

# Andy Sommerman Dallas County Commissioner District 2 Newsletter

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## Cottonwood Forest Update

Commissioner Sommerman believes in learning something new every day. When Dallas County employees at Road and Bridge #4 invited him to help with the demolition of a temporary building at the Cottonwood Forest Workforce Housing worksite, he did not

hesitate to hop into the cab of an excavator and do his part. Commissioner Sommerman anticipates the demolition should be completed by this year and is excited to start the next phase of the project.



# Black History Month

## ADVOCATES AND LEADERS



1797-1883 SOJOURNER TRUTH

A former slave who became an African American abolitionist and women's rights activist. She helped enslaved people escape to freedom, find jobs, and establish new lives. Truth fought for equality and fair treatment for both women and African Americans.

W.E.B. DU BOIS 1868-1963

The first Black American to earn a PhD from Harvard University. Du Bois was a founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and founded the Niagara Movement (which was dedicated to obtain civil rights for African-Americans).



1924-2005 SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

An American politician who, became the first African American woman elected to Congress. She represented New York's 12th congressional district from 1969 to 1983. She served 7 terms and championed anti-poverty programs and educational reform.



DOROTHY HEIGHT 1912-2010

Joined the National Council of Negro Women at the age of 25. She fought for equal rights for both African Americans and women. Height spent her life fighting sexism & racism and was called the "Godmother" of civil rights movement by former-President Obama.



I'm a place visited by many for warm meals, cold beverages, or something sweet. Some eat in, some take out, and some hang out...but everyone has a smile on their face when they are here. Who am I?

Stay tuned for the next newsletter for the answer!



# WORD SEARCH

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NORTH LAKE  
ADDISON  
JANUARY  
VALENTINES DAY  
LUNAR NEW YEAR

MARSH LANE  
ARAPHO PARK  
RESOLUTION  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BELT LINE  
MLK  
HOT COCOA  
FEBRUARY



# WORD SEARCH DEFINITIONS

**North Lake:** located about two miles southeast of Coppell in northwest Dallas County, on the South Fork of Grapevine Creek, a tributary of the Trinity River. The dam was operated by the Dallas Power and Light Company as a cooling reservoir for an electric generating plant and for recreational purposes.

**Marsh Lane:** named after Thomas C. Marsh, who killed the last buffalo east of the Trinity.

**Belt Line:** loop road that traverses 92 miles (148 km) through 16 cities in Dallas County

**Addison:** located in an area once called Peters Colony. It was settled as early as 1846 when Preston Witt built a house on White Rock Creek.

**Arapaho Park:** Urban Park that is a little-known gem at the southwest corner of Arapaho Road and Addison Road. The 7.85 acres has become a favorite of many for viewing the Kaboom Town airshow and fireworks. It is also a great spot to watch airplanes at Addison Airport.

**MLK:** American Baptist minister, activist, and political philosopher who was one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. Is known for his contributions to the American civil rights movement in the 1960s. His most famous work is his "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered in 1963, in which he spoke of his dream of a United States that is void of segregation and racism.

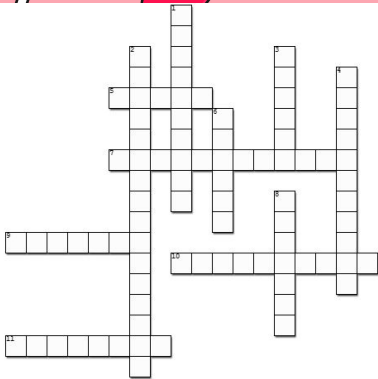
**January:** First month of the year

**Resolution:** a promise that you make to yourself to start doing something good or stop doing something bad on the first day of the year.

**Hot Cocoa:** Some people like it with marshmallows, some people like it with whipped cream, some like both, and some like it plain.

**Lunar New Year:** a celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. It is the most important holiday in China, and it is also widely celebrated in South Korea, Vietnam, and countries with a significant overseas Asian population.

# CROSSWORD



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

## Across

5. On what street is the Dallas County Records Building located?
7. When was Commissioner Sommerman sworn in?
9. Commissioner Sommerman's favorite cuisine of food
10. What highway is the North Dallas Government Office located on?
11. Commissioner Sommerman's doppelganger (hint: District 2 Chief of Staff)

## Down

1. This 1998 graduate of Highland Park HS is the General Manager of the World Series Champions Texas Rangers
2. Who was Coit Road named after?
3. Resolution Commissioner Sommerman passed on November 7, 2023, in Commissioners Court
4. Name of the oldest road in Dallas
6. SMU mascot
8. What floor is Commissioner Sommerman office located in the Dallas County Records Building?



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Resolution honoring Dawn Pittman's Retirement. Congratulations, and thank you!



Visiting projects around Dallas County

Trinity Park Conservancy visit



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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

- CHRIS YOUNG
- WILLIM HENRY COIT
- DIWALI
- PRESTON ROAD
- ELM ST,
- PERUNA
- JANUARY FIRST
- SEVENTH
- ITALIAN
- LBJ FREEWAY
- TOM ERVIN