# Memorandum



DATE July 26, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT Taking Care of Business - July 25, 2019

## **Updated Items**

Encampment Resolution Schedule – July 23, 2019 & July 30, 2019

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on July 23, 2019 and July 30, 2019:

July 23, 2019	July 30, 2019
<ul> <li>1700 Chestnut St (District 7)</li> <li>1717 Baylor St (District 7)</li> <li>2929 Hickory St (District 7)</li> <li>Jim Miller at Interstate I-30 (District 7)</li> <li>7700 Hunnicut Rd (District 7)</li> <li>4040 Commerce St (District 7)</li> <li>Interstate I-30 East On Ramp from Griffin St East (District 2)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>7982 Forest Lane/North Central at Forest Lane</li> <li>(District 11)</li> <li>Forest Lane at Stults Road (District 10)</li> <li>13124 North Central/Interstate 635 at Interstate 75 or Lyndon B. Johnson at North Central (District 11)</li> <li>10129 North Stemmons/Northwest Highway at North Stemmons Freeway (District 6)</li> </ul>

OHS Street Outreach team will continue to engage with homeless individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. OHS Community Mobilization staff are meeting with stakeholders to determine long-term sustainability of encampment sites and will provide periodic updates. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, and Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

#### Brush and Bulk Trash-Update

Sanitation Services (SS) is currently working through the last areas for post storm debris collection, Week 1, and anticipate completing these areas by August 3, 2019. SS has already completed a post storm sweep of Weeks 2, 3, and 4 areas. The magnitude and volume of debris created by the storms was significant and spread over a large portion of Dallas. SS originally estimated that the storm created over 500,000 cubic yards or 70,000 tons of storm debris but recently updated numbers indicate it will be over 650,000 cubic yards. To give some perspective, an average monthly brush and bulk collection volume is just over 100,000 cubic yards. The full August Bulk and Brush Collection schedule is below. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelly High, Director of Sanitation Services. For constituents, please refer them to <a href="https://www.dallaszerowaste.com">www.dallaszerowaste.com</a>.

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Brush and Bulk Collection Schedule for August:

	Start Date
Week 1	August 5th
Week 2	August 12th
Week 3	August 19th
Week 4	August 26th

#### **New Items**

### City Employee Notification System

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) launched the City's Employee Notification System (CENS) on Thursday, July 18, 2019. The CENS will be collecting employees' emergency contact information so that the OEM may notify registered members when normal work operations are interrupted, extended, or otherwise changed, when an emergency is occurring, or when immediate action is otherwise required. All employees are encouraged to register to receive these important messages. Each department may identify a primary and backup coordinator who will receive access to send messages to personnel within their department. The attached flyer for instructions on how to create an account has been shared with employees. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rocky Vaz, Director of Emergency Management.

# Dallas Lauded for Welcoming & Resilient Accomplishments

On July 18, 2019, the City of Dallas was recognized by Welcoming America for efforts in the development of resilience strategies that result in more equitable and inclusive environments for immigrants and residents. By weaving welcoming strategies into city-wide resilience plans, Dallas has developed solutions that not only equip the city to respond to dramatic events but to reshape the underlying conditions that drive them. Welcoming America is a national non-profit organization that provides a roadmap and support that communities need to be more inclusive and prosperous and is celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion.

#### 2019 Budget Town Halls

Budget Town Halls will begin on August 15, 2019 and run through August 29, 2019. Meetings will be onsite as well as virtual in every council district and will be an opportunity for residents to learn about the City's proposed budget and to share their input. The Town Hall schedule is provided <a href="here">here</a>. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of Mayor and City Council Office.

## August 14th Council Agenda Meeting-Off-site

The first Council Agenda Meeting following the July recess will be held off-site at 2:00pm at Lake Highlands North Recreation Center, 9940 White Rock Trail. Dinner will be provided for Councilmembers. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of Mayor and City Council Office.

#### Dallas Animal Services Showcase Video

Dallas Animal Services (DAS) released a video on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 that gives a glimpse of DAS' climb from a 13% live release rate in 2007 to exceeding 90% for four months in 2019. This critical transformation has been the result of years of hard work from animal lovers throughout the community. Though there is still plenty of work to be done, DAS wants to thank adopters, volunteers, staff, and elected officials who helped meet impact goals. The video can be accessed <a href="here">here</a>. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler-Hardy, Assistant City Manager.

## Media Inquiries

As of July 22, 2019, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Man and Two Children Left Clinging to Tree After Boat Sank
- DFR Medics Evaluate DART Employees After Exposure to Foul Odor
- Funeral Arrangements for Former Councilmember Davis
- Total Number of Employees in Organization

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the July 15 -July 21, 2019 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

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Mark Swann, City Auditor
Bilierae Johnson, City Secretary
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Michael Mendoza, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer
Laila Alequresh, Chief Innovation Officer
M. Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion
Directors and Assistant Directors

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# Public Affairs & Outreach Media Requests July 15 - July 22

July 16, 2019

**Topic:** Statement Request for Mayor regarding death of former Council Member **Summary of Statement:** Provided Mayor's Statement to media who requested it.

**Department:** Mayor & City Council Office

Media Entity: WFAA

July 16, 2019

**Topic:** Largest Employers List for the Dallas Business Journal **Summary of Statement:** There are currently 13,283 employees.

**Department:** Human Resources **Media Entity:** D Magazine

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department Media Requests: July 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

<u>Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup></u>: All local media outlets – Can we have more details about a water rescue DFR is conducting on Lake Ray Hubbard?

<u>City Response</u> - At 09:17 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a Water Rescue after a man and his two children became stranded in the waters of Lake Ray Hubbard after their boat sank.

Though they were all wearing life vests, they ended up hanging onto a tree, near a concrete pillar North of Highway 66, until first responders arrived and pulled them out if the water.

All parties were taken back to shore, and no one had to be taken to the hospital as a result of the incident.

<u>Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup></u>: All local media outlets – Can you provide us more information on a "suspicious substance" at a DART Office on Pacific Avenue?

<u>City Response</u> - At 13:12 Dallas Fire-Rescue was assigned to a 911 call for a "foul odor" coming from the vents of the DART Administrative Office, located at 1401 Pacific Avenue, in Downtown Dallas.

There were approximately 20-30 employees in the office, who were exposed to the smell. They were all evaluated by EMS, and everyone checked out fine. Fortunately, HazMat did not get any readings for anything hazardous, and the scene was cleared.