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September 2015 Newsletter

Dear Constituents,

As your Council Member for District 11, I appreciate your support in my previous term and look forward to representing you. Serving in this position is fulfilling and a great opportunity to work with the residents of Dallas. The City has seen dynamic growth and improvements in crime reduction, economic development, environmental and transportation issues. By working together we can accomplish great things.

I serve on various Council committees as well as inter-local agencies which allows me to implement policies to better serve our community. For the City of Dallas, I am the Chairman of the Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee as well as the Chairman of the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee. In addition I serve on the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee and the Economic Development Committee. Outside responsibilities include serving as Vice-Chairman and Trustee for the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System and as a Trustee for the Dallas Employees' Retirement Fund. I serve on the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board, the Regional Transportation Council and the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition.

Nevertheless, my role as your Council Member is most important and I am available to you via phone or email. I attend neighborhood home owners meetings and issue-specific meetings to hear from you. For assistance citizens may contact my office with any concerns in the neighborhood. My staff members Sophia and Genevieve are responsive and can assist with service requests and help direct you to the appropriate departments at City Hall.

Currently, the Council is working with the City Manager to develop a budget by the end of September. Next year's expense budget will be over \$3 billion. The budget will be balanced which means the City must collect \$3 billion in taxes and fees. Much of this comes in the form of property tax. Growth in property values has generated about \$40 million in new revenue while maintaining the current tax rate. The additional funds will go to contractual raises for our police and fire officers as well as merit raises for our civilian employees. Also the city will dedicate a significant increase to street maintenance and pothole repair. Library hours will be expanded under a 2 year plan and an enhancement to our recreation centers senior programming is in the budget as well. I held 3 budget town hall meetings and want to thank those who attended. In addition I have attended 5 homeowners meetings this month to hear your comments on the budget as well as neighborhood issues. To my surprise, there has been little interest in a tax rate reductions and most interest in expanding services, especially in street maintenance. This feedback helps me formulate approach to the budget. Thank you for participating.

As I begin my second term, I want to see continued success with the growth of economic development in Dallas, the beautification of neighborhoods and trails for the

benefit of all residents and yes, to fix the streets. These improvements offer a better quality of life in the community. I look forward to implementing changes that will be beneficial to District 11 and to all the residents of Dallas. I am excited for the future and look for ways to help improve the City of Dallas budget, ordinances, and any other issues that may arise. It is my goal to listen to citizens and consider all the options for solutions. I look forward to receiving feedback from my constituents.

Thank you for your continuous support!



Lee M. Kleinman
Council Member
District 11

UPDATES IN THE DISTRICT

Walcrest Reservoir

Have you ever wondered what was under that large mound next to Hillcrest High School? That is the Walcrest water reservoir operated by Dallas Water Utilities. The reservoir holds 20 million gallons of drinking water and serves over 30% of the City of Dallas. The reservoir is over 50 years old and will be re-built and replaced with a new facility on the same location. Work will begin next year. DWU worked closely with neighbors from The Meadows Neighborhood association as well as other associations to provide a design that fits in with our neighborhood. The design includes significant landscape enhancements to beautify the area and create usable green space. Construction will last almost 4 years and DWU will minimize the inconveniences. Please contact my office with concerns or complaints so that we can work with DWU to address construction related problems. This project cost is around \$45 million and is necessary to provide a reliable system of safe drinking water for Dallas.

Fretz Park Branch Library

Construction is underway and the project team meets bi-weekly. Due to weather impacts the project is currently behind schedule. City Council voted on June 17th to increase the construction contract to include the replacement of the existing roof, as well as the purchase of furniture and equipment for the library. The Fretz Park Library is moving along and reopening in November.

If you have any questions about the construction please feel free to contact Jo Giudice Director of Libraries at 214-670-7803.



Midtown Project

City Council approved a thoroughfare plan amendment and new zoning subdistrict in the Valley-View Galleria Planned Development District (PD 887) on May 21, 2015. The purpose of these requests was to focus on an enhanced open space area, called an esplanade, to spur the catalyst project to redevelop the declining Valley View shopping center.

To encourage pedestrian activity around the enhanced esplanade, the new subdistrict reduces setbacks and reduces sidewalks adjacent to the esplanade and allows dining

in the planting zone-the area between the curb and sidewalk between street trees. The street sections were also modified in a separate Thoroughfare Plan amendment where traffic controls were put into place with directional controls and traffic calming techniques. A preliminary plat is forthcoming from the developer for the redevelopment.

The below street section was part of the zoning amendment which highlights how Peterson Lane, around the esplanade, will be constructed. The conceptual renderings were produced by the developer depicting possibilities for future redevelopment.

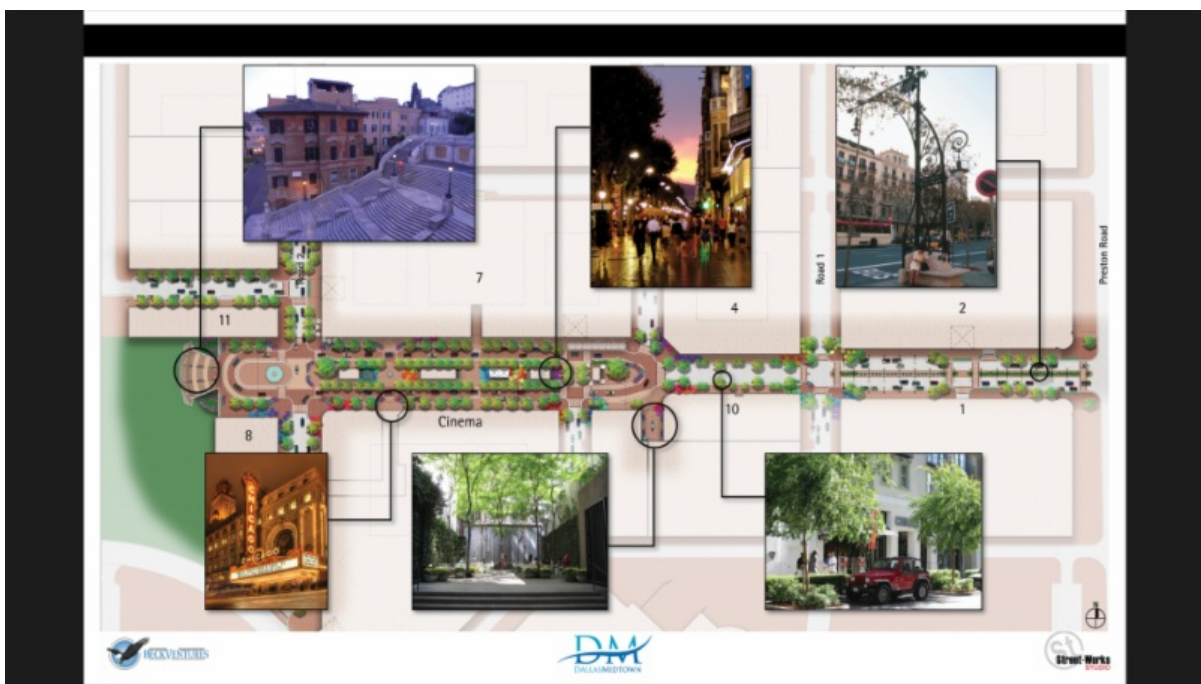
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[Thoroughfare Plan Amendment can be found here](#)

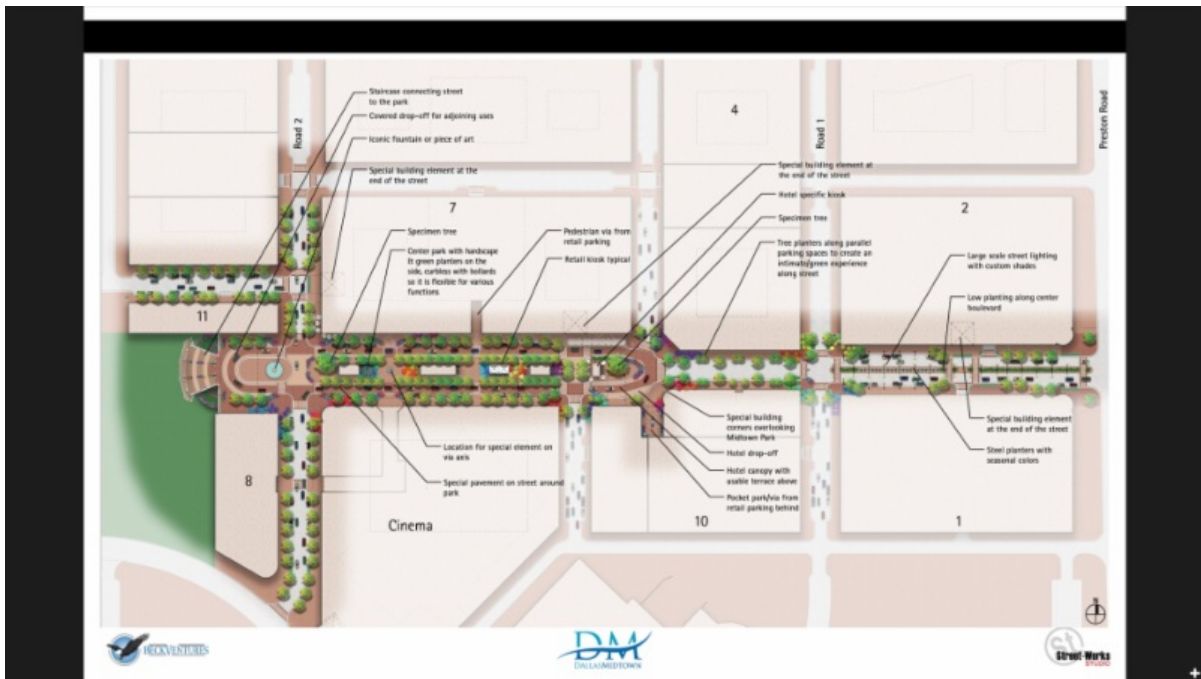
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Senior Affairs Commission Update By Bill Gart - District 11 Senior Affairs Commissioner

On July 20th, 2015 the Senior Affairs Commission Housing Committee took a tour of three Senior communities. This is to better acquaint the committee and other Commissioners to familiarize themselves of the different type of communities that are available to our Senior Citizens of Dallas. Our SAC staff chose three different sites for us to visit. We focused on the ambiance of home and community. There were 13 members on the tour consisting of 5 commissioners, 4 SAC members of the committee

2 guest and 2 SAC staff members.

The tour was very enlightening and we were all impressed. The communities that we visited provided an outstanding living environment, and the exceptional privacy of each individual apartment. The three communities that we visited were The Juliette Fowler community, The Meridian at Kessler Park, and The Cliff Manor which is a low rent public housing development for Seniors run by the City of Dallas Housing Authority.

All three Senior living communities strive to create a lifestyle of independence and excellent security for citizens. We were all impressed with the professional employees hired by each community. They exemplified the true caring of each senior needs that our housed within their communities. The exceptional cleanliest impressed all, along with the size and roomiest of each apartment. Each community provided the finest accommodations, amenities, and ambiance that provides an outstanding lifestyle for a Senior choosing to live out their lives with dignity.

The Senior Affairs Commission will continue to visit other communities throughout the fiscal year so that each member will be fully educated in the Senior Living Community. This will allow the SAC staff to fully understand and hopefully contribute their expertise in addressing senior citizens' concerns by providing guidance, information, and assistance.



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