

Andy Sommerman Dallas County Commissioner District 2 Newsletter

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Touring ANNIE'S PLACE



This month, Commissioner Sommerman and his staff toured Annie's Place, a childcare center affiliated with Parkland Hospital. On-site childcare at Dallas County has long been a priority for the Commissioner, and he is happy to see what a success Annie's Place has been for the Parkland Hospital system.

Annie's Place fills an important gap in service by providing childcare for patients at Parkland Hospital. In a few short months, Annie's Place will expand to include scheduled daycare hours for children of Parkland Hospital employees.

The tour showcased Annie's Place's nurturing environment and highlighted how it promotes early childhood development by providing a space where children can thrive.

A standout feature of Annie's Place is its vibrant and interactive learning spaces. Colorful classrooms are equipped with age-appropriate toys and books, which create an environment that fosters exploration and creativity.

The heart and soul of any childcare center are the dedicated and experienced staff members. During the tour, we met warm and caring teachers who prioritized the well-being and development of each child.

If Dallas County invested in a quality early childhood education benefit for its employees, we can set children on a path to success and well-being, building a strong foundation for a bright future.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



District 2 is very lucky to have Quinn Kelly as our summer intern. Quinn is a junior majoring in Political Science and minoring in Criminal Justice and Legal Studies in Business with a legal studies certificate at the University of North Texas. She is the Vice President of the UNT Moot Court Team as well as a Teacher's Assistant and Supplemental Instructor. Quinn became interested in government and law when she was 8 years old and has pursued that passion ever since. Post undergraduate, Quinn plans to obtain a JD and MBA and become an attorney. Tom Ervin, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Sommerman, was effusive in his praise for Quinn, mentioning that she has conducted valuable research for the Commissioner's projects and always asks insightful questions at meetings she attends with County staff. "Quinn has been a welcome addition to our staff, bringing energy and an added perspective to our projects!"

DALLAS COUNTY PRIDE

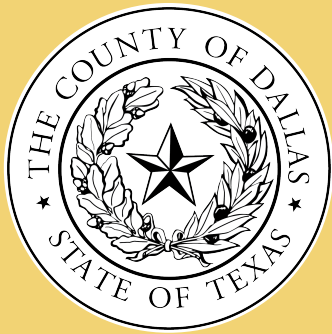
Commissioner Sommerman was proud to bring forth a Resolution honoring Pride Month in Dallas County. Dallas County is committed to inclusivity and celebrating what makes us each unique and special.

This Resolution not only recognizes the vibrant diversity of the LGBTQ+ Community, but also acknowledges the immense contributions and influence the LGBTQ+ community has had on our region's culture and economy. From business and arts to activism and advocacy, the LGBTQ+ community has played a vital role in fostering a more inclusive society.

By acknowledging and honoring the LGBTQ+ community's positive impact, Dallas County encourages a spirit of unity, understanding, and respect where everyone can thrive and contribute their unique talents for the betterment of the entire region.



Have Great News in District 2 to add to the newsletter? Would you like Commissioner Sommerman to attend your next neighborhood meeting? Contact us at District2Office@dallascounty.org



AROUND DISTRICT 2



Interview with WFAA



Visiting Coppell Mayor Wes Mays



Attending Congressman Allred's Open House



Dallas County's Drone Demonstration



Resolution honoring Parkland Board member Jeff Tillotson



Visiting the Aldredge House