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PID SERVICES CONTINUED DURING FEBRUARY'S WINTER STORM

During the winter storm last month, our PID crews continued to work to keep Downtown clean and safe. The streetscape team deployed thousands of pounds of de-icer to help clear sidewalks, and the Ambassadors were busy assisting motorists with tire repair, stuck cars and dead batteries while also escorting and assisting pedestrians in navigating slippery sidewalks.

Street and curb sweeping resumed immediately after the snow and ice melted away. PID contractors worked to remove the sand used on city streets during the storm. This sand was removed as quickly as possible to reduce dust.

AMBASSADORS SHARE THE LOVE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

The Downtown Ambassadors warmed the hearts of visitors over the cold Valentine's Day weekend by passing out roses from Flowers to Go. This team continues to make a positive impact in Downtown daily from 7am-midnight. The Ambassadors can be reached at 817-484-3723.



Photo courtesy of Freese & Nichols

FREESE AND NICHOLS OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS IN DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH

Freese and Nichols, Inc., has completed its move to Downtown Fort Worth. The new headquarters occupies three full floors at Burnett Plaza for 300 of the firm's almost 1,000 employees. Welcome to Downtown, Freese and Nichols!



Downtown is Fort Worth's premier corporate address, and Freese and Nichols' relocation adds to the wealth of talent that makes Downtown such a dynamic location.

- Andy Taft, President of DFWI

NOW OPEN IN DOWNTOWN



Pax & Beneficia Coffee - A new coffeeshop has opened on the ground floor of the AC Fort Worth Downtown Hotel on the corner of Main and 5th streets. Stop by for coffee, tea, light bites and cool vibes.

Estelle Colored Glass - Now open in Sundance Square, Estelle Colored Glass is a luxury brand of hand-blown colored glass cake stands and stemware. The eye-catching showroom at 112 E 4th St. is open by appointment only. Email estelle@sundancesquare.com to make a reservation.



Photo by Brian Hutson Photography, Courtesy of Sundance Square

COMING SOON

Kimpton Harper Hotel - The former XTO Energy headquarters at 714 Main St. is being renovated to become the 232-room, four-star Kimpton Harper Hotel by Development Services Group. Managed by Davidson Hotels & Resorts, the new hotel will feature a penthouse bar and lounge, 10,000 square feet of meeting and event space, and a rooftop observation deck with a 360-degree view of Fort Worth. Projected opening for the Kimpton Harper Hotel is May 2021.

Revolver Taco Lounge - This Michoacán-style gourmet taqueria is coming soon to Sundance Square at 156 W 4th St. Revolver will feature traditional street tacos plus fish and lobster tacos, cabrito, chicken mole and a special reservation-only chef's menu in a separate dining area named Purépecha.

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DFWI TO HOST MAYORAL AND DISTRICT 9 CANDIDATE FORUMS

Join Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. and the Fort Worth Downtown Neighborhood Alliance in Burnett Park for two candidate forums ahead of the General Election for Fort Worth Mayor and City Council.

CANDIDATE FORUM DATES

Thursday, April 1 | 5-7pm
Mayoral

Thursday, April 8 | 5-7pm
District 9

The format will be the same for both forums. Each candidate will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and make a two-minute opening statement. Following this, a moderator will ask questions. Each candidate will have up to one minute for response. Attending citizens may submit questions prior to the beginning of the forum, or send questions in advance to Becky@dfwi.org.

All Mayoral and Council candidates have been sent a DFWI Annual Report and a State of Downtown publication so that they are aware of the underlying dynamics of Downtown. While these are pre-COVID publications, they still illustrate the long term trajectory of Downtown and redevelopment efforts.

To find the list of participating candidates, visit bit.ly/DFWIMayoralForum and bit.ly/DFWIDistrict9Forum.

HERITAGE PARK UPDATE

The DFWI Board authorized the execution of a design contract for the final phase of the Heritage and Paddock Parks and courthouse area streetscape improvements. This project has evolved over the years from a simple “reopening” of Heritage Park to addressing a



number of issues that “disconnect” the northern part of Downtown from both the river and the rest of Downtown. Curing these issues will create new amenities for Fort Worth that give pedestrians much more meaningful city and river experiences. The final stage of design is funded 50-50 through private donations and city bond funds dedicated to Heritage Park. The lead design firm for Heritage Park is MIG, with local partners Huitt Zollars and Emraes. The lead design team for Heritage Plaza is Bennett Benner Partners.

CITY OF FORT WORTH CLOSES ON NEW CITY HALL BUILDING

The city closed on the purchase of the former Pier 1 Imports headquarters building, at 100 Energy Way on January 27, 2021. The purchase price was \$69.5 million, and renovations will bring the total estimated project budget to \$100 million. Renovations will include constructing new public meeting spaces and reconfiguring offices.

An interdepartmental steering team of city employees will guide visioning, programming and transition for the new City Hall, current City Hall and several other city-owned and leased buildings in Downtown and Near Southside. Move-in is expected to begin in 2022.

PID ADVISORY BOARDS

FORT WORTH HOUSING SOLUTIONS ACQUIRES NEW DOWNTOWN HEADQUARTERS

Fort Worth Housing Solutions (FWHS), the city's primary provider of rental assistance and affordable housing communities, is moving its headquarters to 1407 Texas St. in Downtown.

The move follows the December closing of Butler Place, the city's last public housing community, located on 42 acres on the eastern edge of Downtown. The 412-unit community opened in 1940 and was closed as part of FWHS strategy to deconcentrate poverty and allow residents to use rental assistance at homes of their choice across the city.

"The 2020 closing of Butler was a milestone for our city – it gave families the opportunity to relocate to neighborhoods with better access to jobs, transportation, quality schools and services, such as grocery stores," FWHS President Mary-Margaret Lemons said. "This shift allowed our agency to move to a headquarters with better access for the people we serve and the modern amenities and technology we need to support them."



Photo courtesy of FWHS

FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT CENTRAL DIVISION PROMOTIONS

Congratulations are in order for Lieutenant Allen Delano, Deputy Chief Paula Fimbres, and Commander Amy Ladd for their recent promotions within the Fort Worth Police Department's Central Division. We appreciate their communication and coordination with DFWI and our Ambassador team for the betterment of our district over the past several years. We look forward to the years to come as they step into their new roles for the Central Division.

2021 MAIN STREET FORT WORTH ARTS FESTIVAL CANCELED



The Board of Directors of Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc. (DFWII), producers of the MAIN ST. Fort Worth Arts Festival (MAIN ST.) have announced the cancellation of the 2021 festival. Due to ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns and restrictions on large gatherings, the annual festival initially scheduled to

occur April 15-18, 2021, will not take place this year.

We encourage everyone to visit the online gallery, browse through participating artists and support artists and entertainers who have been severely impacted by nationwide festival cancellations. We especially encourage you to check out MAIN ST. artists from around the Metroplex and aspiring artists who started their exhibition journeys with us as Fort Worth Emerging Artists.

MAIN ST. will relaunch April 7 – 10, 2022. Final plans will be released later this year with overriding consideration given to public health and safety.

For more information, visit www.mainstreetartsfest.org.

PID #1 Advisory Board

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PID #1 FY 2020 Advisory Board Meetings:

2Q Meeting – Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9AM
3Q Meeting – Wednesday, July 21, 2021 9AM
4Q Meeting – Wednesday, October 20, 2021 9AM

PID #14 Advisory Board

Tom Struhs – Westford Builders (Chair)
Kent Bogle – Villa de Leon
Jeff Fulenchek – Carleton Residential Properties
Anthony Renda – Trinity Bluff
Development, LTD.

PID #14 FY 2020 Advisory Board Meetings:

2Q Meeting – Thursday, April 8, 2021 9AM
3Q Meeting – Thursday, July 20, 2021 9AM
4Q Meeting – Thursday, October 21, 2021 9AM

**Public participation will be available virtually.
For virtual meeting information, email
matt@dfwi.org.*

*Any changes to the meetings listed above will be
posted on dfwi.org/about/pid*

DOWNTOWN

AMBASSADORS ON THE STREETS

DECEMBER 2020 – FEBRUARY 2021



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12,917 hospitality
assists



536 clean team
referrals

61 motorist
assists

1,627 business
contacts

189 homeless
outreach



94 safety
escorts



Downtown Ambassadors Hours:
Sunday - Saturday 7 am - 12 am

Contact:

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DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH

LOVE YOUR DOWNTOWN, EARN COOL PRIZES

For any purchase of \$15 or more at participating Downtown Fort Worth businesses made from February 4 - April 30, 2021, submit your receipt on DFWI's website to receive a free Love Your Downtown t-shirt, tote, or mask while supplies last!

HOW IT WORKS

- 1) Make a purchase or buy a gift card of \$15 or more at any participating Downtown Fort Worth business through April 30, 2021.
- 2) Submit your receipt showing your qualifying purchase at bit.ly/LoveDTFW
- 3) We'll send you a cool piece of Love your Downtown merch within 30 days – free!

HOW TO EARN

- Spend between \$15 and \$24.99: Get a free face mask
- Spend between \$25 and \$49.99: Get a free tote bag
- Spend \$50 or more: Get a free t-shirt (first come, first served on sizing!)

Submit your receipts online and earn your Love Your Downtown merch at bit.ly/LoveDTFW.

