

DR. ELBA GARCIA

DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER



VANESSA GUILLÉN

The devastating death of Specialist Vanessa Guillén from U.S. Army post Fort Hood has raised awareness of sexual assault and harassment crimes that are not addressed by the U.S. Army.

Specialist Guillén has become a sounding board for other military members who have been victims of sexual related crimes while on duty.

To honor Specialist Guillén, Dr. Garcia officially proclaimed April 22, 2021 as Army Specialist Vanessa Guillén Day in Dallas County in hopes that there is raised awareness and support for the Guillén family and other military victims.



GEORGE FLOYD

The tragic and senseless death of Mr. George Floyd has caused grief, anger, and divide in our nation. The verdict of the George Floyd trial has provided communities with a sign of justice.

This trial and verdict bring us one step closer to reforming the justice system and policing standards that have created mistrust in many people in America.

The American people will continue to be the voice and demand the change we need.

CINCO DE MAYO

The Dallas Arboretum and Black Heritage Committee honored Dr. Elba Garcia with naming a day as "Cinco de Mayo with Commissioner Elba Garcia". During the visit she and guests saw the ZimSculpt exhibit, a show of more than 100 Zimbabwean stone sculptures displayed throughout the garden.

Dr. Garcia would like to thank the Dallas Arboretum, Linda Todd (Black Heritage Committee - Chairperson), the sponsors, and the artisans for hosting a wonderful event and showcasing the Zimbabwean Cultural experiences. She extends her appreciation to all the residents of Dallas County for their support and participation in this event.



Road & Bridge 4 Employee Recognition

Dallas County takes special notice when an individual has given long and faithful service in Dallas County.

To commend our Road & Bridge 4 team for their outstanding and dedicated service to Dallas County, Dr. Elba Garcia recognized the following employees with service pins:

- **Michael Roberts - 25 Years**
- **Jesus Barrera - 20 Years**
- **Brooks Love - 10 Years**
- **Joseph Rodriguez - 10 Years**
- **Eric Lexius - 10 Years**
- **Robby Robinson - 5 Years**
- **Rory Duran - 5 Years**



A Warm Surprise for our Seniors

To show her support and appreciation for our senior citizens, Dr. Garcia and Mr. Mark Edwards (Director of Dallas County Older Adult Services) gifted our seniors at The Oaks at Hampton, Notre Dame Court, and Ledbetter Eagle Ford Community Organization with gift cards.

Our seniors were very excited to receive the kind gesture and given that they are our most vulnerable community, Dallas County will continue to do everything we can to help our senior citizens.



National Mental Health Awareness Month

Taking care of our mental health is as simple as eating healthy, exercising, or even saving for the future. While we focus on our physical wellbeing, we often forget to take care of our emotional and spiritual needs. Mental health includes several areas that need to be observed, and involves one's social, emotional, and psychological wellbeing. When we have a positive mental health, we are better equipped to handle stress and be more productive to reach our full potential. If you know someone who is struggling with mental health, please seek assistance and share helpful resources.