

# Andy Sommerman Dallas County Commissioner District 2 Newsletter

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## CONGRATULATIONS ST. LUKE COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On February 7, 2023, Commissioner Sommerman introduced a Resolution to the Dallas County Commissioners Court to celebrate St. Luke Community United Methodist Church's 90th Anniversary. For decades, St. Luke's has been a cornerstone of faith in East Dallas. A fire destroyed the original building in 1941, but the unwavering determination of the congregation was not extinguished. And after the world came to a standstill during Covid-19 and moved our everyday lives to Zoom, the closeness of the St. Luke's community did not waver. When Winter Storm Uri pummeled the state of Texas with ice and snow, and caused extensive damage to the building, worshipers still gathered in the enduring spirit of service, faith, and community. Congratulations, St. Luke Community United Methodist Church, and here's to many more years in Dallas County!

## Wellness on Wheels

Commissioner Sommerman was happy to join the Commissioners Court to unanimously approve the purchase of a mobile grocery market vehicle. It will deploy to areas in Dallas County classified as food deserts. Thousands of people in the County live more than 5 miles away from grocery stores selling fresh produce. Dallas County is stepping up to create a food oasis.

The Wellness on Wheels mobile market will partner with community organizations to serve as host sites for the mobile market. Not only will this vehicle improve access to fresh produce in food deserts, along with collaborations with organizations in Dallas County, it will provide additional services, such as screenings and nutrition education. These partnerships will bring people together and will ensure that Dallas County residents not only receive nourishment for their bodies, but also their souls.

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SOON!**



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# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

This Women's History Month, we take the time to acknowledge and celebrate women in history who have innovated, discovered, led, and kept our society moving forward.

HEDY LAMARR was an Austrian-American actress famous for her bombshell roles during the Golden Era of film in Hollywood. Lesser known were her contributions that have improved science and technology. Now known as the "Mother of WiFi," Hedy Lamarr's inventions created advancements like GPS and Bluetooth.

MALALA YOUSAFZAI is a female education activist and the youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate. She spoke out in favor of education for women and girls after the Taliban seized control of her village in Pakistan. This outspokenness made her and her family a target, and she was shot in the head while riding the bus home from school. After recovering, she became a role model for female education for girls all around the world.

HATSHEPSUT is considered one of the most ambitious rulers and most prolific builders in Ancient Egypt. Her long rule marked a period of peace and prosperity for the region. She was the first Egyptian Pharaoh to lead a trading expedition to a distant land called Punt, which is thought to be modern-day Eritrea.

In 1987, Congress passed a Resolution declaring March as WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. While it has been celebrated in the United States in various forms since 1978, it gained steam in the 1980s. This celebration has evolved to highlight women's roles in history and leadership, and show us just how important women's contributions are to the world.

JOAN OF ARC was a young girl who led French forces during the Hundred Years' War against England. She was not taught to read or write, but raised to be a pious girl who loved her home country. Because of her battle prowess, the French Army was able to break the Siege of Orleans and escort Charles of Valois to Reims where he was crowned King Charles VII.

# AROUND DISTRICT 2



Dallas Historical Commission meeting



Meeting with Richardson City Officials and touring IQHQ



Meeting with newly appointed Historical Commission member Tony Cornell and Planning & Development Director Luis Tamayo



Meeting with Town of Addison Officials

