

# DR. THERESA DANIEL DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2022



## Commissioner Daniel Term as RTC Chair Ends

Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel handed over the reins to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to Collin County Commissioner Duncan Webb at the June 9, 2022 meeting.

Webb takes over for Commissioner Theresa Daniel of Dallas County, who has chaired the RTC through its transition from virtual meetings to in-person gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins will be the next secretary. The new officers will serve in their positions through June 2023.

During her tenure, there was a renewed focus on air quality, equity in transportation planning and electric vehicles. The Council is also funding a number of automated vehicle projects across the metroplex that are planned to begin sometime in 2023. The Council will spend over \$30 million on nine different projects related to automated vehicle technology in various cities across the region as part of its long-term plans.

The Council is also putting together a regional parking database to help inform area officials on ways to develop more efficient parking. Using a 2018 study, the Council estimates potentially 40% of the region's parking spaces are typically unused.

*Right, Top: NCTCOG Director of Transportation Michael Morris, outgoing RTC Chair Dallas County Commissioner Theresa Daniel and incoming RTC Chair Colling County Commissioner Duncan Webb*



## Dallas County Deflection Center Has Ribbon Cutting



*(L-R): Parkland CEO Dr. Fred Cerise, Dallas County Fire Marshal Robert De Los Santos, Commissioner John Wiley Price, Homeward Bound Board Chair Jesse Oliver, NTBHA CEO Carol Lucky, DA John Creuzot, Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel, Catholic Bishop Edward J. Burns, Commissioner J.J. Koch, and County Judge Clay Jenkins.*

A recent ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the launch of the Homeward Bound Dallas County Deflection Center which aims to curb homelessness and address mental health by keeping people out of area jails.

In Dallas, the Dallas County Jail is one of the main treatment centers for people with mental illnesses who are involved in the criminal justice system. The Dallas County Jail is the second largest mental health treatment facility in the state of Texas.

Dallas County Deflects will prevent individuals who are charged with certain low-level, non-violent misdemeanor offenses, such as criminal trespassing, from entering the criminal justice system. Treatment will reduce costs associated with repeatedly incarcerating individuals suffering from mental illness and reduce the number of emergency psychiatric visits from these individuals. Even brief periods in jail cause significant life challenges for people with mental illness such as jeopardizing employment opportunities, housing, and benefits.

Homeward Bound's facility is set to open for services on August 1, 2022.

# Eviction Prevention and Recovery Resources

## Eviction Diversion Program (EDP) & Housing Navigators (HN)

The Eviction Diversion Program (EDP) is a special program/court process that allows courts to place eviction lawsuits on hold and divert eviction proceedings. Under the EDP, payments are provided to landlords for rental arrears in exchange for allowing tenants to remain in their homes and forgiving late fees.

Housing Navigators (HN) are stationed in the respective Justice of the Peace (JP) courts to work closely with the respective JP courts, tenant eviction cases as well as the respective property owners and managers towards resolving the eviction cases through the Dallas County's EDP. The HN will also work to promote housing opportunities by linking individuals and families facing eviction to property owners and managers.

[www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/housing-programs/erap.php](http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/housing-programs/erap.php)

## Emergency Housing Assistance Program

The Emergency Housing Assistance Program - 2021 (EHAP - 2021) is to provide: Short-term rental, mortgage, and utility assistance to low income Dallas County residents living outside of the City of Dallas economically affected (loss/reduction of income) by the spread of COVID-19.

Applications will be processed through a lottery system. Effective July 1, 2021, applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

DCHHS is now accepting pre-screening applications online or by phone at 214-819-1968, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CT)

The pre-screening application form is available in English and Spanish

Length of assistance will not exceed twelve (12) months - including number of months assisted in CY2020

Housing assistance up to 120% of FMR/SAFMR


Assistance subject to funding availability.

[www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/ehap-2021.php](http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/ehap-2021.php)



**DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY REFERRAL LIST**

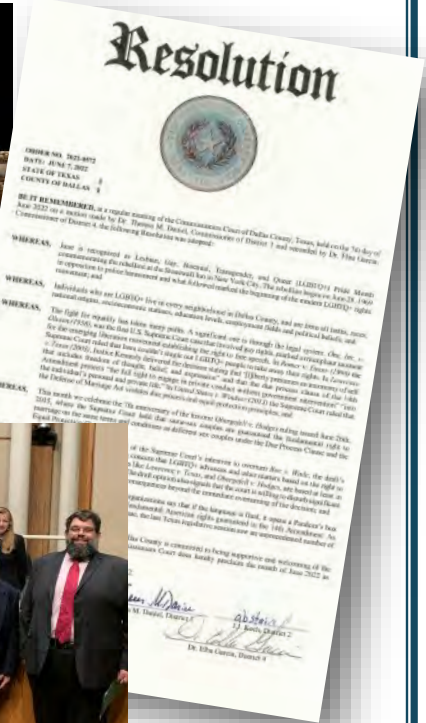
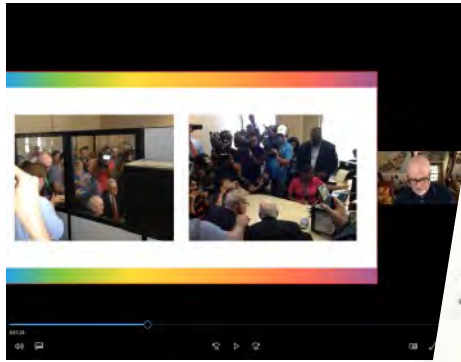
Agency Name	Phone Number	Services Offered
Information and Referral (2-1-1)	(214) 379-4636	Community information and referrals
Agape Clinic at Grace United Methodist Church	(972) 797-7782	Medical
Allen Community Outreach	(972) 729-9131	Rent, Utilities, Food, Clothing, other
American Red Cross	(214) 678-6000	Disaster Relief, Emergency Rent
Attorney General of Texas	(800) 252-8014	Child Support
Austin Street Shelter	(214) 428-4242	Homeless Shelter, Meals, other
Baptist Benevolent Ministries	(972) 254-0373	Food (Living Residents only)
Bethlehem Foundation	(489) 5303795	Rent, Utilities, Food, Clothing, other
Brighter Tomorrows	(972) 254-4003	Emergency Shelter
Brother Bill's Helping Hand	(214) 638-2186	Food, Medical (75212 only)
Buckner Center for Humanitarian Aid	(214) 357-8890	Food, Clothing, Furniture
The Bridge	(214) 670-1100	Homeless Shelter, Meals, other
Campton Friendship House	(972) 512-3838	Food, clothes
Catholic Charities	(214) 634-1152	Immigration Counseling
Catholic Charities - Study Center	(214) 216-8330	60 yrs+ older breakfast, Lunch & Educational Training
Catholic Charities - Family Services	(214) 389-1340	Rent, Electric, Food
Child Care Group	(214) 630-7911	Child Care Assistance
CHILD Protective Services	(800) 252-5490	Abuse/Neglect Referrals
Children's Oral Health Center	(214) 827-7247	Dental
City of Dallas - Child Care Services	(214) 670-0656	CHILD Care Assistance
City of Dallas - Home Repair	(214) 670-3844	Home Repairs
City of Dallas - Mortgage Assistance Program	(214) 670-4540	First Time Home Buyer Assistance
City Squares Administration	(214) 634-9710	Food, Medical, Dental, Legal other
Cornerstone Ministries Life Medical Clinic	(214) 426-5488	Medical
Opasoreta Community Services	(214) 960-2511	Food, Clothing
Dallas County Dept. of Health and Human Services	(214) 814-2000	Rent, Testing, Food, other
Dallas County - CEAP Program	(214) 819-1848	Electric, Gas
Dallas County - Older Adult Services Program	(214) 819-1860	Senior Citizen Programs
Dallas County - Section B Housing	(214) 819-1871	Housing
Dallas County - Veterans Services Office	(214) 819-1885	Veteran Services
Dallas County - Weatherization	(214) 819-1909	Weatherization
Dallas County - Welfare	(214) 819-1900	Rent, Mortgage
Dallas Housing Authority	(214) 351-8300	Housing
Dallas Life Foundation	(214) 421-1360	Homeless Shelter, Medical, other
Dallas Mortgage Services	(214) 330-0036	Mental Health Services
Dallas Police Dept - Crime Against Persons Division	(214) 671-3584	Assistance for victims of crime
Dallas Services	(214) 698-6800	Vision (children only)
DIARS TX Dept Assesive & Rehabilitative Svs	(817) 759-3710	Rehabilitation
DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit)	(214) 749-3333	Transportation Services
Duncanville Outreach Ministry	(972) 296-4986	Rent, Utilities, Food, Prescription, other
East Side Food Parity	(214) 571-2933	Food, clothes
Family Gateway	(214) 823-4500	Housing
First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie	(972) 262-5146	Food (City of Grand Prairie only)
The Family Place	(214) 558-2170	Emergency Shelter, Counseling
Good Samaritans of Garland	(214) 389-7700	Emergency Shelter, Food, Clothing
Good Samaritans of Garland	(972) 276-2823	Utilities, Food (City of Garland only)
Good Shepherd Community Center	(214) 628-1888	Child Care Facility (75212 only)
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	(972) 780-1211	Food (City of Irving only)
Goslin Opportunity Center	(214) 542-6407	Food, Clothing, Job Counseling
Grace Place of Christ	(972) 208-4856	Food (75116, 75137-8, 75236-7, 75249)
Grand Prairie Food and Clothing Co-op	(972) 268-8540	Food, Clothing (City of Grand Prairie)
Grand Prairie United Charities	(214) 683-2114	Rent, Rent Utilities, Food, Prescription (Grand Prairie only)
Healing Hands Ministries	(214) 221-0858	Medical, Dental, transportation
Highland Oaks Church of Christ	(214) 342-6040	Food, Clothing (75238 & 75243 only)
Holy Trinity Center	(214) 521-3719	Food (752 - 01, 04, 05, 06, 16, 26, and 35)



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Agency Name	Phone Number	Services Offered
The Hope Clinic	(489) 800-2500	Medical
Hope's Door	(972) 422-2977	Shelter for abused women & their children
Housing Crisis Center	(214) 828-4244	Rent, Utilities, Transitional Housing
Interfaith Housing Coalition	(214) 812-9268	Transitional Housing
Living Cares	(972) 721-9181	Rent, Mortgage, Utilities, Food, Prescription
Jewish Family Services	(972) 437-9950	Rent, Utilities, Food, Job counseling
Legal Aid of Northwest Texas	(214) 746-1234	Free Legal Assistance
Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation	(489) 800-2500	Eyeglass program
Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic	(214) 540-0300	Medical
Marion Luther King Jr. Community Center	(214) 870-8419	Rent, Utilities, Food, Transportation
Martin Luther King Jr. Family Clinic	(214) 426-3954	Medical
Mesquite Church of Christ Food Parity	(972) 298-7037	Food
Mesquite Social Services	(972) 298-3000	Rent, Utilities, Food
MetroWest Family Medical Clinic	(972) 484-6336	Medical
MetroWest Social Services	(972) 485-2100	Rent, Utilities, Food, Medical
Mission East Dallas	(972) 692-6917	Medical
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church Food Parity	(214) 428-2852	Food (75210 & 75215 only)
Mr. Tabor Baptist Church	(972) 225-1704	Food, Clothing
Network of Community Ministries	(972) 234-9860	Rent, Utilities, Food, other
Network of Community Ministries Trinity/Welness Clinic	(972) 234-9880	Medical (Adults 55 and over)
New Beginning Center	(972) 422-2911	Shelter for victims of domestic violence
North Dallas Shared Ministries	(214) 358-9700	Rent, Utilities, Food, other
North Dallas Shared Ministries Free Clinic	(214) 358-9700	Medical, Vision, and Dental
North Texas Rehabilitation	(972) 372-6527	Rehabilitation
Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency Aid	(214) 943-7757	Rent, Utilities, Food, Prescription, other
Outreach Health Services of Ft. Texas	(972) 752-6720	Home Health Care
Parkland Health & Hospital System	(214) 590-9000	Health Care
Pathway of Life Church Food Parity	(214) 275-7284	Food (75149, 75217, 75227 & 75229 only)
Prevent Blindness Texas	(214) 525-5521	Eyeglass Assistance, Vision Care
Richardson East Care Corps	(972) 231-8231	Rent, Utilities, Food, other
Salvation Army-Carr P. Collins Social Service Center	(214) 424-7000	Rent, Mortgage, Utilities, Food, other
Salvation Army - Garland	(972) 272-4531	Rent, Utilities, Food, Legal Clinic
Salvation Army - Irving	(972) 338-6583	Rent, Food
Salvation Army - Plano Service Center	(972) 325-6244	Rent, Utilities, Food
Salvation Army - Oak Cliff	(214) 941-5911	Food, Senior Citizen Program, other
The Samaritan Inn	(972) 542-3302	Emergency Shelter
Senior Services	(214) 823-5703	Senior Citizen Services
Shared Housing Center	(214) 821-8510	Transitional Housing
Shared Life Community	(972) 298-5919	Rent, Utilities, Food, Clothing, other
Social Security Administration	(800) 772-1213	Disability/Retirement/Survivor Benefits
Steep of First Presbyterian Church	(214) 546-2785	Meals, D. Med Services, Clinic, other
Texas Department of Health & Human Services	(214) 750-4619	Food Stamps, TANF, Medicaid, other
Texas Department of Health & Human Services	(214) 750-4619	Medical Transportation (Medicaid Recipients)
Texas Workforce Commission	(972) 710-6377	Unemployment benefits, Job Search
The Welness Center	(214) 821-6380	Food
Union Gospel Mission	(214) 837-6117	Homeless Shelter for Men
Union Gospel Mission - Center of Hope	(214) 836-2988	Homeless Shelter for Women & their children
Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas	(214) 821-1050	Food, Financial Assistance for Native Americans
Veteran Affairs	(800) 849-3597	Veteran Services
Veteran Affairs, Dept. of N. Tx Health Care	(800) 849-3597	Medical and Social Services
Victim Relief Ministries	(972) 234-3996	Financial & other services for victims of crime
Visiting Nurse Association of Texas	(214) 695-0000	Home Health Care, Meals on Wheels
Voices of Hope	(214) 821-7027	Food
West Dallas Multipurpose Center	(214) 670-6340	Rent, Mortgage, Utilities, Food, other
White Rock Center of Hope	(214) 324-9998	Rent, Utilities, Food, other
WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)	(214) 670-7200	Food (Children less than 5 years old)

# Dallas County Celebrates LGBTQ+ Pride Month June 2022



Dallas County celebrate June 2022 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month! A resolution honoring the past and looking to the future for the LGBTQ+ community was given by Commissioner Daniel on June 7, 2022 (text below) and several community members came to the Court to receive it and speak to the issues still facing the community (right.) Commissioner Daniel also sponsored the first “Lunch and Learn” featuring the events of the June 26, 2015 in Dallas County after the Supreme Court Obergefell v. Hodges decision granting the rights and privileges of marriage to same-sex couples. Jack Evans and George Harris (above) were the first couple to be married after 55 years together by Judge Dennise Garcia with Rev. Eric Folkerth as their witness.

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 7th day of June 2022 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1 and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, June is recognized as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month commemorating the rebellion at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. The rebellion began on June 28, 1969 in opposition to police harassment and what followed marked the beginning of the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, Individuals who are LGBTQ+ live in every neighborhood in Dallas County, and are from all faiths, races, national origins, socioeconomic statuses, education levels, employment fields and political beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, The fight for equality has taken many paths. A significant one is through the legal system. *One, Inc. v. Olesen (1958)*, was the first U.S. Supreme Court case that involved gay rights, marked a triumphant moment for the emerging liberation movement establishing the right to free speech. In *Romer v. Evans (1996)* the Supreme Court ruled that laws couldn’t single out LGBTQ+ people to take away their rights. In *Lawrence v. Texas (2003)*, Justice Kennedy delivered the decision stating that “[l]iberty presumes an autonomy of self that includes freedom of thought, belief, and expression” and that the due process clause of the 14th Amendment protects “the full right to engage in private conduct without government intervention” “into the individual’s personal and private life.” In *United States v. Windsor (2013)* the Supreme Court ruled that the Defense of Marriage Act violates due process and equal protection principles; and

**WHEREAS**, This month we celebrate the 7th anniversary of the historic *Obergefell v. Hodges* ruling issued June 26th, 2015, where the Supreme Court held that same-sex couples are guaranteed the fundamental right to marriage on the same terms and conditions as different sex couples under the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause; and

**WHEREAS**, In the wake of the leaked draft of the Supreme Court’s intention to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the draft’s provocative rhetoric is generating concern that LGBTQ+ advances and other matters based on the right to privacy could be vulnerable. Cases like *Lawrence v. Texas*, and *Obergefell v. Hodges*, are based at least in part on that same right to privacy. The draft opinion also signals that the court is willing to disturb significant legal precedent which could have consequences beyond the immediate overturning of the decision; and

**WHEREAS**, Attorneys for LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations say that if the language is final, it opens a Pandora’s box for rolling back some of the most fundamental American rights guaranteed in the 14th Amendment. As proof of the current contentious climate, the last Texas legislative session saw an unprecedented number of over 75 of anti-LGBTQ+ bills filed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Dallas County is committed to being supportive and welcoming of the LGBTQ+ community. And the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Dallas County.

**DONE IN OPEN COURT** this the 7th day of June 2022.

# Dallas County Completes the Move to Records

The remaining offices and departments were successfully moved from the Dallas County Administration building at 411 Elm St. across the street to the newly-renovated Records Building at 500 Elm St. All business, including Commissioners Court proceedings, will be held at the new location.

*Right, Clockwise: Empty bins to pack and full recycling bins , an empty office, holding Commissioners Court one last time in the historic Allen Clemson Courtroom*



## Around Dallas County and District 1



*Left: Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, in traditional garb, helps to symbolically stomp grapes to launch the next wine grape growing season.*



*Above: Garland NAACP Branch President Ricky McNeal, Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel and Garland Mayor Scott LeMay celebrate at the inaugural Garland Juneteenth event at Audubon Park.*

*Right: Dallas County Administrator Darryl Martin, District 1 staff Martha Rodriguez and Erica McDaniel with Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel at the Dallas County Leadership & Management Academy Class of 2021-2022 graduation ceremony.*

