

Greetings:

Progress is all around us in many areas of West and northwest Dallas. The positive changes we have been awaiting in District 6 are happening, and we are moving forward with many of the public projects that have been planned for years. Work continues on the Calatrava Bridge and Singleton Boulevard. Plans are to complete City-sponsored Municipal Water Designation for commercial areas to spur private development. The City will coordinate a spring clean-up in West Dallas with Keep Dallas Beautiful and Code Enforcement.

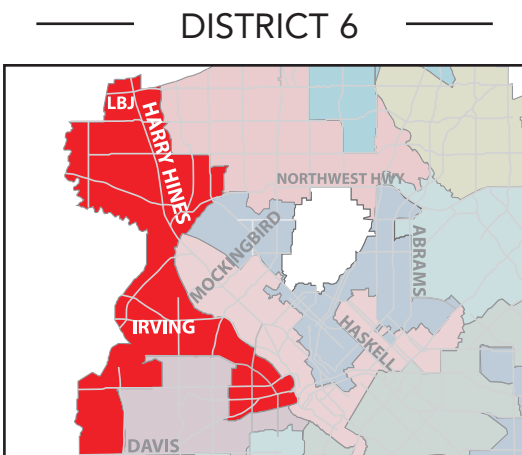
With construction of DART light rail stations at Bachman Lake, Walnut Hill and Royal Lane, we are working with the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce and local business and property owners to identify plans for transit-oriented developments and infrastructure needs.

Redevelopment efforts continue at Bachman Lake. With many vacant properties, we are working to develop an economic strategy to market retail properties at the International Convention of Shopping Centers in 2009. At Northlake Cypress Waters, a large mixed-use development is in the works, with projected revenue of \$450 million over the next 25 years.

And our vision for the Trinity River Corridor Project is now evident for all to see. Wetlands have been developed, and design experts have been engaged to build lakes, parks, athletic fields and more. And most important, the project addresses crucial flood-control issues that will protect District 6 and the entire city. The Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge is now under construction, and the Trinity River Audubon Center at Loop 12, east of Interstate 45, is now open.

The look of our District and city is changing. I want you to be a part of that progress and prosperity. Please contact my office with any concerns, ideas or suggestions. Together, we will build a strong, vibrant community.

**Your City Councilman,
Steve Salazar, District 6**



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Are you helping to build a Greener Dallas?



Take the first step and make a commitment to recycle by joining the City's "Too Good To Throw Away" program. In District 6, each household participating in the program is recycling an average of 11 pounds per household per month! That's a really good start — but the City's goal is to increase that amount to 30 pounds for each household each month. Want to help? Call 311 to get a Big Blue recycling cart delivered to your home.

Mission: possible



Code department focuses on relationships, solutions in District 6

District 6 Northwest Division



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“One of our big successes is attending career days at elementary schools to teach kids about Code Compliance and what we do.”
— Travella King, Southwest Division NCR

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Taking pride, making strides

Most residents want the same thing: a clean, safe neighborhood. But some lack the resources or the know-how to solve neighborhood problems.

That's why the City recently introduced the Pride in Your Neighborhood program in seven communities — Arcadia Park, Arlington Park, Beverly Hills, Cedar Oaks, Dixon Circle, Fordham Road and Singing Hills.

A joint venture of Sanitation Services and the non-profit Keep Dallas Beautiful, the program is intended to provide residents tools to combat crime and blight.

Those tools could be as simple as shovels and rakes for collecting trash and debris, paint and brushes for covering graffiti, or training and education to form crime-watch programs, neighborhood advisory boards and community action plans.

Other typical concerns are bulk trash, vegetation in alleys, high weeds, litter and houses abandoned due to mortgage failures.

“There are houses in the area with pools, and people walk away from them,” Ms. Hernandez says. “We have to keep those up because the neighbors are living in nice areas.”

The department is taking a holistic approach, working together with other City departments, including Police, Streets, Sanitation and Building Inspection. This is crucial, as noncompliant properties frequently have other problems outside the scope of the department, such as crime, structural failure or street damage. Managers and neighborhood representatives are making a habit of attending meetings of crime-watch groups and homeowners associations.

Code also sees a need for a more citizen-friendly approach, with an emphasis on education and the occasional helping hand. Because homeowners and business owners often do not know every ordinance that applies to their properties, a neighborhood representative will inform a noncompliant citizen of a violation, offer solutions and, if necessary, suggest resources he or she can call for help.

The new neighborhood representatives are putting a face on the department by acting as liaisons between citizens and Code.

“If someone is elderly, disabled, has money issues and can't resolve the problems, our Code reps step in and try to find resources to help them alleviate the problems without taking compliance action against them,” Mr. Ramon says. “Because really, you're not helping the situation [by fining them], you're just creating another burden.”

Since the program began, pilot neighborhoods have sponsored clean-up events, beautification projects, leadership workshops and environmental programs for youths (as many as 50 high school students can earn up to \$200 for community service). To give the program a little more financial muscle, the City is even offering \$1,000 home-improvement incentives to approximately 34 to 40 homeowners per neighborhood (when matching funds are secured).

Ultimately, everyone wins. Safe, clean neighborhoods increase property values and improve the quality of life for every resident.

Community champions

The Lone Ranger had Tonto. Batman had Robin. But who can help you fight chronic crime and complex code cases?

strategies to gain voluntary compliance with code violators, and its use of neighborhood partnerships to enact positive change in the community. Last year, the Community Prosecution team worked approximately 660 active egregious code cases, to gain compliance.

Community Prosecutors:

- Listen to community members' public safety concerns and take those concerns to the courthouse;
- Participate in neighborhood meetings that address crime and quality of life issues;
- Serve as a prosecutorial resource to law enforcement, City departments and community members; and
- Develop and implement innovative strategies to educate the public about the criminal justice system and to prevent crimes.

How can community members get involved with problem-solving efforts? Each targeted neighborhood has an A.C.T.I.O.N. team (for “All Coming Together In Our Neighborhood”) that meets once a month. Contact a Community Prosecutor to learn about A.C.T.I.O.N. meeting times and locations.

District 6 Community Prosecutors



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