

# DR. THERESA DANIEL

## DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

### DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER

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*2018 is coming to a close and it has certainly gone fast!! We are all in this together and I couldn't have made any progress without all of you. Residents, voters, colleagues, board appointees and employees all make an impact on our goals. We are still working toward our goals of making Dallas County a safer, healthier county. Thank you for being there. On to the next year!!*

#### 2018 IN BRIEF

##### Road and Bridge District 1 Office

We have cut the ribbon on our renovated District 1 office at 715 Rowlett Road. The renovation turned an auto service center into a beautiful, bright meeting space for County related activities. Texas A&M Agrilife, Dallas County Veterans Services, Dallas County Juvenile, Dallas County Public Works, Dallas County Sheriff's Department and the Dallas County District Attorney are all meeting in the space regularly. While it is not a location that provides direct services, the building gives a much-needed access point to Dallas County departments and meetings.

##### Roads and Bridges

We are nearing completion of the Spring Valley Road project and are partnering with the City of Dallas on Highland Road. Garland and Mesquite have projects in the design and planning phases as we continue to partner with our municipalities to share expenses for repair, replacement and construction of roads.

##### Criminal Justice

We continue to participate in restructuring our pre-trial and criminal justice departments to only keep people in jail who should be there. Diversion efforts to the community or into care have increased substantially and we are continuing our work with the Caruth Smart Justice and Data-Driven Justice initiatives to ensure we are making the best possible decisions using data as our guide.

##### Homelessness

The surrounding cities continue to communicate and partner on ideas concerning our homeless population. I have helped to shape an inclement weather policy for when conditions turn deadly and we continue to help fund exciting new projects like the newly-opened St.

Jude project for homeless 55 and up. We also held our first meeting of the Dallas County Citizen Homeless Advisory committee to get input and best practices for the entire County.

##### Trails

I have embraced the multimodal philosophy of travel and believe you should have choices about how you get where you want or need to be. Trails have become an integral part of that plan and we are continuing to build and connect the trail systems in District 1 among the member cities of Dallas, Richardson, Garland and Mesquite. We opened a critical section of the SoPac trail in Vickery Meadow that will connect to the other area trails, giving unprecedented alternatives to this community.

##### Clean Air

Dallas County has an extraordinarily high rate of asthma, allergies and lung related issues because of the way the winds blow here. I will continue to work with, and fight if necessary, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency to make sure Dallas County residents have clean air and the information needed to make decisions about their health.

##### Community

Every year I host a series of town hall meetings to make sure Dallas County comes to you and we listen to your voices. Also, we have partnered with C.C. Young to celebrate those residents who have seen 100 years old! It is an honor to hear their life stories and eat a piece of cake with them. I make sure to commemorate Women's Equality Day every year and we saw the dedication of the first LGBTQ historical marker in Texas. Starting this year, my office is helping to coordinate National Adoption Day to aid in getting kids into loving homes. Throughout the year we do resolutions to call attention to serious issues and recognize those with long service at Dallas County.

Lastly, I am not done yet and the coming year will be as busy as always serving the constituents and employees of Dallas County. May 2019 be a good one for you, yours and all of Dallas County!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Theresa M. Daniel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



**Dallas County  
District 1**

# The Year in Pictures





