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## June 2023 Newsletter

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### Courts Café in the Records Building-Grand Opening

I am excited to share that this month we will finally celebrate the grand opening of the Courts Café in the Records Building. Thanks to the Facilities Department and to everyone who worked hard to design this area, enhancing the mostly contemporary space with many historical original pieces. Employees and constituents doing business here will be able to enjoy a wide variety of nutritious menu items while enjoying their break with beautiful views and natural light.



### Parkland Hospital Announces Increased Homestead Exemptions

#### Additional Homestead Exemption for Seniors



Parkland Hospital recently announced its support for raising the homestead exemption from \$69,000 to \$100,000. This increase benefits Dallas County residents that are over 65 and/or disabled, by providing a tax relief from the increase in the property values. It also aligns the County and Hospital exemptions to be the same. Additionally, Dallas College also increased their exemptions from \$75,000 to \$100,000 on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD) is the agency in charge of doing all property values and is not part of or work under Dallas County.

**For any questions regarding your property value or appraisal please contact DCAD at (214) 631-0910 or in person at 2949 N Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX 75247**





# Oak Lawn Place – Senior Affordable Housing

Resource Center, in partnership with Dallas County, broke ground for Oak Lawn Place, an 84-unit senior housing development for those 55 years and older. Dallas County contributed \$5 Million in ARP Funds through our affordable housing program for this project. The building will be within walking distance of DART’s Inwood Road/Love Field commuter rail station. A full-time Resource Center employee will work at the site to coordinate activities and services alongside the property management group, Volunteers of America Texas. Resource Center CEO Cece Cox said, “the new community will be one of hope, perseverance and love.”



## Coombs Creek Trail Delayed to Save Endangered Species



Last month, an endangered Red Tail Hawk with its 2 chicks and 1 egg were discovered in one of three trees that are slated to be removed for the Coombs Creek Trail. The construction was put on hold until the nest is vacated by the resident bird family. The president of the neighborhood stakeholders was informed and wholeheartedly agrees with the recommendation of the City of Dallas’ Senior Biologist to delay any work within 150-foot radius of the nest as federal government mandates. The total delay is anticipated to be from 45 to 60 days. This was an excellent call as we need to protect our endangered species.

## DCHHS Offers Free AC Window Units for Qualifying Households



BEAT THE HEAT THIS SUMMER  
WITH A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER  
FROM DALLAS COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES!



Be safe and call 214-819-1976 to request assistance with an emergency window air conditioner from Dallas County. Priority households include children 5 years and younger, disabled persons and or elders.

## DCHHS is Offering Free Rides for Seniors

### FREE MEDICAL TRIPS FOR OLDER ADULTS!

\*Restrictions apply, see below

Are you 60+ and live in one of the following zip codes in Dallas County?  
75061, 75115, 75208, 75210, 75211, 75212, 75215, 75216, 75217, 75228, 75235, 75237, 75241, 75243, & 75246



LIMIT 2 Round trips per month  
\*Dialysis treatment NOT eligible

Fare-free transportation made possible by Dallas County using the AARP Ride@50+SM Program

## Joint Run-Off Election is Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 7pm



For voting locations please click the link below

<https://www.dallascountyvotes.org/wp-content/uploads/Election-Day-Joint-Runoff-2023.pdf>

# FREEDOM DAY

June 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2023

# JUNETEENTH 2023

Call to verify eligibility & book rides:  
**(833) 471-3440\***

\*Use code  
“DallasRides4OlderAdults”  
when booking

Hours of Operation:  
Mon - Fri:  
5:00 AM CT - 10:00 PM CT  
Sat: 7:30 AM CT - 5:00 PM CT