

DATE: April 16, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

#### SUBJECT: Dallas Police Department Cannabis Enforcement Update

The Dallas Police Department would like to provide an update on the changes made to the procedures regarding enforcement of cannabis possession. These procedural changes are being made to lessen the impact of arresting individuals for low level amounts of marijuana. Unless certain circumstances are present, the Department will not charge an individual with possession of marijuana indicative of personal use which is considered two ounces or less.

Under the new procedures, officer will charge the individual with possession when:

- More than 2 ounces of marijuana
- Any amount of marijuana where there are indications of drug distribution such as:
  - Multiple smaller baggies of marijuana packaged for resale.
    - Presence of digital scales or packs of empty baggies
    - Officers personally observe a drug transaction take place
    - Individual is involved in a drug-related call for police service, or part of a Narcotics Division investigation
- Any amount of marijuana and the suspect has:
  - A firearm in his possession
  - A companion charge for a crime against person offense

Cite and release procedures will be followed when officers discover an individual has more than two ounces but less than four ounces and no other charges requiring a custodial arrest are present. In all circumstances, marijuana will be seized from the individual. Officers will document all seizures with the appropriate reports and place the property into drug evidence lock boxes per Department policy.

These procedures will become effective April 19, 2021. Officers will receive the updated General Orders, a Roll Call Training Bulletin, and a training video to ensure understanding and achieve compliance. The Dallas Police Department will continue to review its procedures to ensure they are in line with best practices and national standards.

Eddie Garcia Chief of Police Dallas Police Department

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#### **SUBJECT Return to Work Phase III Implementation Update**

The original date of the Return to Work Phase III of May 3, 2021, will be delayed. The Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance has moved the April meeting to May 6, 2021, therefore, to incorporate feedback from the Committee, the new tentative date for Phase III will be **Monday, May 10, 2021**.

As relayed in my weekly message to employees, many of our employees continue to work from home but are starting to come into the office on hybrid and flexible schedules. We are working with each department director to ensure that our rate of vaccinations for city employees is layered into the Return to Work strategy for Phases III and IV.

We have received some inquiries from councilmembers regarding the timeframe for hosting City Council meetings in person at City Hall in the City Council Chambers. Prior to May 6th, we will reach out to your offices directly to discuss and receive input on our proposed go forward strategy. This will allow us to incorporate your feedback and include it in the briefing to the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance.

In the meantime, it's important that you know we are continuing to be strategic, cautious, and using data to determine how and when it is best for everyone to fully return to in person, office working environments. We will continue with our current Phase II activities, which includes virtual meetings and move forward with the May 10 Phase III opening. Facial coverings will continue to be required for all city employees and guests in city facilitates. We will provide an update on the Phase III protocols during the May 6<sup>th</sup> briefing.

We appreciate your ongoing support and cooperation as we work to safely reopen City Hall and other city facilities in the next few months. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, Chief of Staff, who is leading the City's Return to Work planning efforts.

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#### SUBJECT Short-Term Rentals Public Hearing – May 5, 2021

As previously communicated, a public hearing will be scheduled for the City Council briefing agenda on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Speakers will have the opportunity to provide public input on options to regulate short-term rental (STR) properties, but no City Council debate will take place on this item.

The public will be notified through various media through our Communications, Outreach and Marketing team. Those members of the public interested in speaking on the item may register to speak through the City Secretary's Office <u>BIT.LY/DALLASSPEAKUPSTR</u>.

Also, speakers who would like to provide additional input through an online survey may do so at: <u>bit.ly/STRSURVEY</u>.

Attached please find graphics for dissemination and messaging for social media posts for your Districts.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Joey Zapata Assistant City Manager

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# SHORT TERM RENTALS (STRs) PUBLIC HEARING





Join us for the Short-Term Rentals Public Hearing on May 5 to provide your input on the options to regulate short-term rental (STR) properties and the impact to neighborhoods in Dallas.

# **SIGN UP TO SPEAK**

To register to speak, please contact the City Secretary's Office:

### Call (214) 670-3738

### OR **Complete the online form: BIT.LY/DALLASSPEAKUPSTR**

**PUBLIC HEARING DEADLINE FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS:** 

5:00 p.m. of the last regular business day preceding the meeting (May 4, 2021)

**PARTICIPATE IN THE STR SURVEY BIT.LY/STRSURVEY** 

For more information, visit: DALLASCITYHALL.COM



# AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA DE ALQUILERES A CORTO PLAZO (STR)

Acompáñenos en esta Audiencia Pública de Alquileres de Corto Plazo (STR, por sus siglas en inglés) el 5 de mayo, para compartir sus ideas acerca de las opciones para regular los Alquileres de Corto Plazo de propiedades y su impacto en los vecindarios de Dallas.





## **REGÍSTRESE PARA HABLAR**

Si quiere registrarse para tener un derecho de palabra, por favor, póngase en contacto con la Secretaría del Ayuntamiento:

### Llamando al (214) 670-3738

### Completando el formulario en línea: **BIT.LY/DALLASSPEAKUPSTR**

FECHA LÍMITE DE LA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PARA LAS REUNIONES DEL CONCEJO: 5:00 p.m. del último día laboral regular antes de la reunión (4 de mayo de 2021).

> **PARTICPE EN LA ENCUESTA ACERCA DE LOS STR BIT.LY/STRLAENCUESTA**

Para más información, visite: DALLASCITYHALL.COM









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### **SUBJECT** The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Launches Neighborhood Empowerment Zones (NEZ) Program

The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization is excited to announce the launch of the Residential Neighborhood Empowerment Zones (NEZ) program on Monday, April 26, 2021.

This launch will begin with residential owner-occupied homes and single-family/duplex rental units located in one of the residential NEZ districts. Approved applicants will be eligible for 10-year abatements of a portion of their property taxes and reimbursement of certain development-related city fees.

The Residential NEZ program was created to encourage rehabilitation and repair of residential properties in the City and to promote economic development and affordable housing. The program was approved January 22, 2020 by Resolution No 20-0188.

If an eligible applicant has completed eligible repairs between January 22, 2020 and today, they may apply to the program. If work has not yet been started, an applicant can apply for pre-approval and get full approval after completion of the work. Homeowners who have received assistance for home-repairs from the City of Dallas during this period, who live in eligible areas will be contacted after construction is complete to apply for the NEZ program.

Eligible Applicants:

- Homeowners: spend at least \$5,000.00 renovating their own home and have a household income at or under 120% AMI
- Landlords: spend at least \$10,000.00, bring their single family or duplex rental unit up to Chapter 27 habitability standards, and rent it to people whose household is at or under 60% AMI

Eligible repairs are weather and water proofing like roof repairs, doors and window replacement and Essential Systems Repairs like accessibility, and HVAC. A full list of repairs is available under the NEZ program at <u>www.bit.ly/DALRESNEZ</u>.

Homeowners will need to have the following:

- Proof of identification
- Proof of income
- Proof of work completed or to be completed

Landlords that apply will need their tenant to co-apply and be income verified. Landlords will need to complete the minimum eligible repair investment and bring their property into compliance with the City's Minimum Property Standards in Chapter 27 of the Dallas City Code.

Starting on April 26, 2021 applications can be downloaded from <u>www.bit.ly/DALRESNEZ</u> or can be picked-up at Dallas City Hall. Applications will be accepted anytime throughout the year.

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#### SUBJECT The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Launches Neighborhood Empowerment Zones (NEZ) Program

City Hall is tentatively scheduled to open on May 3, 2021. Before then, Applicants can call 214-670-3744 and ask staff to meet them outside of City Hall to pick up or drop-off an application.

Complete applications can be dropped off at the above-mentioned location between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm and will be processed as received.

Housing staff will hold an information session to learn more about the program and requirements of eligibility on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm to discuss in detail NEZ and the applications. A recorded copy of the presentation will be posted online at <u>www.bit.ly/DALRESNEZ</u> after the event. The following information is for property owners interested in joining the meeting:

Event Link: https://bit.ly/3dv3hmP +1-469-210-7159 United States Toll (Dallas) +1-408-418-9388 United States Toll Meeting Number (access code): 187 409 9458 Meeting Password: NEZ1

Full details on the program, required documents, eligibility, and application requirements are available online at dallashousingpolicy.com. Residents can also call the Department of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization at 214-670-3644 or email <u>hipp@dallascityhall.com</u>.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 214-670-3619 or David.Noguera@dallascityhall.com

David Noguera, Director Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

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### **SUBJECT** Response to Questions from the April 7, 2021 Dallas Executive Airport Development Briefing – Department of Aviation

This memorandum is in response to questions raised during the April 7, 2021 City Council briefing, Dallas Executive Airport Development Update, as to the potential uses for available land at the airport.

The Department of Aviation has both aeronautical and non-aeronautical land available for development. Per Ordinance No. 20935, the bulk of the property available for development is currently zoned as Industrial Research District (IR) with approved Special Use Permit (SUP) No. 169, which grants allowance for an airport to be established on the property. There are also small parcels of land zoned as R-10 (A) for Single Family use, a remnant of the prior zoning for the property.

In accordance with the acceptance of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Assurances and FAA Order 5190.6B Airport Compliance Manual, the Department of Aviation is required to follow the FAA guidance for development of land on airport property. Permissible uses for aeronautical property include but are not limited to airfield/airspace, improvements, and facilities used to support operations such as hangars, Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF), baggage handling facilities, parking areas, concession spaces and passenger screening areas.

Non-aeronautical land is designed for commercial uses other than the direct conduct of aviation operations by the airport sponsor or airlines and are unrelated to serving the traveling public or aeronautical functions. Common types of non-aeronautical development include but are not limited to industrial or distribution centers, non-airport vehicle and maintenance equipment storage, aircraft museums, administrative offices or retail businesses.

Per the 2015 Master Plan and 2017 Land Use Study, and recent Request for Proposals, options for non-aeronautical uses identified were event venue/art gallery, workforce education center, movie theater, gym/wellness/medical center, hotel/convention center, mixed use commercial, recreation center, senior housing and/or sports complex.

Non-aeronautical property has great flexibility in what it can be used for, but it may require additional efforts to receive approval such as zoning changes, amendment to existing SUP, as well as FAA review. Additional factors which may need to be considered include animal attractants, environmental and airspace, or any activity which would restrict or limit aircraft and/or airport operations.

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For additional information regarding potential development at Dallas Executive Airport, please contact the Director of the Department of Aviation – Mark Duebner at 214-670-6077 or email <u>mark.duebner@dallascityhall.com</u>.

Majed A. Al-Ghafry, P.E. Assistant City Manager

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#### **SUBJECT** Initiative to End Homelessness Among Veterans

In May of 2019 an initiative to end veteran homelessness began, with primary support from the Metro Dallas Homelessness Alliance (MDHA). In order to achieve this, a Direct Service Providers Workgroup was established and MDHA added Dedicated Navigation Staff Support to work with landlords to identify units and move veterans into housing faster. The initiative seeks to end veteran homelessness through a measured process of housing 50 veterans per month, broken out into 100 day 'challenges," and has housed 667 veterans since May 2019.

Due to COVID-19, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 100-day challenge was suspended but the initiative still housed 75 new participants. Due to this, the goal of 50 participant housing placements per month will need to be increased to address the months during the pandemic where this goal was not met. In spite of this, the initiative is now poised to resume its 100 day surges and expects to meet its goal of ending veteran homelessness by December 2021.

The program is also actively working with the VA and SSVF providers to overcome challenges related to data collection and entry required to effectively identify and track our active homeless veteran population. This initiative is positioned to support the City of Dallas Veteran Affairs Commission. Should you have questions, please contact Christine Crossley, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions.

Kimberly Bizor Tolbert Chief of Staff

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

#### New Updates

#### Encampment Resolution Schedule April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment cleaning the weeks of April 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Please note that these will be for debris removal and outreach only. There are 19 sites scheduled for removal, April 12<sup>th</sup>-April 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>.

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:

<u>https://dallasgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ccd41f0d795f407a94</u> <u>ae17e2c27bf073</u>. 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



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 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 <u>here</u>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 Cadilac 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: <u>https://bit.ly/3rSvwRu</u> 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 <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>May 11</u>, <u>2021</u> 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:

<u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/state-of-homelessness-address-reimagined-tickets-</u> <u>150623409673</u>. 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 <u>https://www.fairpark.org/events/detail/oac-artist-showcase</u>. 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 <u>interactive map</u> 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 <u>Dallasculture.org</u>. 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 <u>electronic bid portal</u>:

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 <u>Procurement Quarterly</u>, listing citywide opportunities for the current quarter (of the fiscal year) and published on the OPS <u>website</u>.

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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 Bizor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

T.C. Broadnax City Manager

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### Encampment Resolution (Cleaning) Schedule April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

LOCATION	LOCATION		
April 12 <sup>th</sup> -April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	April 19 <sup>th</sup> -April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021		
1700 Chestnut Street	4610 S R L Thornton		
1600 Baylor Street	379 Commerce Street		
700 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

LOCATION					
April 12 <sup>th</sup> -April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 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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### Friday, Saturday at 7 PM Sunday at 3 PM At the Fair Park Bandshell

ADH 6-12 2022

### Learn More: www.bit.ly/FairParkShowcase





### -Community Arts

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## Community Arts POP-UP CULTURAL CENTER

### **Community Clean** Trash-Off Program - Jaycee Zaragoza Recreation Center

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### **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



City of Dallas

### **DISTRITO** 5

### **ICOMUNIDAD 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.

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



Consejal Jaime Resendez Distrito 5







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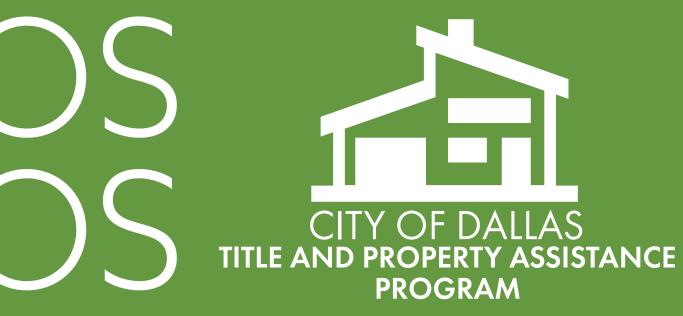
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#### Communications, Outreach & Marketing Media Requests April 6 – 12

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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



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

<u>Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup></u>: 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

<u>**City Response</u>** - 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.</u>

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.

<u>Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup></u>: 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?

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

On Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

<u>Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup></u>: 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 Haye, 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:

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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.