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**November 2023  
Newsletter**



**Special Constitutional Amendment  
& Joint Election  
Tuesday, November 7, 2023**



- Friday, November 3, 2023 Last Day to vote early from 7a.m.-7p.m.
- Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Last Day to receive a ballot by mail. Must be received by 7p.m.
- Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Election Day from 7a.m.-7p.m.

**For Election Information Go To  
DallasCountyVotes.Org**



*As we approach another Thanksgiving celebration, I reflect on my many blessings. One of which is the support of my constituents and colleagues. Thank you for entrusting me to bring much needed change to your neighborhoods. I could not have come this far without you. I am grateful for the privilege of serving you.*

*While we may find ourselves overwhelmed during this time of year, I hope you make time to create beautiful memories with the most important ones in your lives, your family.*

*Have a wonderful holiday season!*

*Dr. Elba Garcia*



The Dallas County DWI Taskforce will be hosting their Annual DWI Press Conference and Holiday Campaign in an effort to bring awareness and prevent DWI incidents during the holiday season, as it is then when more fatalities occur due to drunk drivers. As the taskforce's Chair, I cordially invite you to come out and support this effort.

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 10AM  
At the ArtPark at Trinity Groves  
331 Singleton Blvd # 100  
Dallas, TX 75212**

This year, the DWI Taskforce is partnering with Lyft, 24HourDallas, Methodist Dallas Medical System, MADD and AAATexas to encourage the public to drink responsibly by taking a discounted Lyft ride. Many businesses in our County are joining this effort by putting coasters in their businesses that offer a \$10 discount for this shared ride.



Also, be on the lookout for our #WhatAlcoholSays Campaign wrecked vehicle and remember to take a selfie and share it on your social platforms with the hashtag #WhatAlcoholSays.

# Happy Diwali

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by members of the Hindu, Sikh, and Jain faiths. It is a multi-day festival, and the celebrations and festivities span multiple days before and after the official date of Diwali. It is a time of renewal and signifies the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance within. Diwali provides an opportunity for families and communities to get together through its diverse and colorful customs and traditions.

Activities include the festival of lights and the lighting of flame lamps, a grand annakut or food display offered to God, people from all walks of life praying and celebrating together, and a Diwali Light and Sound show to bring the entire community together.



BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Irving, Texas will be hosting their Diwali & Hindu New Year Celebrations on *Monday, November 13, 2023 at 4601 N State Highway 161, Irving TX 75038*. The celebrations will start from midday onwards but will have a special presentation at 6:30pm. Last year they had about 13,000 people from across the DFW metroplex who attended the celebrations. The event will culminate with fireworks at 7:30p.m.



## VIRTUAL CLASSES FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

**FREE!**

**November 1, 8, 15**

**2:00 pm - 4:30 pm**



### TOPICS

**Class 1:** Fair housing, financing process, selecting a realtor and a lender, real estate contract overview, assistance with down payment and closing cost.

**Class 2:** Role of the title company, closing process, property taxes, homeowners insurance.

**Class 3:** Home inspection process, home maintenance and repairs, rights and responsibilities, foreclosure prevention.



**DCHHS**  
Dallas County Health and Human Services  
Healthy People · Healthy Communities  
Health and Social Equity



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**“On this Veteran’s Day let us remember the service of our veterans and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free.”**

**~Hon. Dan Lipinski**

**Happy Veteran’s Day!**