

DEADLINES

NEWS DEADLINES

For inclusion in the Wednesday edition of the *Itemizer-Observer*:

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WEATHER

| RECORDED | HIGH | LOW | RAIN |
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| April 11 | 54 | 37 | .33 |
| April 12 | 62 | 44 | .13 |
| April 13 | 54 | 43 | .10 |
| April 14 | 55 | 41 | .05 |
| April 15 | 60 | 34 | .00 |
| April 16 | 65 | 39 | .15 |
| April 17 | 60 | 46 | .33 |

Rainfall during April — 1.92 in.
Rain through April 17 — 28.42 in.

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Proposed budget would add more staff

By Jolene Guzman
The *Itemizer-Observer*

DALLAS — The proposed 2017-18 budget for the city of Dallas adds more staff and reflects a belief that unemployment will remain low and housing growth strong.

“We do have a lot of activity going on, and the budget is generally up from last year,” said City Manager Ron Foggin Monday during his message to the Dallas Budget Committee.

The general fund is proposed at \$12.2 million, with the overall budget coming in at about \$41 million.

A new position, economic development director, is officially added in the budget.

AJ Foscoli, the newly hired economic development director, started the job on Monday.

“We are really excited. We had enough money in this year’s budget to bring that person on, and AJ started today. It was his first day and he is busy already,” Foggin said. “We are adding this position in an effort to address the council’s priority on economic development.”

Dallas Emergency Medical Services or EMS is slated to add three full-time paramedic positions.

“These positions will replace a whole bunch of part-time positions,” Foggin said. “We’ve had just an absolute terror of a time, churning

through a whole bunch part-time folks, and it’s been an admin nightmare trying to hire and replace people. The three paramedic positions will really stabilize our three ambulance shifts.”

An administrative assistant and two seasonal firefighters have been added to the fire department budget. The seasonal firefighters will work the day shift during the four busiest months of the year. They will join two full-time firefighters being paid for with a two-year federal grant.

“That would give us four during that shift,” Foggin said.

The building inspection department has added a

permit tech.

“Building construction is back in full swing, so with the two folks we have now, they are really super busy with field work, and a permit tech would really help us process plans faster,” Foggin said.

The proposal also moves the part-time utility and court clerk to full time.

Foggin said the budget proposes rate changes at the Dallas Aquatic Center.

“For the purposes of the budget, we are recommending and have in the budget a 10 percent increase in admission and annual membership fees,” he said.

Through a combination of Urban Renewal Agency

and city funding is \$8,000 to help pay for a second year of Dallas Downtown Association’s RARE program manager, an expenditure committee member and Councilor Jackie Lawson questioned.

Not included in the budget is a recreation coordinator, a position that was left unfilled earlier this year.

Committee member and Councilor Jennie Rummell suggested the committee discuss adding it back at its next meeting.

The budget committee meets Monday at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to discuss general fund department budgets and the inspection department.

DSD radon levels below EPA ‘action level’

By Jolene Guzman
The *Itemizer-Observer*

DALLAS — Results of tests for radon found that Dallas School District schools found amounts below Environmental Protection Agency’s recommended “action level” in all locations measured.

The EPA recommends mitigation in areas with

radon levels above 4.0 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L), said Kevin Montague, the district’s facilities director. Readings between 2.0 pCi/L and 4.0 pCi/L may require adjustments, he said. Measurements of less than 2.0 are about the same as outdoor air.

According to district’s testing plan, radon is colorless and odorless radioac-

tive gas that forms from the decay of radioactive elements found in rock and soil. It can move into the air and water and is the second-leading cause of lung cancer.

Testing took place between Feb. 27 and March 23, with individual testing units placed in rooms for three days. EPA guidelines require testing to take place between Nov. 1 and March 31 with the HVAC system operating normally and normal activities taking place.

TRC Environmental Corporation, of Milwaukie, conducted the tests and analyzed the results.

The highest level reported was 3.8 pCi/L at Whitworth Elementary School, while in several locations no radon was detected.

While no tests revealed the need for mitigation, the district made changes for areas with higher readings.

“The classrooms that we do have that came back between 2 and 4, we’ve already made adjustments to the HVAC system to increase the

outside air,” Montague said.

He said the results didn’t reveal anything surprising based on tests taken in other places in the Dallas ZIP code reported to the federal government. He said the average result was 2.1 with 11 percent of tests at or above 4.0.

“Overall, I would say we are doing exceptionally well in our buildings with the levels that we see back,” Montague said.

For results from each school: www.dallas.k12.or.us/radon-information.

Radon testing

- Dallas High School: 118 rooms tested with the highest reading of 2.2 pCi/L.
- LaCreole Middle School: 74 rooms tested with the highest reading of 3.5 pCi/L.
- Whitworth Elementary School: 38 rooms tested with the highest reading of 3.8 pCi/L.
- Lyle Elementary School: 38 rooms tested with the highest reading of 1.2 pCi/L.
- Oakdale Heights Elementary School: 45 rooms tested with the highest reading of 1.0 pCi/L.
- Morrison Campus: 14 rooms tested with the highest reading of 1.9 pCi/L.
- Post High School: Five rooms tested with the highest reading of .6 pCi/L.
- District Office: 18 rooms tested with the highest reading of 1.1 pCi/L.

SEEKING BIDS FROM INTERESTED BUYERS



The City of Monmouth is seeking bids from interested buyers for the city’s property at **238 Jackson St. E.** Bid Deadline: May 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

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Sudoku

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Three-by-three square →

Column ↓

How to do Sudoku

Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.