

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Precinct 3 Headquarters! Why? Because our year. Because of the expected larger atten-Northeast Newsletter has been selected to dance this year, we have moved to Campus receive the "Best Practices Award for Com- West (Airport Freeway and FM 157/ munications" from the Texas Association of Industrial Boulevard). This is across the Counties. The formal presentation will be at street from First Baptist Church-Euless/ their annual convention in Austin on September 2, 2010. Our Northeast Newsletter has been recognized for our ability to communicate with our constituents via e-mail and the partnerships we have established with our local Chambers of Commerce that hosting our Annual United Way Fish Fry. forward the newsletter to their memberships. A special thanks to our staff: Carolyn, Rebecca, Mary Ann, Theresa and Roselee.

In the last Northeast Newsletter, I dis- Don't miss it! cussed the upcoming County budget. At that time, we thought we would have a 2% decline in property values...WRONG! It is 4%! We will still have the same results: we will reduce spending, no increase in tax Center. rates, and we'll approve a balanced budget.

On Friday, October 1, 2010, we will be hosting our 2nd Annual Empowering Seniors

There's a lot of proud people here at the <u>Expo</u>. This event was a great success last Trinity High School. We will be providing medical screenings, workshops, vendors, entertainment and food. Check out page 4 for more details.

On Friday, October 8th, we will be All the fish will be prepared by Commissioner Fickes and the Catfish Gals & Guys at our new location: Precinct 3 Maintenance Center, 7301 Precinct Line Road.

If you're a Traffic Congestion Transportation guru, mark Friday, February 18th for our 2011 Northeast Transportation Summit, held at the new Hurst Conference

Gary Fickes



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Dee Anderson

Tarrant County Sheriff



In January 2001 Dee Anderson became the 34th Sheriff of Tarrant County and is currently serving his third four-year term. Dee is a native Texan and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where he majored in journalism. Before becoming a police officer he worked at various area newspapers as both a reporter and an editor. While working as a reporter, Dee did ride-alongs with some police officers and wrote articles about them. It was this introduction to the law enforcement community that led him to pursue this career path.

Dee joined the Arlington Police Department in 1980 where he rose through the ranks to become the Media Relations Coordinator, a position he held for 15 years, and received the Pinnacle Award for Excellence and the Medal of Merit. In this capacity he appeared as the spokesperson for the Arlington Police Department on all of the major television news networks. He is a co-founder of the "Amber Plan", a cooperative effort between law enforcement and the media to alert the public of suspected child abductions. This Plan has been replicated and implemented throughout the nation and internationally as well as by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

In addition to his law enforcement career, Dee is a well-respected referee in football circles and has officiated at some of the biggest high school regular season and playoff varsity games and state quarter - and semi-final games. In 2008, he was the replay official for the Humanitarian Bowl, a Division I college bowl game.



Sheriff Anderson pictured 2nd from the left.

Anderson and his wife, Rebecca, will celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary this November. They have three children—Kelly, who is married, Hannah, a student at UNT in Denton, and Ben, a senior at Kennedale High School.

What do you do for fun? *Visit our country home to hunt and fish.* Favorite Movie? *"Casablanca"* Favorite Restaurant? *Any place with a good steak!* Favorite Book? *Any cheesy suspense novel by Harlan Coben or Stuart Woods* Favorite vacation spot? *Anyplace with snow skiing or a beach!*



Tarrant County Resource Connection

Believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, the Resource Connection is a client centered one-stop center of health, education, employment and human services. It is located on a nearly 300 acre campus in the southeastern part of Fort Worth, with regular bus services and an intra-campus shuttle service. A comprehensive service delivery system provides more than 39 different programs and services for over one thousand clients daily.

Tarrant County serves as the lead agency among the collaboration and provides administrative management and 24hour, 7-days a week security services for our tenant agencies. The Resource Connection operates as an Enterprise Fund and is self-supporting. Revenue is generated through occupancy costs and from the rental of the Aquatic Center, Conference Center and meeting room space. The Resource Connection is a department within Tarrant County government. The Director of the Resource Connection



reports to the County Administrator. Oversight for the Resource Connection is provided by a nine member advisory board that represents the original anchor agencies. Commissioner Roy C. Brooks serves as the chair. Two members represent Tarrant County and JPS Health Network. There is one representative from each of the remaining agencies; Tarrant County Mental Health Mental Retardation, Fort Worth ISD, Senior Citizen Services and the State agencies - Health and Human Services Commission is the lead agency in this group.

The Resource Connection has six staff members: Judi Ketchum, The Director, a Secretary, Receptionist, Accounting Clerk, Aquatic Supervisor, and a full time and part time Shuttle Bus Service Operators. The Director is responsible for property management, financial management, coordination and program facilitation and

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ille Senior

Life is good at the Colleyville Senior Center! Come see us. Our facility is open to the active adult population ages 50 and better. Some classes, programs and activities may require fees to cover the cost of supplies and instructor cost. We offer a wide variety of classes, programs, activities, and special events. Special Interests programs: Needles in a Haystack, Blood Pressure checks provided by the Colleyville Fire Department, Genealogy Group. Social Hour: Tuesday evenings Supper and So-



cial, Metroport Meals on Wheels Luncheons. Breakfast Bri-Pillow gade, Packing Mamas. Games and Euchre, Cards: "42", Wii, Social "84". Bridge, Mah Jong (American and



Colleyville Senior Center- 2512 Glade Rd

Chinese versions). Health and Wellness classes: Jazzercise Lite, Yoga, Tai Chi for Arthritis, and Tai Chi Yang Style. A Fitness Room for all to enjoy that includes cardio and strength training equipment.

Technology classes: We have Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2007. We offer Windows Fundamentals (Introduction to Computers), Excel, Word, Digital Cameras, Scanning and Burning CD's and much more. Trips Around Town and Beyond are scheduled on a monthly basis. Please call for more information. The activities and programs are endless. Mark your calendar for the following special events: Annual Health Fair Friday, October 8th, Monster Mash Party Tuesday, October 26th, and Holiday Party Thursday, December 9th. Please call 817-283-7648 for more information or check our website at www.colleyvillepard.com . The Collevville Senior Center is located at 2512 Glade Road. Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday night 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A great place to meet friends, old and new!



"Trip Around Town and Beyond" visits the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium.



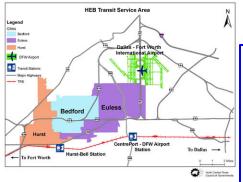
Hurst-Euless-Bedford (HEB) Transit, in operation since 2006, provides transportation-disadvantaged individuals free trips to work and employment-related appointments within the cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford, as well as the Workforce Solutions office in North Richland Hills and the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) Hurst/Bell and CentrePort/DFW Airport commuter rail stations. The service operates Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. American Red Cross Chisholm Trail Chapter provides the service under contract.

Since its inception, HEB Transit has provided more than 12,000 trips to individuals needing transportation. Funding for the service is provided locally by multi-

Transportation Services in NE Tarrant County

ple faith-based organizations working in mission Service to Workers Award, 2009 collaboration with United Way of Tarrant County, as well as by the cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford. These funds are matched by a federal grant administered by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) which reimburses half of the project's operating expenses.

HEB Transit has been recognized at the local, state and federal levels for its coordination among government, human services and faith-based organizations. Awards include the 2007 Texas Workforce Com-



NCTCOG Regional Cooperation Award and inclusion on the federal United We Ride Useful Practices website. And while the recognition is appreciated, HEB Transit especially values the riders' personal accomplishments. Many of HEB Transit's riders would not be able to obtain or maintain employment without the reliable transportation that HEB Transit provides. The opportunity for self-sufficiency afforded these individuals enhances the quality of life daily in Northeast Tarrant County.

To learn more about HEB Transit, please visit www.hebtransit.org.





Commissioner Gary Fickes Tarrant County ~ Precinct 3



Northeast Tarrant County Senior Task Force

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, October 1, 2010 8:30am to 1:30pm

FBCE Campus West, 209 N. Industrial, Bedford TX 76021

CLICK BELOW TO REGISTER TODAY or call 817-581-3600 (All other inquiries please call 817-481-8234)

http://www.tarrantcounty.com/ecommissioner/lib/ecommissioner/Registration_Form_Oct_2010.pdf

A fun and educational event for NE Residents ages 50+ From Caregiving & Finance to Health & Security



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Workshops Health Screen-



"Screenings were outstanding and very professionally done

"The entire experience was one of caring



Regional Medical at Grapevine

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Entertainment

Door Prizes





"Great fun and lots of wonderful prizes"





Great Food

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Community Enrichment Center

"Vendors were so helpful and nice"

For information about sponsorship, becoming a vendor or volunteering for this event, please contact Rebecca Barksdale at rbarksdale@tarrantcounty.com

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<u>Answer:</u> Well, after the fall of Vicksburg to Union forces in 1863, the City of Marshall became the civil authority west of the Mississippi River, and as a fortified city it housed the capital of the State of Missouri. It remained the capital until the Civil War ended in April, 1865. Governor Thomas C.

Reynolds and his staff had their headquarters there.



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Dallas Baptist University

Local University provides convenience for Northeast Tarrant County residents

Since 2005, Dallas Baptist University has provided Northeast Tarrant residents with Christ-centered quality higher education at its local regional academic center. DBU Hurst-Colleyville, occupies the Patsy and Herman Smith Center—a 12,000-square-foot colonial-style facility built by DBU—located at 110 Grapevine Highway in Hurst. DBU Hurst-Colleyville's nearly 500 students can take undergraduate and graduate courses, apply for admission, receive academic counseling, register for classes, and make tuition payments at the location. Dedicated academic advisors are always available to serve residents by answering questions and/or guiding them through their degree completion.



DBU Hurst-Colleyville offers courses leading to bachelor's degrees in Business Administration and Management, as well as graduate degrees

ences and seminars.



in Business, Management, School Administration, and School Counseling. Other courses are available that lead to degree completion in many of the other undergraduate and master's degree programs of-fered on DBU's main campus in Dallas, DBU Mansfield, or centers in Collin County.

Upcoming Event

August 11 – Graduate Information Session 6pm

August 12 - Undergraduate Information Session 6pm fered on DBU's main campus in Dallas, DBU Mansfield, or centers in Collin County. DBU Hurst-Colleyville also serves as host to numerous community events such as the Business Leadership Luncheon Series held the second Wednesday of each month during September-May, Chamber events for both the Colleyville and HEB Chambers of Commerce, and other area business confer-

For more information about DBU Hurst-Colleyville, visit <u>www.dbu.edu/hurstcolleyville</u>





Summer Santa, Inc

Elvis is coming to Northeast Tarrant County! Yes, Summer

Santa, the all-volunteer charity that helps thousands of area kids each year, is entering its 15th year of operation with no paid staff and no physical office. We're celebrating with The King!

Elvis, performed by Kraig Parker, who has thrilled audiences from Las Vegas to London to Grapevine, will take the stage at Summer Santa's "If I Can Dream" concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010 at the Palace Theatre (Palace Arts Center) in Grapevine, TX. A reception begins at 6 p.m.

Summer Santa provides camp scholarships, toys for summertime play, back-toschool clothing, free medical checkups and other activities to children in need in these school districts: Birdville, Carroll, Grapevine-Colleyville, Hurst-Euless-Bedford, Keller and Northwest.

Summer Santa is having a big year. We

are sending almost 300 area kids to summer camps this year. And we partnered with Southlake resident Pat Summerall in the pilot for his proposed reality TV show in which pro athletes help bring a neighborhood back to life. Summer Santa worked with Summerall, a long-time donor, to select a neglected park on Pipeline Road near the Bedford-Euless border. There, athletes and volunteers built a prostyle basketball court for the kids.

Meanwhile, a sandwich for sale at Weinberger's Deli in Grapevine — named in honor of our website, "SummerSanta.org" — has proved so successful that owner Dan Weinberger is inducting it into his Sandwich Wall of Fame.

More good news: Timarron Country Club in Southlake is partnering with Sum-



mer Santa to raise money for our charity with no overhead at its 2010 ClubCorp Charity Classic on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010. The golf day includes brunch and cocktails. For information, visit www.clubcorpcharityclassic.com.

Before the Elvis event on Nov. 14, Summer Santa is hosting a V.I.P. party at the amazing Westlake home of Kelly and Scott Bradley on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2010. Long-Shot Band provides the music. Tickets are available for that party and a tour of their historical home that evening.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities for both Elvis and the VIP party are now available. Call 817-33-SANTA or e-mail to <u>summersanta@summersanta.org</u> for information.

Please visit <u>www.SummerSanta.org</u>.



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DFW Connector Project

www.dfwconnector.com

North Tarrant Express

Hotline: 1-888-683-2015

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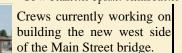
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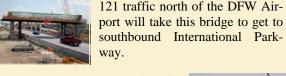
Westlake 817-490-5717 www.westlake-tx.org





These columns will be a part of the bridges that will eventually carry traffic over the Cottonbelt Rail to southbound International Parkway.





These trucks are transporting dirt north of the DFW Airport, which will allow crews to build bridges west of existing SH 121 lanes.



North Tarrant Express Update

North Tarrant Express Mobility Partners is continuing to improve operations and maintenance in the 820/183/121 corridor while moving toward the beginning of construction of Phase I later this year. Working alongside the Northeast Tarrant cities and County, the project team is fully engaged in Right of Way acquisition and final design of the new highway facility. Noise-wall workshops begin in early

August for residents adjacent to the corridor. Meetings are being scheduled to educate citizens and businesses on the impact of the project. For more information, construction updates and traffic planning please check out the project website at:



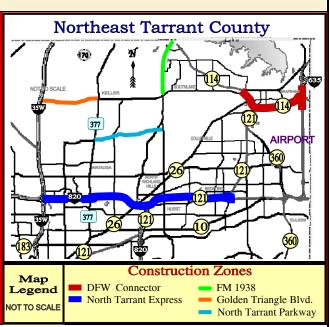
North Tarrant Parkway is Underway Construction is underway on the North Tarrant Parkway project in the cities of North Richland Hills and Keller. Following an April 9th groundbreaking, the contractor, LH Lacy, began work on the 3.5 mile arterial roadway reconstruction. The project includes concrete pavement, drainage improvements, sidewalks, landscaping and street lighting in both cities. The project is anticipated to be complete in September

FM 1938 Update

of 2011.

Removal of material that is unsuitable for road construction and installation of storm drains is taking place near the pedestrian underpass south of Sabine Drive. A sample of the concrete retaining wall that will be installed along FM 1938, stamped and stained to have the same pattern and color of materials utilized at Westlake Academy, has been submitted. Construction of the retaining walls throughout the project is scheduled to begin anytime.



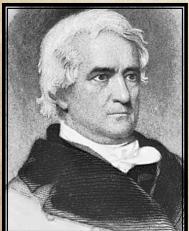


We are in the beginning stages of many road projects in Northeast Tarrant County. Once these road projects are completed, they will provide great benefits and keep our area moving for decades to come. Until then... we all need to be aware of lane closures, detours, etc. to get through our daily commute. We have compiled a list of contact numbers and websites for you to get information about the projects that affect you. You can access this list on my Tarrant County Website at: www.tarrantcounty.com

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An Historical Moment In Time

"How a Tarrant Woman Named Dallas"



A Tarrant County woman, Mrs. Martha Gilbert, named Dallas. Even the Dallas Historical Society admits it.

Mrs. Gilbert and her husband, Capt. M. L. Gilbert, were living in Birdville in 1841 when John Neely Bryan opened a trading post at Three Forks on the Trinity River.

The Gilberts accepted his invitation to move to the new community Bryan proposed to build. That made Mrs. Gilbert the first white woman to settle in what became Dallas County.

Bryan, whose log cabin is still preserved outside the County Court House in Dallas, offered a plot of land to whoever could think of a good name for his town.

Mrs. Gilbert suggested Dallas, to honor the vice president of the United States, George Mifflin Dallas. The name of President James Polk had already been acquired by another Texas county, and Mrs. Gilbert thought the No. 2 man in Washington should be honored as well.

John Neely Bryan agreed, gave Mrs. Gilbert the plot of land and Three Forks the new name of Dallas.

The Gilbert family became prominent in the state. Mrs. Gilbert's great-grandson, Tom C. Gooch, became president of the Dallas Times Herald. He died in the 1960's.

George Mifflin Dallas

Article taken from: "In Old Fort Worth" by Mack Williams



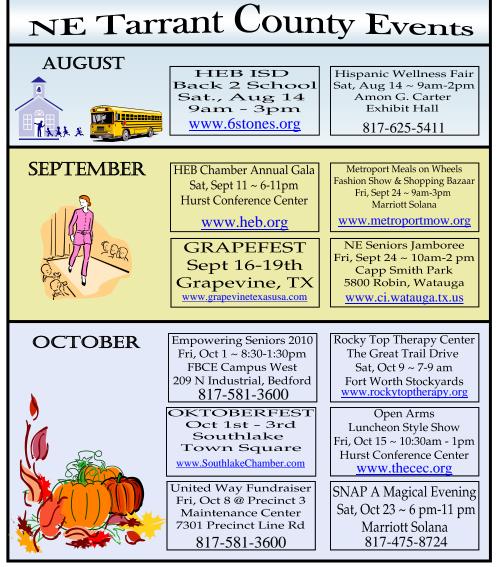
Receiving the plaques from Commissioner Fickes proclaiming the month of August "Community Corrections Month" are Leighton Iles of CSCD and Randy Turner of Juvenile Services.

Tax-Free Weekend

August 20, 21 and 22, 2010. Over these three days, Texas shoppers will get a break from state and local sales taxes. Most clothing and footwear and some backpacks priced under \$100 are



exempt from taxes, and in 2009, the Texas Legislature expanded the list to include most school supplies priced at less than \$100. Visit the Texas Comptroller website for more information on what is tax exempt that weekend.



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Craig Hulse Director of Economic Development North Richland Hills, Texas

We asked the experts...

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Greg Last Director of Economic Development Southlake, Texas

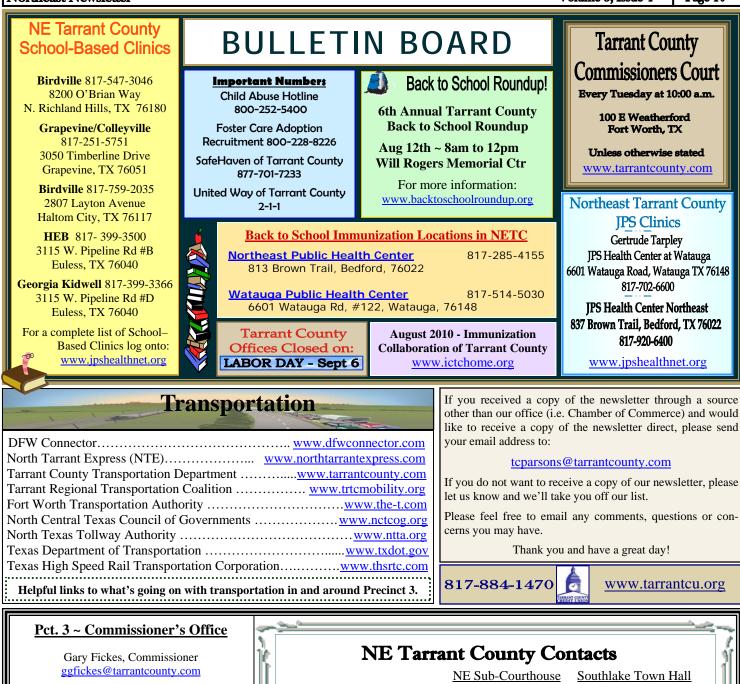
| An update as to what has been happening in your city – how has the down turn of sales tax affected you? | | | | | |
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| • • • | 1% increase taxable sales over same period FY 08/09 8% below levels experienced in FY 07/08 Taxable sales projected to remain flat | Sales tax collections 6.2% above May 2009 Year to date collections have been flat Conservative approach to budgeting | | | |
| What do you see the immediate and long term futures for your community? | | | | | |
| • | Several much needed road widening projects are finally in progress Upon completion, we expect economic growth due to improved access and mobility | Work with brokers and property managers to fill lease spaces Businesses are more optimistic about their futures, working with more prospects | | | |
| | What major projects are you working on – retail, office, hotels, etc.? | | | | |
| • | Loop 820 corridor, including the Calloway Creek Commercial Area New 80,000 square foot recreation center to open by Jan 2012 Finalizing the Home Town master plan | 285 acre Carillon mixed-use project along SH114 Children's Specialty Care Center has begun - 34,000 sf on 10 acres along SH114 | | | |
| How do challenges in transportation construction affect your businesses? | | | | | |
| • | Plan to inform commuters about bypass routes, to minimize consumer congestion A Mobility Team has been created to work with key businesses along Loop 820 (North Tarrant Express) Goal to minimize negative impacts so businesses can survive and thrive upon construction completion | Businesses have relocated to west of airport due to desire to avoid construction of DFW Connector Construction does increase commute times Appreciative of timely and frequent communications regarding construction activities and encourage businesses and citizens to sign up for email notifications on www.dfwconnector.com | | | |

Super Bowl XLV is quickly approaching, and the North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee is looking for your help as a volunteer. Register by August 31 and you will be automatically entered to win a pair of tickets to the XLV Countdown Live (headlined by Tim McGraw) from Cowboys Stadium. All volunteers will be issued a limited edition and official volunteer uniform and will be invited to a volunteer appreciation event in the weeks following Super Bowl XLV.

Visit the North Texas Super Bowl website for more information at: www.northtexassuperbowl.com

Super Bowl XLV Feb 6, 2011 Official Newsletter: <u>www.northtexassuperbowl.com</u>

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| Passport Office | | 817-481-8190 |
| Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 | 817-581-3625 | 817-481-8132 |
| Juvenile Services | 817-581-3645 | |
| Travel - Public Health | | 817-321-4707 |
| Tax Office | 817-581-3636 | 817-481-8141 |
| Maintenance Center | 817-514-5000 | |
| Constable Pct. 1 | 817-884-1385 | Serve a section of Haltom City, Hurst, Fort Worth, Richland Hills, |
| Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 | 817-884-1395 | North Richland Hills, and Watauga. |
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Public Health Centers

NE Public Health Ctr. 813 Brown Trail #6, Bedford, TX 76022 Watauga Public Health Ctr. 6601 Watauga Rd, Watauga, TX 76148

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