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PRECINCT ONE NEWS

MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER ROY CHARLES BROOKS



Friends and neighbors,

Another year has come and gone. Although it has been full of ups and downs for each of us, let us thank God for the blessings he has given us and the strength and perseverance to continue living each day. Thanks to you, January 2017 will begin my fourth term as County Commissioner and my 13th year in office. I have served Tarrant County for over 25 years and have enjoyed every moment. My father always said, "Service is the rent you pay for the space you occupy."

I will continue to focus on issues affecting health disparities (physical and mental health), criminal justice reform, re-entry services, healthcare and youth programs. This holiday season, there will be many events for the family to enjoy across Tarrant County. Be sure to check out our community calendar for a list of such events.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roy Charles Brooks".

Roy Charles Brooks



COMMISSIONER BROOKS HONORED AS ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Earlier this year, Commissioner Brooks was honored as Elected Official of the year by Cenikor at the Join The Voices For Recovery luncheon. The Cenikor Foundation provides quality substance abuse and behavioral health services in the community through a continuum care for adults and adolescents.

Commissioner Brooks' has worked diligently to collaborate efforts with committed community partners to effect change. He continues to advocate and champion for opportunities for those who have stumbled along the way.

Thank you Cenikor for your hard work and dedication to improving the lives of others. To learn more about the Cenikor Foundation, click [HERE](#) to visit their website.



MEET THE FORT WORTH CHAPTER OF THE HISPANIC WOMEN'S NETWORK OF TEXAS

Unequivocally the largest chapter in the state of Texas, the Fort Worth Hispanic Women's Network of Texas celebrated 30 years of service this year. The organization brings individuals from diverse backgrounds, who are committed to the promotion of participation of women in public, corporate and civic arenas.

The HWNT additionally seeks to advance the educational, cultural, social, legal and economic well-being of all women. Along with their annual conference and seminars, the organization additionally works with youth through their Latinas in Pro-

gress (LIP) educational and scholarship program. LIP participants benefit from components that include: college preparation, writing skills, assertiveness training, life skills and Hispanic history, leadership, culture, politics and civism.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this local organization that is doing great things locally and state-wide.

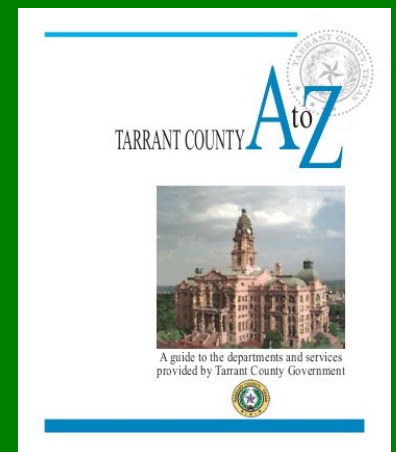


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HELP US KNOCK PROSTATE CANCER
Out the Park!

• 3RD ANNUAL •
**PROSTATE CANCER
SCREENING EVENT**
• FEB 11, 2017 •

Join

Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks at the 3rd Annual Prostate Cancer Screening Event, a *Healthy Lives Matter* Initiative, on February 11, 2017 at Moncrief Cancer Institute. FREE continental breakfast and lunch provided for this educational event.

LOCATION:
400 W. MAGNOLIA AVE.
FORT WORTH, TX 76104

TIME: 9AM-1PM



**Healthy
Lives Matter**
A ROY C. BROOKS EVENT

SPECIAL GUEST FROM
THE TEXAS RANGERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 817.531.5600.

#HLM #KnockItOutThePark

COUNTYWIDE CLOSURES

Tarrant County offices will be closed on the following days in recognition of the upcoming holidays:



Christmas

December 23 & 26



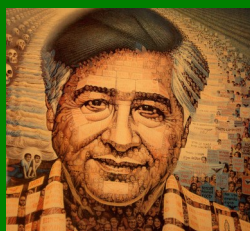
New Year's

January 2



Martin Luther King Day

January 16



Cesar Chavez Day

March 27

TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

Are you in need of transportation services? Here's a list of resources that are available to you across Tarrant County.

Trinity Railway Express

Service Area: Fort Worth, Richland Hills, Hurst

[Website](#)

(817) 215-8600

GENERAL PUBLIC

The T

Service Area: Fort Worth, Richland Hills

[Website](#)

(817) 215-8600

GENERAL PUBLIC

MTS

Service Area: Fort Worth, Richland Hills, Blue Mound

[Website](#)

(817) 215-8600

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Catholic Charities

Medical Trans.

Service Area: Tarrant County

[Website](#)

(817) 336-8714

NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND PHARMACY TRIPS

NETS

Service Area: HEB, Grapevine, Haltom City, Keller, NRH

[Website](#)

(817) 336-8714

OLDER ADULTS (55+) AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

TCTS

Service Area: Across Tarrant County (see website for route schedule)

[Website](#)

(817) 336-8714

COUNTY RESIDENTS 60+ and PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

HEB Transit

Service Area: HEB

[Website](#)

(817) 336-8714

JOB-RELATED TRIP FOR NON QUALIFYING NETS INDIVIDUALS AND ARE TRANS. DISADVANTAGED

Ride2Work

Service Area: Arlington

[Website](#)

(817) 336-8714

JOB-RELATED TRIP FOR NON QUALIFYING HANDITRAN INDIVIDUALS AND ARE TRANS. DISADVANTAGED

Handitran

Service Area: Arlington plus 1.5 miles beyond

[Website](#)

(817) 275-3704

OLDER ADULTS (65+) AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Catholic Charities

Employment

Service Area: Tarrant County

[Website](#)

CLIENTS AND/OR REFERRED BY PARTNER AGENCY

Medicaid Transportation

Service Area: North Texas
1 (855) 687-3255

MEDICAID RECIPIENT GOING TO BILLABLE SERVICE OR PHARMACY

Grand Connection

Service Area: Grand Prairie

[Website](#)

(972) 237-8546

OLDER ADULTS (60+) AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

What is human trafficking? Human trafficking is defined as the modern-day slavery of individuals (all ages) that involves some type of labor or commercial sex act achieved through force, fraud or coercion. It is the second most prevalent organized international crime activity, according to the Tarrant County Reentry Coalition.

Lack of public awareness, language barriers, fear of law enforcement and the victims fear of speaking out make this threat that much harder to detect. Victims vary from children to the elderly and come from different backgrounds. According to End Slavery Now, today there are an estimated 20.9 million people worldwide who are trapped in some form of slavery. Human trafficking can consist of: domestic servitude, sex trafficking, forced labor, bonded labor, child labor and forced marriage.

You can help save a life by recognizing the key indicators of this threat. This is the first step in identifying victims. Here are some of the common indicators provided by the Department of Homeland Security to help recognize human trafficking:

- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations or houses of worship?
- Has a child stopped attending school?
- Has the person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- Is a juvenile engaged in commercial sex acts?
- Is the person disoriented or confused, or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
- Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
- Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?
- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Is the person living in unsuitable conditions?
- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?
- Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?



Report suspected human trafficking activity to law enforcement (available 24/7, in over 300 languages and dialects at):

Call 1-866-347-2423 (toll free)

Call 1-802-872-6199 (non toll free international)

Report online at www.ice.gov/tips

Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at 1-888-3737-888 to get help or connect with a service provider in your area. The NHTRC is not a law enforcement or immigration authority and is operated by a nongovernmental organization.

For more information, please contact the Blue Campaign at bluecampaign@hq.dhs.gov.

**Not all indicators listed above are present in every human trafficking situation, and the presence or absence of any of the indicators is not necessarily proof of human trafficking. Do not attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to any suspicions. It is up to law enforcement to investigate suspected cases of human trafficking.*

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Health Care Delivery System to be Discussed

Advances in technology and the coordination of medical care have changed dramatically in the past 30 years. It is anticipated that the next 30 years will also bring significant changes.

Now, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court and JPS Health Network are looking into the future to anticipate changes in population demographics/growth, technology and

how health care services are provided.

Four Community Forums will be conducted to gain input from the general public on the future direction of the health care delivery system in Tarrant County. The Commissioners Court is hosting these "listening sessions," which are scheduled throughout the county for the convenience of interested residents.

All forums will begin at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday
November 9**

Resource Connection
2300 Circle Drive
Fort Worth, TX, 76119

**Thursday
December 1**

Arlington Subcourthouse
700 E. Abram St.
Arlington, TX, 76010

**Wednesday
December 7**

Lake Worth Activity Center
7005 Charbonneau Road
Lake Worth, TX, 76135

**Tuesday
January 10**

Northeast Courthouse
645 Grapevine Highway
Hurst, TX, 76054

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- December 1.....JPS Community Forum, click [HERE](#)
- December 1.....Forest Hill Tree Lighting Ceremony, click [HERE](#)
- December 1.....Crowley Tree Lighting Ceremony, click [HERE](#)
- December 1.....Everman Tree Lighting Ceremony, click [HERE](#)
- December 3.....Christmas in the Stockyards, click [HERE](#)
- December 3.....Benbrook Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show, click [HERE](#)
- December 3.....Burleson Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting and Fireworks, click [HERE](#)
- December 7.....JPS Community Forum, click [HERE](#)
- December 10.....Cowtown Indie Bazaar, click [HERE](#)
- December 17.....6th Annual Christmas Festival “El Jugueton,” FREE EVENT, click [HERE](#)
- December 25.....Merry Christmas!**
- January 1.....Happy New Year!**
- January 10.....JPS Community Forum, click [HERE](#)
- January 13—February 4.....Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo
- January 14.....Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo’s All Western Parade, click [HERE](#)
- January 16.....MLK Day**
- January 16.....Cowboys of Color Rodeo
- January 16.....Forest Hill MLK Day Parade, click [HERE](#)
- February 18.....Fort Worth Winder Wonderland, click [HERE](#)
- February 24—25.....Cowtown Health & Fitness Expo, click [HERE](#)
- February 25.....Fort Worth Zoo Family Day, click [HERE](#)
- March 4.....Book Angels Walk, click [HERE](#)
- March 27.....Cesar Chavez Day**

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Administration Building
3500 Miller Avenue
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Southwest Sub-Courthouse
6551 Granbury Road
Fort Worth, TX 76133
Phone: (817) 370-4500

Maintenance Facility
800 E Rendon-Crowley Road
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(817) 615-4050
Director of Field Operations
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