

Things to know about Plano, TX?

Plano is a city in Texas, United States, with a population of 288,061 and a land area of 71.58 square miles. It lies mostly within Collin County, but a small portion of it extends to Denton County. The city is part of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area and is home to several headquarters of many international companies.

History of Plano, Texas

During the early 1840s, European pioneers came into the area near present-day Plano. The city's birth is credited in part to the enterprises founded by William Foreman. He and his family began building facilities in the area, such as a sawmill, gristmill, and store, attracting more settlers to live in the city.

In 1848, Dr. Henry Dye, Plano's first medical doctor, came to live in the area. Mail service was established two years later, and Mr. Foreman's home became the city's unofficial post office. Now that the people have grown into a closer community, Dr. Dye felt the need to institute a proper name.

He sent an application to Washington D.C. requesting the name 'Fillmore' in honor of then-President Millard Fillmore. The petition was rejected, and the name 'Foreman' was suggested; however, Mr. Foreman himself disapproved of the idea. Dr. Dye and the community then proposed the name 'Plano' (from the Spanish word for "plain") as a reference to the area's terrain, which was flat and treeless. The post office accepted the name Plano, and Mr. Foreman became its first postmaster.

Although raising livestock was the leading business in the county, more and more people began farming the fertile, black land. The community built churches and schools, and local enterprises started to flourish. Towards the closing years of the 1850s, Plano's growth was steady, but the arrival of the Civil War caused it to be at a standstill. After the war, the people of Plano returned to restore their destroyed farms and open trades to attract new people to the city.

In 1872, the completion of the Houston and Central Texas Railway made Plano the trading center of the farming community of the Southwest Collin County. On June 2, 1873, the city of Plano was incorporated, and C.J.E. Kellner was elected as its first mayor.

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