: www.bit.ly/FairParkShowcase

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Community Clean

Trash-Off Program - Jaycee Zaragoza Recreation Center



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH LETTERS MAILED	CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	DEDICATED CODE COMPLIANCE STAFF	BULK TRASH / LITTER COLLECTED	TIRES COLLECTED
3,920	202	14	50,700 lbs	600
ALKALINE BATTERIES COLLECTED	MOTOR OIL COLLECTED COLLECTED	ANTIFREEZE COLLECTED	LITHIUM BATTERIES COLLECTED	PAINT COLLECTED
100 lbs	3,500 lbs	150 lbs	0 lbs	10,500 lbs
DEDICATED SANITATION STAFF	COMMUNITY COURTS STAFF / VOLUNTEERS / DPD / EXPLORES	SCHREDDING COLLECTED		
12	20	1,460 lbs		

DISTRICT 5

COMMUNITY CLEAN TRASHOFF!

**KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN
GET RID OF YOUR BULKY ITEMS FOR FREE**

Saturday, April 24 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Crawford Memorial Park | 8700 Elam Rd, Dallas, Texas 75217



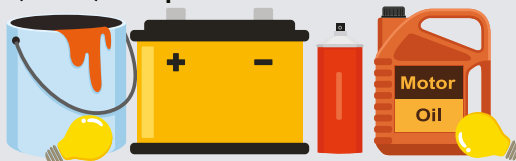
Council Member
Jaime Resendez
District 5



✓ **Bulky Items:** furniture, rugs, mattresses, appliances, electronics, tires



✓ **Hazardous Waste:** batteries, water based paint only, oil, toxic, or liquid waste



✓ **Document Shredding**



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For more information, call Code Compliance at 214-670-5708

DISTRITO 5

¡COMUNIDAD LIMPIA DE BASURA! MANTENIENDO LIMPIA NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

DESHÁGASE DE SUS ARTÍCULOS VOLUMINOSOS DE FORMA GRATUITA

Sábado 24 Abril | 10 a.m. a 2 p.m.

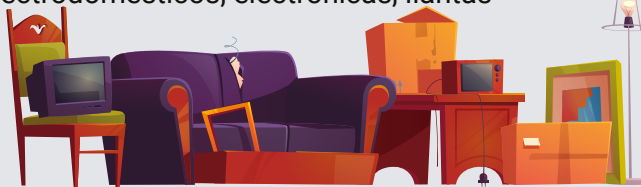
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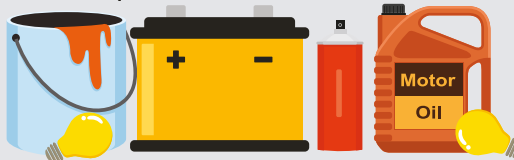
Consejal
Jaime Resendez
Distrito 5



✓ **Artículos voluminosos:** muebles, alfombras, colchones, electrodomésticos, electrónicas, llantas



✓ **Residuos peligrosos:** baterías, pintura a base de agua solamente, aceite, tóxicos o líquidos



✓ **Trituración de documentos**



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Para más información, llame al departamento de Cumplimiento del Código al 214-670-5708.



TÍTULOS ENREDADOS



ÚNETE A LA CIUDAD DE DALLAS Y A CADILLAC LAW PARA APRENDER
SOBRE UN NUEVO PROGRAMA PARA TENER TÍTULOS LIMPIOS.

INGLÉS
24 DE ABRIL
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
bit.ly/32bI4ZN

ESPAÑOL
24 DE ABRIL
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
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CONFIRME ANTES DEL 24 DE ABRIL

LLAME AL 469-708-0022 O VISITE WWW.TEXASTAPA.COM PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN.

TANGLED TITLES

JOIN THE CITY OF DALLAS AND CADILAC LAW TO
LEARN ABOUT A NEW TITLE CLEARING PROGRAM.

ENGLISH & SPANISH

April 24th

11 AM to 2 PM

bit.ly/32bI4ZN

CALL 469-708-0022 OR VISIT WWW.TEXASTAPA.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Department of
Housing & Neighborhood
Revitalization



**Communications, Outreach & Marketing
Media Requests
April 6 – 12**

Date Submitted: 4/6/2021

Topic: KERA/homeless stimulus checks

Inquiry: KERA was given information of DPL and the Stewpot helping those experiencing homelessness sign up for stimulus checks.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: KERA

Date Submitted: 4/6/2021

Topic: Dallas Voice /homeless stimulus checks

Inquiry: Dallas Voice was given information of DPL and the Stewpot helping those experiencing homelessness sign up for stimulus checks.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Dallas Voice

Date Submitted: 4/6/21

Topic: WFAA/COVID-19 vaccines

Inquiry: WFAA requested information regarding children under the age of 18 being vaccinated.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: WFAA

Date Submitted: 4/7/2021

Topic: Newsweek/Patriot's Voice

Inquiry: Information was requested in response to a planned three-day QAnon event.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Newsweek/Patriot's Voice

Date Submitted: 4/7/21

Topic: Univision/COVID-19 vaccines

Inquiry: Univision requested information regarding children under the age of 18 being vaccinated.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Univision 23

Date Submitted: 4/7/2021

Topic: Vice/Patriot's Roundup

Inquiry: Information was requested in response to a planned three-day QAnon event.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Vice/Patriot's Roundup

Date Submitted: 4/7/2021

Topic: Dallas Voice/OHS

Inquiry: Steven Monacelli inquired about the placement of large rocks underneath at least one DART bridge. The City informed Mr. Monacelli the City did not place the rocks.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Dallas Voice

Date Submitted: 4/7/2021

Topic: Vice/QAnon

Inquiry: Information was requested in response to a planned three-day QAnon event.

Submitted By: Catherine Cuellar

Media Entity: Vice/QAnon



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: April 6 - 12, 2021.

Tuesday, April 6th: WFAA 8 (Matt Jones) and Univision 23 (Marysol Gonzalez) –
Any info on this IPN? Reportedly 5 mile creek just south of Ledbetter

Dallas, TX (Dallas County)| Technical Rescue| Wagon Wheels Trail & Old Ox Rd| FD requested by police for possible body recovery in water. Boat in route.| 09:20

City Response - I can only confirm that DFR was requested, at 8:30 a.m., to help recover a body that was found by DPD in a “still body of water” near Glendale Park, located at 1300 East Ledbetter Drive.

I have no detail on what time the body was actually recovered, but the ME was requested around 9:30 a.m. and DFR units cleared the scene shortly thereafter.

You’ll have to reach out to DPD to get details on the matter.

Tuesday, April 6th: Coffee of Die Magazine (Joshua Skovlund) and Spectrum Media (Mike Pool) - Is there any chance you guys would be open to sharing a picture of the Rescue 53? Also, have you guys been able to evaluate the ambulance for the extent of damages?

City Response – In addition to sending them a few pictures of the units exterior, I also sent him the following statement:

On Monday, April 5th, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue’s (DFR) Rescue 53 was stolen from Fire Station #53, located in Northeast Dallas. Due to the combined efforts of law enforcement personnel from Dallas Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, and other local jurisdictions, the ambulance was recovered in McKinney after a high speed chase that lasted more than an hour. Thankfully, there were no reported injuries associated with the incident.

Upon further examination of the unit, DFR is able to report that all equipment and medications are accounted for. However, the unit itself had to be removed from service and is still being evaluated for damages. The equipment was transferred to a reserve unit, which was placed into service, at approximately 8:00 p.m. on April 5th, to resume emergency response to the city and its residents.

DFR has policies in place to safeguard against the theft of equipment. Once the full investigation of this incident is concluded, a determination will be made on what corrective measures are necessary to prevent this from reoccurring. In the initial response to this incident, the department has already reemphasized the importance of station security through an internal posting so that members continue to maintain situational awareness and take steps to prevent similar occurrences moving forward.

Thursday, April 8th: Dallas Morning News (Kevin Krause) - I was wondering if you could provide any info about an arson attempt in 2016.

Some men broke into the Black Diamonds strip club at 9009 Sovereign Row on March 15, 2016 after 2 a.m.

They were pouring gasoline inside when a flash fire suddenly sparked. One of the men, Desmond Hays, died inside the club from severe burns and/or smoke inhalation.

The fire, however, didn't spread and caused minimal damage.

I was wondering if your arson investigators handled it and what they found. Also, I can't find any press releases about this incident, which is strange because a person died in the fire.

My deadline is tomorrow afternoon. I know that's not a lot of time, but whatever you can provide would be appreciated.

INITIAL City Response - This was an incident that was handled by our Fire Investigators. The reason I never sent out a press release was because no one ever inquired about it. In fact, you're the first and only person, from the media, who popped up in my email search when I typed the street name in.

All I can confirm for you is that the incident took place on March 15, 2016 at 14:31. It took place at the Black Diamonds strip club, located at 9009 Sovereign Row, and was reported as a "Unconscious Person". When firefighters arrived, they found the unresponsive and burned body of an unidentified male in the back dressing room. Soon after, medics arrived and determined the man was deceased.

The information I have access to doesn't contain anything pertaining to the investigation. That being the case, the Fire Investigation Division is preparing something that speaks to what investigative measures were taken locally before it turned into a federal matter. I should be able to get you something before your deadline.

The more than likely reason no one ever asked about this fire is because of the fact that it was put in as an "Unconscious Person". The people at the news desk probably just glossed over it due to the fact that most of those call types don't turn out to be newsworthy.

FOLLOW-UP City Response - The following information details DFR's investigative efforts:

2016056702

03/15/2016 @ 14:31 hours

9009 Sovereign Row

1 Story Brick Commercial Night Club

Engine 47 was first on-scene for the call of an “unconscious person” at listed address. An occupant was found deceased with thermal burns on his body located in the building which had incurred major fire damage. Fire investigators, during their examination, found evidence of a poured accelerant and determined that the fire had self-extinguished prior to DFR arrival.

The fire was initially classified UNDETERMINED pending the report from the Medical Examiner. On 3/19/2016 the classification was updated to INCENDIARY after examining surveillance video.

This fire incident was connected to a series of fires that occurred in the “Richmond Strip”, located in the southwest incorporated city limits of Houston, Harris County, Texas, beginning from January 2010. These fires were reportedly a measure to reduce “competition” of a particular Strip Club.

Dallas Fire-Rescue arson investigators began the investigation of Black Diamonds, however, the local investigation yielded to the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigations, who continued the inquiry. Dallas Fire-Rescue Arson Division did not file any charges, and only provided assistance with the federal investigation. Dallas Fire-Rescue investigator, Sam Stephenson (now with the City of Rockwall Fire Department), was the lead investigator.