

DR. THERESA DANIEL DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER

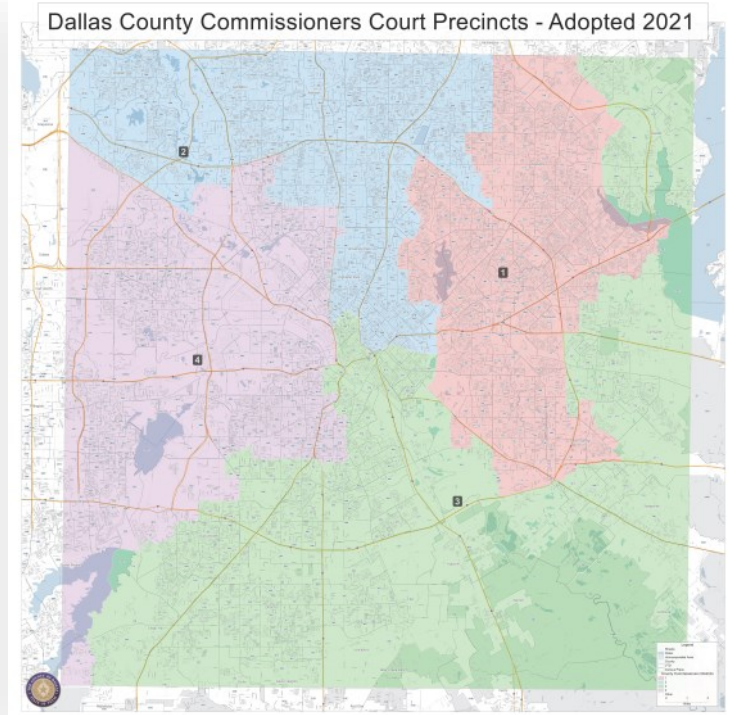
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Getting to Know the New District 1 Communities

After the 2020 Census results were released, Dallas County redrew the Commissioners Court district lines. The districts are drawn by population and so much has changed in 10 years! As a result of this process, Dallas County, District 1 now has two new communities to get to know better. As we said goodbye to the City of Richardson, we are excited to meet the leadership of Balch Springs. The Mayor and her staff took us on a tour of the city to show us the enormous progress that has been made in economic development, housing and infrastructure. It was also an opportunity to learn more the remaining needs of the city and to witness the exponential growth.

I also now have ALL of Garland in my District. I have worked with the Mayor, Council and staff of the City of Garland for a long time and am very excited to now have the northern part of the City. Garland is a great partner and I look forward to the continued progress and growth.



Left (L-R): Balch Springs Mayor Dr. Carrie Gordon, Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, City Manager Susan Cluse, City Staff members Chris Dyser, Lupe Baladez and William Freeman. Middle: Commissioner Daniel and Mayor Gordon at the District 1 Road and Bridge office tour. Right, Top: Commissioner Daniel joins members of the Garland City Council at the opening of Winter's Park. Right, Bottom: Dallas County HHS Director, Dr. Philip Huang, with the City of Garland animal shelter staff.

Partnerships that Work

Texas A&M AgriLife Big Build

The Big Build was a culmination of 3 days of hard work by more than 70 volunteers - and a resounding success! Our diverse group of Master Gardeners/Interns, Dallas Co. employees, students, ACC (American Conservation Coalition) partners, family and friends added another 30 plant boxes to the Dallas County Farm at R&B1. Last year our farm produced nearly 5,000 lbs of fresh produce which was donated to feed hungry Dallas Co. residents and expansion allows us to increase our impact on the community. For more info, visit dallascountymastergardeners.org



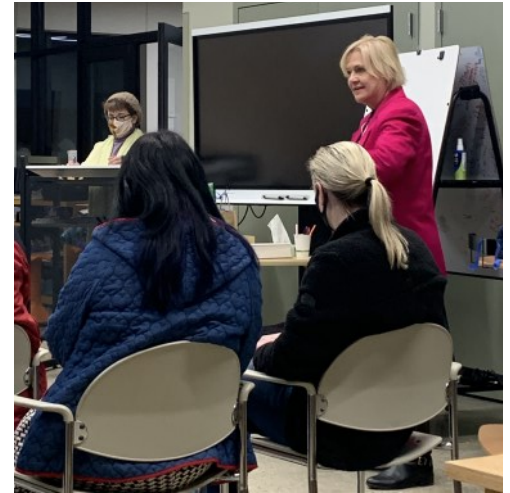
Our Calling Community Village

Commissioner Daniel is always looking for new and innovative ways to help shelter and care for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. On a recent visit to Our Calling, Pastor Wayne Walker shared some prototype housing that is intended to be on a very self-contained village for the houseless in Ellis County. Dallas County is looking at this and other models for creating a large amount of housing quickly, cheaply and efficiently.



Around Dallas County and Dist 1

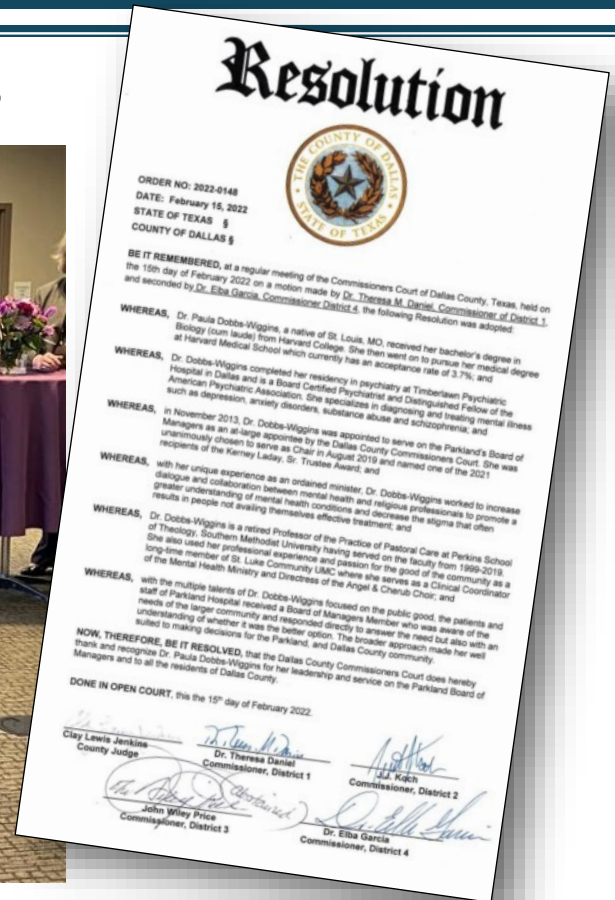
Top Right: Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel talks with citizens concerned about the new DART bus routes. Below Right: Commissioner Daniel stands with staff members Erin Moore and Claudia Vargas who recently completed the National Association of Counties' High Performance Leadership Academy.



Above and Right: Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel presented Marsha Jackson with a resolution for her outstanding activism and leadership on environmental issues in Joppa. Marsha is integral to the Floral Farms "We Can Move Mountains" effort that will rehabilitate an environmentally toxic site and have regional impact.



Honoring Dr. Paula Dobbs-Wiggins



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 15th day of February 2022 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

- WHEREAS**, **Dr. Paula Dobbs-Wiggins**, a native of St. Louis, MO, received her bachelor's degree in Biology (cum laude) from Harvard College. She then went on to pursue her medical degree at Harvard Medical School which currently has an acceptance rate of 3.7%; and
- WHEREAS**, **Dr. Dobbs-Wiggins** completed her residency in psychiatry at Timberlawn Psychiatric Hospital in Dallas and is a Board Certified Psychiatrist and Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. She specializes in diagnosing and treating mental illness such as depression, anxiety disorders, substance abuse and schizophrenia; and
- WHEREAS**, in November 2013, **Dr. Dobbs-Wiggins** was appointed to serve on the Parkland's Board of Managers as an at-large appointee by the Dallas County Commissioners Court. She was unanimously chosen to serve as Chair in August 2019 and named one of the 2021 recipients of the Kerney Laday, Sr. Trustee Award; and
- WHEREAS**, with her unique experience as an ordained minister, **Dr. Dobbs-Wiggins** worked to increase dialogue and collaboration between mental health and religious professionals to promote a greater understanding of mental health conditions and decrease the stigma that often results in people not availing themselves effective treatment; and
- WHEREAS**, **Dr. Dobbs-Wiggins** is a retired Professor of the Practice of Pastoral Care at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University having served on the faculty from 1999-2019. She also used her professional experience and passion for the good of the community as a long-time member of St. Luke Community UMC where she serves as a Clinical Coordinator of the Mental Health Ministry and Directress of the Angel & Cherub Choir; and
- WHEREAS**, with the multiple talents of **Dr. Dobbs-Wiggins** focused on the public good, the patients and staff of Parkland Hospital received a Board of Managers Member who was aware of the needs of the larger community and responded directly to answer the need but also with an understanding of whether it was the better option. The broader approach made her well suited to making decisions for the Parkland, and Dallas County community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby thank and recognize **Dr. Paula Dobbs-Wiggins** for her leadership and service on the Parkland Board of Managers and to all the residents of Dallas County.