

## District 1 Road and Bridge Hosts Property Tax Town Hall

Many of you may have recently received your property assessment. In March Commissioner Daniel hosted a Property Tax Town Hall at the District 1 Road and Bridge Office. Dallas County Tax Assessor John Ames and Dallas Central Appraisal District Director of Appraisals Shane Docherty were featured speakers who presented important information about the Texas Property Tax System including value protest and payment deadlines. In Dallas County, you can protest online. Download a PDF about the process, dallascad.org/Forms/Protest\_Process.pdf or visit DallasCAD.org for more information.

Below Left: Commissioner Daniel welcomed constituents of District 1 to the property tax town hall. Below Right: Dallas County Tax Assessor John Ames explains that governing bodies execute taxes.





#### **DATES & DEADLINES**

**April 21:** DCAD releases residential notices of value, with a valuation as of Jan. 1, 2023, for Dallas County property owners.

May 22: Deadline to file a written protest of DCAD's valuation

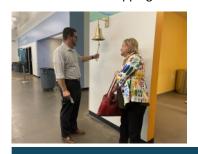
**July 14:** Final date to come to an agreement with DCAD about your property value.

July 15: If you haven't reached a valuation agreement with DCAD, you can ask for hearing with the Appraisal Review Board.

## **Touring Dallas County Housing Shelters**

In an effort to find ways to collaborate, help and stay current on the challenges facing our houseless neighbors, Commissioner Daniel is committed to visiting the places that offer services and recovery to those in need. Commissioner and her staff recently visited The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center and the new campus of the Austin Street Center. At The Bridge we were escorted by Dr. David Woody, President and CEO, who showed us all of the major improvements made during his tenure. The campus feels much more welcoming and open.

At Austin Street Center, CEO Daniel Roby explained the philosophy of the Center as Kindness, Trustworthiness, Determination and Empowerment that he and his staff try to instill into every visitor whether dropping in for a meal or spending the night.



Top: Commissioner Daniel and Austin Street Shelter CEO Daniel Roby talk about the solutions offered at the new campus.

Below: Commissioner Daniel and staff ask Dr. David Woody, President and CEO of The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center questions about updates and operations.

Far Left: Daniel Roby shows Commissioner Daniel the bell that guests ring when they transition to housing.





### Partnerships that Work

## **Dallas County Honors Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April was designated as Child Abuse Awareness Month. In honoring those who work to prevent child abuse, Commissioner Daniel honored those that address Child Abuse in Commissioners Court on April 4th and presented a resolution that concluded, "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim April 2023, Child Abuse Prevention Month in Dallas County. The Commissioners Court of Dallas County together with CAPCO call upon all citizens, legislators, other elected officials, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, schools, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect. Additionally, all must advocate for child abuse prevention investment, thereby strengthening the health and safety of the citizens in the communities in which we live.

She also attended the Dallas County Child Abuse Prevention Coalition (CAPCO) Prevention Awareness Event on April 10,2023. During the event, awards were given to Texas Department of Family and Protective Services employees for their hard work and dedication provided to the children and family victims of child abuse. Speakers also highlighted the importance of child abuse prevention and awareness.







Top Left: Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel with Chad Frymire, Director of Public Policy for Dallas CASA

Top Right: Speakers at the Dallas
County Child Abuse Prevention
Awareness Event, Mosley Hobson, TX
Dept of Family Protective Services,
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Family Protective Services, Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel, Dst. 1,
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Cowell, UNT PUSH program, Dallas
County Judge Delia Gonzales

Left: Clothing of children who lost their lives due to child abuse.

Right: Dr. Theresa Daniel presented the resolution designating April as <u>Child Abu</u>se Prevention Month



# **Around District 1 and Dallas County**



Left: Dallas County Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Mesquite Government Center.

Middle Left: Panelists of the Women in Leadership of Dallas County, Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel, Pct. 1, Dallas Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn King Arnold, Judge Maricela Breedlove, Judge Stephanie Huff, Judge Tina Yoo, Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, Pct. 4

Center: Commissioner Daniel attends Dallas County Constable, Pct. 2 Town Hall Meeting. Pictured from left to right, Dallas County Constable Tracey Gulley, Pct. 1, Dallas County Constable Deanna Hammond, Pct. 2, Sherriff Marian Brown, and Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel.

Middle Right: Pascual and Sylvia Valle at the Valle Family Historical Marker Event in Garland.

Below Left: Sherriff Marian Brown and officers being honored at Commissioners Court during National Police Week .

Below Right: Commissioner Daniel presents a retirement resolution to outgoing Balch Springs City Manager Susan Cluse.











## **Transgender Day of Visibility**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 21st day of March 2023 on motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS,

Dallas County remains committed to ensuring that all constituents are free from discrimination and harassment of any form. Dallas County recognizes the significant contributions made by transgender people and affirms that they are vital members of our community; and

WHEREAS,

On March 31st, the world observes Transgender Day of Visibility to raise awareness of issues impacting transgender, gender non-conforming, gender expansive and non-binary people and to honor these communities for their resilience, activism, and countless contributions to society; and



Top: Commissioners Daniel, Sommerman, Judge Jenkins, Price and Garcia stand in solidarity with Susie Hess, Callie Butcher and Rachel Gonzales on Transgender Day of Visibility.

WHEREAS,

Transgender people continue to face high levels of discrimination, stigma, and bias that often fuels violence and abuse against this community. Over 100 bills have been filed in the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature against the transgender community including a resolution condemning major U.S. medical associations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, and the Children's Hospital Association for their support of gender affirming care, and a bill that requires schools to disclose student records for students seeking mental health/well-being support from school staff; and

WHEREAS,

Members of the transgender community who contribute to the growing diversity and prosperity of Dallas County and our transgender communities include family members, friends, co-workers, colleagues, business owners, volunteers and neighbors who seek the same rights, equality, and understanding that each of us deserves. On this day we join to celebrate and stand with the many transgender people of our area in support of their free and full expression.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Dallas County Commissioners Court, does hereby proclaim March 31, 2023 as TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY and on this day and every day, we recognize the resilience, strength, and joy of transgender, nonbinary, and gender expansive people. We celebrate the activism and determination that have fueled the fight for transgender equality in Dallas County and in unity with communities across the world.



