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Golf club closer to joining UGB

By Jolene Guzman
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DALLAS — The Dallas City Golf Club is two steps closer to being part of the city of Dallas' urban growth boundary. Monday, the Dallas City Council had its first review of an ordinance to include the property in the UGB, a move that will allow the club to renovate buildings and expand services offered at the nine-hole executive course. On April 26, the Polk

County Board of Commissioners approved the club owner's application to move from the county to the Dallas UGB. A second reading of the ordinance and vote is slated to take place at the council's May 15 meeting. The council addressed the popularity of another form of golf Monday, making it necessary for groups holding tournaments to reserve the disc golf course in Dallas City Park. City officials said requests

have increased. Tournaments require more staff time and keep recreational users from playing during the tournament. Reserving the course would cost \$100 for four hours, plus \$15 per hour for additional time. Councilor Jackie Lawson suggested the city require tournament reservations for another sport growing in popularity: Pickleball. Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis.

The city budgeted \$30,000 from parks system development charges to build pickleball courts in Roger Jordan Community Park near the Dallas Aquatic Center. HEAL Cities also awarded a \$9,500 grant to help pay for the courts. "Apparently, it's way beyond the scope of what I ever knew, and I keep hearing more about it," Lawson said. "It might behoove us to even consider going ahead and moving on that now." City Manager Ron Foggini

said the disc golf ordinance doesn't include pickleball, but the city could consider that if requests came in for tournaments. In other business, the city: Selected a new auditor, Pauly Rogers & Co., following and request for proposal process. Pauly Rogers was the low bidder. Will have a workshop in June discussing the role of the recreation coordinator position that the Dallas Budget Committee decided to restore to the budget.

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Hunt, Barnes vie for spot on Dallas School Board

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DALLAS — Three seats on the Dallas School Board are up for election on May 16, but only one is contested, Position No. 1. Candidates Dave Hunt, a retired firefighter, and Ivan Barnes, the owner and operator of Kings Valley Cleaning Services, are vying for that seat. Hunt and Barnes provided answers to an election questionnaire (see below). Incumbents Jon Woods (Position No. 3) and Michael Blanchard (Position No. 4) are running for re-election. Lu Ann Meyer, who has served three terms, is not running for re-election.



Barnes
Ivan Wm. Barnes, 47, of Dallas
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Owner and operator of Kings Valley Cleaning Services. Owner of 2Bjivan music school.
EDUCATION: Bishop Montgomery High School, 1988; San Francisco State University, creative writing, 1998; Stanford, studied philosophy.
PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT SERVICE: Big Fork Fire District Trustee, Flathead County, Mont.
CAMPAIGN PHONE NUMBER: 503-507-5162.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDED IN THE AREA YOU WILL REPRESENT: Six years.
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR OFFICE? I have five sons, four involved in the school system. I'm an open-minded guy, not affiliated with either party. I thought a free-minded individual would be an asset. I want to keep an open

DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD POSITION 1
mind and to listen. **WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ISSUE FACING THE DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT? HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT IF ELECTED?** Issues like transgender locker room access and the budget. On the transgender locker room issue, people were so excited on both sides of the issue and everyone was trying to write the perfect policy. My kids are not a policy. We should be dealing with what is best for the individual. Policy has become like the tax code. **WHAT EXPERIENCE OR TALENT DO YOU BELIEVE YOU WOULD BRING TO THE OFFICE?** In elective office, I was a Big Fork Fire District trustee, serving a 100-square mile area, and I was a private school administrator. My family has been in this country for 300 years. We've got a long, proud history. All the history in my family is aimed at service. I want to serve the children of this community. **See SCHOOLS, Page 5A**

URD budget includes money to buy armory

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DALLAS — The Dallas Urban Renewal District proposed 2017-18 budget includes money to purchase the old armory property, help pay for Dallas Downtown's RARE program participant, and continue street and building facade improvement projects. Jason Locke, the city's community development director who also works with the district, introduced the district's \$548,000 total budget Thursday. The district's budget committee consists of the same people as the city of Dallas' committee. Locke said much of what is included is based on recommendations from the district's advisory council. He said \$100,000 is set aside for purchasing the old Dallas armory property, though not all that may be spent this year. "That reflects a total purchase price, not a payment price, of the armory property," Locke said.

Committee member Pete Christensen asked if that property wouldn't be a better site for the new senior center than the current property adjacent to the old Carnegie library. "The issue is that we've already basically committed to that site. We've committed to that site near the Carnegie Building," Locke said. "That's where all the environmental reviews have happened. That's where the land use approvals happened." Furthermore, City Manager Ron Foggini pointed out the grant paying for the new center only applies to the current site. Locke said the plan for the armory property includes a private developer. "The purpose of the district is not to build public buildings on publicly owned land," he said. "The purpose of acquiring that property is to basically ensure that it develops with a high-quality private development so that property comes back on the tax roll." **See BUDGET, Page 6A**

Eclipse task force to meet Monday

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DALLAS — The Dallas Eclipse Task Force will meet Monday at Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar. The group meets monthly to update and plan for the upcoming Great American Eclipse that will briefly darken the sky over Dallas and much of the Mid-Willamette Valley on Aug. 21. Plans for local and regional celebrations and events will be discussed. Pressed is located at 788 Main St. in Dallas and the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information about Dallas' eclipse-related events, go to <https://dallaseclipse2017.com/>.

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THE NEXT 7 DAYS PLANNING FOR YOUR WEEK

wed
Ready to show off your vocabulary? Stop by and play Scrabble with Betty at the Independence Public Library. 1 p.m. Free.

Mostly sunny
Hi: 79
Lo: 56

thu
May the Fourth be with you! Celebrate Star Wars Day at the Independence Public Library for family-friendly fun. 5:30 p.m. Free.

Partly sunny
Hi: 79
Lo: 53

fri
If the weather holds, Western Oregon's baseball team will finally play at home against Northwest Nazarene. Noon. \$7/adults.

Showers
Hi: 57
Lo: 43

sat
If you're looking to spruce up your garden, stop by the Monmouth Garden Club's plant sale at Monmouth's library. 9 a.m.-2p.m.

Partly sunny
Hi: 57
Lo: 41

sun
Check out, or even buy, some model trains at Rickreall Grange Hall. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free (with canned food item).

Partly sunny
Hi: 61
Lo: 41

mon
If you're thirsty, quench the urge with a coke and help celebrate Have a Coke Day!

Sunny
Hi: 66
Lo: 43

tue
Come hear a presentation about global learning at a community lecture at Western Oregon University. 5:30 p.m. Free.

Sunny
Hi: 72
Lo: 47