

Code enforcement cleans up

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DALLAS — Being a code enforcement officer is more than writing parking tickets and issuing warnings to homeowners to clean up their properties.

The job requires patience and investigative skills when it comes to tracking down owners of vehicles and homes headed into foreclosure, said Jay Fox, Dallas' code enforcement officer.

Fox has been on the job full time for a year. Before that, the position was part-time.

Working full time is reflected in the number of cases he's initiated, Fox told the Dallas City Council at a recent workshop.

He said property maintenance violations have been his focus.

"These violations have a little bit longer time frame to get things done because we run into weather issues, we run into financial hardships. We run into people who have a physical or mental disability," he said. "We address it and try work with these folks to get things done, but a lot of times it's a long, drawn out situation."

Those cases are especially challenging when ownership is in flux, such as when a home is in foreclosure, Fox said. He said the response from banks in the process of taking possession of homes isn't always helpful.

"Foreclosed homes have been one of my biggest bat-

bles," he said.

The problem for the city is if it declares a run-down and soon-to-be foreclosed home a nuisance and makes repairs, it then has to collect the money from the next owner.

Police Chief Tom Simpson said Dallas isn't the only city that struggles with homes in foreclosure, and there are not simple solutions.

Fox said in 2016-17, Dallas had a surprising increase in one type of case that isn't normally a problem.

Graffiti incidents have gone from zero to 16, including one night where several downtown businesses were hit.

"There were several buildings tagged that evening," Fox said. "It went all the way

down the alley way."

Simpson said the person responsible in that case hasn't been caught.

"In general, we really don't have a graffiti problem," he said.

Fox said this year, he's pursued 440 cases compared to 270 last year. Of those cases, 406 have been resolved.

"That's a 92 percent resolution percentage," Fox said. "I feel that's a pretty good number."

Thirty-four are pending and out of the 440, 39 are the subject of courts summons, meaning the city is taking them before a judge to resolve them.

"By the time we go to court, we've exhausted any other means," Simpson said.

Commissioners honor Salem Health

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — Salem Health West Valley Hospital was recognized by the Polk County board of commissioners on Aug. 16 as an Outstanding Community Partner.

This award, the first of its kind in Polk County, recognizes the support that the hospital has offered the community over the past several years, according to a press release from Salem Health.

One project mentioned in the nomination of the award is the Central Health and Wellness Center, Polk County's school-based health center. It opened adjacent to Central High School in 2015, and serves the surrounding community, with Central School District students as its priority.

The hospital partners with Polk County and Capitol Dental Care to provide medical, dental and behavioral health care services at the center. The center also provides community benefits such as improved access to primary and preventative health services, according to the release.

"We're happy that we have a partner like Polk County that is as concerned with the health of our community as the hospital is," said Bruce Rodgers, West Valley Hospital chief administrative officer, in the press release. "The work that Polk County and Family & Community Outreach Department do is inspiring, and we're pleased to offer support however we can."

Another project partnership mentioned in the nomination is the Polk County "Fill Our Home" donation center, born out of a coffee conversation between Rodgers and Polk County Family & Community Outreach Department director Brent DeMoe. This partnership addresses the storage issues the county's Service Integration Teams were having for all the community partners' donations of furniture and other household items for its families in need. Salem Health West Valley had a largely empty building across Southeast Uglov Avenue from its main campus. DeMoe and Rodgers collaborated on a plan to offer some of that space to the SITs to create a donation center for folks to donate and store those items.

"Our partnerships with the hospital are instrumental towards meeting our goals that all people are empowered and healthy," DeMoe said in the release. "We're extremely grateful that the hospital is willing to partner with us to improve the health and vitality of the citizens of Polk County."

Creating pickleball courts



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The city of Dallas has started work on pickleball courts across the street from the Dallas Aquatic Center. The courts were paid for through parks system development charges and grants.

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September 11th
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Obituaries — 4 p.m. on Friday.
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WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Aug. 22	89	59	.00
Aug. 23	85	57	.00
Aug. 24	78	58	.00
Aug. 25	83	49	.00
Aug. 26	93	56	.00
Aug. 27	93	56	.00
Aug. 28	99	56	.00

Rainfall during Aug. — 0.15 in.
Rain through Aug. 28 — 33.45 in.

REUNIONS
Caterpillar/Towmotor
Reunion will be from 4 to 4 p.m. on Sept. 9 at Dallas City Park's Siebert/Fredrickson Memorial Shelter. Bring food to share and your own chair, plate, utensils and beverages — no alcohol.
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August 31
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Rotary Performing Arts Stage
(Main & Academy Streets)
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Christmas Spectacular
Community Christmas Choir
Drama & Light Show
December 14-17 at 7:00 pm

A community choir will begin practicing fresh arrangements of traditional Christmas Carols for four free concerts. These holiday sounds will be accompanied by a spectacular light show and dramatic presentations. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm beginning September 6th at Valley Life Center (1795 SE Miller Ave., Dallas). Let's come together for this celebration of the Christmas season! (Music provided and child-care available)

For questions or more information:
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Solution on Page 6A

Sudoku
Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

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2	3					5	
9	5	4	2				
7	4	8	3			6	
5	3		9				
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6			5			8	
1	4						

Row →
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.

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