



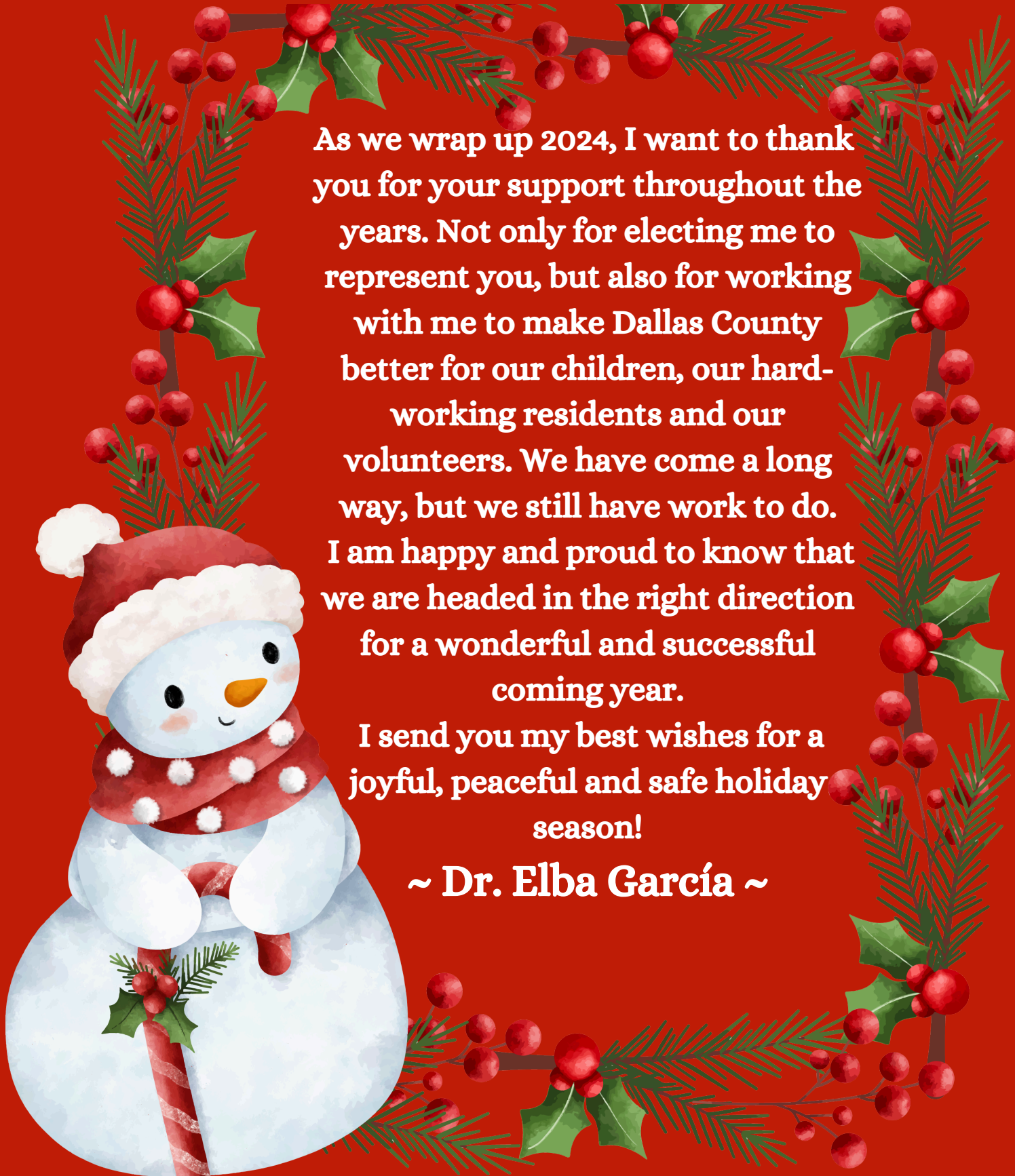
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As we wrap up 2024, I want to thank you for your support throughout the years. Not only for electing me to represent you, but also for working with me to make Dallas County better for our children, our hard-working residents and our volunteers. We have come a long way, but we still have work to do. I am happy and proud to know that we are headed in the right direction for a wonderful and successful coming year.

I send you my best wishes for a joyful, peaceful and safe holiday season!

~ Dr. Elba García ~

Let's Keep Dallas County safe with zero DWI incidents during this holiday season. This year the Dallas County DWI Taskforce, which I chair, is partnering with Lyft, 24HourDallas, Methodist Dallas Health Center, MADD and AAATexas to ensure that no one is affected by the poor choices of impaired drivers. 39 businesses across the county have joined this effort by offering the coaster (pictured below) during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays. If you are going to drink, have a plan, a designated non-drinking driver or this QR code in hand for a discounted safe ride home.

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OFF YOUR LYFT RIDE

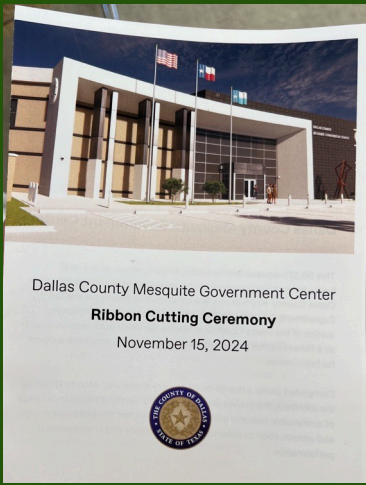
NOV. 27, 2024
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JAN. 2, 2025



The Dallas County DWI Taskforce is proud to celebrate 40 years of delivering the crucial message: "If you drink, don't drive!" This milestone underscores our unwavering commitment to education and awareness in preventing impaired driving. We recently hosted our 14th Annual DWI Press Conference to remind the public of the importance of making responsible decisions when enjoying a night out. As Chair of the DWI Taskforce, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us. A special thanks goes to our incredible speakers: Irving Police Chief Derrick Miller, Lauren Black from the District Attorney's Office, Dr. Phillip Huang with Dallas County Health & Human Services, Bryan Tony with 24HourDallas, Emma Dugas with Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and Rosario Sáenz, who courageously shared her story of loss. Their voices amplify our mission and bring a human face to this preventable tragedy. We also commend our law enforcement officers for their tireless efforts to keep our roadways safe, ensuring peaceful and joyful holidays for all. Thank you for your continued support in spreading this vital message and keeping our community safe. Together, we can make a difference.



As Chair of the Dallas County Facilities Management Committee, I am honored to present the Mesquite Government Center—a culmination of our efforts to streamline county services. This center represents one of the final steps in a decade-long initiative to consolidate essential County services, making access more convenient, efficient and effective for residents and businesses. The 56,325-square-foot facility achieved for a LEED Silver certification that reflects Dallas County’s responsible environmental stewardship. I sincerely appreciate the City of Mesquite for joining in our efforts and resources to make this possible. The Mesquite Government Center stands as a symbol of our commitment to service and community-centered development. Thank you to everyone who helped bring this vision to life!



Overdose deaths in Dallas County have surged by 81% from 2019 to 2023. In response, Dallas County, in collaboration with Parkland Health, has launched the Overdose Prevention Hotline. This hotline is designed to connect individuals impacted by substance use disorder (SUD) with supportive treatment and harm-reduction resources. .

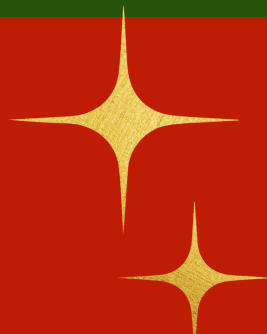


THE DALLAS COUNTY OVERDOSE PREVENTION HOTLINE
IS 214-590-4000
AVAILABLE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 7AM TO 11 PM



I am eager to continue building a brighter future. Our achievements in transportation and trail expansion are exciting, and I am dedicated to more progress as we continue moving forward. Additionally, I am excited to share the following green initiatives I am spearheading in Dallas County:

- **Electric vehicles:** Our county has embraced EVs and is actively expanding charging infrastructure, making sustainable transportation a reality.
- **Eco-friendly facilities:** We're dedicated to using low volatile organic compounds (VOC) products, water-saving technologies and energy-efficient LED lighting in our buildings.
- **Solar power:** We're exploring solar technology to power our facilities, reducing our carbon footprint.
- **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications:** Committing to the highest environmental standards in our developments, several buildings have already achieved LEED certification, with more to come.



Happy Holidays!

