



Northeast Newsletter

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



Can you believe it's summer? This year is flying by, and rightfully so with everything that has been going on. Tarrant County is working hard to recover from the COVID-19 shutdown while continuing to tackle the fluid pandemic. It's exciting to see the resiliency and compassion of our community. It's also important to be mindful and ease back into routines by practicing recommended health precautions since we still see substantial positive COVID-19 cases in our County. Tarrant County Public Health has a free online screening tool and appointment system that any resident of Tarrant County can use to test for the COVID-19 virus. Visit covidtesting.tarrantcounty.com if you have symptoms and would like to be tested.

small businesses who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency, with \$6 million (20%) of this funding allocated for businesses with 51% Minority, Woman or Veteran ownership. The dollar amount of individual grants will be determined by the information provided, the number of eligible grant applications received and the funding pool available, with no individual grant being more than \$10,000. The program will open for application beginning on June 22 at 10 a.m. and will close on July 1 at 6 p.m. Each small business of 25 or fewer employees that applies may qualify for up to \$10,000 depending on meeting various requirements. We hope this small amount will offer relief to sustain our entrepreneurs as they continue to navigate the effects of the pandemic. View more at smallbusiness.tarrantcounty.com.

You may have noticed in this Northeast Newsletter that we are not highlighting an individual Tarrant County department. We want to commend ALL of our departments for the tremendous and excellent job they have done while we adjusted to COVID-19. Every department has taken on expanded responsibilities, precautions, and has tirelessly and courageously worked to keep our County responsive during the changing environment. Everyone has had a role in our efforts, from keeping our citizens and employees protected from the virus to helping create new programs addressing immediate needs in our community. As the White House has said, response and recovery to the coronavirus pandemic are managed and locally executed by the state, and federally supported. Tarrant County has played a crucial role in this whole-of-government, all-of-America approach to address COVID-19 in coordination with agencies such as the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), FEMA, U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, and our cities.

Heightened awareness of health has been almost everyone's concern for the past several months, so a friendly reminder to avoid heat injuries as you enjoy being outside. Even short periods of extreme heat -- 90 degrees or more for several consecutive days -- can cause serious health problems if people are not aware or careful. Stay updated on local weather forecasts so you can plan activities safely when it's hot outside. Also, follow the tips from Tarrant County Public Health at www.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health.html.

The Tarrant County Small Business Assistance Grant Program has been established by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court to utilize \$30 million in CARES Act funding to provide grants to Tarrant County

We are not having Coffee with the Commissioner this month but hope to have one in August. Read the rest of the newsletter for information about the City of Watauga, 2020 Census, Richland Hills Mayor Edward Lopez, early voting and the July 10 election, transportation updates, senior news, and more.

Gary Fickes

Due to the public health situation, we will not have Coffee with the Commissioner in June. We hope to resume Coffee with the Commissioner in August

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS



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Question of the Month

Question: Texas Facts, 1841 - Did you know that at one time, the entire World Famous Texas Navy was rented out to another country?

See the entire story on page 7

**In honor of this week's Charles Schwab challenge at Colonial...
The Quote of the Month - "Never go out on a golf course and beat the President"
—Lyndon Baines Johnson**



Mayor Edward Lopez



Over 30 years ago, Mayor Edward Lopez and his wife Violeta chose to make Richland Hills their home. They raised two beautiful daughters in Richland Hills, Violeta, and Grace. Violeta is currently a Lieutenant in the US Navy serving overseas, while Grace is an administrator at UNT and resides in Fort Worth with her husband, Garrett.

Mayor Lopez has worked for Kroger for the past 38 years, where he embraced his commitment to leadership through service. He fosters a special bond with the community and its citizens throughout Tarrant County. This strong bond of community and an urge to give back to the

city he loves is what led him to public service and elected office. As Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem for six years, Mayor Lopez saw the need to highlight the unique location of Richland Hills. With four major highways and the TRE Rail system, centrally located Richland Hills attracts and welcomes new businesses to the community.

He saw a need to help Richland Hills reach its full potential, so Mayor Lopez got to work. First and foremost, the city needed a plan. Under his leadership, the city updated its Comprehensive Plan and its Parks Master Plan. The Comprehensive Plan served as a guide for improvements to Baker Boulevard (TX183), which included sidewalks and enhanced landscape to the city's main thoroughfare.

The addition of new facilities built includes The Link Event and Recreational Center and The Link Plaza. The Plaza has truly transformed the city complex into a beautiful space ideal for community events. These facilities have become places for the Richland Hills community to gather and provide much-needed resources.

As Mayor Lopez embarks on his second term as Mayor, he feels he has only scratched the surface. He is excited to further transform Richland Hills into a vibrant place for the young and the old to enjoy and call home.

On a more personal note -

What do you do for fun? *I play pickleball with friends.*

Favorite Movie? *"Forrest Gump"*

Favorite Restaurant? *Pulido's*

Favorite vacation spot? *Playa Montelimar, Nicaragua*

Last book read? *"Davy Crockett, His Own Story"*

People would be surprised to know ... *My alter-ego is a shaggy haired surfer dude.*



July 10th ELECTION INFORMATION

Early Voting Monday, June 29 to Friday, July 10, 2020

Texas enables residents to vote early in person during the prescribed early voting period to make the voting process more convenient and accessible. Generally, a Tarrant County voter can go to any of the early voting locations in an election unless specified on the Early Voting Schedule. Follow the links below:

- ⇒ [Early Voting Schedule](#)
- ⇒ [View ID Requirements](#) for voting in person.
- ⇒ View the [closest early voting location\(s\)](#) to an address.
- ⇒ [Additional election information.](#)

[Election Day Information - July 14, 2020](#)



Note that Tarrant County has new voting equipment. View more about how to use the equipment in the above video.

Southlake Welcomes Its First Children's Book

Goodnight, Southlake



Connie Cooley
Illustrations by Christina Cooley Pastore

May 7, 2020—Colorful illustrations and lively stanzas inside *Goodnight, Southlake* take readers on a charming tour around town. Local author Connie Cooley celebrates 15 sites — including Dragon Stadium, Bicentennial Park and Town Square — in a rhyming book that has a little history thrown in. “These are places everyone will recognize, brought to life with a story and lots of color,” she explains. The illustrator is her daughter, Christina Cooley Pastore. Christina grew up in Southlake and lives in Rome, Italy with her husband, Alessandro, and their young son. Christina completed the brightly-colored pictures in Rome. After a visit, her mom bundled them up and brought them back to Texas for publication. Christina remains a Dragon at heart. “To Dragons, past, present and future,” she wrote on the book’s acknowledgement page. Although written with children in mind, everyone in town will enjoy *Goodnight, Southlake*. “It’s also a fun memento to send to friends who have moved away,” the author says, “and a memorable way to say ‘hello’ to families new to town.”

For more information visit <https://conniecooley.com>

CARE 4 TARRANT

Small Business Assistance Program
smallbusiness.tarrantcounty.com



\$30 Million of CARES Act Direct Allocation to Tarrant County Used for Program



**Support
Local Small Businesses in Tarrant County
and Outside City Limit of Fort Worth**



**Grant Funding up to \$10,000 with Certain
Requirements & Documentation Provided**



**20% of Grant Funds for 51% Minority,
Women & Veteran Owned Businesses**



**Learn More at
smallbusiness.tarrantcounty.com**



**Applications open June 22 at 10 a.m. and
close July 1 at 6 p.m.**



We honor and thank ALL Tarrant County Departments and employees for the hard work, flexibility, and grit you have displayed as we navigate and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have all had to adjust our routines and respond to constituent needs by offering assistance & optimism during a time of unknowns.

Your dedication to our community is appreciated!

Thank You!

A Heartfelt Thank You

We Appreciate You So Much!

Not all heroes
wear a Cape...

Some of our
heroes wear
scrubs and
uniforms!



*You
ARE
Awesome*



**Thank You
Healthcare Workers
and
Emergency Responders!**

Northeast Tarrant County Contact Information Updates

COMMISSIONER GARY FICKES, PRECINCT 3

Northeast Courthouse | Suite 200 | 817-581-3600

Southlake Town Hall | Suite 410 | 817-481-8234

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/main/en/commissioner-3.html> | gfickes@tarrantcounty.com

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 3

Northeast Courthouse

- Civil Process for citations, summons, subpoenas, writs, protective order and criminal warrants.

Southlake Town Hall

- Delinquent Tax Sales

Northeast Courthouse | Suite 110 | 817-581-3610

Southlake Town Hall | Suite 240 | 817-481-8059

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/tax.html>

COUNTY CLERK

- Purchase Certified Copies of Birth, Death or Marriage Records
- File Assumed Names and Military Discharges
- Search and File Assumed Names and Marriage Indexes
- Purchase Civil Court and Land Records
- View Posted Foreclosures and Public Notices
- Secure Attorney Access

Northeast Courthouse | Suite 120 | 817-884-1550

Southlake Town Hall | Suite 140 | 817-481-8179

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/main/en/county-clerk/vital-records.html>

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3

- Eviction Cases
- Small Claims Cases
- Debt Claims Cases
- Repair and Remedy Cases
- Occupational Drivers License Hearings
- Class C Misdemeanors
(Issued by Sheriff's Dept., Parks & Wild life, and DPS)
- Towed/Booted Vehicle
- Interruption of Utilities (Residential)
- Truancy
- Emergency Mental Health Commitments

Civil Case Filings - [E-file](#) | Pay Criminal Citations - jpfines.com

Northeast Courthouse | Suite 220 | 817-581-3625

Southlake Town Hall | Suite 220 | 817-481-8112

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Filings stop at 4:00 p.m.) | <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-3.html>

JUVENILE SERVICES

Northeast Courthouse | Suite 230 | 817-321-4844

<http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/juvenile-services.html>

NORTHEAST/SOUTHLAKE FULL-SERVICE PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY

**** For reopening of our offices, citizens are encouraged to make an appointment ****

- For first-time applicants and those not eligible to renew by mail
- Photo services also available
- Visit travel.state.gov for answers regarding the process, or to complete the application in advance of bringing it to our office.

Items to bring: Completed, unsigned application; Proof of citizenship and copy of citizenship document; Photo ID, copy of photo ID (front and back); two checks or money orders for each applicant.

Northeast Courthouse | Suite 210 | 817-248-6080

Southlake Town Hall | Suite 340 | 817-481-8190

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/county-clerk/administration/passport-information.html>

TARRANT COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

- Motor Vehicle Registration*
- Motor Vehicle Title Transfers
- Property Tax*
- Disables Placards and Plates
- Temporary Permits

*Services are available online for MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS Websites for services if other than your Tarrant County website. TXDMV.GOV FOR REGISTRATIONS

Northeast Courthouse | Suite 100 | 817-581-3635

Southlake Town Hall | Suite 110 | 817-481-8141

E-mail Motor Vehicle: MVT@TARRANTCOUNTY.COM | E-mail Property Tax TAXOFFICE@TARRANTCOUNTY.COM

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/tax.html>



Unfortunately, we haven't been able to get together and celebrate **YOU** for **EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY!**

Please know **YOU** make **TARRANT COUNTY** the **BEST COUNTY** in Texas, and we **APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO!**

THANK YOU!

Precinct 3 Employees Celebrating Retirement & Years of Service Milestones



Retired



Charlie Smith
Thank you for your 16+ years of service to Tarrant County!

Retired



Gerri McConnell
Thank you for your 35+ years of service to Tarrant County!

Retired



Sheila Wright
Thank you for your 10+ years of service to Tarrant County!

25 Year Anniversary

Roselee Kerr
Celebrating 25 Years with Tarrant County!

10 Year Anniversary

Kelly Reyna
Celebrating 10 years!

5 Year Anniversary

Cathryn Warren
Celebrating 5 years!

5 Year Anniversary

Manuel Torres
Celebrating 5 years!

15 Year Anniversary

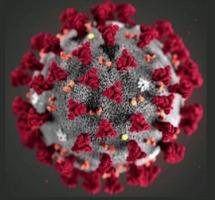
Merideth Tijerina
Celebrating 15 years!

COVID-19 INFORMATION

CARE 4 TARRANT

Tarrant County Coronavirus (Covid-19) Information Page

Tarrant County COVID-19 Updates; County Declarations and Orders



COVID Testing



COVID News Releases



COVID Transmission Data



Local Orders



Family Resources



Essential Businesses



Frequently Asked Questions

Business Assistance

Employment Solutions



Tarrant County

COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Tarrant County Small Business Assistance Grant program is designed to provide financial assistance to very small businesses that have been adversely affected by the current COVID-19 public health emergency and most likely have found it difficult to apply and access other federal grants or loans through the SBA or traditional banks and lending institutions. This grant program is aimed at assisting small businesses with the costs of business interruption caused by required closures. The dollar amount of individual grants will be determined by the financial information provided, the number of eligible grant applications received and the funding pool available, with no individual grant being more than \$10,000. An amount of \$30 million in CARES Act funds has been allocated by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court to the Small Business Assistance Grant Program for grant funding purposes.

For more information, see page 3.

Tarrant Small Business Development Center

<https://www.tarrant sbdc.org/resources>

Fort Worth Chapter of SCORE

<https://fortworth.score.org>

Office of Women's Business Ownership

<https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/wbo>

Fort Worth Job Fair - Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown Hotel June 25 11 a.m.-2 p.m. www.eventbrite.com

TC Workforce Solutions Virtual Industry Chat Series
Welcome Information Workshops
..... workforcesolutions.net/events/2020-06

TC Workforce Solutions MAPS Virtual Sessions - Online
workshop to fine-tune your resume and prepare for interviews
..... workforcesolutions.net/#maps

[Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County](#)

[Fort Worth Business Assistance Center](#)

[Tarrant County College \(TCCD\)](#)

[Tarrant County College Workforce Services](#)

[Tarrant County Employment Opportunities](#)

Jobs at Alliance Texas... www.alliancetexas.com/jobs-at-alliancetexas

Career One Stop www.careeronestop.org/JobSearch/job-search.aspx

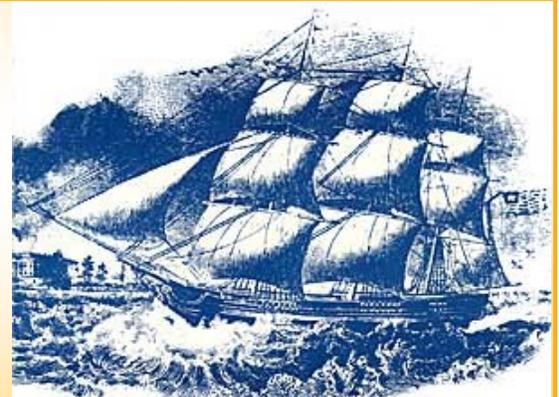
USA Jobs www.usajobs.gov

Work In Texas www.workintexas.com/vosnet/Default.aspx
www.linkedin.com/jobs

Question of the Month

Question: Texas Facts, 1841 - Did you know that at one time, the entire World Famous Texas Navy was rented out to another country?

Answer: In 1841, Mirabeau B. Lamar, president of the Republic of Texas, made an alliance with Yucatan, which was then in revolt with Mexico, to rent out the Texas Navy (all three ships) for \$8,000 a month. When Sam Houston was inaugurated president in December 1841, he promptly ordered the fleet back to Texas. Since the Yucatan didn't expect the Mexicans to fight for 8 to 12 months, they suspended the agreement with the understanding that it could be renewed when the Texas Navy was needed again.



Transportation and Assistance Programs in Northeast Tarrant County for Seniors, Disabled and Low-Income

Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes finds residents solutions by bringing people together. In 2009, the first Empowering Seniors event came to light as a platform for seniors to have access to essential information about services. Also, with the fast growth taking place in Northeast Tarrant County, he saw another need to fill, and in 2010 started the Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit. He brought community leaders, business owners, and others together to keep everyone informed about transportation construction projects, and to provide an outlet for ongoing dialogue and proposed solutions for our most pressing transportation problems. Both events have served the community for the past ten years.

What most people don't realize is for the past nine years, a significant portion of the proceeds from these two events have gone to area non-profits as a donation. These funds supplement their funding for the transportation assistance they offer area seniors, disabled residents, and help other non-profits with specialized programs for citizens in Tarrant County. All of this is possible, thanks to the wonderful sponsors, vendors, and supporters of our events while using no taxpayer dollars.

Information from Community Partners:

[Atmos Energy](#)
[DFW International Airport](#)
[IPS Health Network](#)
[Oncor](#)
[Tarrant County College \(TCCD\)](#)
[Trinity Metro](#)

Senior Agencies depend on volunteers. If you are interested in joining one of these agencies, please give them a call.



Call A Ride Southlake (CARS)

CARS provides service for senior citizens and disabled adults in Southlake for medical purposes within a 25-mile radius of the city and a 7-mile radius for medical, dental, social, business and personal needs. Services are provided by volunteers who supply their own vehicle, time and gas. CARS was established in 2000. | 817-798-4022 | callaridesouthlake.org



HEB Transit

HEB Transit provides transportation for disadvantaged people in Hurst, Euless and Bedford and access to employment destinations within those cities and the Hurst/Bell and CentrePort/DFW Airport Trinity Railway Express (TRE) stations. Services are provided by Catholic Charities. HEB Transit was established in 2006. | 817-336-8714 | catholiccharitiesfortworth.org



Mid-Cities Care Corps (MCCC)

MCCC's mission is to preserve the independence of senior neighbors in Northeast Tarrant County by providing transportation (for routine medical), Helping Hands projects and social outreach to break isolation for senior citizens age 65+. MCCC was established in 1981. | 817-282-0531 | midcitiescarecorps.org



Northeast Transportation Service (NETS)

NETS provides transportation services to older adults (55 years of age or older) and individuals with disabilities in Northeast Tarrant County for medical, work, social services, senior centers, education and shopping. Services are provided by both the Fort Worth Transportation Authority and Catholic Charities. NETS was established in 2002. | 817-336-8714 | ridenets.com



Social Transportation for Seniors (STS)

STS provides non-emergency round trip transportation for seniors 62 years and better in North Richland Hills for leisure and social activities with the purpose of re-engaging isolated seniors back into the community. Services are provided within a 7-mile radius by volunteers. STS was established in 2009. | 817-427-6696 | stsrides.org

Community Resources & Volunteer Opportunities

[6 Stones](#)

[ACH Child & Family Services](#)
[Alliance for Children](#)
[Catholic Charities Fort Worth](#)
[Christ's Haven for Children](#)
[Community Enrichment Center](#)
[Community Storehouse](#)
[The Gatehouse](#)

[GRACE](#)

[Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County](#)
[Metroport Meals on Wheels](#)
[Mid-Cities Care Corps](#)
[Mission Central](#)
[North Texas SNAP](#)
[One Safe Place](#)
[SafeHaven of Tarrant County](#)

[Salvation Army DFW](#)

[Sixty and Better](#)
[Tarrant Area Food Bank](#)
[Tarrant County Homeless Coalition](#)
[United Way of Tarrant County](#)
[Veterans Coalition of Tarrant County](#)
[The Women's Center of Tarrant County](#)

Homelessness: For those in need of **Community Resources** call **211**. If you are experiencing homelessness, or are at risk call **817-996-8800** or click this link to fill out an [Online helpline form](#).

Tarrant Area Food Bank Mobile Pantry Schedule: www.tafb.org

Child Care: [The Best Place for Kids!](#)

Mental Health: For those dealing with mental health issues during the COVID-19 pandemic, call the MHMR (My Health My Resources) **ICare call center at 817-335-3022** or for the hearing impaired use the **TTY_TDD numbers at 817-569-4488**.

Welcome to our series "Northeast Tarrant County Cities," where we share information about one of the cities located in Precinct 3 in each newsletter. It's impossible to share everything on one page that makes a city great, but we hope to scratch the surface on what makes each city a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Northeast Tarrant County is home to 16 municipalities in one of the most urbanized regions in the State of Texas. Commissioner Fickes, along with Tarrant County, partners with many entities, including our cities. With these partnerships, our communities continue to thrive via road projects, economic development, public health services, public safety, and emergency management.

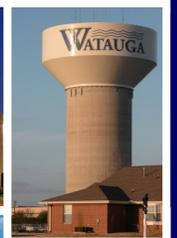
Watauga, a community of more than 24,555 residents, is located in the northeast quadrant of Tarrant County in the DFW Metroplex. Watauga is just a short eight miles to downtown Fort Worth, and a quick 11 miles to DFW International Airport. The city's prominent location, and well-traveled roadways have created a healthy business climate for commerce.

Great schools, parks, events, and an award-winning library pave the way for a great lifestyle for residents. Birdville ISD and Keller ISD serve diverse communities and have systems of innovative learning approaches that respond to the unique needs, interests, and talents of all students. The Watauga Public Library was the proud recipient of the 2019 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award for the 8th consecutive year, placing them in the top 10% of public libraries in Texas!

Thanks to the Watauga Patrol Division, Watauga continues to focus on prosperity by maintaining a low crime rate. The Division consists of two-day shifts and two-night shifts that provide for public safety by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting people and property, enforcing motor vehicle and criminal laws, and promoting good community relations. They strive to provide the highest quality police services while safeguarding individual liberties and building positive community relationships.

The Watauga Fire Department is a full-service organization that consists of 1 Engine Company, 1 M.I.C.U. ambulance and a cross staffed Quint/M.I.C.U. They employ 27 personnel, including the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, 3 Lieutenants, 3 Driver/Engineers, and 18 Firefighter/Paramedics. Their mission is to safeguard the lives and property and to enhance the quality of life of any person that resides, works, or visits the City of Watauga.

Watauga has so many things to offer its residents, from a central location, affordable housing, and a low tax rate, to a great variety of shops and restaurants. Their small-town atmosphere strikes just the right balance of community pride and involvement for a quality of life that meets the needs of their citizens.



City of Watauga
7105 Whitley Road, Watauga, Texas 76148
817-514-5800

- Animal Shelter 817-656-9614
- Code Enforcement 817-514-5889
- Human Resources 817-514-5819
- Library 817-514-5855
- Municipal Court 817-514-5715
- Parks & Community Services 817-514-5828
- **Emergency** **9-1-1**
- Police Non-Emergency 817-514-5897
- Fire & EMS Department 817-514-5874

www.cowtx.org



Tarrant County Residents Can Still Fill Out The Census Online

Tarrant County has the highest response rate of large urban counties in Texas. In Tarrant County, 62.1% of households have responded to the 2020 U.S. Census. Overall, Tarrant County's total response rate in the 2010 Census was 66.8%. While our community has made great progress on our Census response, it is essential that we continue to increase our response rate and eclipse our 2010 level.

The U.S. Census Bureau is resuming activities, and offices in Tarrant County are beginning to open. This means the Census Bureau is currently hiring enumerators and other temporary worker positions. To apply and find out more information, please visit 2020census.gov/jobs. If you have not taken the 2020 Census, it's not too late to fill it out online. Go to my2020census.gov and complete your Census. Any information you give the Census Bureau is confidential and will be used for many government activities and programs including allocation of federal funding, economic development, and redistricting. You Count. We Count. Tarrant Counts.

Texas self-response deadline is August 14

Visit census.tarrantcounty.com



City	%	Rank
Bedford	69.6	
Colleyville	82.5	3
Eules	61.6	
Fort Worth	58.0	
Grapevine	68.2	
Haslet	78.4	23
Hurst	68.0	
Keller	78.8	18
N. Richland Hills	69.8	
Richland Hills	65.7	
Southlake	77.7	27
Trophy Club	80.3	9
Watauga	71.9	
Westlake	69.6	

An Historic Moment In Time "The United States Census"

The decennial census has been taken since before the Constitution's ratification in the early 17th century and continues today. In almost all the British colonies that became the United States, they took a count of the number of people. The country's needs and interests became more complex, requiring a need for statistics to help people understand what was happening and to give them a basis for planning. Therefore, the content of the decennial census changed accordingly. In 1810, the first inquiry on manufacturers, quantity, and value of products occurred; in 1840, they counted fisheries; and in 1850, the census included questions on social issues, such as taxation, churches, pauperism, and crime.

As a result of the census's evolution, the constitutionally mandated census has grown to provide valuable information about the U.S. population and its housing. The economic and government censuses and the demographic and economic surveys, combined with census data for statistical information, serve a variety of needs.

The U.S. Census Bureau provides governments, scholars, planners, businesses, and individuals the data they need to build schools, plan highways, open businesses, and distribute the billions of dollars in federal spending that sustains a growing population.

The censuses also spread geographically, to new states and territories added to the Union, as well as to other areas under U.S. sovereignty or jurisdiction. It took close to a full decade to publish the results of the

1880 census, due to the numerous inquiries. In response to this, the census was mechanized in 1890, with tabulating machines made by Herman Hollerith, reducing the processing time to two and a half years. Through the decades, the census has collected data on race, ancestry, education, health, housing, and transportation.

Political and technological changes, and the shifting public demand for information, have all shaped the modern census and the mission of the Census Bureau. Although the U.S. Census Bureau carries out hundreds of surveys every year, its most well-known duty is still to conduct the decennial census. Census results have several high-profile applications: they are used to reapportion seats in the House of Representatives, to realign congressional districts, and as a factor in the formulas that distribute hundreds of billions of dollars in federal fund each year. Because of the importance of this population count, procedural changes in the decennial census often reflect larger organizational shifts at the Census Bureau.



President George Washington, Vice President John Adams, and Speaker of the House Frederick Muhlenberg signed the 1790 census act, March 1, 1790.

<https://www.census.gov/history/>

A Timeline of Census History

1790 - JANUARY 8, 1790 President George Washington gives the first state of the Union Address.

1792 - FEBRUARY 20, 1792 Establishment of U.S. Post Office Department.

1794 - JULY 17, 1794 Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin.

1797 - JULY 10, 1797 The United States launches its first naval ship, the frigate USS United States.

1800 - APRIL 30, 1800 The United States purchases 328,000 square miles from France for the price of 15 million.

1804 - MAY 14, 1804 Lewis and Clark Expedition begins.

1806 - MOSE WEBSTER publishes the *Compendious Dictionary of the English Language*.

1807 - AUGUST 17, 1807 Robert Fulton makes the first steamboat journey up the Hudson River from New York City, NY to Albany, NY.

1810 - OCTOBER 11, 1810 Steam-powered ferry service between New York City, NY and Hoboken, NJ.

1812-1814 - JUNE 18, 1812-FEBRUARY 18, 1815 War of 1812.

1814 - SEPTEMBER 13-14, 1814 Francis Scott Key writes "The Star-Spangled Banner."

1818 - APRIL 4, 1818 Congress adopts twenty stars and stripes for the national flag of the United States, a star added for each new state.

1820 - NOVEMBER 20, 1820 A whale sinks the whaling ship *Essex* inspiring Herman Melville's 1851 novel, *Moby Dick*.

1823 - DECEMBER 2, 1823 President James Monroe's "Monroe Doctrine" considers further foreign attempts to reconquer North America as hostile.

1825 - OCTOBER 26, 1825 The first boat leaves Buffalo, NY on route to New York City, NY via the Erie Canal.

1827 - FEBRUARY 28, 1827 The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad becomes the first to provide rail transportation for people and goods.

1831 - MARCH 19, 1831 Edward Smith commits the first bank robbery in the United States when he steals \$24,000 from the Albany Bank of New York.

1832 - JULY 24, 1832 The first wagon train crosses the Rocky Mountains at Wyoming's South Pass.

1836 - FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 6, 1836 The Battle for the Alamo wages in San Antonio, TX.

1839 - FEBRUARY 11, 1839 University of Missouri in Columbia, MO, becomes the first college west of the Mississippi River.

1840 - AUGUST 9, 1842 The Webster-Ashburn Treaty formalizes the U.S. border east of the Rocky Mountains.

1844 - MAY 24, 1844 Samuel B. Morse sends the message, "What hath God wrought?" over the first telegraph line from Washington, DC, to Baltimore, MD.

1845 - SEPTEMBER 1845 The "Great Potato Famine" begins, resulting in Irish immigration to the United States.

1848 - JANUARY 24, 1848 A worker discovers gold at Sutter's Mill in California.

1850 - MARCH 20, 1850 Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes the anti-slavery masterpiece, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

1853 - JULY 18, 1853 Commodore Matthew Perry lands in Edo Bay, Japan, and negotiates a trade agreement.

1857 - MARCH 23, 1857 Eliza Dins installs the first elevator in a building at 488 Broadway in New York City, NY.

1859 - OCTOBER 16, 1859 John Brown leads a raid on the armory at Harpers Ferry, VA.

1860 - APRIL 3, 1860 The first Pony Express riders leave for stagecoach routes west and San Francisco, CA.

1861 - APRIL 12, 1861 - MAY 9, 1865 U.S. Civil War.

1867 - MARCH 30, 1867 The United States buys Alaska from Russia.

1869 - DECEMBER 10, 1869 Wyoming becomes the first state to give women the right to vote.

1870 - MARCH 18, 1870 The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gives the right to vote to all men.

1871 - OCTOBER 8-10, 1871 A fire kills 300 people, destroys Chicago's main stock exchange, and leaves 100,000 homeless in Chicago.

1872 - APRIL 1, 1872 Yellowstone Park, which covers parts of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho, becomes the first national park.

1872 - JUNE 25-26, 1872 Sioux and Cheyenne Indians defeat George Custer and the 7th U.S. Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

1880 - JULY 4, 1881 Booker T. Washington opens the first college for African Americans in Tuskegee, AL.

1888 - SEPTEMBER 4, 1888 Thomas Edison, the first U.S. inventor to begin generating electricity for public use.

1885 - JUNE 17, 1885 The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York Harbor from France.

1889 - MAY 31, 1889 A flood in Johnson, PA, kills more than 2,500 people after rain destroys the South Fork Dam.

1890 - JANUARY 1, 1890 The Ellis Island Immigration Station in New York Harbor opens as the main immigration center on the east coast.

1893 - MAY 1-OCTOBER 30, 1893 More than 25 million people visit the World Columbian Exposition in Chicago, IL.

1895 - NOVEMBER 5, 1895 George E. Selden received the first U.S. patent for the automobile.

1898 - APRIL 25-AUGUST 12, 1898 The Spanish-American War.

1900 - SEPTEMBER 8, 1900 The deadliest natural disaster in U.S. history strikes Galveston, TX, when a hurricane kills 8,000.

1903 - DECEMBER 17, 1903 The Wright Brothers successfully fly a complete airplane at Kitty Hawk, NC.

1906 - APRIL 18, 1906 An earthquake kills 3,000 people and destroys 80 percent of San Francisco, CA.

1908 - OCTOBER 1, 1908 Ford Motor Company begins production of the Model T.

1910 - APRIL 14-15, 1912 RMS Titanic strikes an iceberg and sinks in North Atlantic Ocean.

1914 - AUGUST 15, 1914 The SS *Aconia* makes the first official transit of the Panama Canal.

1917-1918 - APRIL 6, 1917-NOVEMBER 11, 1918 United States involvement in World War I.

1919 - JANUARY 16, 1919 Ratification of the 18th Amendment which prohibits the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors.

1920 - AUGUST 18, 1920 Ratification of the 19th Amendment which gives women the right to vote.

1927 - FEBRUARY 14, 1924 IBM Corporation founded in part from Herman Hollerith's Tabulating Machine Company.

1927 - MAY 21, 1927 Charles Lindbergh lands his airplane "The Spirit of St. Louis" in Paris, successfully completing the first trans-Atlantic flight.

1929 - OCTOBER 29, 1929 "Black Friday" at the stock market signals the beginning of the Great Depression.

1930 - MARCH 3, 1931 The *Star-Spangled Banner* designated as the national anthem.

1933 - DECEMBER 5, 1933 The 13th Amendment repeals the prohibition on the sale of alcohol.

Click here to see the complete timeline: https://www.census.gov/history/img/timeline_census_history.bmp

SENIOR NEWS



TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Tax Help Available with VITA Tarrant County VITA sites are currently closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. However, the City of Fort Worth has introduced Taxes to Go! The program provides free VITA tax filing assistance via email through July 15. The IRS has extended the tax filing deadline to July 15 because of COVID-19.

How It Works

1. Download the following forms and checklist:
2. [Form 13614-C](#)
3. [Form 14446 Checklist](#)

Email the completed forms to VITA@fortworthtexas.gov

- Watch for a confirmation email from VITA; reply to confirm a phone appointment.
 - Watch for completed tax return by email; review for accuracy.
 - Agree to allow VITA to submit your return electronically; save a copy of your return.
- Give us your feedback by completing a short survey.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible?

- Taxpayers who make **less than \$58,000** per year.
- Individuals who are filing their current year 2019 taxes.

Who is NOT eligible?

- Taxpayers who use the Married Filing Separately Status.
- Taxpayers who have rental income.
- Taxpayers who need to amend a tax return that has already been filed.
- Taxpayers who need to file for prior years (2018, 2017, 2016).

What technology will I need? You will need to complete the required forms using a smartphone or computer. You will need access to the internet, as well as a working phone number and email address. You may scan or photograph documents with a smartphone camera to [email them to VITA@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:VITA@fortworthtexas.gov).

How long will the process take? Give yourself at least 30 minutes to complete the required forms (13614-C and 14446). Additional time will vary depending on how many documents you need to scan/photograph and email to VITA. A tax preparer and reviewer could take up to an hour with you by phone depending on the complexity of the return.

What will I need for my phone appointment? Have with you all relevant tax forms and receipts for 2019, Social Security numbers for yourself, spouse and any dependents. If you think you'll receive a refund, please also have your bank account information on hand.

Is it safe to email my information to VITA? VITA best practices for security include:

- An encrypted email system to process your return.
- Secure online software called Taxslayer, which provides multiple security measures such as multi-factor authentication and reCaptcha during log-in.

VITA ensures that clients' data is wiped clean within 24 hours of completing the final tax return. Where's my refund? If you haven't received your refund yet, go to [the IRS website](#) and use the [Where's My Refund tool](#). You will need to know your social security number, filing status and refund amount.

Where can I get a copy of my tax return transcript or tax account transcript? You can obtain a *free* copy by either [ordering your transcript online](#), calling the IRS Transcript Order Line at 1-800-908-9946, or printing and filling out [Form 4506-T](#) before mailing or faxing it to the address listed on the form.

Can I file my taxes for free without using VITA? Yes. [MyFreeTaxes.com](#) is a free software from H&R Block that helps identify your potential eligibility for tax credits and deductions, and allows you to file your taxes for free.

More questions?

Contact us at VITA@fortworthtexas.gov



EXTREME HEAT COOLING CENTERS

Exposure to even short periods of extreme heat can cause serious health problems.

Check here for Extreme Heat Cooling Centers in the area:

[United Way of Tarrant County](#) or call 211 | www.TarrantCares.org

Virtual Enjoyment

- ◇ Take an interactive tour of 4 of [America's National Parks](#)
- ◇ Listen to [oral histories](#) at the National Women's History Museum
- ◇ Choose any of [Monterey Bay Aquarium's live cams](#), including the sea otter cam (so cute!)
- ◇ Ride [It's a Small World](#) at Disney
- ◇ Senior Planet <https://www.facebook.com/seniorplanet> or <https://seniorplanet.org>

JUNE is
MEN'S HEALTH
MONTH



Transportation

Northeast Tarrant County

DFW Connector Project

Hotline: 877-411-4212
www.dfwconnector.com



Sign up for e-alerts!

- The DFW Connector is currently 70% COMPLETE!
- The project has opened up the new ramp to SH 114/DFW Airport from the southbound SH 121 frontage road.
- Crews have switched traffic on westbound I-635 to a new pattern to progress that area towards the final configuration.
- Drainage, utility, and paving work continues at various areas of the project to move the project towards completion!



Highway 26

TxDOT - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300
sh26project.com
www.txdot.gov



Sign up for e-alerts!

- Recent work completed on SH 26 includes the installation of the permanent traffic signals, sidewalk placement at various locations and irrigation installation throughout the project. SH 26 construction activity will continue with installation of remaining sidewalks, retaining walls, permanent traffic signals and miscellaneous items over the coming weeks.



- Estimated project completion in 2020.

Driver Safety

Work zones present a different environment for drivers to navigate. Drivers are likely to encounter uneven pavement, narrow lanes, concrete barriers, slow-moving heavy equipment, and vehicles that make sudden stops. Please keep the following tips in mind when driving through work zones:

- Slow down and always follow posted work zone speed limits. Remember, traffic fines double in work zones when workers are present and can cost up to \$2,000.
- Pay attention as workers and heavy equipment may only be a few feet from passing vehicles.
- Don't tailgate. Give yourself room to stop in a hurry. Rear-end collisions are the most common kind of work zone crashes
- Stay alert, minimize distractions, and put the phone away.
- Watch out for road crews. The only protective gear they wear is a vest, hard hat, and safety boots. Their bodies are no match for your vehicle.
- Allow extra time. Road construction slows things down. Count on it and plan for it.



More safety tips at <https://www.txdot.gov>

Chambers of Commerce

- Colleyville Chamber of Commerce www.colleyvillechamber.org
- Grapevine Chamber of Commerce www.grapevinechamber.org
- HEB Chamber of Commerce www.heb.org
- Greater Keller Chamber www.kellerchamber.com
- NE Tarrant Chamber of Commerce www.netarrant.org
- Metroport Chamber www.nwmetroportchamber.org
- Southlake Chamber www.southlakechamber.com

Senior Centers

- Bedford Senior Center (817) 952-2326 www.bedfordtx.gov
- Colleyville Senior Center (817) 503-1195 www.colleyville.com
- Eules Family Life Sr. Center..... (817) 685-1671 www.eulesstx.gov
- Grapevine Active Adults at The REC (817) 410-3465 www.gograpevine.com
- Haltom City Sr. Citizens Center..... (817) 834-8021 www.haltomcitytx.com
- Hurst Sr. Citizens Activities Center (817) 788-7710 www.ci.hurst.tx.us
- Keller Senior Activities Center..... (817) 743-4370 www.cityofkeller.com
- N. Richland Hills Senior Center (817) 427-6600 www.nrhtx.com
- Richland Hills Sr. Activities Center (817) 616-3738 www.richlandhills.com
- Southlake Senior Activity Center ... (817) 748-8315 www.ci.southlake.tx.us
- Watauga Senior Center (817) 514-5892 www.ci.watauga.tx.us

Online Events

Learning

- Fort Worth YMCA Group Fitness Classes**
..... www.facebook.com/DowntownFortWorthY
- Google for Education/Applied Digital Skills** - Lessons organized around a common theme for all ages applieddigitalskills.withgoogle.com
- National Geographic Explorer Classroom** every weekday at 1:00 p.m.
Events are free and open to the public www.nationalgeographic.org
- National Women’s History Museum** - Listen to oral histories at <https://www.womenshistory.org/resources/general/rosie-riveter-oral-histories>
- StoryCorps** - Listen to recorded Veterans’ stories -
..... <https://storycorps.org/discover/military-voices/>

For Fun

- Interactive Tours** of four parks America’s National Parks
- It’s a Small World ride at Disney** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09bowEw0td8&feature=youtu.be>
- Monterey Bay Aquarium** - Experience the wonder of the ocean no matter where you are <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams>
- Senior Planet** - Join other seniors for free online discussions, exercise and more at <https://www.facebook.com/seniorplanet> or <https://seniorplanet.org/>
- The Cliburn Kids** - New videos posted
Mondays & Thursdays – 11 a.m. CDT on Facebook - @TheCliburn



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**Locations In
Northeast Tarrant County**

Health Clinics

- Gertrude Tarpley JPS Health Center** .. 817-514-5036
6601 Watauga Road, Watauga 76148
- JPS Medical Home Northeast Tarrant** 817-702-1100
3200 W. Eules Boulevard, Eules 76040

School-Based Clinics

- Birdville** 817-547-3046
8200 O’Brian Way, N. Richland Hills 76180
- Birdville** 817-759-2035
2807 Layton Avenue, Haltom City 76117
- Grapevine/Colleyville** 817-251-5751
3050 Timberline Drive, Grapevine 76051
- HEB** 817- 399-3500
3115 W. Pipeline Road #B, Eules TX 76040
- Georgia Kidwell - HEB** 817-399-3366
3115 W. Pipeline Road #D, Eules TX 76040

For a complete list of Health Clinics and School-Based Clinics log onto:
www.jpshealthnet.org

COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**July 3 - In Observance of
Independence Day**

September 7 - Labor Day

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