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Homelessness Efforts in Dallas County

January is a critical month for people experiencing homelessness. The weather turns colder, causing more people to seek shelter indoors and increasing the already heavy load on shelters and organizations that provide services. Several area shelters are opening emergency shelters when the temperatures drop below freezing.

The Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness, co-chaired by Commissioner Theresa Daniel and Councilmember Mark Clayton, has begun meeting regularly to help end the homelessness crisis in Dallas County. This collaboration brings together decision makers who can directly affect change on the homelessness situation.

Point in Time: The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandates that a census be taken in one night, or a point-in-time count, of a community's homeless populations. This count can determine what funding and services are allocated to a community. The Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) is the Dallas organization charged with conducting this count on January 25th this year.

Finding Youth: For the first time in Dallas, and in conjunction with MDHA, a program called "See us Now" will conduct a count of youth experiencing homelessness. Unlike the point-in-time count done on one night, youth tend to "couch surf" or stay indoors as long as possible and teams will go out over several days to conduct the survey.

Dallas Emergency Shelter Collaborative Inclement Weather Plan

Included Organizations:
 Austin Street Center
 Dallas Life Foundation
 The Bridge
 The Salvation Army
 Union Gospel Mission

Inclement Weather Policy:
 Emergency shelters will activate inclement weather protocols following the first evening in December where temperatures drop below 40 degrees. Inclement weather protocols will remain in effect until March 1st.

The Shelter Collaborative may choose to extend or terminate inclement weather protocols depending on weather conditions. In either of these cases, the Shelter Collaborative will notify the community in advance.

During inclement weather, shelters will accept 24/7 admissions.

Shelters that have available overflow space will utilize said space during inclement weather. Overflow shelter space is only open and available during inclement weather and when all local shelters are operating at capacity. Shelter staff will be in regular communication regarding capacity and coordinate shelter placements for those with available beds.

Emergency Shelter	Overflow Capacity	Notes
Austin Street	No overflow capacity	
Dallas Life Foundation	Up to 50 open beds nightly	
The Bridge	Welcome Building 134 Small Dining Hall 50 Large Dining Hall 120	5 nights free, \$12 per night thereafter No Sex Offenders at night but day shelter is provided for all people experiencing homelessness unless they have been criminally trespassed.
The Salvation Army	Gym: 40 mats for men Dayroom: 10 mats for women	Day shelter is for those who are residing at the shelter when temperatures are expected to stay at or below 40 degrees during the day. No sex offenders.
Union Gospel Mission	50 cots	

Renovations Underway at the District 1 New Urban Road and Bridge Site

After many months of waiting with bated breath we are so happy to announce that our new Road and Bridge office located at 715 Rowlett Road will be renovated in March! During the process of renovation our team worked diligently to research which county services would be of most use to the community. Our aim is to use this office to bring those services closer to those constituents that need them most. Apart from various county services we will also have Texas A&M master gardeners on site to do gardening demonstrations and other healthy living activities. Please be on the lookout over the next few weeks for correspondence regarding our ribbon cutting and open house. We look forward to seeing you and welcome suggestions on how to make this space one the community can truly call their own.



Dallas County adds 12 Early Voting Locations

In an effort to make voting more accessible for Dallas County residents, the Elections Department recommended and the Commissioners Court approved adding 12 new permanent early voting locations for the 2018 primary.

Last year, Dallas County Elections expanded the early voting locations with “temporary” locations and “pop-up” locations at Dallas County Community Colleges. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and showed the need for better access to a place to vote.

For the first time in 2017, early voting accounted for over 50% of ballots cast in an election.

During the early voting period, a registered voter can go to any of the listed locations to cast a ballot.

Early voting starts February 20 and runs through March 2, 2018. If you miss the early voting period, election day is March 6 and you must vote at your neighborhood precinct location that day.

The ease and convenience of expanded early voting locations will hopefully increase the turnout of our registered voters.

For more information about the upcoming election, including voting locations, sample ballots and registration information, go to the Dallas County Elections site at www.dallascountyvotes.org

Democratic and Republican Party Primary Elections (Elecciones Primaria del Partido Democrático y Republicano) March 6, 2018 (6 de marzo de 2018) Early Voting Locations (Ubicaciones de votación adelantada)				
Home				
Monday, February 19, 2018 Lunes, 19 de febrero de 2018	No voting due to the Presidents' Day Holiday No votar debido a las vacaciones del Día de los Presidentes			
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 Martes, 20 de febrero de 2018	through hasta	Friday, February 23, 2018 viernes, 23 de febrero de 2018	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	
Saturday, February 24, 2018 sábado, 24 de febrero de 2018			7:00 AM - 7:00 PM 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	
Sunday, February 25, 2018 domingo, 25 de febrero de 2018			1:00 PM - 6:00 PM 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	
Monday, February 26, 2018 Lunes, 26 de febrero de 2018	through hasta	Friday, March 02, 2018 viernes, 02 de marzo de 2018	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	
Balch Springs New City Hall		13503 Alexander Rd	Balch Springs	75181
Bethany Lutheran Church		10101 Walnut Hill Lane	Dallas	75238
Cedar Hill Government Center		285 Lupton Blvd	Cedar Hill	75104
Coppell Town Center		255 E Parkway Blvd	Coppell	75019
Crossroads High School		1100 N Carrier Pkwy	Grand Prairie	75050
Disciple Central Community Church		901 N Polk St	DeSoto	75115
Duncanville Library		201 James Collins Blvd	Duncanville	75116
Eastfield College Pleasant Grove Campus		802 S Buckner Blvd	Dallas	75217
El Centro College-West Campus		3330 N Hampton Rd	Dallas	75212
Florence Recreation Center		2501 Whitson Way	Mesquite	75150
Fritz Park Library		6990 Belt Line Rd	Dallas	75254
Friendship West Baptist Church		2020 W Wheatland Rd	Dallas	75232
George J. Allen Sr Courts Bldg - MAIN LOCATION		800 Commerce St	Dallas	75202
Graessner Park Recreation Center		7780 Harry Hines Blvd	Dallas	75235
Infrag Arts Center		3333 N MacArthur Blvd	Irving	75062
Infrag City Hall		825 W Irving Blvd	Irving	75060
Josey Branch Library		1700 Keller Springs Rd	Carrollton	75006
Lakewood Activity Center		101 Holly Park Dr	Mesquite	75149
Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library		1600 Veterans Memorial Pkwy	Lancaster	75134
Lockwood Library		11221 Lockwood Blvd	Dallas	75218
Marsh Lane Baptist Church		10718 Marsh Lane	Dallas	75229
Martin Luther King Jr Care Bldg		2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd	Dallas	75215
Martin Weiss Recreation Center		1111 Martindell Ave	Dallas	75211
Mountain Creek Library		6102 Mountain Creek Pkwy	Dallas	75249
Dak Cliff Sub-Courthouse		410 S Beckley Ave	Dallas	75203
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (Dallas)		7611 Park Lane	Dallas	75225
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (LSP)		4729 S Carrier Pkwy	Grand Prairie	75052
Paul Lawrence Dunbar/Lancaster-East Library		2008 E East Blvd	Dallas	75216
Richardson Gov. Center		411 W Arapaho Road	Richardson	75080
Richardson College-Garland Campus		675 W Walnut St	Garland	75040
Richardson College-Main Campus		12800 Abrams Rd, Guadalupe (G) Bldg	Dallas	75243
Rowlett City Hall Annex		4004 Main Street	Rowlett	75088
Sachse City Hall		3815 Sachse Road	Sachse	75048
Samuell Grand Recreation Center		6200 East Grand Ave	Dallas	75223
Skyline Branch Library		6006 Everglade Rd	Dallas	75227
South Garland Branch Library		4845 Broadway Blvd	Garland	75043
Valley Branch Library		401 Cimarron Trail	Irving	75063



District 1 Celebrated a Musical Holiday!

