

Andy Sommerman Dallas County Commissioner District 2 Newsletter



Metrocrest Pantry Drop-off

In January, Commissioner Sommerman donated 700 lbs. of kiwis to the Metrocrest Services Pantry in Carrollton. The Metrocrest Services Pantry is dedicated to combating food security in Dallas County.

The pantry provides nutritious food to individuals and families who face financial hardship. Through generous community donations and partnerships with local organizations the pantry supplies fresh produce, non-perishable items, and household essential items.



MISSION

The mission of the pantry is to fight hunger, address food insecurity while assisting individuals in building stronger, healthier future.



People who visit the pantry can receive food tailored to their specific needs, coaching, employment assistance, and other support programs that foster self-sufficiency.

The Metrocrest Services Pantry is located at 1145 N Josey Ln, Carrollton, TX 75006. It is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30. Call 972-446-2100 if you have any questions or would like to make a donation.

Lunar New Year Resolution

On January 21st, Commissioner Sommerman presented Dallas County's Lunar New Year Resolution.

Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most important celebrations for many Asian cultures such as Chinese, Vietnamese, Taiwanese and Korean.



It is celebrated with parades, dragon dances, and cultural performances. Lunar New Year is a time for reflection, hope, and good wishes. We wish everyone a happy and prosperous year ahead.

YEAR OF THE SNAKE



2025 is the year of the Wood Snake.

The Snake symbolizes wisdom, patience, intuition, and transformation.

Birth years for the Snake: 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013 and 2025.

SPECIAL ESPERANZA MEETING

On February 25th, Commissioner Sommerman hosted a meeting with Dallas City Council Member Jaynie Schultz to listen to feedback from stakeholders on the new Esperanza Community Center.

We had more than 70 people at this meeting who were eager to give their input for the new Community Center.



"I am excited to announce that the Esperanza Community Center will open as soon as remodeling is done. The community center will provide services such as childcare, senior care, educational opportunities, mental health care, and a pediatric clinic."

-Commissioner Andy Sommerman



If you have any questions or would like to get more information about the community center, email District2Office@dallascounty.org



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Featuring Erin Moore, Director of Outreach for Congresswoman Julie E. Johnson TX-32

Erin Moore is the Director of Outreach for Congresswoman Julie E. Johnson, and worked for Commissioner Sommerman. She earned a Dual Bachelors in English, Literature, and Journalism from Loyola University in New Orleans and Masters in Journalism from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. For the last few months before she retired from Dallas County, Erin debriefed Commissioner Sommerman on court agendas, and worked on the Esperanza Community Center Project.

How long have you worked for Dallas County? I have worked for Dallas County for 10 years.

What is your favorite thing about Dallas County? I love the people here. I moved to Dallas in 1992 and thought I would stay here for 5 years then leave. Instead I stayed here for the people who made Dallas good place to live.



How was it working for Commissioner Sommerman? I enjoyed working for Commissioner Sommerman. I think he has a great sense of humor and he is a good guy. There is an old saying in politics. "You either run for office to do something or be someone. If you run for ego, you don't do the work he is doing. I can tell Commissioner Sommerman ran to do something. He wants to make Dallas County better for its residents and that is one of reasons I have enjoyed working with him."

Favorite moment working for Commissioner Sommerman? I enjoyed working on the Esperanza Project and I believe it is a wonderful initiative and am excited for the community center to open.

Excluding Commissioner Sommerman who is your favorite person on the District 2 staff? No comment.
(editor's note: I'm sure it's the writer of this newsletter)

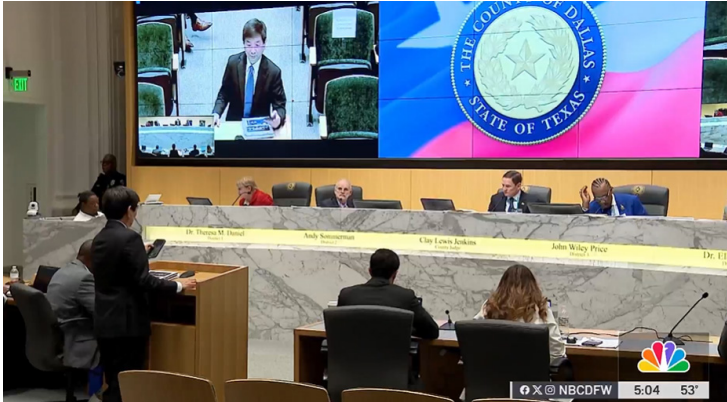


What do you look forward to when you start working for Julie Johnson? I am excited to work for Julie, and I am happy that I will be staying in the District, so I will be able to maintain the connections I have made at the County. I look forward to helping Julie craft or support legislation that will make the District better for its residents.



What is some advice you would give to people who want to pursue a career at Dallas County? My advice is find a good mentor who can teach you how to navigate around Dallas County. And pay attention for the first 3-6 month, learn how the County works, what it does, and how you can fit into the County.

RECENT NEWS ARTICLES



2/4/24 NBCDFW -
Dallas County
reviewing potential
impacts of federal
funding freeze



2/5/25 Advocate Lake
Highland - County seeks
zoning for houses at
Cottonwood Forest.



2/12/25 DMN - Dallas
makes the top 10 list
of best cities for
creatives to live, work



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EVENTS AROUND DISTRICT 2



January 16th -
Commissioner
Sommerman spoke at the
Men's Kaffee Klatch.



January 25th - Catholic
Charities Dallas 27th
Annual Bishop's Gala



January 28th - Commissioner
Sommerman discussed
potential federal funding cut
impact on Dallas County.



January 30th - Commissioner
Sommerman met with Rabbi Shaya
Fox and Aaron Ceder from Dallas
Area Torah Association.



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

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Upcoming Events



Commissioners Court March
18th @ 9am
To watch online, [click here](#).



DO WELL, BE WELL

WITH HYPERTENSION

FREE CLASSES

Location: First CME 7575
S. Hampton Rd Dallas, TX
75232

When: Saturday, March
8th, 15th & 22nd

Time: 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.

CLASS 1-March 8th

LEARN HOW THE **DASH** EATING PLAN MAY HELP YOU REDUCE BLOOD PRESSURE THROUGH FOOD AND SELF-CARE PRACTICES.

CLASS 2-March 15th

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

CLASS 3&4-March 22nd

UNDERSTAND WHY SODIUM PLAYS A ROLE IN HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND LEARN TIPS TO

HELP REDUCE SODIUM INTAKE.

LEARN HOW TO INCORPORATE LOW-FAT DAIRY INTO THE **DASH** EATING PLAN.

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