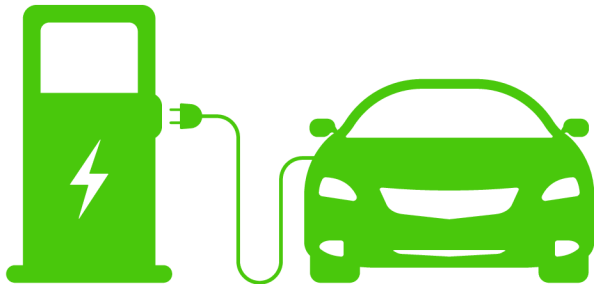


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## JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Happy  
New Year



I'm excited to start this year with a focus on making Dallas County greener and more sustainable. At the end of 2024, Dallas County hired consultants to create a multiyear plan to transition our fuel fleet to electric vehicles. They combined data from several sources, analyzed 18 months of vehicle operations (like mileage, fuel use and maintenance costs) and reviewed 964 vehicles for electrification potential. Of these, 702 vehicles are suitable for electrification with current technology. Over nine years, transitioning these vehicles would cost \$49 million, including \$6 million for charging infrastructure. In the next four years, electrifying 135 of the vehicles with the highest investment returns could save \$1 million in operating costs, avoid 2,430 metric tons of CO2 emissions and conserve 286,000 gallons of gasoline. This analysis provides a clear path forward as we work together for a cleaner and more sustainable future.



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January is National Slavery & Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which traffickers target vulnerable populations, including men, women, children, citizens and non-citizens, forcing them into servitude and/or the sex trade. Texas ranks second in the country for trafficking prevalence, with more than 300,000 annual victims statewide. In Dallas, an estimated 400 teens are sold for sex every night, as part of a \$99 million illegal industry. I am honored to be the Chair of New Life Opportunities, which serves to eliminate prostitution in Dallas County through the Solicitors and Traffickers Of Prostitution (STOP) School in partnership with the District Attorney's Office and other partners.

National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

Text "HELP" or "INFO" to SMS: 233733

Visit [www.humantraffickinghotline.org](http://www.humantraffickinghotline.org)

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### Best Hospital for Maternity Care

The U.S. News & World Report, which publishes hospital rankings and consumer advice, named Parkland Memorial Hospital as a 2025 high-performing hospital for maternity care. This is the highest award U.S. News grants in this category of care. Parkland earned this designation based on factors such as services for severe unexpected newborn complications, birthing-friendly practices and transparency on racial/ethnic disparities. Of the 817 hospitals evaluated across the United States, only half were recognized as high-performing hospitals.



HAPPY  
THREE KINGS DAY  
JANUARY 6, 2025



Once again, I extremely grateful to have celebrated a fabulous Christmas party and toy drive in partnership with the law offices of Domingo García and Texas State Senator Royce West. Additionally I was also able to collaborate with the Miller, Weisbrod & Olesky Law Firm and distributed toys to the following recipients:

Dr. Elba and Domingo García West Dallas STEM School  
Asociación Colombiana del Metroplex  
Bishop Arts STEAM Academy  
Casa Guanajuato Dallas-México  
Nuestra Señora Del Pilar Church  
Santa Cecilia Catholic Church  
Santa Clara Catholic Church



JANUARY IS  
NATIONAL  
**BLOOD DONOR**  
MONTH



This month is a time to highlight the lifesaving impact of blood donations and encourage others to give. Donating blood is vital for patients in need, from accident victims to those undergoing surgeries or battling illnesses. Growing up, my father instilled in me the importance of giving back to the community through blood donation. His example taught me that such a simple act could make a profound difference in someone's life, and it's a tradition I proudly continue.

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