

Northeast Newsletter

Tarrant County - Precinct 3

"Working together for a better tomorrow"



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Season's Greetings

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Christmas is here along with some cold weather, and it is time to celebrate. The Precinct 3 staff started the celebration in late October with our annual United Way Fundraising BBQ Luncheon. We served over 200 people – barbecue brisket and sausage, potato salad, beans, bread, desserts, ice tea or water - while raising funds for United Way of Tarrant County. (see page 4)

Our staff Christmas photo is at our Maintenance Center on Precinct Line Road where we are standing on the newly arrived Gradall. Because of budget restraints, we have not been able to replace large road equipment as often as needed in the Maintenance Department, so this is a welcomed arrival! Tommy Knowles, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, is retiring at the end of the year after **24 years** of service to Tarrant County. He is a great person and will be missed. We wish him many days of golfing and time with his fantastic family.

Delton Thrasher, Chief Deputy Constable in Precinct 3, will retire at the end of the year after **36 years** with Tarrant

County. He will be enjoying time at his home in the country and not having to drive one hour or more one way to work. Thank you, Delton, for your service. Enjoy the time...you will be missed.

Happenings in Tarrant County in the last few months:

The 1895 Courthouse Clock Tower Rededication in late October (see photo page 5).

Precinct 3 will be moving into a new Courthouse in late 2014 or early 2015. We have been working with GSBS Architects and the Tarrant County Facilities architects on workspace requirements, design elevations, site plan and utility locations, parking requirements and many other element of facility planning.

The 4th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit will be on **February 15** at the Hurst Conference Center. This year we will have community updates on the DFW Connector and the North Tarrant Express. These will be provided by the main contractors: NorthGate Constructors and NTE NorthTarrant Express.

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Coffee with the Commissioner

Friday, Dec. 14th 7:30 to 9:00am

Please join me for coffee and donuts!



Northeast Sub-Courthouse
645 Grapevine Hwy., Hurst TX 76054



SAVE THE DATE!

- [NE Transportation Summit](#) Feb. 15
- [LifeGift Run](#) May 18

Question of the Month

Question: Can you locate Niles City, Texas?

Answer on page 7

NE Community Leader Spotlight



Mayor
Laura Wheat



Town of Westlake

Rarely a day passes that Mayor Laura Wheat doesn't thank her lucky stars for guiding her family to the Town of Westlake. After having lived in Dallas for 23 years, Laura and her husband, Doug, began to hear about this little slice of heaven called Westlake, a small town just west of the DFW Airport. In August of 2005, they decided to check it out for themselves, and by November of that same year, they had moved. They enrolled their two school aged children in Westlake Academy and quickly became involved in school and community affairs. Laura was elected Mayor of the Town in 2008. Her vision for the Town is simply stated, but lofty in its ideals: to be the best small town in Texas – one that is a standard bearer and is emulated throughout Texas and elsewhere for its commitment to community, education, lifelong learning and sustainability.

As Mayor, Laura also serves as the President of the Board of Trustees for Westlake Academy; the only municipally owned public charter school in Texas.

Mayor Wheat was born in Sewickely, Pennsylvania and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Ohio University. She then entered the University of Maryland's School of Law, earning her JD with honors. Mayor Wheat practiced securities law for 10 years before branching out in the world of community service. Since leaving the practice, she has served on numerous not for profit boards in various leadership capacities. She is the past board chair of the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas, St. Philip's School and Community Center, Gilda's Club North Texas, Gilda's Club Worldwide and Cancer Support Community National. Current board activity includes Baylor Regional Medical Center in Grapevine, Baylor Healthcare System Foundation, Cancer Support Community North Texas and John Peter Smith Hospital Foundation.

Mrs. Wheat was named one of Fort Worth Business Press' Great Women of Texas in 2010 for making a difference in the community, achieving professional success and serving as a role model for her tireless efforts in helping others. In 2011, Mayor Wheat received the first Laura L.

Wheat Difference Maker Award from the Cancer Support Community Board (formerly known as Gilda's Club). Most recently in 2012, Mayor Wheat was a recipient, along with the rest of the Westlake Town Council, of the Texas City Manager's Association City Council of the Year award in 2012.

On a more personal note -

What do you do for fun? *I love to attend my kids sporting events. Is there anything better than watching a close game? I think I surprise people with just how loudly I can cheer! I also love to exercise on a daily basis, although I now no longer know if that is for fun or for my sanity or for the continued ability to eat dessert. I'm guessing it's probably a mix of all three.*

Favorite Restaurant? *"Café Pacific" in Highland Park Village.*

Favorite Movie? *It's hard for me to pick between Beaches and Terms of Endearment. Both have such personal meaning for me.*

Last book read? *"Same Kind of Different as Me"*

Favorite vacation spot? *"Lake Tahoe". It amazes me that more Texans haven't discovered it!*

People would be surprised to know... *that I've had my share of interesting health experiences. As an adolescent I spent two years in a body cast following spinal fusions to correct scoliosis. And as a grown up, I'm a three time breast cancer survivor.*

Tarrant County Domestic Relations Office

The Tarrant County Domestic Relations Office consists of four distinct, yet interdependent divisions: Family Court Services, Child Support, Legal Enforcement and Community Supervision, with a mission to ensure that:

- Every child within their purview is afforded quality time, in a safe environment, with both available parents;
- Every child within their purview receives adequate child support and medical support in a timely manner;
- Every parent within their purview understands the alternatives to litigation, the importance of keeping children out of parental conflict and the consequences of failing to follow court orders.



Child Support

to a child without relying on the court system to make those decisions for them.

The Child Support Office tracks new divorce and paternity orders for payment of child support and, if payments are missed, they work with the non-paying parent to see what can be accomplished to get them paying again. If all their efforts to collect payment are unsuccessful, the case is referred to Legal Enforcement.

Legal Enforcement takes non-paying

parents to court so that the judge can determine what combination of possibilities would be best for getting the child support paid, like sending the parent to jail, ordering the parent to participate in a program to help him or her find a job, or placing the parent on probation.



Community Supervision

If the judge finds the parent in contempt and places the parent on probation, the parent is referred to Community Supervision, which works with parents to help them get the training or treatment needed to become gainfully employed so they can start paying their child support again and stay out of jail.

www.tarrantcounty.com/edro/site/default.asp



Family Court Services

Family Court Services gathers information needed by the six Family District Courts when litigation over a child is pending. They also try to help parents reach their own agreements about access



Legal Enforcement



Save The Date!

Friday, February 15, 2013



Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit

Hurst Conference Center • 1600 Campus Dr • Hurst, TX

Workshops will include:

- TEX Rail/Cotton Belt Rail Line, a 67 mile regional rail line connecting Tarrant, Dallas, Collin and Rockwall counties. Fort Worth Councilman, Jungus Jordan presenting.
- Transit Oriented Development - A discussion concerning development opportunities and issues effecting development at or near major transportation hubs.
- The ABC's of the RTC (Regional Transportation Council). The process of Regional Transportation Planning for the North Central Texas Area. Michael Morris presenting.

Reservation required: \$25.00 per person

Make your reservations through one of the Chambers of Commerce listed below
(You are not required to be a chamber member to register)

Colleyville - (817) 488-7148

Fort Worth Hispanic - (817) 625-5411

FW Metropolitan Black - (817) 871-6538

Grapevine - (817) 481-1522

Hurst-Euless-Bedford - (817) 283-1521

Keller - (817) 431-2169

Northeast Tarrant - (817) 281-9376

Northwest Metroport - (817) 837-1000

Southlake - (817) 481-8200

For sponsorship or additional information, visit our website or call: 817-581-3600

www.NETTRANSPORTATIONSUMMIT.com



Northwest Metroport Chamber of Commerce

The Northwest Metroport Chamber is about to begin a very LARGE year! In 2013 the chamber will celebrate twenty five years of service to this region that represents six communities; Haslet, Justin, Northlake, Roanoke, Trophy Club, Westlake. The landscape of this area which falls just north of Fort Worth has changed tremendously in the past quarter century so, too, has its chamber.

Chartered back in 1987 as the Roanoke, Trophy Club, Westlake Chamber, our offices were located in the old Northwest Bank (now Prosperity Bank) in Roanoke. In the mid 1990's, the chamber moved to the Trophy Club information Center and in 2000 the office was relocated to Hwy 377 in Roanoke where Metroport Meals on Wheels now resides. In 2003 Haslet and Northlake joined the chamber which created the name change to NW Metroport. Justin came on board in 2004 when their chamber merged with ours. The chamber then moved back to Trophy Club from 2004 to 2010 and was housed in the

executive suites before its current location on Byron Nelson Blvd. back in Roanoke. Each and every move allowed the chamber to grow its programs and services for the membership, businesses and

communities.

As the chamber that serves the largest number of communities in the Dallas Fort Worth area, the influx of new businesses and residents has provided a strong focus to the superior underlying characteristics. The NW Metroport Chamber has worked closely with the communities on economic development showcasing the alliance of regionalism they all share.

For over twelve years it has been a privilege and honor to serve at the helm of this entity. I've watched it grow from just over 100 members in an office space



of 100 square feet and one major event to over 300 members, 2,500 square feet of office space, six major events, numerous net- working opportunities, state of the art website with member login capabilities and much more. All of which has been possible thanks to dedicated investors, volunteer leadership, trained staff and the support from the six communities this chamber serves.

I look forward to celebrating this milestone anniversary and hope you enjoy the festivities we have in store throughout 2013. Can't wait to see how the next 25 years unfold.

Sally A. Michalak, President /CEO
NW Metroport Chamber of Commerce

www.nwmetroportchamber.org

Commissioner's Corner continued...

Our workshops will include an overview of:

1. TEX Rail/Cotton Belt Rail Line, a 67 mile regional rail line connecting Tarrant, Dallas, Collin and Rockwall counties. Fort Worth Councilman, Jungus Jordan presenting.
2. Transit Oriented Development - A discussion concerning development opportunities and issues effecting development at or near major transportation hubs.
3. The ABC's of the RTC (Regional Transportation Council). The process of Regional Transportation Planning for the North Central Texas Area. Michael Morris presenting. We are in the process of confirming our keynote speaker. It will be another great event with information and updates on transportation.

Our NE Community Leader Spotlight this month is Mayor Laura Wheat of Westlake. Take time to read her article...she is an amazing person (page 2). We also have regular updates on transportation projects in the area along with a calendar of events. Featured articles this month share some wonderful information on the Haslet Public Library, Mid Cities Care Corp, Holy Trinity Catholic School, Tarrant County Domestic Relations Office, Birdville Historical Society, and Northwest Metroport Chamber.

Coffee with the Commissioner is this Friday at the Hurst office, 7:30-9:00 AM. Come see the display of the NEW Courthouse! We will probably only have 2 more *Coffees with the Commissioner* at this location before we relocate to Southlake for 18 months while your new courthouse is built on this property! We look forward to seeing you Friday...

Have a great Christmas and wonderful New Year!

Gary Fickes

Precinct 3 United Way Fundraiser Luncheon

\$1,745 dollars raised for United Way!



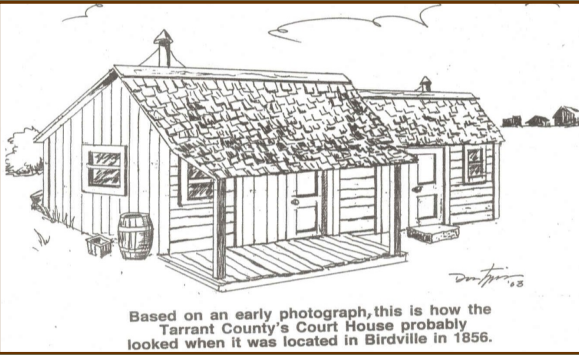
Commissioner Gary Fickes, presents a check for the amount of \$1,745 to Faye Beaulieu, Regional Director Northeast, United Way.



**Thank you for being a part of
BBQ Day for United Way!**

An Historic Moment in Time

Birdville Historical Society



Based on an early photograph, this is how the Tarrant County's Court House probably looked when it was located in Birdville in 1856.

preserve the history of the very first Tarrant County Seat and what a rich history we have. We worked hard for the next 17 years to present interesting programs, tours, and events to keep our group alive and finally in 2008, some of the members mentioned that BISS was building a new Tech Center and that

with the curator of that space and asked if we could possibly combine the Birdville School District history with the Birdville Community history and it happened. The BISS remodeled the area and on May 12, 2011 we hosted the "Grand Opening" of the Birdville Museum located at 6030 Walker Street in Haltom City. The museum is only 1600 square feet and are gradually reaching our max capacity and could use more room but we are not complaining and 1600 feet is a lot better and "0".

It all began 17 years ago while serving on the Haltom City Beautification Board and we were setting our budget for the next year. Each year we realized there was money for historical preservation and that it was not being used. We met with the city manager and asked how we could be able to use that money and he told us we had to form a non profit organization. We began talking to people that might be interested in historical preservation and formed a board of 5 volunteers. With the help of Haltom City, the Birdville Historical Society was incorporated in March 1996.

there would be space available in the Old Birdville High School which is now the Hallie D. Shannon Alternative School when these classes would move out of the Shannon Center and into the new center. We wrote a letter to the BISS Superintendant and asked for a meeting with him to request space. We were told if we could be patient, he would work on acquiring space. Finally in the summer of 2009 we were asked to come to the Shannon Center to look at a space and see if we approved. Of course we did and they agreed that we would be able to have the space for a museum. The school district already had a small room for the school history and needed more space so we met

Birdville has come a long way from the small community that was formed in 1841 but never incorporated. The first Tarrant County Courthouse was in the vicinity of the Birdville Museum and shown above is the only known rendition of the temporary log cabin that was used as the courthouse until all the records, furniture and fixtures were taken to the Fort Worth Courthouse in 1856.

www.birdvillehistory.org

Article provided by Betty Porter

Let's hear it for our heroes!



Pictured from left: Meli Heman, Rena Brown, Doug Hooten and Matt Zavadsky with MedStar, Donna McClung, Jeff Beeson, Medical Director, and Myles Younger.

The afternoon of October 25th, Ms. Rena Brown, a temporary county employee, suffered a Sudden Cardiac Arrest at the Tarrant County Elections Center.

Other employees near by, Donna McClung, Myles Younger, and Meli Herman sprang into action. Donna ran to grab the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) located in the Tarrant County Elections Center and placed it on Rena. Donna applied the AED and after a quick analysis, the AED recommended Rena be defibrillated and Donna delivered the shock. Immediately following the defibrillation shock, Myles started chest compressions while Meli did rescue breathing for Rena.

A few minutes later, one of the bystanders asked Rena if she could hear them, to which Rena's eyes opened and focused on the people in the room. At that point Myles and Meli stopped CPR. When Fort Worth Fire Department and MedStar arrived on the scene, Rena was responsive and aware of her surroundings.

MedStar stabilized Rena with additional medications and brought her to the hospital for further care.

Thanks to the quick actions of Donna, Myles and Meli, and the County's commitment to having automated defibrillators in county facilities, Rena Brown is here with us today! **WAY TO GO!!!**

Holiday Photo Contest

Thanks to everyone who submitted their amazing photographs for consideration. They were all very good and made this a really tough decision!

Congratulations to **Lou Hillman** of Grapevine/Southlake! Your picture was selected to be featured on the front cover of Commissioner Fickes' Christmas card this year!

Have your camera ready when the snow falls, we'll be doing this again next year!

Gary Fickes



Main Street Gazebo, Grapevine

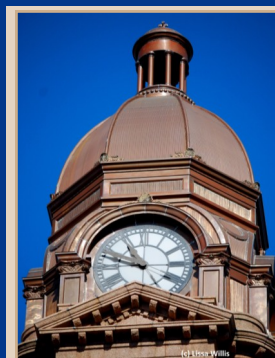


Photo by Lissa Willis

1895 Courthouse Clock Tower Rededication

Rededication of the Historic Courthouse Clock Tower took place on Tuesday, October 23rd after a 14 month construction time. County officials rededicated the 1895 structure and led about 150 people on a tour of the tower.



Mid-Cities Care Corps

Mission: "to preserve the independence of senior neighbors in NE Tarrant County"

Mid-Cities Care Corps (MCCC) is a non-profit 501 (3)(c) established in 1981 with a mission "to preserve the independence of senior neighbors in N. E. Tarrant County". All services are provided by caring volunteers. Anyone with three hours a month to spare is a candidate to be a MCCC volunteer with flexible opportunities that are respectful of one's personal schedule.



Reward – a smile that lasts for miles

MCCC volunteers have a 31 year legacy of providing dependable services for senior neighbors in eleven communities in N.E. Tarrant County. Services are for seniors 65 and older, or 60 plus with a disability. MCCC does not income qualify clients and



clients are not charged for services because we recognize that most of our clients are on limited income.

Services provided include:

Transportation: to routine medical appointment and quality of life drives on weekends (grocery, banking, etc.)

Helping Hands: assist seniors with minor home repairs, build wheelchair ramps, Adopt-A-Yard program, and group service days

TLC Phone Friends: allows seniors to expand their social networks and connect with one another by phone from the comfort of their home

Holiday Outreach: provide gifts and food baskets to "young at heart" seniors during the holiday season.

Services are provided by caring volunteers from faith based communities, youth groups, businesses, and friends who want to make a difference in the lives of seniors in the area. Last year MCCC volunteers drove 28,726 miles providing these MCCC services.



Priceless reward for a Helping Hand genuine THANK YOU & occasional HUG!

Additional insight regarding MCCC is available at:

www.midcitiescarecorps.org

745 W. Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053
Phone: 817-282-0531
M-F 8:00 A.M. - Noon



Holy Trinity Catholic School

Holy Trinity Catholic School (HTCS) in Grapevine, Texas opened its doors in 1994 to serve families in Northeast Tarrant County and the surrounding areas. The Pre-kindergarten (age 4) through 8th grade school is a ministry of Good Shepherd Catholic Community in Colleyville, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Grapevine, and St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Bedford and currently serves 340 students.



The mission of Holy Trinity is to nurture the gifts and talents of each child by providing an enriched and challenging environment within a prayerful, inviting



Catholic community. Jesus Christ and the Blessed Mother are perfect models as the school teaches the Gospel and forms faithful citizens who learn, serve, and lead.

Holy Trinity offers a rigorous core curriculum and daily classes in religion with weekly Mass.

Enrichment courses in Spanish, computer education, music, art and physical education are provided at every grade level. Service projects, athletics, and extra-curricular programs round out this distinct educational experience.

HTCS students rank in the top 20% on nationally normed tests and more than half of the 4th through 6th graders qualify for the

DUKE Talent Identification Program. Holy Trinity has earned the prestigious *National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence* from the U.S. Department of Education and is accredited through the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department as approved by the Texas Education agency.

At the core of Holy Trinity's success is the intentional blending of the classical model of teaching with the instructional enhancement of current technology. This balance, along with the commitment to faith, fellowship and prayer, creates a superior education in the Catholic tradition.



For more information, please visit

www.holytcs.org

or call 817.421.8000, x121

Haslet Public Library



Gallery Night - Historical photos and articles about Haslet are shared.

Haslet Public Library began with the founding of the Friends of the Library in August 2004. The dedicated members of this organization energized the community to open a volunteer-staffed library in February 2005. It was housed within the 900 square foot Haslet Bank Building, the only historic building in the city. Later that same year, the city leaders supported this new venture and recognized its valuable contribution to the community by hiring the initial part-time librarian. In 2007 construction began on a new 3,600 square foot library which opened in January 2008. The library has grown from a small group of donated books to over 19,000 print, audio, electronic, and visual materials with

six public access computers and a community meeting room. Within five years of the library's founding, the staff grew from one part-time librarian to two full-time degreed librarians and a part-time assistant.

Beginning in 2010 the library started hosting weekly programs throughout the summer for elementary school children. Programs included visits with Zooniversity, Blackland Prairie Raptors, storytellers Willy Welch and Tom McDermott, and many more exciting guests. Attendance grew from an initial audience of 50 people to over 250 for each event. The library has also hosted programs for teens including visits with authors Mari Mancusi and Rachel Caine, a demonstration from North



Author Rachel Caine and her husband, artist R. Cat Conrad signing autographs.



Guinness Book of Record holder David Slick (aka Slick Juggler) demonstrates some of his techniques

Texas Paranormal Investigations, and anime film screenings.

The library is open 46 hours per week, Monday through Thursday from 10am to 7pm, Friday from noon to 5pm and Saturday from 10am to 3pm. Every Wednesday the library hosts story time for preschoolers and toddlers. Preschool story time starts at 10:30am, and toddler story time starts at 11:15am. Story times features songs, stories, crafts, and fun! Over 30 children attend each story time.

Come visit us at 100 Gammill St., Haslet, TX 76052. You can contact the library at 817-439-4278 or visit us online at: www.haslet.org/departments/library.

Honoring our Veterans



Commissioners Court recognized the week of November 12 - 16th as Veterans Awareness Week. Tarrant County currently has over 200 employees that are among the brave men and women who have so ably served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Pictured: Commissioner Fickes is shown with some of our veterans who work in Precinct 3.

Bell Helicopter Ground-breaking New Global Headquarters



Pictured from the left: Commissioner Roy Brooks, Judge B. Glen Whitley, Bell President & CEO, John Garrison, Commissioner Gary Fickes, and Fort Worth Chamber President & CEO, Bill Thornton.

Question of the Month

Question: Can you locate Niles City, Texas?

Answer: Niles City was incorporated in Tarrant County in 1911. The city was known as "the worlds' richest little city". Niles City included the area now known as the Stock Yards and the Packing Houses. The City of Fort Worth purposely left this area as an unincorporated area in hopes of bringing major development to the city. The City and the Chamber of Commerce promoted the area as a Tax Free Zone. The city of one square mile prospered and grew. There were about 650 residents, but close to 10,000 people worked there every day. They had an elected Mayor and Aldermen. City Hall was located at 2324 Decatur. Fort Worth annexed the city in 1923 after a 23 month court battle.

The JFK Tribute opened
Thursday, November 8th in
Downtown Fort Worth with a
dedication ceremony.



To learn more, please visit
the Tribute website at
www.jfktribute.com



Transportation

Northeast Tarrant County

DFW Connector Project

Hotline: 877-411-4212

www.dfwconnector.com



Sign up for e-alerts!

• Crews opened Main Street bridge in Grapevine to full capacity, just in time for the holiday season! NorthGate has been working around the clock for the past two months in order to move traffic into its final pattern in the area, which will significantly improve traffic flow for travelers to enjoy the “Christmas Capital of Texas.” In addition, we opened the eastbound SH 114 frontage road from Main Street to Texan Trail, allowing traffic to continue from Main Street to Texan Trail without having to enter the



mainlanes.

- We finished our last bridge demolition in mid-October, demolishing the southbound International Parkway bridge over SH 114. In all, we demolished 17 bridges throughout the entire DFW Connector project.
- In the upcoming months, our paving crews will be working on the eastbound SH 114 mainlanes from FM 1709/Southlake Boulevard to William D. Tate Avenue, as well as the northbound SH 26 lanes at SH 114. We’ll also begin placing the safety fence on the new eastbound SH 114 flyover to southbound SH 121, scheduled to open in early 2013.

(Pictured: Crews completed the final bridge demolition on the DFW Connector project in October)

North Tarrant Express

Hotline: 888-683-2015

www.northtarrantexpress.com



Sign up for e-alerts!

• As we enter the third year of construction, the transformation of the NTE corridor continues at a rapid pace. Construction of the new Hurstview bridge is well underway, beams are being put in place in Hurst near North East Mall and at Norwood Drive, and sections of new frontage roads will open before the end of the year in North Richland Hills and Hurst. For information on construction activity within each city along the corridor, please visit the NTE Communities pages on our website. And, as winter approaches with rain and



freezing temperatures, we urge you to drive safely in the corridor, observing the 50 MPH speed limit. Best wishes for safe and happy holidays from all of us at the North Tarrant Express.

North Tarrant Parkway

NRH 817-427-6400

www.nrhtx.com

Keller 817-743-4080

www.cityofkeller.com

• The North Tarrant Parkway project is complete and seeing regular vehicular and pedestrian activity. This week the City of Keller will be installing a new signal light at the intersection of North Tarrant Parkway and the newly built Keller-Smithfield Road, making the corridor even more efficient.



Golden Triangle Blvd.

TxDot - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

www.txdot.gov

Fort Worth 817-392-8485

www.fortworthgov.org/tpw/info/?id=39130

• TxDOT’s contractor, Glen Thurman, Inc., is working on the bridge over Big Bear Creek and the paving on the south half of Golden Triangle from IH-35W to US 377.

• TxDOT anticipates completion in February 2013. Glenn Thurman Inc. anticipates opening 2 lanes in each direction by Christmas, and finishing the permanent signals and cleanup in February.

(Pictured: Work east of Crawford Farms.)



Highway 26

TxDot - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

www.txdot.gov

- Progress continues to be made on the SH 26 project in Grapevine. This is a \$12 million project that will improve safety and mobility for motorists traveling through the Grapevine area.
- Earlier this fall, the new southbound lanes opened. Traffic is now on the permanent north and southbound lanes. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction while the medians and left turn lanes are constructed. Additional upcoming construction items include landscaping and permanent signal installation. Completion is estimated for summer 2013.
- In Colleyville, the reconstruction of State Highway 26 began in July. The \$11.4 project from Brumlow Avenue/Pool Road to John McCain Road will widen the road to three lanes in each direction with raised curb medians and left turn bays. As part of this project, the bridge over Big Bear Creek will also be reconstructed. Construction continues on the northbound lanes and includes drainage improvements and the installation of box culverts until summer/fall of 2013. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during peak driving times. The project is estimated for completion in 2014.
- TxDOT finished resurfacing SH 26 from John McCain Road to FM 1938 in late November. The seven-mile project involved milling the surface of the roadway and repaving it.
- TxDOT appreciates motorists’ patience while crews complete these projects.



FM 1938 - Phase II

TxDot - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

www.txdot.gov

Southlake 817-748-8098

www.cityofsouthlake.com

• The design of FM1938 roadway improvements is nearing completion. 90% plans have been submitted to TxDOT for review.

• Land acquisition for the new and improved roadway is being performed by Tarrant County and is approximately 90% complete.

• The City of Southlake has begun construction of their 30-inch water transmission main along west side of the future FM1938 Phase II corridor, which includes the clearing of the right way in the vicinity



of the Randol Mill Bend. Utility coordination has begun with gas, electric, telephone, and cable companies. The remaining right of way clearing and utility relocations are anticipated to begin in early 2013 with roadway construction anticipated to begin in FY2014.



Tarrant County Commissioners Court

Meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. (Unless otherwise stated)
100 E Weatherford, Fort Worth, TX

www.tarrantcounty.com

Tarrant County Holiday Closings

- Christmas** - Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25, 2012
- New Year's Day** - Tuesday, January 1, 2013
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day** - Monday, January 21, 2013
- Presidents' Day** - Monday, February 18, 2013



Calendar of Events

- Nov 20-Jan 1 "Holiday Book Drive" www.6stones.org
- Dec 10-13 "Night of Wonder" www.6stones.org/now
- Dec 14 "Coffee with the Commissioner".....817-581-3600
- Dec 15 "The Big Texas Toy Run"www.thebigtexas toyrun.com
- Dec 20 "Ho Ho HoeDown"www.grapevinechamber.org
- Jan 13 "Celebrity Chefs Benefit Auction" www.mid-citiessos.org
- Jan 17 "37th Annual Awards Banquet"www.colleyvillechamber.org
- Jan 18 "A Night of Laughter and Celebration".... www.recoverycouncil.org/events
- Jan 24 "Annual Community Awards Banquet" www.grapevinechamber.org
- Jan 25 "Fiesta Night at the Rodeo"www.fwhcc.org
- Jan 25 "Silver Awards Gala"www.nwmetropolitanchamber.org
- Feb 1 "NE Leadership Forum Annual Luncheon" 817-283-1521
- Feb 2 "Let's Play Bingo Ladies Luncheon"www.allianceforchildren.org
- Feb 6-7 "Tarrant County Days"817-338-3301
- Feb 9 "Annual Awards Gala"www.kellerchamber.com
- Feb 10 "Tribute to Love" www.summersanta.org
- Feb 15 "NE Tarrant Transportation Summit" ...www.NETransportationSummit.com
- Feb 22 "Fruit Of The Vine" www.mywebsitepronto.com/clients/kidsmatter
- Feb 22 "HEB Chamber Expo"..... www.heb.org
- Feb 23 "Dancing for the Stars"www.colleyvillerotaryclub.com

Public Health posts events and activities at: (<http://health.tarrantcounty.com>) and on Facebook (facebook.com/tarrantcountypublichealth).
Check it out and friend them today!

**John Peter Smith Hospital Clinics
Northeast Tarrant County**

Health Clinics

Gertrude Tarpley JPS Health Center 817-514-5036
6601 Watauga Road, Watauga 76148

JPS Health Center Northeast 817-920-6400
837 Brown Trail, Bedford 76022

School-Based Clinics

Birdville 817-547-3046
8200 O'Brian Way, N. Richland Hills, 76180

Grapevine/Colleyville 817-251-5751
3050 Timberline Drive, Grapevine, 76051

Birdville 817-759-2035
2807 Layton Avenue, Haltom City, 76117

HEB 817- 399-3500
3115 W. Pipeline Road #B, Euless, TX 76040

Georgia Kidwell - HEB 817-399-3366
3115 W. Pipeline Road #D, Euless, TX 76040

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

Northeast Social Service Agencies

- 6 Stones Mission Networkwww.6stones.org
- Child Abuse Hotline800-252-5400
- Community Enrichment Center.....www.thecec.org
- GRACE.....www.gracegrapevine.org
- Community Storehouse. www.communitystorehouse.org
- United Way of Tarrant County2 - 1 - 1



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www.TarrantCares.org



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Northeast Sub-Courthouse
645 Grapevine Highway #6
Hurst TX 76054
817-581-3600

Southlake Town Hall
1400 Main St #410
Southlake TX 76092
817-481-8234

NE Tarrant County Contacts

	NE Sub-Courthouse	Southlake Town Hall
Constable Pct. 3	817-581-3610	817-481-8059
County Clerk	817-581-3604	817-481-8179
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	_____
Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	817-884-1395	_____

Public Health Centers

Watauga Public Health Ctr. 6601 Watauga Rd, Watauga, TX 76148 817-702-6600

Tarrant County Website: www.TarrantCounty.com