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PRECINCT ONE NEWS

MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER ROY CHARLES BROOKS

Friends and neighbors,

The summer is coming to an end and a new school year is around the corner. This year we have witnessed events that were both tragic and alarming; events ranging from high profiles attacks across the county, to the spread of mosquito viruses such as Zika and West Nile. Let us continue to always remember and never forget those we have lost, and cherish those we still have.

August marks the countdown to back-to-school. Inside this edition you will find a list of back-to-school events taking place across Tarrant County. Be sure to spread the word so that we can help serve as many families as possible with much needed services and resources.

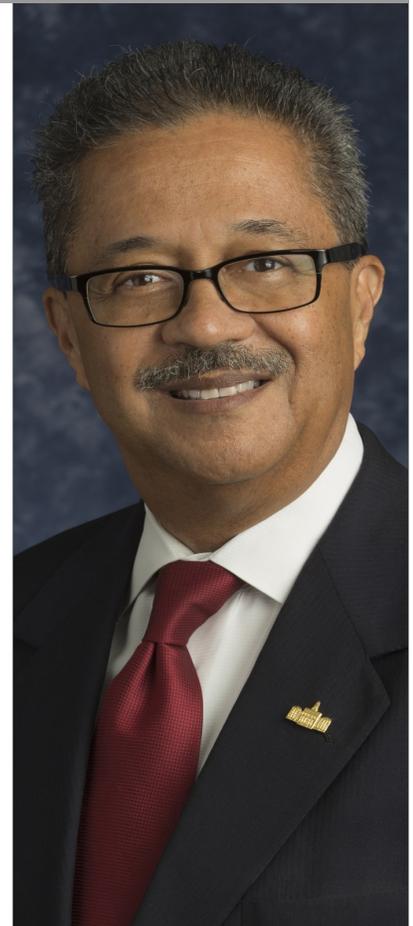
It is my mission to continue to provide you, the citizens of Tarrant County, with up-to-date information via the *Precinct One News*, social media and the Tarrant County Website. With that being said, I am excited to announce the Inaugural Alzheimer's Education Series Event as a part of the Healthy Lives Matter Initiative taking place on August 20th. More information can be found in the body of the newsletter.

As always, may God continue to prosper the work of your hands.

Sincerely,

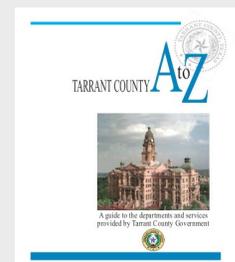
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Roy Charles Brooks



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Healthy Lives MaTTeR

Inaugural Alzheimer's Education Series Event



August 20, 2016

Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks invites you to attend and participate in his Inaugural Healthy Lives Matter Alzheimer's Education Series event for the citizens of Tarrant County.



The mission of the Healthy Lives Matter Alzheimer's Initiative is to provide accessibility to education which will lead to optimal care and services to individuals confronting Dementia, their caregivers and families in an on-going effort to improve quality of life.

This half-day seminar will offer peer support and resources for family caregivers and healthcare professionals.

This event is **FREE**; registration is required.

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided

LOCATION:

Tarrant County College
Trinity River Campus
300 Trinity Campus Cir.
Action Suite A
Fort Worth, TX 76102



TIME:

8am—1pm

Speakers & Special Exhibits



FREE EVENT!

REGISTER NOW

(817) 531-5600

(817) 370-4500



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Healthy Lives MaTTeR



Tarrant County College®

18TH ANNUAL NORTH TEXAS WELLNESS FAIR

Be sure to bring the entire family out to the Hispanic Wellness Coalition's 18th Annual North Texas Wellness Fair. Services will include FREE medical screenings, exercise and cooking demonstrations, and so much more.



WHEN:

SATURDAY
AUGUST 6, 2016
8 A.M. — 1 P.M.

WHERE:

FOREST HILL CIVIC &
CONVENTION CENTER
6901 WICHITA ST.
FOREST HILL, TX 76140

FREE Parking

FREE Shuttle from Tarrant
County College –
South Campus

For more information please
call: 817-735-2784 or click
[HERE](#) to email.



TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Tarrant County will see several important transportation improvements in the next few years. Years of work to increase transportation funding at the state and federal levels have produced billions of additional transportation dollars through the new federal surface transportation authorization bill (the FAST Act) and through state transportation funding mechanisms.

Here are updates on four important developments:

- **TEX Rail** – the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA) received a letter of no prejudice for the TEX Rail project, connecting downtown Fort Worth to the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport. The letter of no prejudice allows the FWTA to move forward with the construction of the project while the details of the federal funding agreement are finalized.
- **New Transportation Funding** – the Texas Legislature has put an emphasis on transportation funding for the past two legislative sessions. With Texas voters approving Proposition 1 (2014) and Proposition 7 (2015), TxDOT now has an additional \$38 billion over ten years to develop transportation projects.
- **New Express Bus Route** – the FWTA is also developing a new express bus route connecting downtown Fort Worth to Alliance, Denton, and the University of North Texas. This route will run on weekdays from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm beginning on September 26, 2016.
- **Unified Transportation Plan** - State officials are currently developing the 2017 (TxDOT) ten year planning document, the Unified Transportation Plan (UTP). The UTP contains all of the state and regional projects expected to be completed in the next ten years. The new transportation funding will be included in this document for the first time, sparking the opportunity for the development of several projects in Precinct One.

TxDOT will hold a statewide public involvement meeting for the development of the 2017 UTP on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 4:00 pm. Click [HERE](#) for more information and for how to participate.

*Article courtesy of Russell Schaffner
Mobility Coordinator
Tarrant County Administrator's Office*

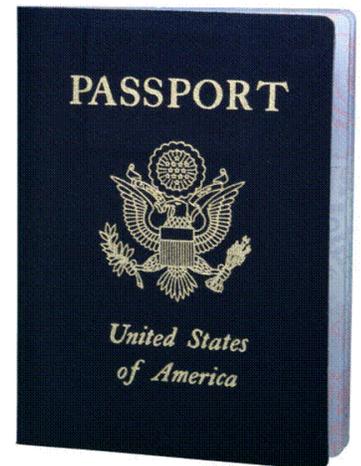
PASSPORT SERVICES RETURN TO TARRANT COUNTY

Tarrant County is excited to announce the return of Passport services available to its constituency. Passport services will be processed through the County Clerk's office at two locations. Locations include the Southlake Town Hall, 1400 Main Street in Southlake and the Southwest Sub-Courthouse located at 6551 Granbury Road in Fort Worth.

Services will include passport processing along with photo services if needed.

Passport services are also available at various post offices across

Tarrant County. For a complete listing click [HERE](#).



**Passport services are scheduled to begin in Tarrant County sometime in late-July to early-August*



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS



THURSDAY
August 4
5:30PM—7:30PM

Civic & Convention Center
6901 Wichita Street
FIRST HILL

*Free school supplies for Forest Hill residents. Bring water bill for proof. While supplies last.



WEDNESDAY
August 10
8AM—2PM

Will Rogers Memorial Center
3401 W Lancaster
FORT WORTH

*Pre-registration is required to attend the Tarrant County Back-to-School Roundup.



THURSDAY
August 11
5PM—8PM

EISD 9th Grade Campus
1000 Race Street
EVERMAN

*Pre-registration closes on Monday, August 1, 2016.



SATURDAY
August 13
10AM—2PM

The Church at Philadelphia
4716 Wichita Street
FORT WORTH

*BACK2SCHOOL Give-a-Way
Free School Supplies, Free Hair Cuts, Nutritional Tips, Mammograms for little or no cost, Food & Fun for the Whole Family!
(817) 534-3770



SUNDAY
August 14
12PM—5PM

Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
1600 Gendy Street
FORT WORTH

The FWISD will hold its 3rd annual Back to School event at the Fort Worth Science and History Museum Sunday

*You must register for this free event and pick up your museum tickets prior to the event. Ticket pick up information will be emailed once registration is complete.

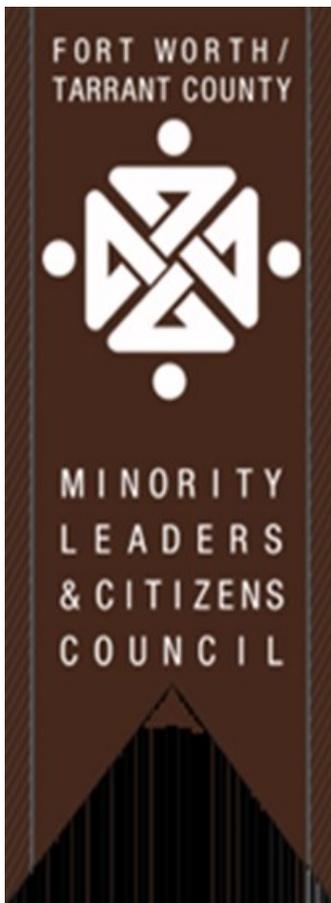


SATURDAY
August 20
9AM—1PM

Morningside Middle School
2751 Mississippi Avenue
FORT WORTH

*Parade begins at 9am at Carroll Peak and will end at Morningside Middle School
Free School Supplies and fun for the entire family!





FORT WORTH/TARRANT COUNTY MINORITY LEADERS & CITIZENS COUNCIL

Organized in February 1974, the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Minority Leaders & Citizens Council (MLCC) is the oldest forum that continuously meets for the dissemination of information concerning the minority communities of north Texas. MLCC meets weekly from noon to 1 pm on Wednesday's in the Community Christian Church Annex located at 1720 E. Vickery Blvd. in Fort Worth.

MLCC's mission is to promote the growth and opportunity of minority business leaders in the Fort Worth/Tarrant County area through business programs and

community involvement. Each week community leaders and public servants speak on health, education, current issues, economic development and community involvement. Weekly luncheons are aired on Fort Worth City TV, AT&T U-verse – Channel 99 & Charter Cable – Channel 190. For past meetings click [HERE](#) to begin watching.

Visit the [MLCC website](#) for more information on how you can become a member and become involved in community activities that affect you and your families.

NEW NAME • NEW LOGO • SAME MISSION

Known formally as the YWCA™, the Center for Transforming Lives (CTL) opened its doors in 1907 as the first YWCA™ in Texas. What began as a boarding house, cafeteria and employment bureau now provides women, children and families housing stability, affordable high-quality child care and financial empowerment coaching. The center moves participants from poverty to self-sufficiency.

In 2015, the CTL impacted 3,700 women, children, and families. The center provided child care for 402 children last year at three early childhood education centers across Tarrant County. Housing services include an emergency homeless shelter and

community-based housing for more than 600 women and families who are homeless or in living extreme poverty. Serving 850 individuals in last year, programs such as the center's Financial Empowerment Services, put women and families on the right track to independence and self-sufficiency. If you are interested in learning more about the Center for Transforming Lives or are interested in volunteering or taking a tour please visit the [web-site](#) or contact Audie Kuhn at (817) 484-1547.



MOSQUITO SAFETY

Summer is coming to an end, but that does not mean that we need to stop worrying about mosquitos. Be sure to keep in mind these safety tips when you are outdoors:



- * Use EPA approved insect repellants and follow directions on the label. Look for the active ingredients: **DEET, Picaridin or IR3535.**
- * Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. For extra protection, treat clothing with permethrin.
- * Mosquito-proof your home. Use screens on doors and windows. Turn on air conditioning. Run a fan in the room. Dump standing water.

For more information click [HERE](#) for the Tarrant County Public Health website.



ENERGY SAVING TIPS



Easy low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy

- To lower utility bills and manage your heating and cooling systems efficiently, consider installing a programmable thermostat.
- Instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle, try to air dry your dishes.
- Turn electronics off when you leave a room (lights, TVs, entertainment/gaming systems, desktop computers and monitors).
- Plug electronics (TVs, DVD players and stereos) into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use – electronics such as TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power.
- Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120°F.
- Take shorter showers instead of baths and use low-flow showerheads for additional energy savings. (Some cities such as Fort Worth, TX offer free WaterSense toilets to qualified residents. Click [HERE](#) for more info.)
- Wash only full loads of dishes/clothes.
- Air dry clothes.
- Check windows and doors to see if they are closed when heating/cooling your home.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR® label on light bulbs, home appliances, electronics, and other products. ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

For more information on energy savings please visit the U.S. Department of Energy website by clicking [HERE](#). Energy saving steps not only help you save money but make for a clean and healthy planet.

Reference: *Energy Saver Guide: Tips on Saving Money and Energy at Home*. U.S. Department of Energy. May 2014. Web. 8 July 2016 

Save the Date!

Friday, October 7, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

8th Annual

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Seniors

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& Sponsorship
applications available...

Hurry - space is limited,
and we sold out by
August 1st last year!

www.EmpoweringSeniors.com

817-581-3600

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Miller Avenue
Administration Building
3500 Miller Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76119
Phone: (817) 531-5600

Southwest Sub-Courthouse
6551 Granbury Road
Fort Worth, TX 76133
Phone: (817) 370-4500

Maintenance Facility
800 E Rendon–Crowley Road
Burleson, TX 76028
(817) 615-4050
Director of Field Operations
Dr. T.C. Webster

EMAIL:



STAY CONNECTED:



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- July 23.....Forest Hill Family Fun Day, click [HERE](#)
- August 4.....Forest Hill Back-to-School Event, click [HERE](#)
- August 6.....North Texas Wellness Fair, click [HERE](#)
- August 6.....5th Annual Family Expo & Big Latch On, click [HERE](#)
- August 10.....Tarrant County Back-to-School Roundup, click [HERE](#)
- August 11.....Everman ISD Back2School Bash, click [HERE](#)
- August 13.....The Church at Philadelphia Back2School Give-a-Way, click [HERE](#)
- August 14.....FWISD Back-to-School Event, click [HERE](#)
- August 20.....MCP Back-to-School Parade and Fair, click [HERE](#)
- September 5.....Labor Day**
- September 10.....Benbrook Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste Collection Event, click [HERE](#)
- September 17.....Wheels for Wellness, Prostate Event, click [HERE](#)
- September 20.....Healthy Lives Matter: Alzheimer’s Education Series Event, click [HERE](#)
- October 1.....Carnaval de Salud (Health Fair), click [HERE](#)
- October 4.....National Night Out**
- October 7.....Empowering Seniors Event, click [HERE](#)
- October 10.....Burleson Boo Bash, click [HERE](#)
- November 8.....ELECTION DAY**
click [HERE](#) to view the Early Voting Schedule, Locations, and Maps
- November 20.....XTO Energy Parade of Lights, click [HERE](#)
- November 24.....Thanksgiving**

OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Cathy Young Junior
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Administrative and Constituent Services

Roderick Miles, Jr.
Executive Administrator of
Programs and Outreach

Amanda Applon
Community Outreach Coordinator

Jeanette Martinez
Asst. Precinct Administrator

Stephanie D. Thompson
Office Administrator

Leon Polk
Office Administrator