

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 24, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – August 21, 2018**

Update Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule - August 21 and 28, 2018](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on Tuesday, August 21 and 28, 2018:

August 21, 2018 – Complete as of 4:00 pm	August 28, 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marvin D Love Freeway at Polk Street (District 4) • R.L. Thornton Freeway at Ledbetter Drive (District 4) • 2792 Julius Schepps Freeway (District 7) • Julius Schepps Freeway at Lamar (District 7) • 1883 Martin Luther King Boulevard (District 7) • Martin Luther King Boulevard at Harwood Street (District 7) • Al Lipscomb Way at I-45 Interstate (District 7) • Martin Luther King Boulevard at South Boulevard (District 7) • I-20 Interstate at Ledbetter Drive/West (District 8) • I- 20 Interstate at Ledbetter Drive/East (District 8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4900 E R L Thornton Freeway (District 2) • 600 S. Peak St (District 2) • 500 S. Haskell Ave (District 2) • 600 Hill St (District 2) • 2929 Hickory St (District 7) • 2799 E R L Thornton Freeway (District 2) • 2600 Dawson St (District 7) • 2698 Taylor St (District 2) • 1200 S. St Paul St (District 2) • 500 Houston St (District 14)

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, Chief of Community Services and Monica Hardman, Managing Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

[Homeless Solutions Strategy](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions briefed City Council on August 1, 2018 and received direction to proceed with Tracks 1, 3, and 4 of the Homeless Solutions Strategy.

- Track 1, which aims to increase existing shelter capacity, will be implemented immediately upon City Council approval of the Dallas Life contract, which adds an additional 150 beds and Bridge Steps contract for an additional 50 beds. These items

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are respectively scheduled for August 22, 2018 and September 26, 2018 City Council voting agendas.

- Track 3 (Master Lease/Landlord Incentive Program) will be implemented pending City Council approval of a \$1.3M budget enhancement as part of the overall FY2019 Budget Adoption Process.
- Track 4 (New Housing development) is related to the implementation of the 2017 Bond which voters approved \$20 million for supportive housing and homeless assistance facilities. The first Request For Proposals (RFP) is tentatively scheduled for Fall 2018.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services and Monica Hardman, Managing Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

New Items

[City of Dallas/DISD Joint Executive Team Quarterly Meeting](#)

On Friday, August 17, 2018 the City of Dallas Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and Dallas Independent School District (DISD) Executive Team convened for the quarterly meeting to discuss and provide updates on the joint strategic education initiatives. The ELT presented the City of Dallas FY 2018-19 proposed budget, an update on Goals for Dallas 2030, an overview of the City's teen pregnancy initiative, and a briefing on the State of Fair Park.

The Superintendent and his team updated the City on matters regarding the first day of school, TEA Accountability, and provided a briefing on the upcoming tax ratification election (TRE) and recent DISD achievements. The teams also discussed ways for the City to promote DISD's recent achievements, especially through opportunities such as town halls and community events. DISD is working on preparing informational handouts, and we will provide those to your offices when available. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Managing Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs.

[Census Complete Count Committee](#)

On Wednesday, August 15, the Census Complete Count Committee (CCC), met as a whole body for the first time. The meeting was well attended, with over 40 participants representing a broad cross section of the Dallas community. The Regional Census Bureau Director, Cathy Lacy, was in attendance and provided an overview of upcoming expectations and goals from chairs of the Hard to Count, Media, Partnerships and Fundraising Subcommittees. Well ahead of the curve in comparison to other CCC's nationwide, the Committee plans to convene for a full CCC training workshop in October and will begin monthly meetings following training. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Managing Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs.

[Mandatory Ethics Training](#)

A mandatory online ethics training for City of Dallas employees is currently underway, and so far, the response has been extremely positive. Previous ethics trainings were provided in-person to groups of employees; however, this is the first time the City has conducted a city-wide online training. The training is based on the Code of Ethics and includes a Knowledge Check for specific job categories. Employees have four weeks to complete the training and after just two weeks there is already a 38% completion rate. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michelle Ranum, Ethics Officer.

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[Back to School Grease Abatement Outreach Contest](#)

Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) is conducting a back-to-school grease abatement contest with the public schools. Teachers and students will plan, record, and share a public video on social media demonstrating their “Defend Your Drains” 2018 goals. DWU Pretreatment Laboratory Services staff will judge the videos and the winning school will receive \$1,000 in school supplies. The contest will run from August 20, 2018 through September 21, 2018. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Terry Lowery, Director of Dallas Water Utilities.

[Media Inquiries](#)

As of August 20th, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- DAS and Dallas Street Dog Advocates
- Downtown Sewage Line Back-up

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the week of August 14th – August 20th for your reference and in the event you are contacted by the press. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

Look Ahead

[#MyDallas Mega Citizenship Workshop](#)

Planning and coordination efforts continue for the #MyDallas Mega Citizenship Workshop to take place at the Dallas Public Library Central Branch on Saturday, October 13, 2018. A City-wide email announcement calling for volunteers for the event went out last week and has produced a groundswell of interest on the part of City employees. Flyers calling for volunteers were also posted on all City of Dallas bulletin boards and distributed by Welcoming Task Force members to promote the event. Six volunteer training sessions are scheduled during the months of September and October. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Director of the Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs.

[City Council Briefings](#)

August 29, 2018

- FY 2018-19 Budget Workshop



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Media Requests
August 14 – August 20**

August 15; Amanda Jess, Dallas Morning News; I'm with the Dallas Morning News and I am working on a story about the organization Dallas Street Dog Advocates. I'm just wondering if DAS is aware of the organization or has worked with them on any occasions. I understand that they do a lot of work south of Dowdy Ferry Road and wanted to confirm that since that area is outside of city limits, DAS can't take in animals found there.

City Response: Dallas Animal Services only takes in animals from within the City of Dallas limits.

Follow up: Have they worked at all with Dallas Street Dog Advocates?

City Response: That organization pulls animals from the DAS shelter.

August 17; Adam Lidgett, Law360.com; My name is Adam Lidgett and I'm a reporter with Law360. I'm doing a story on the city of Dallas moving to dismiss a lawsuit from Stericycle Environmental Solutions Inc. filed over the Dallas Water Utilities Department's notice it would terminate Stericycle's access to the Dallas sewer system for the discharge of Stericycle's treated wastewater. I was looking to see if you had a comment on that. I'm on deadline for about 4 p.m. EST today so if someone could get back to me by then that would be great.

City Response: The City of Dallas does not comment on pending litigation.

August 19; Steve Young, FOX 4; Do you have any information about a downtown Dallas sewage line(or lines) backing up and flooding downtown Dallas businesses, including KDFW/Fox4 News at 411 N. Griffin? What has caused this to occur? How many other downtown businesses have been impacted? For example, we have heard the YMCA and AT&T may have been impacted. Any details you can forward would be much appreciated. Thanks. Steve Young. Fox4 News. Dallas. (214)-720-3155.

City Response: Wastewater Collection was notified about a blocked sewer around 3 p.m. today. Staff arrived at approximately 4. The blockage was to a 6 inch main in San Jacinto near Griffin. The blockage has been cleared.

Dallas Police media:

August 14; Fox 4, NBC 5, WFAA, CBS 11, DMN; inquiries related to a shooting in the 4000 block of North Central Expy.

City Response:

On August 14, 2018, officers responded to the 4200 block of Oak Lawn Avenue in Highland Park, regarding a shooting. According to witnesses, a female was observed exiting the passenger door of a silver pickup truck and had an injury to her arm. The male driver of the silver truck informed the witnesses that the female needed assistance. The male then fled the



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location in the silver truck. The female had a gunshot wound to her arm and was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Dallas police detectives responded to the location and began canvassing the area for witnesses and video evidence. While on scene, detectives were informed that a vehicle accident occurred approximately a mile away within Highland Park city limits involving a silver pickup truck driven by a suspect later identified as Devyn Flowers. Suspect Flowers fled the accident scene into an active shopping center within the City of Highland Park. Suspect Flowers was subsequently taken into custody by the Highland Park Police Department. Suspect Flowers was injured and was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Detectives then researched calls within the City of Dallas and noticed a 911 Burglary call in the 4000 block of N. Central Expressway. Detectives responded to the scene of the Burglary call and contacted the caller. The caller informed detectives that he observed a male and female suspect in a silver truck break into his vehicle and took property. According to the caller, as the suspects fled the location they drove at him in their vehicle in an attempt to strike him. The caller then fired multiple rounds into the vehicle striking both suspects.

The caller was transported to the Dallas Police Department Headquarters to be interviewed. Detectives completed two Aggravated Assault reports involving the shooting of the suspects. This case will be referred to the Dallas County Grand Jury.

The following suspects were filed on for Aggravated Robbery:
Crystal French, 32-year-old Black Female
Devyn Flowers, 30-year-old Black Male

At the time of this report, the Highland Park Police Department stated they may be proceeding with charges of Failure to Stop and Render Aid (FSRA) in regard to the Hit and Run of the accident the suspects had within their city limits.

This incident will be documented on Dallas Police Case Numbers 179735-2018 and 179736-2018.