



Good afternoon,

I hope you and yours are safe and well. Our office would like to share the following updates with you:

### **Early Voting**

Have you voted yet? Don't forget: Friday, October 30th is the last day of early voting. For Dallas County locations, visit [dallascountyvotes.org](http://dallascountyvotes.org).

### **Street Racing**

Our office and DPD are aware of the uptick in drag racing happening in District 13. This is a city-wide concern. We have received numerous calls and emails recently and Councilmember Gates has been working with her City Council colleagues. City Council created an ordinance in June which results in a higher priority call for DPD and with greater enforcement options. Additionally, DPD has set up an internal task force to address this issue.

We are working with Chief Watson to hold a town hall meeting.

2020 YTD Street Racing Activity for NW Division:

Traffic stops- 101  
Hazardous Citations-12  
Regulatory Citations-104  
Spectator Citations-32  
Vehicles Towed-12  
Felony Arrests-1  
Misdemeanor Arrest-16  
Offenses Cleared-6  
Guns seized-4  
Stolen Vehicle-1

The weekend of October 17/18, DPD responded city-wide to 55 calls related to street racing, made 27 arrests, issued 105 citations and towed 3 vehicles involved. DPD has assured the City Council they will continue strict enforcement and zero tolerance for this behavior. DPD indicated community reporting is key to making arrests and applying enforcement. **Residents are encouraged to call 911** if they witness any suspicious activity that could indicate racing groups are gathering or preparing to take over an intersection.

### **Domestic Violence Task Force**

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Statistics estimate that one in three women and one in nine men in Texas will experience domestic violence

at some point in their life. Since 2019, Dallas has seen an increase in crime and that trend continues today. As of Sept. 21, 2020, family violence aggravated assaults increased 8.6% over last year, and family violence homicides.

In March of 2020, Mayor Eric Johnson charged the Domestic Violence Task Force to create recommendations that would pave the way for a 25% decrease in domestic violence aggravated assaults over the next three years. The report is available to read on the D13 [Domestic Violence Task Force](#) website.

**STAYING AT HOME  
DOESN'T MEAN  
SAFE AT HOME**

**CALL FOR HELP**  
National Domestic Violence Hotline  
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)  
Child Protective Services (CPS)  
1-800-252-5400

**NEED SHELTER?**  
Genesis Women's Shelter  
214-946-HELP (4357)  
The Family Place  
214-941-1991

**IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

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### **Public Safety**

On October 9, 2020, Mayor Eric Johnson announced changes to his City Council Committee Appointments, which included naming me the new Chair of the Public Safety Committee. These changes will become effective November 1, 2020.

In addition to its regular business, this committee will serve as the primary vehicle for receiving community input and providing guidance to the city manager on the search for a new police chief and advance the mayoral priorities.

### **Sanitation**

We have received several calls and emails from residents concerned that all trash and recycling pick up is being moved to the front curb city-wide. That is not the case. The Sanitation department did brief the Environment and Sustainability Committee on the benefits of moving 95% of garbage picks ups to automated truck collection. Many alleys are in a condition and at a width that will easily accommodate the automated trucks. We are unclear how many alleys could not accommodate the automatic trucks. This is a proposal, not a decision. Councilmembers asked the Sanitation staff to reach out to residents for feedback. The full presentation can be found [here](#). Again, these are preliminary discussions and no decision has been made at this time.

### **Baby Evans!**

We are excited to announce the arrival of baby Anna Jean Evans, born September 28, 2020 to Sarah and Josh Evans. Baby A.J. is 6 pounds, 14 ounces and 21 ½ inches long! The proud new family is happy and healthy! Sarah will be out until January. In the meantime, please reach out to our office via phone at (214) 670-3816, District13@dallascityhall.com, Alexa at alexandra.relayze@dallascityhall.com



### Short Term Rentals

Were you aware that all short-term rental owners are required to register their property with the City of Dallas? You can register your property at [dallas.munirevs.com](https://dallas.munirevs.com)

A short-term rental is any residential property or part of a property rented for 30 days or less. This includes homes or other units, such as a garage apartment or backyard cottage, listed for rent on Airbnb, VRBO, HomeAway, and similar websites.

### COVID-19 Update and Resources

I continue to serve on the COVID Ad Hoc Committee for the City Council. Over the last few weeks, we have seen an increase in COVID-19 cases and county health officials upgraded the perceived risk level of catching the virus to the top level, red. While I am hopeful that we as a community can slow the spread, it is vital that all of us do our part to lower the curve and save lives.

Dr. Tim Bray in conjunction with his colleagues at UT Dallas released very helpful COVID-19 data dashboards. You can reach the homepage at <https://urbanpolicyresearch.org/covid19>, or the county dashboard directly at <https://urbanpolicyresearch.org/covid19/county-data-dashboard>. This includes number tested positive, increases by last 7 days, among other helpful information. This is one of the best resources available and may answer many questions you have.

For testing and other information (Spanish and English) visit [Dallascityhall.com/COVID19](https://dallascityhall.com/COVID19) and 214.670.INFO

For short-term rental relief <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/housing-neighborhood-revitalization/Pages/CARES-Act-CRF-Rental-Assistance-Program-.aspx>

### Stay on Guard Dallas Campaign

On September 30, 2020, the City of Dallas Office of Communications, Outreach and

Marketing launched a bilingual public awareness [Stay On Guard](#) campaign, designed to slow the spread of COVID-19.



### Halloween Safety

As we begin to plan fall and winter holiday celebrations, please find health and safety guidelines for Halloween during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit the joint press release on Halloween Safety by Mayor Johnson and Judge Jenkins [here](#).



Continue to "Stay on Guard" and help slow the spread of COVID-19.

As always, my office is here for you. If you need anything, please feel free to contact us by phone at 214-670-3816 and 214-670-7057 or via email at [District13@dallascityhall.com](mailto:District13@dallascityhall.com).

Stay safe and stay warm,  
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