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DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER & SEPTEMBER 2026

EVENTS NEAR YOU

STATE FAIR

The State Fair RETURNS!

September 25th – October 18th

RIBBON CUTTING
ESPERANZA COMMUNITY CENTER

Come celebrate the offical opening of the Esperanza Community Center

October 15th @ 10am

14040 Rolling Hills Ln, Dallas, TX 75240

NOCHE LATINA

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! Building a more vibrant and incusive Dallas County.

October 15, 2026 @ 4pm

500 Elm St, 1st Floor Lobby

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

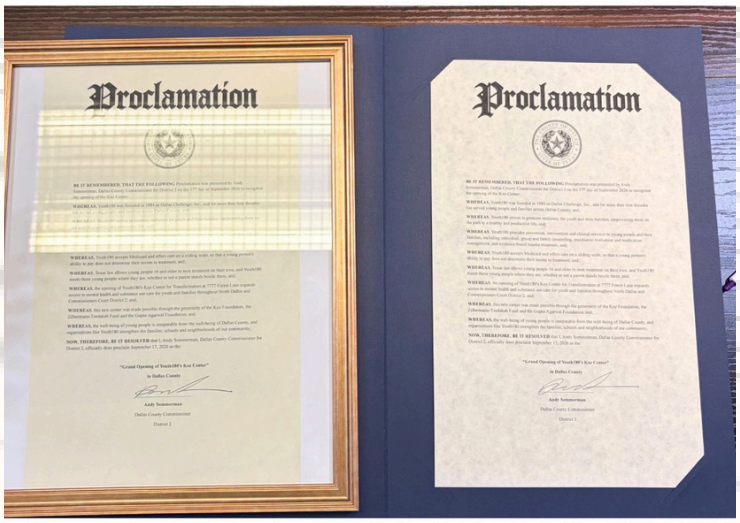
SEPTEMBER

DALLAS AREA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION

Dallas Area Paralegal is a non profit celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The law would not be where it is today without Paralegals and Industry workers.

Dallas Area Paralegal Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Garcia of District 4 (top right). September 15th , 2026.



Commissioner Sommerman signing the Youth 180's Koz Center Proclamation.

YOUTH 180' S GRAND OPENING OF KOZ CENTER PROCLAMATION

Youth 180's Grand Opening of the Koz center. The Koz Center aims to tranform and expand access to mental health and substance abuse care for youth and families through out North Dallas.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

RESOLUTIONS

OCTOBER

DEPUTY JAIME HINOJOSA RETIREMENT

Thank you Deputy Jaime Hinojosa for your 31 years of distinguished service and commitment to justice and public safety.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

Deputy Jamie Hinojosa (bottom center) and Constable Henry Curry (bottom left). Seconded by Commissioner Garcia of District 4 (top right). October 6th, 2026.

Carrollton Black Cemetery Resolution. Braden Scott (purple zip up) with his parents and younger bother. October 6th 2026.

CARROLLTON BLACK CEMETERY

Congratulations Braden Scott in your work to preserve a significant part of not only local Black history but also Carrollton's history for future generations.
Helping to ensure that the individuals buried there are remembered with dignity and respect.

ESPERANZA COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATES

GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING ON THE WAY

Several service providers at Esperanza, including WIC and Child Care Group, have already been up and running and serving the community.

Now, it's time to officially celebrate!

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting on October 15 at 10 a.m.

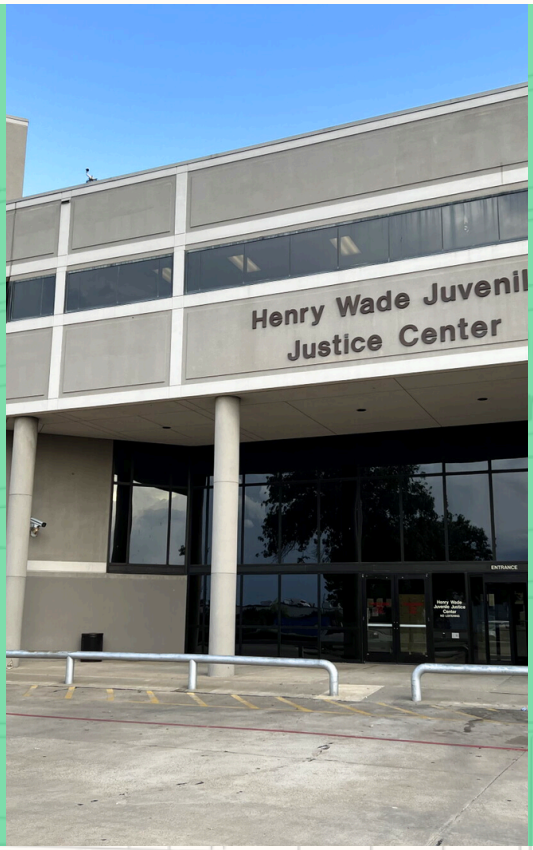
We invite you all to come celebrate with us!

The Esperanza Community Center featuring the new murals painted on the outside of the gym.

JUVENILE UPDATES

Many improvements have taken place at the Henry Wade Juvenile Center over the past four years,

including greater transparency and accountability in the supervision and care of children at the center.



Currently, I am focused on ensuring juveniles have access to better food and a healthier diet to support their overall well-being.

These young people will eventually return to their communities, and it is important that they leave the center healthy both physically and mentally and prepare for what comes next.

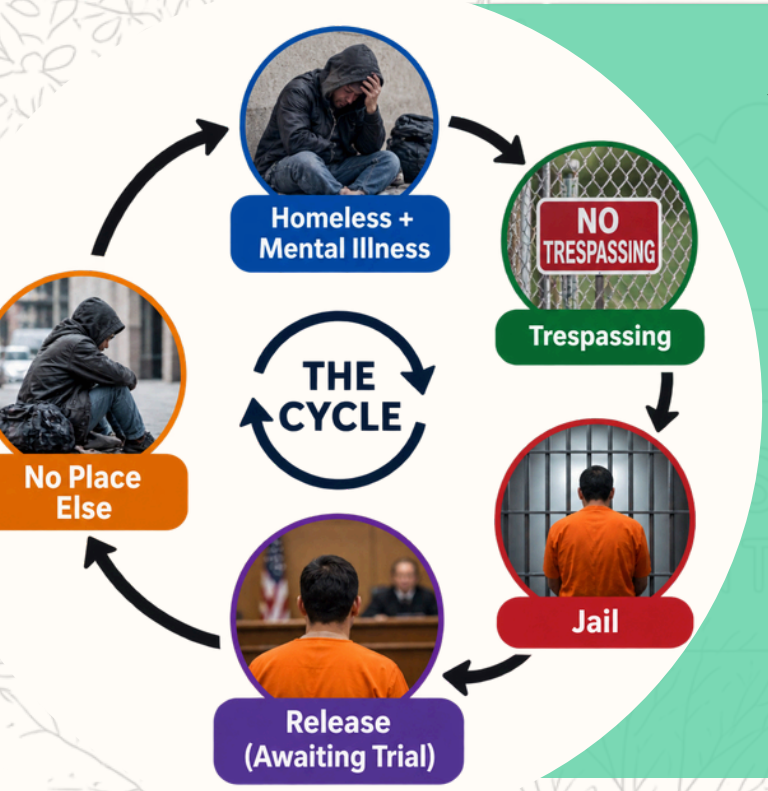
CHILD WELFARE UPDATES

The current child welfare system in North Dallas has been replaced, and I fully support this decision.

A new system will take office in November, bringing an opportunity to build a stronger foundation for the children and families we serve.

We are committed to moving forward with greater transparency, accountability, and meaningful change to create a system that better serves our community.

HOMELESSNESS UPDATES



Conversations are being held. Actions are being taken. It is time to address homelessness in Dallas County.

Homelessness for most suffering from mental illness is a cycle. Breaking the cycle means addressing the root causes. Providing not only transitional to permanent housing but also mental health resources to those who need them.

A pilot program has started in Dallas County based off the successful “Miami Model”. Giving people resources reduces crime in the county overall.

SOMMERMAN SPOTLIGHT

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

An empty lot in historic Hamilton Park was put up for auction. I took it off the auction rolls and donated it to Habitat for Humanity, where it will be used to build a home for a family in need with an interest-free mortgage.

Commissioner Sommerman and Ashley Brunduge, the president and CEO of Dallas Area Habitat For Humanity.

I'm especially grateful that we were able to make this happen at the right time. The home is expected to be completed around the same time the family welcomes their new child, giving them a new home and a new beginning, all at once.

RECENT EVENTS

2026 REPUBLIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Dallas County hosted the 2026 republican convention. With keynote speakers such as Vice President JD Vance and President Donald Trump.

We are proud of the Dallas First Responders in securing this event.

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