

# DR. THERESA DANIEL DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER

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## Dallas County Resources for August Flooding Damage

Historic flooding occurred in Dallas on Monday, Aug. 22, where 8 to 16 inches of rain fell over a 24-hour stretch preceded by a 67-day dry streak in the County. The heavy rain flooded buildings, submerged cars on interstates and also caused the Trinity River to swell well beyond its normal water line. All of this resulted in estimated losses between \$4.5 billion and \$6 billion in the DFW area.

To help get relief to those affected, Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Field Operations Center-West announced the extension of hours at the Balch Springs and Dallas Disaster Loan Outreach Centers. Both centers will now be opened Mondays - Saturdays to meet the needs of businesses and individuals.

"SBA customer service representatives will be on hand at the following centers to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their electronic loan application," Garfield continued. The centers will be open on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary.

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to businesses and homeowners to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates can be as low as 3.04 percent for businesses, 1.875 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 2.188 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**The deadline to apply for property damage is Nov. 14, 2022. The deadline to apply for economic injury applications is June 14, 2023.**

*Right: Commissioner Daniel met with Balch Springs City Manager Susan Cluse to offer help and resources after catastrophic flooding in August 2022.*



### DALLAS COUNTY DISASTER LOAN OUTREACH CENTERS

**Balch Springs Recreation Department**  
Meeting Room  
4372 Shepherd Lane Balch Springs, TX 75180  
Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Samuell-Grand Recreation Center**  
Game Room 112  
6200 East Grand Ave. Dallas, TX 75223  
Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



*Left: Commissioner Daniel consoles a family that was affected by a grass fire exacerbated by 67 days of drought in July that destroyed 9 homes and damaged 26 homes.*

## Transportation

# North Texas Collaboration Formed to Expand EV Infrastructure

A newly-formed cooperative group, the North Texas Electric Transportation Compact hopes to accelerate the expansion of electric vehicles and reduce emissions related to transportation. The group's goal is to prove that the partnership of government agencies, educational institutions and employers can improve the air quality in DFW and reduce the reliance on environmentally damaging fossil fuels all at a cost savings to early adopters.

Dallas County Commissioner Theresa M. Daniel, Tarrant County Commissioners Roy Brooks and Devan Allen, co-chair the organization and held their second meeting for vehicle fleet managers on Aug. 24. The Austin-based Texas Electric Transportation Alliance (TxETRA) Education Fund financially supports the North Texas compact.

Brandy O'Quinn, who previously served as the assistant director of TechFW, was brought on to lead the compact this spring.

According to North Central Texas Council of Governments, a recent survey of fleet managers in Dallas and Tarrant Counties, found nearly 60 percent already want to electrify.

"We have a lot of municipalities who are already seeing there's a huge cost savings in maintenance, when converting from combustion to electric transportation, let alone in gas," said O'Quinn. "There's also a public health component."

Quarterly meetings will provide a round table of fleet managers from cities, ISDs and large companies who are interested in going electric along with those who've successfully made the transition.

The launch of TxETRA's North Texas Regional Compact follows the 2020 formation of the South Central Texas Electric Transportation Compact, which is co-chaired by Travis County Commissioner Brigid Shea and Bexar County Commissioner Justin Rodriguez.

For more information or to join the compact, visit: <https://txetraedfund.org/>

# Major Capital Projects Open With Ceremonial Ribbon Cuttings



*Above: Garland City Staff join Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel, Garland Mayor Scott LeMay and Councilmember Deborah Morris at the official opening of Shiloh Road.*

## Garland Celebrates Shiloh Road Improvements With Dallas County Partners

City and Dallas County officials celebrated the completion of the Shiloh Road Improvement Project Friday, Aug. 5. But for many motorists and Garland residents, the celebration is daily.

The project went far beyond widening Shiloh Road from four to six lanes. There are upgraded utility lines, underground work for drainage, water and wastewater lines, and rail crossings. Lighting and streetscaping is new and inviting. A monopole traffic signal spans the width of the Shiloh-Garland Avenue-McCree Road intersection with mounted lights and turn signals for each street on a single structure -- something of a marvel say the engineers, street and transportation professionals who were among many City departments involved in the project.

## Town East Boulevard in Mesquite is Officially Open!

The improvements were a partnership between Mesquite, Dallas County, and Commissioner Theresa Daniel. The residents in this adjacent neighborhood not only have a new roadway, but they now also have a recreational amenity with the hike and bike trail. This trail connects two major trail systems in Mesquite. Residents can easily access Westover Park and Debusk Park by using this trail. It also connects to the trail along Military Parkway which provides access to the businesses and retail in this area. And in the next year, another segment will connect this trail to the Downtown Mesquite area.

*Right: Commissioner Daniel, Mesquite Mayor Daniel Aleman Jr. and City Manager Cliff Keheley are joined by Dallas County Public Works and City of Mesquite staff at the Town East Phase II ribbon cutting.*



# Dallas County Recognizes National Recovery Month

**BE IT REMEMBERED, BE IT REMEMBERED,** at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 6th day of September 2022, on a motion made by Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District No. 1 and seconded by Commissioner John Wiley Price, District No. 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS,** During National Recovery Month, we celebrate the millions of Americans who have achieved recovery and reaffirm our commitment to helping more Americans overcome substance use disorder and reach recovery. Recover is for everyone because it benefits everyone. In recovery, we build new connections to ourselves, our families, and our communities. We are all called to end gatekeeping and welcome everyone to recovery by lowering barriers to recovery support, creating inclusive spaces and programs, and broadening our understanding of what recovery means for people with different experiences; and

**WHEREAS,** We also support those who are still struggling to achieve recovery and dedicate ourselves to overcoming these challenges together. This year's theme, "Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community," emphasizes that recovery is possible for all Americans. We honor the many pathways to recovery and will support individuals and their families at every step along their journey, in whatever form it takes. This observance serves as a reminder that we empower communities and families when we engage in healing that extends beyond the individual. People can and do recover every day; and

**WHEREAS,** The work ahead includes making treatment and recovery support services accessible to all Americans. The American Rescue Plan delivered nearly \$4 billion to strengthen and expand mental health and substance use disorder services. With those funds, we can al continue to work to expand employment opportunities for people in recovery and foster the development of recovery-ready workplace policies and cultures. Helping those in recover to attain economic opportunity and mobility will not only improve their well-being but also benefit our Nation as a whole. These investments will lay the foundation upon which more Americans – of all background and in every community – can build a maintain long-term recovery; and

**WHEREAS,** The Recovery Research Institute reports that 11.1% or approximately 27.5 million adults in the United States admit to a substance use problem in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** 74.8% reported that they were in recovery or recovered from their substance use problem, translating to approximately 20.5 million adults in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2020, 17.3% of adolescents aged 12 to 17 (or 4.2 million people) received mental health services in a specialty setting. Although, 14.9% of people aged 12 or older 9or 41.1 million people) were classified as needing substance use treatment in the past year. Mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide, those impacted can embark on a journey of improved health and overall wellness; and

**WHEREAS,** Black people had the largest percentage increase in deaths from 2019 to 2020, a jump of 49%. Death rates for all four racial and ethnic groups studied, including whites, climbed higher in 2020 than in any single year prior, per researchers; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of Texas has languished behind others in sufficiently finding recovery programs, private and public, which creates backlogs in county jails across the state and creates billions of dollars in burdensome spending in larger counties like Dallas County; and

**WHEREAS,** Recovery Month brings attention to and improves the lives of citizens with mental health and substance use disorders by raising awareness and educating communities about the effective available services; and

**WHEREAS,** While opportunities for recovery should be available for everyone, those with substance use disorders in racially-diverse, Tribal, rural, and other underserved communities often lack access to the support services that they need to receive treatment and sustain their recovery. Research also shows that a treatment gap lingers between people of color and their white neighbors. People of color not only have less access to support services for addiction but are also subject to harsher penalties when addiction leads to interaction with the criminal justice system. To address this, we are working towards a Government-wide approach to advancing equity, including in our criminal justice approaches to drug policy; and

**WHEREAS,** During National Recovery Month, we also honor the incredible contributions from communities within recovery as groups connect and implement resources that serve their unique needs. The powerful bonds built in recovery are life-altering. As always, we celebrate the resilience and courage of the recovery community, which serves as a reminder that recovery is possible for everyone. The celebration will continue at the Big Texas Rally for Recovery on September 17, 2022. This family friendly recovery event is a tangible representation of the sound of recovery.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim September 2022 as National Recovery Month and recognizes the "Big Texas Rally for Recovery" as they remind us that recovery programs are essential to public safety and law enforcement strategies. We call upon all citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other groups to take action to promote recovery and improve the health of our Nation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that local programs like the Association of Persons Affected by Addiction and others like it continue to serve the great need we see in Dallas County.

**DONE IN OPEN BOARD MEETING** this 6th day of September 2022.



**Top Left:** Commissioner Daniel, Chief Public Defender Lynn Richardson and Commissioner John Wiley Price attend the Big Texas Rally for Recovery. **Bottom Left:** Commissioner Daniel with the The Mavs ManiaacsAACs hip-hop dance troupe. **Bottom Right:** Commissioner Daniel with Joe Powell, President of Association of Persons Affected by Addiction



# Around the District



*Clockwise from above: Dallas Councilmember Paul Ridley, Commissioner Daniel and The Bridge CEO Dr. David Woody meet at Big D Reads launch for The Accommodation; Commissioner Daniel at the Grand Opening of Cuenta Conmigo Center for Family Mental Health Services at the Buckner Bazaar; Texas State Representative Rhetta Bowers, Kelly Hart with Planned Parenthood and Commissioner Daniel at the opening of the New Mesquite office of Planned Parenthood in the Mesquite Health Center; Commissioner Daniel addressing the 1st in-person meeting in two years of the Ferguson Road Initiative; The R&B 1 Urban County Farm State Fair team that won 29 awards!*

