

DR. THERESA DANIEL DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER

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\$15 Minimum Wage Passed In Budget

On Tuesday, September 17th, 2019, as part of Dallas County's budget, the Commissioners Court passed a minimum wage hike to \$15 for all county employees. Dallas County joins Bexar and Travis counties as the other two Texas counties to have a \$15 minimum wage for their employees.



As an advocate for increasing the minimum wage, Commissioner Daniel believes it will do more than just get more people out of poverty. Some research has found that increasing the minimum wage leads to better education and health outcomes.

Dallas County values its employees and believes paying a living wage is necessary for healthier, more productive lives. The inclusion of a \$15 minimum wage in this year's budget, goes a long way to ensuring Dallas County employees' pay and quality of life remain on par with employees of other Texas counties.

Eventually, Commissioner Daniel would like to see the minimum wage increase further in order to keep pace with the cost of living as it continues to rise.

Greater Dallas Suicide Awareness Day



On Tuesday, September 14th, Commissioner Theresa Daniel presented a resolution on Suicide Awareness to Margie Wright of the Suicide Crisis



Center of North Texas and John Dornheim of NAMI North Texas. On September 25th, volunteers, law enforcement, and many others affected by suicide, gathered for an emotional but necessary event at the Old Red Museum.



If you or someone you know is in crisis or having suicidal thoughts, please call the Suicide & Crisis Center of North Texas Hotline at: **214-828-1000** or the National Suicide Prevention Life-line at: **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

A Bridge To Health Care

Parkland Hospital's *A Bridge To Health Care Community Health and Wellness Fair*, hosted by Commissioner Theresa Daniel, was a great success



National Night Out

October 1st — Dozens of Dallas Area neighborhoods held their annual National Night Out. Commissioner Daniel and her District 1 staff participated in a night of community and fun. National Night Out serves to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law

enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it is a great opportunity to bring law enforcement and neighbors together under positive circumstances. We hope you had the opportunity to attend and enjoy your neighborhood event.



District 1 Happenings

- **ADDRESSING MESQUITE DAY** is Saturday, October 12th. Each year the City of Mesquite and the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance, teams with clubs, businesses, and civic and faith-based organizations to make needed exterior repairs to the homes of seniors, single parents, veterans, and disabled residents. Though the time to register as a volunteer has passed, you can make a one-time donation to this worthy cause by clicking the link below: [Make a donation](#)
- **BIG TEX IS BACK!** The State Fair of Texas runs from September 27th — October 20th. Grab the family and head out for a day of games and rides on the Midway, live music, great attractions and great food, such as, Ruth's Stuffed Fried Taco Cone, Big Red Chicken Bread and the Fla'Mango Tango.
- **R&B1** A new lobby experience is coming to the Road and Bridge 1 district office. Museum-like displays of items from the Sheriff's Department, Tax Office, Parkland and Health and Human Services as well as other county departments will be featured in the main lobby.
- **GET YOUR SHOTS NOW!** The best protection against the flu virus is the flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is recommended for almost everyone except children younger than 6 months of age. The flu vaccine is available for children at all clinics and for adults at the main clinic located at: 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207. [Click here for clinic hours and locations.](#)
- **GO VOTE!** A statewide vote for Constitutional Amendments will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The same day Mesquite holds municipal elections to elect a Mayor and Councilmembers for Places 1 - 6 and Richardson residents will vote for RISD Board of Trustees Members. Go to: DallasCountyVotes.org for more info.