JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dr. Elba Garcia DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4





Commissioner Garcia would like to wish a Happy Independence Day to our Dallas County residents. This Fourth of July was memorable and special as we celebrated this remarkable day in our nation's history.

We celebrated the power of pride, courage, and faith and recognized the heroes and fallen soldiers whom we owe a great debt to for all the incredible sacrifices they have made and as they continue to ensure our safety, freedom, peace, and happiness.



Road & Bridge 4 staff placed flags in the City of Irving.







Dallas County is continuing to move forward with the construction of the new Oak Cliff Government Center. We expect the construction to be completed by this Fall and anticipate County departments moving in by the end of this year.

<u>Mr. Jim and Mrs. Judy</u> <u>Swafford</u>

The Grand Prairie Rotary Club hosted a memorial honoring Councilman Jim Swafford and his wife Mrs. Judy Swafford. Commissioner Garcia extends her sincere condolences to the family and friends.

Jim and Judy Swafford were advocates and veteran leaders in the City of Grand Prairie. Their leadership presence, willingness to volunteer and dedication to serve the City of Grand Prairie, its residents, and its communities will be dearly missed.



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LifeLine For Families, Inc. Freedom Luncheon

On June 16, 2021, Commissioner Garcia attended the LifeLine For Families, Inc. Freedom Luncheon. The proceeds for this event support education and provide housing for homeless children and families in the Grand Prairie Independent School District. LifeLine For Families, Inc. had 230 donors raise \$150,000 during this charity event.

Commissioner Garcia thanks all the participants and donors of this initiative that supported the homeless families in Grand Prairie.









Community Connect With Your Elected Officials

Commissioner Garcia participated in a community town hall with elected officials and community leaders for an informative and interactive discussion of all things related to the City of Grand Prairie.

Commissioner Garcia would like to thank Carisma Ramsey Fields (President—A Vision Fair), Karen Wright (Social Action Committee Chairman—A Vision Fair), and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for hosting a wonderful event to answer questions, concerns, and inform the residents of Grand Prairie of important projects and topics.

To watch the recorded Community Connect event, please click <u>here</u>, or go to <u>https://fb.watch/6lOi2mIP9j/</u>



Carol Donovan Resolution

On July 6, 2021, Commissioner Garcia passed a resolution to celebrate Carol Donovan's retirement and recognized her for her leadership and outstanding service to the residents of Dallas County. Carol has practiced law in Dallas for over 30 years and serves as a mediator for the county, state, and federal courts. She is a public speaker and volunteer who focuses on the areas of conflict resolution, human rights, civility, and politics. She has contributed valuable time, knowledge and experience to the communities and residents of Dallas County and Commissioner Garcia extends her best wishes and continued success to her.

NOTICE: Dallas County has received additional funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). This program is open to tenants and landlords who have been affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. To apply for the ERAP please visit <u>dallascounty.org</u> and click on the **Emergency Housing Assistance Programs** tab located in the red box at the top of the website.

