



Spring Newsletter 2016

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Dear District 13 Neighbors,

With the changes in weather come changes throughout our district. Changes that come in the form of new police task forces, advances in the Preston Center Study, and street repair, just to name a few. This is an exciting and busy time for District 13 and I would like to take a moment to share a few highlights.

Condition of Our Streets and Alleys

This has been a rainy season, and with the rain comes issues with streets and alleys. Our office is working diligently with the streets department to address street and alley concerns.

There are a number of ongoing street projects with new projects being added daily. Some projects of note in District 13 include partial reconstruction at:

- Inwood Road from Caladium Drive to Forest Lane completed work on February 23rd.
- Walnut Hill Lane from the 5700 block to 6300, with an anticipated completion date in May, weather permitting.
- Royal Lane from the 5100 block to 5400 and the 3900 block with a completion date of May, weather permitting.

For more information on current TxDot projects effecting major intersections on Northwest Highway click [here](#).

We are also working with the Street Department to list construction updates on our District 13 City website. If you have additional questions or want to know more information about a certain project, please contact the District 13 office.

Northaven Trail

The Northaven Trail is on track for expansion that would link the trail from White Rock Creek Trail to the west to Denton Drive. When completed, the Northaven trail will reach over eight miles connecting multiple neighborhoods in District 13 and beyond. The City of Dallas is currently working to confirm alignments with stakeholders along the trail.

For more information on this project visit Dallas County website at <http://www.dallascounty.org/department/plandev/trails/maps/northaven.php>

Quick Links

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[District 13 Website](#)

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Or The Dallas Parks and Recreation website at <http://dallasparks.org/406/Major-Linear-Trails>

Bicycle Lanes

The 2011 Dallas Bike Plan was adopted in 2011 and serves as an update to the Greater Dallas Bike Plan adopted in 1985. There are a number of bike lanes in District 13. Boedecker Street has lanes between Walnut Hill Lane and Park Lane. Cox Lane has bike lanes from Royal to Forest. Modifications to the bike lanes near the Glen Lakes entrance is also underway. Additionally, staff is investigating turn lane options on Boedecker St and Walnut Hill.

For more information on the different bike lanes in District 13 click [here](#).

For more information on bike lanes etiquette click [here](#).

Carlo's Bakery

On Saturday March 19th, District 13 proudly welcomed Carlo's Bakery's 13th location, and 1st location in Texas to Preston Center. Carlo's Bakery is family owned bakery featured on the TLC hit show Cake Boss. Master Baker Bartolo Jr. "Buddy" has been featured in numerous publications, such as Modern Bride, and The Knot.

There were 7,000 people who attended the grand opening of the new Carlo's Bakery location. The new location employs a staff of approximately 50 people, all local Dallas citizens. Please stop by their new location at 8319 Preston Road and enjoy some delicious treats.



Parks and Recreation

Spring preparations began as early as February and you've probably noticed here recently that we've started mowing our parks again. Our mowing season began earlier this month so your neighborhood park will be getting its first cut of the year if it hasn't already.

Grass is dormant during the winter months requiring less maintenance. Dallas parks are mowed on a 7 or 14 day cycle from March 1 to November 30. The mowing schedule only affects maintained areas within the parks. Our wildflower areas are maintained less frequently and are mowed once a year for seed dispersal.

Bluebonnets should peak around April 15. Indian paintbrush, take over in May and June, and Engelmann's Daisy, Maximillian sunflower, Black-eyed Susan really start popping out mid-May through June.

Please see a list of parks with wildflower areas below:

Northeast Dallas
Kiowa Parkway - 1500 Woodbriar
Harry Moss Park - 8000 Greenville

White Rock Lake area
Flagpole Hill - 8015 Doran Circle
Norbuck - 200 North Buckner Blvd
Dixon Branch - Peavy Rd. along Dixon Branch Creek

Northwest Dallas
Grauwylar - 7500 Harry Hines Blvd.
Emma Carter - 4100 Pluto
Bachman - 3500 Northwest Highway



Zika Virus

As warmer weather moves in, the City of Dallas is proactively addressing mosquito borne viruses such as West Nile, Chikungunya, Dengue and Zika. The City has launched the Fight the Bite initiative to spread awareness.

For more information on the Zika virus please visit the city website [here](#)

For more information on Fight the Bite click [here](#).

Public Safety Updates

Public Safety is an utmost priority for me, and I know it is for you and your families. Here are some public safety highlights of note:

Violent Crimes Task Force

The Dallas Police Department is launching a Violent Crime Task Force to reduce the increase in violent crimes. Deputy Chief Paul Stokes will oversee the taskforce. The initial five areas have been identified through crime analysis as the focus for this effort. The Dallas Police Department will continue to identify other areas and re-adjust resources as needed. One of the five areas identified is Five Points in Vickery Meadow. I am supportive of this initiative and hope to see improvements in the quality of life for all Dallas residents. Our office will continue to work with Dallas Police on this initiative.

Local Divisions

If you witness a crime or suspicious behavior please call the incident into 911. If you have a non emergency or are checking up on case call your local division.

District 13 sits in three police divisions:

Northwest (West of Inwood and for the area south of NW Highway it includes Inwood to the Park Cities):

(214) 670-6178

North Central (Inwood to Central, and for the area south of NW Highway it includes Central to the Park Cities):

(214) 670-7253

Northeast (East of Central):

(214) 670-4415

Thank you to all of the men and women in blue who risk their safety to protect our community each day.

Preston and Northwest Highway Area Plan Update

The Preston and Northwest Highway Area Plan is underway, and the consultant from Kimley-Horn has created potential development scenarios for the area. Zone representatives have been evaluating these development scenarios to develop the best vision for the future of the Preston and Northwest Highway area.

The next Advisory Taskforce Meeting is on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM at the Walnut Hill Rec Center in the ballroom (10011 Midway Rd. Dallas, TX 75229). The meeting is open to the public to observe, and public comments are reserved to the end of the meeting only if time allows.

The next Community Meeting is on Tuesday, May 17th at 6:00 PM at the Walnut Hill Rec Center in the ballroom

(10011 Midway Rd. Dallas, TX 75229). The meeting is open to the public to make comments and ask questions about the proposed development scenarios.

For more information on the Area Plan and agendas and presentations from prior meetings, please check the [project website](#).

Senior Resources

District 13 works for better quality of life for all citizens and that includes our district seniors. There are many resources that seniors can take advantage of and many organizations happy to help.

To see resources for seniors in Dallas click [here](#).

Pictured below is Councilmember Gates and Senior Affairs Committee representative for District 13, Syl Benensen.



Youth Commission

I am extremely proud to introduce my Youth Commission appointee, Mary Orsak. The Youth Commission was reestablished in January of this year and is an active City of Dallas commission. Mary currently attends The Hockaday School and serves as editor for the Fourcast, the Hockaday School Official Newspaper. Mary keeps an impressive schedule including Hockaday Academic Council, Junior World Affairs Council, Latin Club, and the Texas Junior Classical League where she has won numerous awards.

An avid and prolific writer, Mary is the lead author for a children's book that will increase awareness of the impact of child poverty through the Dr. Terrai Trent Foundation. Mary is also the president and founder of Story Power Inc, a non-profit dedicated to providing young girls access to books and stories about influential women.

I am very excited to see the contributions Mary will bring to Youth Commission. Mary is a rising star that will continue to make impacts on her community in District 13, the City of Dallas and beyond.

Pictured below is Mary Orsak, Youth Commission representative for District 13.



Sanitation Collection Reminder App

The City of Dallas Sanitation Services is launching a new mobile app for residents to find their collection schedules and sign up for reminders. The app is free to download on all Apple and Android mobile devices. Once residents download and sign up for the app, they can receive a personalized collection calendar and receive automatic reminders via email, tweet, voice mail and/or text.

The app can be downloaded by searching Dallas Sanitation Services or go to www.DallasBulkandBrush.com. The app also has information on how to properly reuse, recycle, compost or dispose of various materials.

Once residents have the app or are signed up online, they will receive weekly reminders and will also be notified of schedule changes due to weather, holidays and upcoming events. Additionally notifications can be sent with information on seasonal campaigns such as electronics recycling, batteries, oil, paint, and antifreeze collection, Christmas tree recycling and more.

While Sanitation Services will continue to produce and distribute printed waste collection calendars to residents, they hope this added online service will help to reduce call volumes, while improving customer service and response times.

Dallas Arts Week

Save the Date!

Dallas Arts Week 2016



April 9 - 17


YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us in celebrating Dallas Arts Week from April 9 -17. In its fourth year, Dallas Arts Week is an initiative that showcases Dallas' vibrant arts and culture scene. With more than 100 art and cultural offerings scheduled, it is an exciting week to sample the arts in Dallas.

There are many ways to get involved:

- 1**
UPLOAD EVENTS ON ART & SEEK
Submit your event on www.artandseek.org
- 2**
SPREAD THE WORD
Encourage others to to discover and experience Dallas art and culture
- 3**
JOIN THE CONVERSATION
Tag #DallasArtsWeek on social media posts

QUESTIONS?
Contact Patricia Blasquez at patricia.blasquez@dallascityhall.com
214.671.8257



Kickoff Press Conference
April 6th, 12-1 pm
Dallas City Hall



Creative Conversations
April 11th, 6-8 pm
Dallas City Performance Hall
Featuring
Dr. Richard Brettell



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DALLAS CITY PERFORMANCE HALL

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Spring Highlights

Spring brings beautiful weather and lots of opportunities to get outside and enjoy what Dallas has to offer. Earth Day Texas is an annual outdoor festival on April 22nd at Fair Park that shows Texans how green lifestyle help the environment. The Dallas Arboretum is currently hosting Dallas Blooms, the largest floral festival in the Southwest. Find more information about these events and more at www.dallasparks.org

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns at 214-670-

Pictured below, my grandsons enjoying Texas Blue Bonnets.



Sincerely,

Jennifer