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District 4 Newsletter - June 2022

Dallas County Commissioners Court Moves to the Renovated Records Building



I am very excited to announce that we have finally moved to our beautiful, renovated Records Building, the largest renovation project ever undertaken by Dallas County, and the largest historic renovation project in the State of Texas. The projects budget was \$200M of which \$149M went into construction costs. No bonds were needed, there was no tax increase, and we will be debt free by 2032.

This building is the second building in Dallas County History to be LEED Silver Certified and the first one to obtain the WELL Certification. It has optimized energy performance, superior indoor environmental quality, sustainability, built to endure, solar panels installed and a storm water collection system for water reuse. Additionally, it is the first government building in Texas that includes air handling systems, water purification, natural lighting and will include healthy food options.

In 2011, Dallas County had \$100M in deferred maintenance. As Chair of the Facilities Committee, I am proud to say that thanks to a lot of hard work and planning from people like Mr. Jonathon Bazan, we now have only \$15M in deferred maintenance (85% reduction from where we started). Thank you to everyone who made this project a reality.

Dallas County residents deserve easy access to high quality services and employees deserve to have the right tools and the right environment to accomplish our mission – which is to serve the residents of Dallas County. I hope that this building, in some way, demonstrates that appreciation and that residents and employees feel valued. I look forward to seeing you at the Records Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to be announced soon.







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June 19th or "Juneteenth" is a very important day in African American history. Juneteenth, or "Freedom Day" is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

It was on June 19, 1865 that
Union soldiers, led by Maj.
Gen. Gordon Granger, landed
in Galveston, Texas with
news that the war had ended
and that all slaves were free.

Dallas County Deflection Center Ribbon Cutting

The Dallas County Commissioner's Court celebrated the opening of the Dallas County Deflection Center. The center will provide an alternative to arrest and incarceration for mentally ill individuals accused of non-violent, low-level misdemeanor offenses. Thank you to all the partners and supporters for making this vision possible.





Notice on Virtual Pre-Project Public Meeting Outreach for Harry Hines Multimodal Connection from Webb Chapel Ext. to Manana Dr.

Dallas County Public Works Department will host a Virtual Pre-Project Public Meeting for Harry Hines Multimodal Connection. This upcoming project will address transportation safety, capacity and connectivity needs in the vicinity. There will also be an update on Small Business Enterprise (SBE) outreach being conducted by Dallas County. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the upcoming construction of the project and conduct SBE outreach with the contracting community. All contracting firms and any other interested party are invited to this meeting to learn more about the project and the DBE participation requirement on Dallas County projects.

Hosted by Dallas County online via Webex by Cisco Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. CST

Please use the following link to register for this event https://dallascounty.webex.com/dallascounty/j.php?RGID=ra20c58a660 fe0e2ae477cacfa7bbf541

Dallas County Job Fair





Commissioner Garcia receives Award from Haven of Love



Thank you to Haven of Love for honoring me with their Woman of Excellence Award. I am happy to support their mission to bring healing and restoration to the hurting women in our society, especially victims of human trafficking. We stand together against human trafficking.

Dallas County Leadership & Management Academy Class of 2022 Graduation

The competency-based leadership development program is designed to build leadership capacity within our organization. The program serves to establish a pool of employees who are highly qualified and eligible to become our next generation of leaders. The ceremony will be held on Friday, June 24^{th} .

Congratulations to all the Graduates!!!

More Upcoming Events

June 6-14 – Early Voting for Joint Runoff

June 18 – Joint Runoff Election

June 21 - Commissioner's Court (411 Elm Street)

July 4 – Dallas County Closed due to Holiday





You can no longer wait for others to change your future. A better tomorrow for you and the ones you love is in your hands NOW.

Voting is your right and your responsibility and by not doing so, you are muting your voice and allowing others to decide for you.

Make sure you go out and vote. Put it on top of your priority list of things to do and encourage others to do the same.

Election Days

Early Voting for Joint Runoff June 6-14

> Joint Runoff Election June 18

NO COMMISSIONER'S COURT IN JULY

Due to our recent move to the Renovated Records
Building, please be informed that there will not be any Commissioner's Court sessions held during the month of July. The last
Commissioner's Court in the old Administration Building will be on June 21st. The first Commissioner's Court session in the Renovated Records Building will be on August 2nd.