

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 18, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – October 17, 2019**

Updated Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule – October 15, 2019 & October 22, 2019](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution:

October 15, 2019	October 22, 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1800 South Boulevard (District 7)• 1640 North Hampton Road (District 6)• 1912 Fort Worth Avenue (District 6)• 802 South Good Latimer Expressway (District 2)• 1500 North Field Avenue (District 6)• 276 North Walton Walker Boulevard North Bound (District 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1584 North Hampton Road (District 6)• 2136 Miguel Martinez Way (District 14)• North Stemmons Freeway SB & Inwood Road, 75247 (District 6)• Ross Avenue & North Central Expressway (District 14)• 2735 North Hampton Road (District 6)• 2102 North Field Street (District 14)

The 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 the Office of Homeless Solutions.

[#MyDallas Citizenship Volunteers](#)

On Monday, October 7, 2019, the Mayor and City Council recorded a PSA inviting the public to volunteer for the #MyDallas Citizenship workshop, hosted by the Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs (WCIA). Volunteers may call WCIA at 214-671-5087 to sign up and volunteer trainings are being held at Catholic Charities of Dallas, 1421 W. Mockingbird Ln. on the following dates:

- Thurs. Oct. 17th 6 – 8:00 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 19th 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Thurs. Oct. 24th 6 – 8:00 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 26th 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The citizenship workshop will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion.

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[Diversity Month Celebration Events](#)

Diversity Month continues at the City of Dallas with several events scheduled for this week. On Thursday, October 17: *TED Talks and Cultural Performances* is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. in the main lobby and includes an “Effective Communications” TED talk followed by cultural performances by the South Oak Cliff High School choir and the Bandan Koro Drum and Dance Ensemble. On Friday, October 18, there will be a *Disabilities Awareness Lunch and Learn* for all city employees at 11:30 a.m. in the main lobby. Representatives from the Deaf Action Center and the Lighthouse for the Blind will talk about their services and support including job training and employment for those who are disabled. The goal of the event is to bring general awareness on how City employees can remove barriers and be more welcoming to those they work with and serve who are disabled. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Vanessa Gray, Inclusion, Culture & Engagement Manager.

[Domestic Violence Awareness Month Events](#)

On Tuesday, October 22, there will be a Lunch and Learn for all employees in the main lobby at 12:00 p.m. to discuss the recognition and awareness of teen violence and bullying. The event will include a joint discussion between Human Resources and experts in the field. On Thursday, October 24, all employees are encouraged to wear purple to stand in solidarity with survivors of domestic violence. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Vanessa Gray, Diversity, Inclusion, Culture, and Engagement Manager.

New Items

[Food Innovation Challenge Launch](#)

The Office of Innovation, in partnership with the Communities Foundation of Texas, is seeking idea submissions for the “Food Idea Innovation Challenge”, a survey to increase access to local, nutritious, and affordable food options to the residents of Dallas. Residents can submit ideas and solutions on how the City can work towards solving food inequities in their communities. Deadline for submission is November 21, 2019 and residents can submit online [here](#) or by written submission at WIC Centers, libraries, and recreation centers throughout the city. Once ideas have been submitted, residents will be able to vote on their favorite idea to be piloted by City staff and stakeholders. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Laila Aleqresh, Chief Innovation Officer.

[Appointment of Interim Historic Preservation Officer](#)

Neva Dean, the Assistant Director for the Department of Sustainable Development and Construction has been appointed to serve as the Interim Historic Preservation Officer until the position is filled. The Historic Preservation Program will maintain existing historic districts, coordinate the establishment of new historic districts, develop innovative programs to strengthen citywide preservation, and partner with City departments and local communities to maximize preservation benefits and resources. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Mendoza, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services.

[“Undesign the Redline” Exhibit Opening](#)

The Office of Equity and the Office of Fair Housing and Human Rights will host the City of Dallas “Undesign the Redline” exhibit opening on Thursday, October 24, 2019 from 6- 8:00 p.m., in the main lobby of City Hall. The exhibit is a national traveling interactive experience that explores the history of redlining and housing inequity and provides an educational platform for formulating solutions for greater housing equity today. The exhibit was created by Designing the We, a for-

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benefit design studio based in New York. In addition to food and fellowship, the exhibit opening program will include performance activities and exhibit tours. The exhibit is scheduled to be in the main lobby from October 24 – December 31, 2019. The Office of Equity plans to continue working with the local community advisory board in 2020 to develop policy ideas and to ensure that the exhibit makes a sustainable and equitable impact in Dallas. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Victor Obaseki, Chief Equity Officer.

[Dallas Public Charge Webinar](#)

On Tuesday, October 15, WCIA, together with the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, and the Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions participated in a webinar to explain changes to the public charge rule, which is a Trump Administration effort designed to significantly increase the barriers to entry for immigrants to achieve citizen status based on their usage of various public benefits programs. On Friday, October 11, prior to the webinar, organizers and speakers learned that Federal Judges in three states issued temporary injunctions against the public charge rule taking effect on October 15. The webinar attracted over ninety participants including social service providers and active members of the Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions. Speakers included Dr. Tom Wong, the founding director of the U.S. Immigration Policy Center at the University of California San Diego, and Anne Dunkelberg, who directs health care policy for the Center for Public Policy Priorities. Liz Cedillo Pereira, Chief of the Office of Equity and Inclusion moderated the webinar. Given the immense response to the webinar and the great interest to know what the public charge rule **is** and **is not**, organizers will continue extensive communication with all stakeholders to monitor the chilling effect the rule change has had on low income residents. Misunderstandings about the rule change are rampant, thus continued educational forums are direly needed. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion.

[bigBANG! Conference](#)

The Office of Resilience will serve as partner and associate producer for the 2019 bigBANG! Conference on October 30 through November 1, 2019. This year's theme will explore a critical topic to the future of Dallas: Building Inclusive Economies. During the October 31 sessions, the Office of Resilience will share the work the City is doing to improve the systems and institutions that affect every Dallas resident and the great work it has accomplished to that end in the last several years. Attendees will have the opportunity to gain insight and knowledge on how public-private partnerships can help progress the goals of Resilient Dallas Plan. Attached for your convenience is the press release announcing the partnership. Information regarding the conference can be found [here](#). Staff have been provided a limited number of complimentary tickets. If you are interested in attending, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of Mayor and City Council. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the event, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager/Chief Resilience Officer.

[Equity Indicators Report](#)

On October 28, 2019, the Office of Equity along with Communities Foundation of Texas, Mayor Johnson, and staff will launch the Equity Indicators Report. Chief Cedillo-Pereira is meeting with Councilmembers to provide information before the launch. The draft report can be found [here](#). Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion.

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[City Hall Electrical Upgrade](#)

Staff continues to work with Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc. (Contractor) in preparation for the proposed power interruption at City Hall from November 28 through December 1, 2019 for the removal and replacement of the Main Distribution Panel (MDP). On Sunday, October 27, 2019, a complete power interruption has been scheduled from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to allow for maintenance and repair activities to be performed on all critical disconnect switches in order to ensure they function properly in the future prior to the November power interruption. Critical Infrastructure, including 911 (Dallas Police Department), Dallas Fire & Rescue, Dallas 311, Office of Emergency Management, Dallas Love Field, and Communication & Information Services backup systems will operate as normal with generator power. City Hall, in general, will have no power available for daily operations and will be operating on emergency lighting. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Adriana Castaneda, Director of the Office of Bond Program.

[Bachman Transfer Station Repairs and Restrictions Update](#)

Repairs to the building infrastructure at the Bachman Transfer Station, located at 9500 Harry Hines Boulevard, began as planned on September 30th. These repairs are on schedule with the previously communicated timeline with an anticipated completion by the end of October. Due to the nature of the work on the interior portion of the facility, restrictions were put in place that limited the use of the facility to City collection vehicles only. Commercial and residential customers have been directed to use alternative disposal options to include the Northeast and Southwest transfer stations, available on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and McCommas Bluff Landfill. Following the completion of the repairs, these restrictions will be lifted and normal operations at the facility will resume. Commercial and residential customers will be notified of the return to normal transfer station operations via flyers, social media and our Sanitation Services website. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager or Tim Oliver, Interim Director of Sanitation Services.

[Media Inquiries](#)

As of October 15, 2019, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Citizen's Police Oversight Board (CPOB)
- Indigenous People Day
- MCC Visitor sign-in logs
- Dockless Scooters
- Homeless Encampment on Private Property
- HUD OIG Audit
- DFR Trains DISD Teachers to Stop Traumatic Bleeding
- Firefighters Extinguish Fire in East Dallas Apartment Complex

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Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the October 7 – October 14, 2019 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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City Manager

c: Chris Caso, City Attorney (Interim)
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff to the City Manager
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager
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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
October 7 – October 14**

Date: October 8, 2019
Topic: Dockless Scooters
Summary of Statement: Wheels labs was granted a permit on Sept. 12, 2019 and they currently deploy 2,500 scooters in the city. They followed the current Dockless Vehicle Ordinance.
Department: Transportation
Media Entity: Dan Singer, Reporter, Dallas Morning News

Date: October 8, 2019
Topic: Indigenous People's Day
Summary of Statement: Council voted to observe the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day
Department: Mayor and City Council
Media Entity: WBAP

Date: October 8, 2019
Topic: Senior services contract with Mountain View College
Summary of Statement: The program will serve 50 clients for FY20 with the goal of providing job placement support. The program is targeted to start in early November.
Department: Office of Community Care
Media Entity: NBC 5

Date: October 9, 2019
Topic: Dangerous dog ordinances
Summary of Statement: The City of Dallas' Dangerous Dog ordinance uses can be found [here](#). DAS responded directly.
Department: Dallas Animal Services
Media Entity: CBS 11

Date: October 9-10. 2019
Topic: Homeless encampment on private property
Summary of Statement: Code typically handles cleanup of homeless encampments on private property, since the instance on the 2000 block of Shortal is an extreme circumstance OHS will be helping with the haz-mat portion of the cleanup.
Department: Code, Office of Homeless Solutions
Media Entity: NBC 5

Date: October 11, 2019
Topic: HUD OIG Audit, 2018 & 2019
Summary of Statement: The city is expected to resolve all issues with the May 2018 HUD OIG audit by April 2020. The city is awaiting on a 2019 HUD OIG audit response from HUD Ft. Worth Office.
Department: Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

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Media Entity: Lori Brown, Reporter, FOX 4

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Topic: Traffic signal flashing

Summary of Statement: Less than 1% of our traffic signal system is affected by severe weather. All signals will be up by the end of the weekend.

Department: Transportation

Media Entity: Cynthia Cano Ugarte, Reporter, Univision

**Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: October 7 - 13, 2019.**

Tuesday, October 8th and Thursday, October 10th: Sent the following information to all the local media outlets –

Dallas Fire-Rescue and DISD Join Forces to Stop the Bleed

What: Dallas Fire-Rescue and DISD partnering for ‘Stop the Bleed’ training

When: Friday, October 11th, at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. (totaling 160 teachers)

Where: DFR Training and Maintenance Facility – Building A (5000 Dolphin Road, Dallas, TX 75223)

Details: In an effort to facilitate compliance with House Bill 496, which was signed into law, on June 15, 2019, by Governor Greg Abbott, Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) is partnering with the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) to train all its teachers on how to control bleeding from traumatic injuries. The idea for training came, in part, during a July trip to the National Homeland Security Conference, in Phoenix, Arizona, by DFR Fire Chief, Dominique Artis, and members of his Command Staff. During the conference, they attended a presentation which touched on different aspects of active shooter responses; leaving them wondering what could be done for victims during the time it takes us to reach them. Unbeknownst to them at the time, DISD, as a result of the recently signed House Bill, was in the process of determining how it was going to have all its teachers trained to stop traumatic bleeding. Through a chance connection, the two sides would eventually come to find they were the answers to each other’s needs.

Media: The 10:00 a.m. session has been designated as the one during which you can get b-roll. **DFR Battalion Chief, Gil Pena, as well as officials from DISD will be available to give sound at the training session.**

The following links are for subsequent news coverage:

CBS 11: https://dfw.cbslocal.com/video/4187033-disd-staffers-learning-essentials-at-stop-the-bleed-event/amp/?_twitter_impression=true

Fox 4 News: <https://www.fox4news.com/news/dallas-isd-teachers-learn-to-stop-the-bleed-in-school-mass-shooting-training>

Saturday, October 12th: Univision 23 (Juana Palmieri) - Can you please provide us with information in regard to the fire at 13030 Audelia Rd (Estancia Apartments)?

City Response - At 2:23 a.m. Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Estancia Apartments, located at 13030 Audelia Road, in East Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the location, they observed smoke coming from a two-story apartment building. Attack teams deployed handlines and made their way inside of a first floor unit where

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they found fire in the ceiling space. Out of precaution, Command requested a second-alarm response, but firefighters were able to cut the fire off and declare it extinguished in about an hour. There was a total of 8 apartments (one of which was vacant) in the building. Though there were only three directly impacted by the fire, all 8 suffered from varying degrees of smoke and/or water damage. The American Red Cross was called to the scene to assist an undisclosed number of displaced residents. Fire investigators determined that the cause of the fire was accidental in nature and originated in the ceiling/floor space between the first and second floors as the most probable result of an unspecified electrical short. There were no injuries reported as a result of this fire.



CITY OF DALLAS

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND OUTREACH

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 14, 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:pao@dallascityhall.com

Dallas to host social innovation conference

Dallas —The City of Dallas through its Office of Resilience will serve as partner and associate producer for the 2019 [bigBANG!](#) conference. This year's theme will explore a critical topic to the future of Dallas: building inclusive economies. The Office of Resilience will share the work the City is doing to improve the systems and institutions that affect every Dallas resident and the great work it has accomplished to that end in the last several years.

During the October 31 Day 1 sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to gain insight and knowledge on how public-private partnerships can help progress the goals of Resilient Dallas Plan, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and adopted by the Dallas City Council in August 2018.

Now in its 10th year, bigBANG! is Dallas' longest-running event for social innovation. It is focused on driving deeper conversations and innovative solutions for positive change in our city.

This year's conference centers on exploring the institutions and systems we work and live within and how they shape the possibilities for our lives. Interested attendees can register at <http://www.bigbangtx.com>. Tickets range from \$145 to \$295.

bigBANG! 2019 event details:

October 30: VIP Reception
Polsinelli 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

October 31: bigBANG! 2019 Day 1 Conference
Paul Quinn College
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

November 1: bigBANG! 2019 Day 2 Conference
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.