

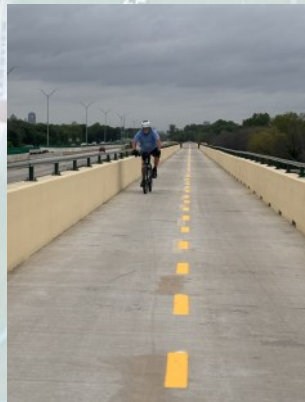


DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DR. THERESA DANIEL DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

Trinity Forest Spine Trail Phase II Opens in Pleasant Grove

On Tuesday, April 14th, elected officials and members from The Loop Dallas cut the ribbon on Phase 2 of the Trinity Forest Spine Trail in the Pleasant Grove area of Southeast Dallas. The one mile elevated pedestrian and bike bridge runs parallel with Highway 175 from Lake June Road to Second Avenue. Commissioner Daniel, Dallas City Councilmember Jaime Resendez, The Loop Executive Director Philip Haigh, City of Dallas Parks and Recreation Director John Jenkins, and others provided remarks on the special occasion. The ribbon cutting marked the second phase of the Trinity Forest Spine Trail as phase one of the trail connects at the Santa Fe Trail, north of the Tenison Park Golf Course in East Dallas to Samuell Boulevard. Phase II of the project connects with the newly renovated Lake June Bridge and provides connectivity to the AT&T Trail located on Pemberton Hill Road. Trinity Forest Spine Trail is a five phase project that will connect White Rock Lake to the Trinity River Audubon Center, which will eventually connect to 50 mile Loop Dallas Project. The Loop strives to make green space, bike, and pedestrian trails a way of life for Dallas to enjoy and by increasing connectivity and welcoming new infrastructure to the Pleasant Grove area, it provides the residents of Southeast Dallas that opportunity.



Left: Signage of the Trinity Forest Spine Trail. Middle Left: The elevated bike and pedestrian bridge as part of Phase 2 of the Trinity Forest Spine Trail. Middle Right: City of Dallas Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gay Donnell Willis, Councilmember, Dist. 5 Jaime Resendez, and Commissioner Daniel after the ribbon cutting. Right: The Loop Dallas Trail Map



Left: Commissioner Daniel giving remarks at the event. Middle: Members from the Loop Dallas, TxDOT, Dallas County and the City of Dallas, cut the ribbon on phase of the project. Right: Elected officials featuring City of Dallas Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gay Donnell Willis, Councilmember Chad West, Councilmember Jaime Resendez, Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel, and TxDOT Commissioner Robert Vaughn during opening remarks.

Dallas County Cuts the Ribbon on HHS's BioSafety Lab

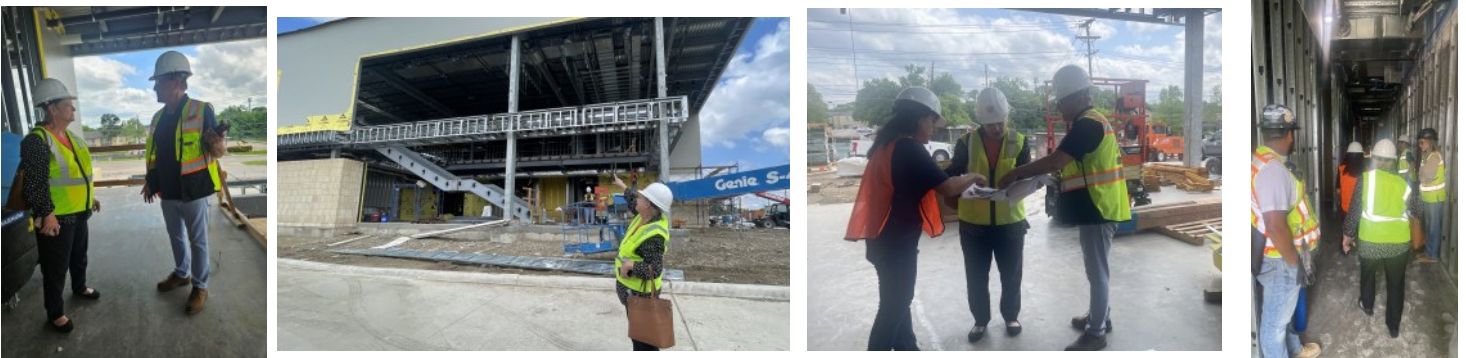


Left: Commissioner Daniel gives remarks during the event. Middle left: Commissioners Sommerman and Daniel, County Judge Clay Lewis Jenkins, Commissioner Garcia, DC HHS Director Dr. Philip Huang, and Commissioner Price cut the ribbon for the newest Dallas County building. Middle Right: The Dallas County Public Health BioSafety Laboratory. Right: Commissioners Daniel and Garcia, along with county staff tour the lab with the design team.

Early March sprung into action with the opening of the newest building in Dallas County. Dallas County Judge, Commissioners, Administration and Directors marked the occasion with a ribbon cutting of the Health and Human Services' Public Health Biosafety Laboratory. This new lab will house several units from Health and Human Services and will provide space for testing, detecting, responding, providing faster results and protections, increasing capacity capabilities, and building a safer environment for the residents of Dallas County. The 67,000 square foot building is a state of the art, three-level structure that will provide wider testing spaces and also improve regional coordination amongst other public health agencies. This new and improve structure helps to fulfill the mission of the Public Safety Lab Services department which is to "provide a comprehensive program of diagnostic and analytical lab services to support the prevention, surveillance, control, and diagnosis of communicable diseases and emerging biological threats."

East Dallas Government Center Construction Update

The construction at the East Dallas Government Center is well underway in the Pleasant Grove area of Southeast Dallas. The latest Dallas County Government Center is currently being erected on Lake June near the St. Augustine intersection. It will feature a passport office, Justice of the Peace, Place 5-1 court, Constable's Precinct 5 office, and satellite offices for the Juvenile Department, Commissioner's District 1 office, and the Dallas County Fire Marshall. It will also feature a wellness center for Dallas County employees. The building will be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certified which means it will be a high performing energy efficient building and it is also boasts Green sustainability by being powered by solar panels. The design also features artwork by local artist Jorge Baldor who's work has been featured in other Dallas County buildings. The ribbon cutting for the government center is slated for August 2026.



Left: Commissioner Daniel speaks with the construction foreman on the progress of the East Dallas Government Center. Middle Left: Commissioner gives the thumbs up on the construction work being done. Middle Right: Commissioner Daniel consults with members of the construction and design team on the current phases of the project. Right: Commissioner is led through the future hall way of the building.

Connecting with the Community through Collaboration

To quote Commissioner Daniel, “we do nothing by ourselves,” and that has been showcased in the participation of recent events. Commissioner and her staff have partnered and participated with the Dallas County Health and Human Services Community Outreach Department and the City of Dallas 311 Services at community events within District 1. In late February, the Commissioner and staff participated in the “City Hall on the Go,” sponsored by City of Dallas 311 and Pleasant Grove Unidos. Along with Health and Human Service’s Community Outreach team, residents in the Pleasant Grove area were able to connect with organizations and local government entities to gain information and resources for their various needs. Commissioner and District 1 staff also partnered with the City of Dallas 311 team and HHS’s Community Outreach to participate in Coffee with the Community. During this event, the government agencies and departments answered questions and concerns of District 1 residents at the McDonald’s located on Garland Road. This quarterly event allows local government to connect with residents in the community and answer questions and concerns that constituents may have. Commissioner and her staff are committed to continuing the collaborative efforts and community connection happening within District 1.



Left: Commissioner Daniel addresses the attendees at the Pleasant Grove Unidos Resource Fair. Middle Left: District 1 staff speaking to a resident while visiting District 1's information table during the City on the Go Resource Fair. Middle Right: County and City of Dallas officials during the Coffee with Community Event at the McDonalds on Garland Road. Right: The Coffee with Community flyer.

Leadership in Action

Commissioner Daniel exemplifies leadership in action by connecting with the future leaders of Dallas County. In late March, Dr. Daniel hosted the Leadership Garland class for their Regional County Day. During that time Commissioner presented the roles of Dallas County government and the county commissioners. The group also learned the role of the County Clerk from the presiding clerk, Mr. John Warren. Attendees were allowed to ask questions and learn how the county operates and how their input is vital to county functions. Commissioner also spoke to the Dallas County Leadership and Management Academy. This internal county program is designed to teach the future generation of Dallas County leaders about the organization and the roles and duties of each department within the county. Dr. Daniel provided her personal leadership mantras and displayed how collaboration and cooperation are essential to her leadership style. She also expounded on the partnership between Dallas County and Texas A&M Agrilife extension and invited Anne LeSenne, a Master Horticulturist with Texas A&M Agrilife to share more about the work being done with the demonstration gardens at the District 1 Road and Bridge office. Commissioner demonstrates her leadership in action by being a servant leader willing to educate and collaborate with others.



Left: DC Leadership Management Academy participants speaking with Anne LeSenne of Texas A&M Agrilife about the different fruits and vegetables produced at the District 1 Road and Bridge Office. Middle Left: Commissioner Daniel presenting to DC LMA on her personal rules. Middle Right: Dr. Daniel presenting to the Leadership Garland Class. Right: Dallas County County Clerk John Warren presenting to Leadership Garland.

Around District 1 and Dallas County



Pics from left to right

Top Left: Commissioner Daniel with City of Mesquite officials and leaders for Meeting of the Accton CEO,

Top Middle: The set up of the North Texas FIFA World Cup Government Briefing .

Top Right: Members from Dallas County Treasury Office and the Financial Team being honored with a resolution or their work recent system upgrade.

Middle left: The student mural at the Cristo Rey Preparatory High School tour.

Middle: Commissioner Daniel speaking during a public safety exercise at the Garland Government Center.

Middle Right: Commissioner Daniel presents former MetroCare CEO Dr. Burriss a retirement resolution.

Lower Left: Commissioner Daniel speaking during a panel discussion at the Blooming Health Summit.

Lower Middle: Commissioner Daniel with members from the Greater Dallas Chapter of the Texas Restaurant Association .

Bottom Left: Commissioner Daniel with the CEO of the White Rock Medical Center, Dr. Mirza Baig during a recent tour.

Bottom Middle: Commissioner Daniel with youth volunteers from the AZEZ STAR Save the Earth from A to Z-We Are One Family during a resolution presentation.

