# Memorandum

DATE October 1, 2021

<sup>TO</sup> Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

# SUBJECT Taking Care of Business – September 30, 2021

# New Updates

# Encampment Resolution (Cleaning) Schedule September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

OHS Street Outreach team is gearing up for the start of the Dallas R.E.A.L. Time Rapid Rehousing (DRTRR) Initiative on October 1<sup>st</sup> by using 311 data and sites identified in the field to develop the outreach and resolution via housing approach briefed to City Council on August 4<sup>th</sup>. During this time, they will continue to engage with unsheltered residents through normal street outreach, connecting people with the needed resources, such as: getting IDs, working with Community Courts on expunging eligible tickets and offenses from their records, identifying medical needs, and getting them access to the Coordinated Access System (CAS).

Please see the attached schedule for homeless encampment cleaning the weeks of September 27<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please note that these will be for debris removal and outreach only. 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 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

Priscilla Juarez currently serves as an Administrative Specialist II in the Business Office at Sanitation Services. Priscilla's primary duties are billing the nearly 200 Commercial Customer Accounts that use McCommas Bluff Landfill and Bachman Transfer Station; supporting the Scale House personnel at both facilities set up commercial accounts, adding and updating vehicles, and resetting passwords when needed. Priscilla's attention to detail, in-depth knowledge of the job, outstanding organizational skills and tireless work ethic make her indispensable in the office. During the early stage of the pandemic Priscilla was often called on to resolve service issues

beyond her assigned duties and she did expertly. Priscilla is widely known by those customers as the person to go to when problems at the landfill or transfer station arise. She is always willing to go above and beyond to get results for our customers, and she does it gracefully and respectfully. She has been a real asset to the City of Dallas for seven years and with any luck, she will continue to shine for a long time. Thank you, Priscilla!



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### Department of Aviation Receives Nomination for Airport Amenity of the Week

The Department of Aviation recently dazzled passengers through magic and illusions performed in its first ever magic show on the airport's Live at Love Stage. On Tuesday, September 21, passengers and employees volunteered to be part of a 45-minute, live stream event aimed at increasing terminal engagement. The innovative performance also caught the attention of Stuck at the Airport, a publication for airport profiles and news and notes about airports and airport amenities and received a nomination for Airport Amenity of the Week. If you missed the event's live stream, the performance can be viewed on Dallas Love Field's <u>YouTube channel</u> and <u>Facebook page</u>. For more information regarding the Amenity of the Week Award, you may visit Stuckatheairport.com. If you have any questions or for more information about Dallas Love Field, please contact Director of Aviation Mark Duebner at <u>mark.duebner@dallascityhall.com</u>.

# Dallas Public Library Opens New Forest Green Branch Library

Dallas Public Library hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Sat., Sept. 25, at the new Forest Green Branch, 9619 Greenville Ave. The 19,881 sq. ft. building is more than twice the size of the library it replaces, built on Forest Lane in 1976. The new building features flexible classroom space, enhanced meeting rooms, 20 public computers, an outdoor space for community gatherings, and specialty technology,



furniture and equipment to encourage early literacy and STEM learning. The \$9.5 million project was funded by the 2006 and 2017 bond programs. The Forest Green Branch Library is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. For more information, contact Director of Libraries Jo Giudice.

#### Dallas videos receive top honors nationally

The City of Dallas was honored September 23 at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Government Programming Awards (GPAs), held by the National Association of Telecommunication Officers & Advisors (NATOA.org). The City received the Award of Distinction for our COVID-19 Response Public Service Announcement Campaign, and Award of Honor for Overall Excellence in Government Programming (Jurisdictions with Operating Budgets of \$1M+). The GPAs honor excellence in broadcast, cable, multimedia and electronic programming produced by local government agencies. This year NATOA received more than 750 entries submitted by local governments across the country, and this was the first year City of Dallas has entered. A division of the Office of Communication, Outreach, and Marketing City of Dallas Television can be streamed online at www.dallascitynews.net/watch-live and www.YouTube.com/CityofDallasCityHall, and on

Spectrum channels 16, 95, 96, & 99, AT&T U-Verse Ch. 99. For more information contact COM director Catherine Cuellar.

### Sustainable Food for City-Sponsored Events

The City of Dallas, in furtherance of its Comprehensive Environmental Climate Action Plan, is launching a pilot program to increase demand for local and healthy food. Through the Sustainable Meals for City-Sponsored Events procurement, the City seeks local restaurants, producers, and caterers to provide local and healthy food at City-sponsored events. All City of Dallas departments will have the option to participate in the program to provide more sustainable food options during their events – from small meetings of three to five people to large gatherings. For more information, go to <a href="https://dallascityhall.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/51699">https://dallascityhall.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/51699</a> or contact Chhunny Chhean, Director of the Office of Procurement Services.

### Dallas Park and Recreation Department Earn National Accreditation

Our own Dallas Park and Recreation Department earned national accreditation in the field of parks and recreation through the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Dallas is among 20 municipal park and recreation departments in Texas to be accredited, first earning the distinction in 2016. CAPRA Accreditation indicates that an agency has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services. As part of the accreditation process, Dallas demonstrated compliance with 154 recognized standards and document all policies and procedures. Congratulations team! Read about more the accreditation at the following link: <a href="http://dallasparks.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=397">http://dallasparks.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=397</a>. For more information please contact John Jenkins, Park and Recreation Director.

### 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
BVZ21-00016674	Hot Water Steam Boiler Maintenance and Parts
BYZ21-00017260	Sustainable Food for City-Sponsored Events
BV21-00017560	Water Meter Casting and Access Hatches

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. Upcoming Events DATE October 1, 2021 SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – September 30, 2021** 



# Look Ahead

**City Council Briefings** 

October 5, 2021

- Proposed 2022 City Council Calendar
- City Council Safety Training

October 20, 2021

2020 Decennial Census Results and Redistricting Update

### **Media Inquiries**

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

- DFR Set to Launch Single-Role Paramedic Pilot Program
- Firefighter Asks for Prayers While Hospitalized with COVID-19
- Multiple Families Displaced After Three Alarm Apartment Fire in Northeast Dallas
- Dallas Morning News Inquires About DFR Member Accused of Assaulting Man

The City has received other media requests from various news outlets at the following links: <u>Communications, Outreach and Marketing</u> or <u>Dallas Fire Rescue</u>. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

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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 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 September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

LOCATION	
September 27 <sup>th</sup> – October 1 <sup>st</sup>	October 4 <sup>th</sup> – October 8 <sup>th</sup>
817 South Malcolm X Blvd.	5459 S R L Thornton Freeway SB
2500 Dawson Ave	1200 Riverbend Dr.
3000 Hickory St	2600 Taylor St
1700 Baylor St	5000 E R L Thornton Freeway EB
1700 Chestnut St	N Central Expy Forest Ln
2300 Coombs St	Brockbank Dr @ Joes Creek
I-35 @ Walnut Hill Ln	Lombardy Ln @ Joes Creek
3200 Tres Logos Ln	
11500 Ferguson Rd	