

DR. THERESA DANIEL DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2023



Commissioner Daniel and staff attend the annual NACo conference

Commissioner Daniel and staff attended the annual meeting of the National Association of Counties in late July in Austin, Texas. During this conference elected officials across the state and the nation worked collectively and collaboratively to propose resolutions and legislation that would help to propel counties forward. As a vice-chair member of the Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee, Commissioner Daniel lent her knowledge and experience to the panel during the annual committee meeting. Mental health, public safety, housing and homelessness, and rural and urban county policies were all components that were presented to the conference attendees.



Top Left: NACo's Commission on Mental Health and Wellbeing's Roundtable presentation. Top Middle: The welcome marquee at the Austin Convention Center. Top Right: Dallas County Commissioner Daniel, U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, Center for Prevention, Partnerships and Programs (CP3) Regional Coordinator Kate Shaw, Orange County, Fl. Mayor Jerry Demings, NACo Legislative Director Brett Mattson in the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee Meeting.



Middle Left: Former Texas State Rep. Celia Israel, Cook County, Ill. Commissioner Kevin Morrison and his Chief of Staff Ted Mason at the NACLGBTGLA Caucus Meeting

*Middle: NACo welcome steps at Austin City Limits
Middle Right: Allen Graham, Founder and CEO of Mobile Loaves and Fishes Community First Village Austin preparing a tour of the tiny home village
Bottom Left: General Session screen presentation of NACo's RISE mission
Bottom Middle: General Session #2 with speaker Robert Bilo, Nationwide National Sales Director*



Board & Commission Member Spotlight

Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program Board Member Amy Martin

Naturalist, author, and Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program (TAPP) board member Amy Martin believes that “someone has to advocate for nature, because it can’t speak up for itself.” She also believes that people can become attached to nature by being aware of all that it has to offer. Dallas County is doing its part to make this vision a reality. As home to 3,519 acres of open space, Dallas County has a total of 21 preserves throughout the county with two being in District 1. The Lee F. Jackson Spring Creek Preserve and the Rowlett Creek Preserve both in Garland, are areas that were intentionally preserved for the conservation of wildlife and natural habitat. As District 1’s appointee to the TAPP board serving her second term, Amy believes that these open spaces are gifts to urban Dallas County. She explains that the preserves are helpful in controlling flooding and can assist in mitigating some of the respiratory issues many are facing within the county. As a certified Texas Master Naturalist, part of her mission on the board is to help elevate the urban nature tourism that is available within Dallas County. After spending over 40 years in the entertainment industry, the environment has now become Amy’s focus and with the current release of her book, “Wild-DFW: Explore the Amazing Nature In and Around Dallas, Fort-Worth,” she hopes to expand that awareness for the preserves and the hiking trails and the beauty they have to offer. To learn more about Amy Martin, you can visit her website at www.moonlady.com and to learn more about the Dallas County Trails and Preserves, please visit the Planning and Development page at Dallascounty.org. (Photos- Top: Board Member Amy Martin, Middle: Hikers on a trail at Lee F. Jackson Spring Creek Preserve, Bottom: Spring Creek Preserve)



Dallas County Open Space Master Plan
PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Dallas County Open Space Plan will help guide enhancements and improvements to the county preserves over the next ten years. Please visit one of the following meetings to learn more about the plan process and provide input on your vision for the preserves.

Your parks and preserves are better with your input!

Monday, Sept. 18, 2023
6:30-8:00 PM

District I Road and Bridge Office
715 Rowlett Rd. Garland, TX 75043

*Traductor de español disponible.
Có thông dịch viên tiếng Việt.*

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023
6:30-8:00 PM

Jaycee Zaragoza Recreation Center
3114 Clymer St. Dallas, TX 75212

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Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023
6:30-8:00 PM

North Dallas Government Center
Live Oak Conference Room
6820 LBJ Fwy. Dallas, TX 75240

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Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023
6:30-8:00 PM

DeSoto Civic Center
211 E Pleasant Run Rd.
DeSoto, TX 75115

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Keep up to date by following us on @DallasCountyParksOpenSpace
dallascounty.org/parks



Plan Maestro de Espacios Abiertos del Condado de Dallas
REUNIONES PÚBLICAS

El Plan de Espacios Abiertos del Condado de Dallas ayudará a guiar las mejoras a las reservas del condado durante los próximos diez años. Por favor visite una de las siguientes reuniones para obtener más información sobre el proceso del plan y proporcionar información sobre su visión de las reservas.

¡Sus parques y reservas son mejores con su aporte!

lunes, 18 de sept. de 2023
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Around District 1 and Dallas County



Top Left: Commissioner Daniel recognizes Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month in July with a resolution and a photo of the Dallas Skyline lit up teal in recognition.

Top Middle: Recognition and celebration of Commissioner Daniel's birthday in July.

Top Right: The unveiling of the historical landmark at the Old Red Courthouse for the dedication ceremony of Allen Brooks featuring his 4th great granddaughter Nkeya Brooks, Ed Gray leader of the Dallas County Justice Initiative, and members of the Dallas County Historical Commission

Middle left: Commissioner Daniel speaks to a young constituent at Precinct 1 Constable Deanna Hammond's Town Hall.

Middle Right: Commissioner Daniel with Garland Police Officer Mykeal Hurse at the Garland Annual Juneteenth Celebration.

Below Left: Commissioner Daniel and Dallas County Treasurer Pauline Medrano at the Dallas County Employee Health Fair.

Below Right: Dallas County Commissioner Daniel, Commissioner Sommerman, Dallas County Judge Lewis-Jenkins, Commissioner Price, and Commissioner Garcia support a resolution acknowledging PRIDE awareness in Dallas County. Front row from left to right: Adam Medrano, Jolie Robinson, Susie Hess, Rev. Dr. Neil G. Thomas, and David Carl Fisher

Bottom: Dallas County pays homage to Juneteenth and Black Music Month with a musical performance by jazz violinist Scott Tixier.



District 1 Events

Empowering Women for Retirement

In honor of Women’s Equality Day on August 26th, Commissioner Daniel and Dallas County Treasurer Pauline Medrano in partnership with Nationwide Retirement collaborated to produce a series of events to empower the women of Dallas County to learn more about their financial health and literacy. On Tuesday, August 15th, Commissioner Daniel presented and read a resolution honoring Women’s Equality Day in Commissioner’s Court with those in partnership and many others in attendance in support of this acknowledgment. Tuesday afternoon, a meet and greet event with Commissioner Daniel, Treasurer Medrano, and representatives of Nationwide, was well attended by many women of Dallas County including Dallas County Sheriff Marian Brown, Probate Court Judge Ingrid Warren, and Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Justice Robbie Partida-Kipness. On Wednesday, August 15, Nationwide Retirement Institute also took part in this event providing two seminars to the employees on Women and Investing. With over 56.8 percent of women participating in the workforce, it has become increasingly important for women to be aware of their retirement options and their overall financial health. *(Photos: Top l to r: Nationwide Representatives Will Angus and David Bazzel, Commissioner Daniel, Dallas County Treasurer Pauline Medrano, Nationwide Representatives Lou Moreno and Roberta Eckert. Middle: Dallas County employees in the retirement seminar. Bottom: Women’s Equality Resolution at Commissioner’s Court)*



Upcoming District 1 Event!

SAVE THE DATE

COMMISSIONER DR. THERESA DANIEL
COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR 2023

**October 26, 2023
6pm-8pm**

DALLAS COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE 1
715 ROWLETT RD.
GARLAND, TEXAS 75043
(214)653-6668

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COMISIONADA DRA. THERESA DANIEL
FERIA DE RECURSOS COMUNITARIOS 2023

**26 de octubre de 2023
6pm-8pm**

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