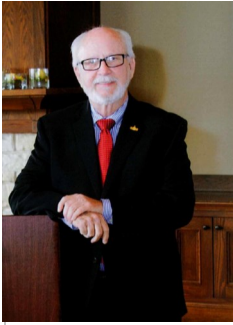




### COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



The groundhog saw his shadow this past Thursday, which means we can expect six more weeks of winter. North Texas did see snow two years ago in February, so there is still a possibility for us to

have blustery days ahead!

With a new year, we have hit the ground running and are looking forward to the 8th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit to be held on Friday, February 17th, at the Hurst Conference Center. This year's event themed "Creating the Transportation Tomorrowland, Today," will be focusing on topics that will segue into what transportation is likely to look like in the future.

Featured presenters will discuss transportation innovations including autonomous vehicles, evolutions in the urban landscape and logistics of the future. We're bringing in Principal Research Scientist from MIT, Kent Larson, who will keynote the event with a thought-provoking program on how things will likely look 25 years from now. **Register today** through any of our area chambers of commerce listed on page 3. You can find registration and other event information at [www.nettransportationsummit.com](http://www.nettransportationsummit.com).

The 85th Texas Legislature is underway with our area delegation in Austin representing their constituency from Northeast Tarrant County. The 140-day biennial session will visit such topics of interest as transportation, property tax

reform, education, border and immigration policy, Child Protective Services, ethics, and the state budget. Your elected officials represent your voice on issues that are important to you. View a list of our Northeast Tarrant federal and state representatives at [www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com).

Flu season is ramping up with a spike of cases and is expected to peak this month. Tarrant County Public Health urges everyone to take precautions to help prevent the flu! Certain people are at greater risk for serious complications if they get the flu. This includes older people, young children, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions such as asthma, diabetes or heart disease. A flu shot is still the best protection. Maximum protection occurs about two weeks after the shot. For more information, please visit [Tarrant County Public Health](http://Tarrant County Public Health).

Find articles and information inside this month's newsletter including the spotlight article on Tarrant County Emergency Management Coordinator David McCurdy, Northeast Transportation Agencies, Richland Hill's economic development plan, TxDOT's 100 years of service, free tax preparation assistance for seniors, transportation updates and much more!

Coffee with the Commissioner will be held this Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in my office at the Northeast Courthouse. Stop by between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with fellow guests, my staff, and me!

*Gary Fickes*

### COFFEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER

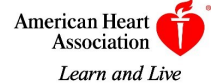
Friday, February 10th

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Start your day with us!

#### Northeast Courthouse

645 Grapevine Hwy.  
Hurst, Texas 76054



[Learn more here](#)



[www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com)

### Question of the Month

**Question:** With all the excitement of a new President and Congress, what notable American is the only man to put his signature on all four primary documents that created the United States of America: **Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Alliance with France and the Constitution of the United States?**

(Answer on page 6)



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tarrant County Big Give Blood Drive

Thursday, February 9th

Northeast Courthouse 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Carter Blood Center has an urgent need for ALL blood types. Let's roll up our sleeves and help save a life in Tarrant County!

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David McCurdy



Emergency Management Coordinator

I am the new Emergency Management Coordinator for Tarrant County. My job is to work with the county departments and the cities within the county to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters.

My emergency management career began back in the early 1970's as a member of the Palo Pinto County Civil Defense in Mineral Wells. After graduating from TCU (go Frogs!), I began my law enforcement career as a Police Officer for the City of Grapevine in 1979. While at the City, I served as an Officer and the City's Emergency Management Coordinator while also completing a second undergraduate degree in Emergency

Administration and Planning from UNT.

In 1991, I left Grapevine and went to work for DFW Airport Department of Public Safety. During my career at DFW, I had the privilege of serving as a Police Officer, Firefighter, Paramedic, and Emergency Management Coordinator. In addition to my work duties at the airport, I returned to school to become a licensed Registered Nurse and worked at several hospitals in the northern portions of Tarrant County. I also returned to school to receive an MPA degree from UNT. After a 25-year career, I retired from DFW Airport in 2016.

In late August of 2016, I was hired as the Tarrant County Emergency Management Coordinator. I have the honor of working with many great folks in the county and surrounding communities and the North Texas Region. I am especially blessed to have a great staff (William Wessel and Matt Honza) to work with on a

day-to-day basis. Our main focus is to help coordinate activities and to serve as the County liaisons to local, state and federal agencies while promoting all-hazard preparedness and readiness initiatives to the citizens of Tarrant County.

**On a more personal note -**

**What do you do for fun?** *I enjoy spending time with our three wonderful granddaughters.*

**Favorite Movie?** *"To Kill a Mockingbird"*

**Favorite Restaurant?** *Meat U Anywhere BBQ (Grapevine)*

**Favorite vacation spot?** *Disney World with the grandkids and family.*

**Last book read?** *"The Man in the High Castle" by Phillip K. Dick*

**People would be surprised to know...** *I completed the Hotter 'N Hell 100 bicycle ride in Wichita Falls in 2011.*

## Nutrition Education That Works!



Since its inception in 1969, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) has grown in stature and continues to shine brightly in leading to improved family diets and nutritional well-being. Operating in every state and U.S. territory, the program reaches some half-million families annually.



In Texas, EFNEP is administered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in 11 counties to reach limited-resource families who are at the greatest risk to suffer from hunger and are disproportionately affected by poor

health. Through effective collaborative work with local agency partners in Tarrant County, our EFNEP faculty of four delivers research-based information and education year-round to clients in community-based settings, including Metroplex churches and school classrooms. Utilizing a hands-on learning approach helps participants make simple changes in eating behaviors so that over time, healthy choices become sustained



healthy habits. A series of interactive lessons are facilitated in English and Spanish to offer adults and youth practical tips on stretching food dollars, improving eating habits, increasing physical activity and handling food safely in the home as participants also learn to prepare nutritious, low-cost recipes.

Over time, these improvements translate into reduced incidences of disease and lower health care costs. Studies have shown that for every \$1 spent on EFNEP, \$10 was estimated to be saved on health care costs and \$2 saved in food costs by participants. For Tarrant County, this is \$2.9 million per year in estimated health care cost savings and \$580,000 in food costs.

To find out more about this free self-help program



including volunteer and networking opportunities contact the EFNEP office by calling 817.212.7501 or visit our website at <http://efnep.tamu.edu>

*Article courtesy of Darlene Myatt, Distinguished Agent*

### A Special Congratulatory Note:

Since 1998, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System has recognized outstanding extension, research and service professionals with the **Regents Fellow Service Award**. This honor is bestowed by the A&M System to recognize outstanding leaders who have provided exemplary professional service to society that has created large and lasting benefits to Texas and beyond.



Distinguished Agent, Darlene Myatt, works with over 10,000 Tarrant County students per year in inner city schools teaching important principles for nutrition and health. Darlene is one of seven system professionals selected for this honor in 2016 from the Texas A&M System's 11 universities and seven agencies.

**Congratulations Darlene and thank you for making a difference!**



# 8th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit



Commissioner Gary Fickes • Tarrant County • Precinct 3

Friday, February 17, 2017 | 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Hurst Conference Center | 1600 Campus Drive, Hurst, Texas

**2017 THEME: CREATING THE TRANSPORTATION TOMORROWLAND, TODAY**



**Kent Larson**, Keynote Speaker  
*Principal Research Scientist, Changing Places Group, MIT Media Lab*  
*Noted thought leader on the future of transportation*

This annual summit has become one of the largest transportation events in Texas and showcases a variety of speakers discussing the future of transportation in Tarrant County, the state of Texas and the United States as a whole. The event features presenters from visionary architecture, planning and development firms, as well as transportation industry giants. They will discuss transportation innovations including autonomous vehicles, evolutions in the urban landscape and logistics of the future. This summit promises to be the can't-miss transportation event of the year!

### Sessions

The Supply Chain of the Future:  
Logistics and Deliveries

Autonomous Vehicle Development,  
Testing and Implementation

How Transportation and Urban  
Design Will Intersect in the Future

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**RESERVATION REQUIRED: \$30 PER PERSON**

### Please register with the following chambers

*(You are not required to be a member)*

<b>Colleyville Area</b> (817) 488-7148 colleyvillechamber.org	<b>Fort Worth Hispanic</b> (817) 625-5411 fwhcc.org	<b>Grapevine</b> (817) 481-1522 grapevinechamber.org	<b>Hurst-Eules-Bedford</b> (817) 283-1521 heb.org	<b>Greater Keller</b> (817) 431-2169 kellerchamber.org	<b>Northeast Tarrant</b> (817) 281-9376 netarrant.org	<b>Northwest Metroport</b> (817) 837-1000 nwmetroportchamber.org	<b>Southlake</b> (817) 481-8200 southlakechamber.com
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For Information: [www.NETransportationSummit.com](http://www.NETransportationSummit.com) or call 817-581-3600

# NORTHEAST TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES

*Transportation for Seniors, Disabled and Low-Income*

**NTTS provides assistance to the following transportation agencies in our area.**

## Call A Ride Southlake (817-798-4022)



CARS provides service for senior citizens and disabled adults who live in Southlake for non-emergency medical and dental purposes within a 25-mile radius of Southlake, and a seven-mile radius for non-medical, social, business and personal needs. Services provided by volunteers who supply their own vehicle, time and gas. Established in 2000.

To volunteer, or for more information, please visit their website at <http://callaridesouthlake.org>

## HEB Transit (817-336-8714)



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 provided by Catholic Charities. Established in 2006.

To volunteer, or for more information, please visit their website at [www.ccdofw.org](http://www.ccdofw.org)

## Mid-Cities Care Corps (817-282-0531)



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+. Established in 1981.

To volunteer, or for more information, please visit their website at [www.midcitiescarecorps.org](http://www.midcitiescarecorps.org)

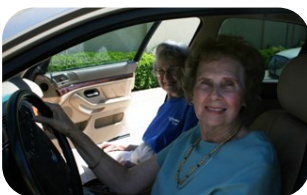
## Northeast Transportation Service (817-336-8714)



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 service, senior centers, education, and shopping. Services provided by both the Fort Worth Transportation Authority and Catholic Charities. Established in 2002.

To volunteer, or for more information, please visit their website at [www.ridenets.com](http://www.ridenets.com)

## Social Transportation for Seniors (817-514-0773)



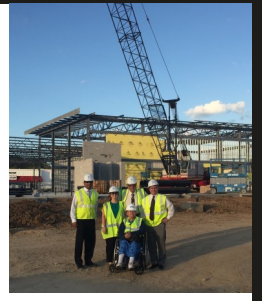
STS provides non-emergency transportation for seniors 62 years and better in North Richland Hills for leisure and social activities with the purpose of re-engaging isolated seniors back into the community. Services provided within a seven-mile radius by volunteers. Established in 2009.

To volunteer, or for more information, please visit their website at [www.stsrides.org](http://www.stsrides.org)

# Economic Development - Richland Hills



preschool, quilting, music, and children's and adult dance programs. We will also offer an after-school program for Richland Hills' elementary schools,



as well as the new International Leadership Charter School on Rufe Snow. If you have a passion for anything recreation or continuing education and would like to teach, Link staff would love to hear from you.

The City of Richland Hills is proud to announce the upcoming Grand Opening of the city's first recreation center, The Link. The brand new 28,000 Sq. Ft. facility will be a great regional destination for Northeast Tarrant County's recreational needs. The Link will offer a full-service fitness menu with state-of-the-art equipment and high-energy classes. The family atmosphere will be evident with the Bird's Nest child care area and abundant children's programs, including seasonal camps.

The facility will offer great spaces for reunions, banquets, birthdays, showers, parties, quinceañeras, company training, or any other reason to gather and celebrate.

You can even plan a formal engagement or an impromptu gathering up to a year out. The Link can easily host 200 or more of your closest friends.

Current charter memberships are 20% off of the regular price for residents and non-residents. Members will get further discounts on most programs and rentals. For some, the membership will, in essence, be free after saving money on children's camps, birthday parties, rentals, etc. Link staff will be more than happy to give you a tour if you stop by and are not sure if you are ready to commit to a membership.

The staff is currently working on getting instructors for fitness, arts and crafts,

Be sure to visit The Link's website [www.thelinkrec.com](http://www.thelinkrec.com) for more information. We look forward to meeting you.



Article courtesy of Jason Moore, Assistant City Manager



The Justice Court Clerk Certification Program allows experienced justice court clerks to demonstrate their knowledge of statutes, procedures, and ethical guidelines applicable to Texas Justice Courts. Justice court clerks who pass an examination receive certification as a Certified Clerk or a Master Certified Clerk.

Congratulations to Christie Larriviere, Administrative Court Clerk, with the Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace office, who recently acquired her Master Clerk Certification!

Master Clerk Certification distinguishes clerks who are well-rounded and experienced in both substantive and procedural law (civil and criminal). Master Clerks can utilize their thorough knowledge of laws, resources, and ethical guidelines applicable to the justice court to assist the Justice of the Peace and instruct new justice court clerks. **Congratulations Christie!**



## Northest Courthouse Historical Wall Display



Commissioner Gary Fickes and Eagle Scout Ronnie Andamol Wilson, Jr. pictured near the newest addition to the Historical Wall Display located in the Northeast Courthouse. The most recent historical highlight features Mosier Valley, a close-knit farming community established in the 1870's located on the north bank of the Trinity River.

Stop by the courthouse and read more about the history of Northeast Tarrant County.

## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT



Pictured: Tax Assessor, Ron Wright, and Patricia "Patty" Medley, Motor Vehicle Specialist II, with the Southlake Town Hall Tax Office who has announced her retirement after 25 Years of Service to Tarrant County! **Congratulations Patty!**



# Connecting Texans To What Matters Most

## Celebrating 100 Years!

1917 ★ 2017

In April, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will celebrate 100 years. Born as the Texas Highway Department in a corner of the Texas Capitol in 1917, the earliest incarnation of TxDOT still shares one challenge with the agency we know today – there’s a lot of ground to cover in Texas.

Our transportation system not only gets us back and forth to daily destinations and appointments, but also brings us home each day and allows us to visit loved ones across the state and beyond. That’s why our centennial theme is “Connecting Texans To What Matters Most.”

From the earliest days of connecting farms to market, to the modern realities of multi-lane metropolitan highways, TxDOT now manages 80,000 miles of roadway. As the state’s economy and population continue to grow, TxDOT remains committed to meeting Texas’ ongoing and ever-changing transportation needs.

We are extremely proud of our 100 years of service to the people and state of Texas, and we are particularly proud of the collaborative tradition that has helped guide our service, projects and ongoing plans for the future. History has shown that by working closely with community leaders and citizens, we have developed one of the safest and most reliable transportation systems in the world.

The Dallas and Fort Worth Districts, covering 16 counties in the North Texas region, are successfully completing legacy projects like the DFW Connector, Horseshoe, LBJ Express and North Tarrant Express, and we will continue working with our transportation partners to deliver projects for the next 100 years.



5720 New IH 820, US 183 & SH 121 (3-level Interchange)

Future NE I-820 Interchange in mid-1960s



SH 121 in Northeast Tarrant County (date unknown)



Intersection Highways 121 & 114 - Tarrant County

Intersection of SH 114 and SH 121 (date unknown)

### Jet Age Pittsburgh Coatings Protect Tunnel Under Fort Worth International Airport

The arrival of the Jet Age has brought growing pains to airports across the country, and Greater Southwest International Airport at Fort Worth is no exception.

Contracting a jet-size runway at this airport meant extending it across Highway 183 and the obvious engineering answer to that problem was a tunnel that would carry the highway under the runway.

PPG UN-9630 High Solids Epoxy, applied to a dry film thickness of 10 to 12 mils, was specified by the tunnel engineers as a standard quality coating for the concrete surface because of the product's excellent tensile strength, bridging properties, and washing properties when subjected to strong detergent.

When the painting contract was sub let to Pinner & Cooney, Inc. Gus F. Walker, CRC Representative from the Dallas District Office and Gilbert Ryker, Technical Dept., sold the firm on the Pittsburgh coating. Tests added final proof that the PPG High Solids Epoxy was the right product for the job and it was later approved by the engineers and City of Fort Worth Inspectors.

The excellent tensile strength of High Solids Epoxy was a very important factor in this job. Gus says, "The tunnel's surface concrete had numerous hairline cracks and some wide joints had been filled with a soft grout. The High Solids Epoxy (applied with conventional spray, two coats, or five mils dry film coat), bridged the cracks and provides protection for the grout."

Approximately 1,700 gallons of material were used to coat the tunnel, which is 815 feet long, 48 feet wide, and 17 feet high—a total of 120,000 sq. ft.

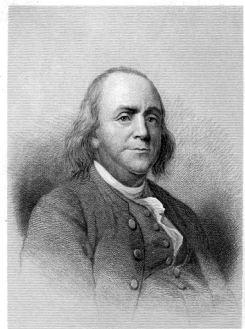
**NOTE: High Solids Epoxy Coatings have enormous appeal to agencies faced with maintenance problems. They are easy to keep clean—an important consideration in the instance reported here, where the tunnel ceiling and walls are constantly exposed to the cracks and gaps of exhaust lanes. Highway departments in your area may be in need of just such a maintenance product.**

Repairs of this and other chemical-resistant coatings are available, at no charge in reasonable quantities, from Sales Advertising Dept., Pittsburgh.

Each bottle (16-1/2 qt.) (20) represents the PPG type of compound you have left to right: Louis Hester, Chief Engineer, George Hester, and Bob E. Chasler, Inspectors, all City of Fort Worth.



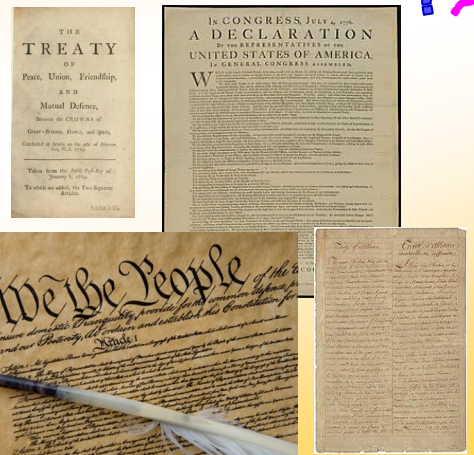
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**Answer:** Benjamin Franklin



# SENIOR NEWS

## LOOKING FOR FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE?

Tax counselors will answer your questions and also assist with the preparation of your 2016 tax forms utilizing IRS-approved, professional computer programs. Locations are in senior centers, libraries, recreation centers, community centers and some retirement homes.

**What to bring:**

- Proof of identification (photo ID)
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse and all claimed dependents. An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) may be substituted
- Birth dates for all listed on the tax return
- Wage and earning forms
- Brokerage statements
- Total paid for daycare and the provider’s tax identifying number
- Affordable Health Care Statements. Forms:1095-A, -B or -C
- Health Insurance Exemption Certificate, if received
- A blank check so you may use direct deposit of any refund
- Last year’s (2015) tax return. **WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR TAX RETURN IF YOU DO NOT BRING IT.**

**NOTE:** We electronically file tax returns, and both spouses must sign the required forms on a married-filing-join return.

The Tax-Aide program **begins February 1st.** Most sites require an appointment, so please call ahead of time.

Location	Telephone Number
Bedford Public Library	817-952-2350
Colleyville Senior Center	817-503-1195
Eules Public Library	817-685-1489
Eules Senior Center	817-685-1671
Grapevine REC	817-410-3465
Hadley-Meadowbrook Rec Center (Fort Worth)	817-451-0222
Haltom City Public Library	817-222-7786
Hurst Public Library	817-788-7300
Keller Senior Center	817-743-4370
North Richland Hills Library	817-427-6714
Richland Hills Public Library	817-616-3760
Roanoke Senior Center	817-491-6060
Saginaw Senior Center	817-230-0593
Southlake Public Library	817-748-8247
Summerglen Branch Library (Fort Worth)	817-232-0478
Watauga Community Center	817-514-5892

*When looking for a TCE site keep in mind that a majority of the TCE sites are operated by the AARP Foundation’s Tax-Aide program.*

To locate the nearest AARP TCE Tax-Aide site between January and April, click on the following link or call 888-227-7669.

[\*\*AARP TAX-AIDE LOCATOR\*\*](#)

To locate the nearest VITA or TCE site near you, click on the link below or call 800-906-9887.

[\*\*Find a VITA or TCE Site Near You\*\*](#)

### Managing Heart Disease

- **Go Red with like-minded women** - With the right information, education and care, heart disease in women can be treated, prevented and even ended. Women who GO RED are more likely to make healthy choices like these:
  - ⇒ Nearly 90 percent have made at least one healthy change in their daily lives.
  - ⇒ More than 1/3 have lost weight.
  - ⇒ More than 50 percent have increased their exercise.
  - ⇒ 6 out of 10 have made healthy changes to their diets.
  - ⇒ More than 40 percent have checked their cholesterol levels.
  - ⇒ 1/3 have talked with their doctors about developing heart health plans.
- **Take command of your recovery**
  - ⇒ Learn to love labels. Focus on filling your life with healthy eating choices.
  - ⇒ Find ways to stay active. You don’t have to become a gym rat but you do have to get moving.
  - ⇒ Go easy on yourself. Try to manage your expectations and don’t expect miracles overnight.
  - ⇒ De-stress. Whatever puts you in a calm and happy zone, find the time to do it.
  - ⇒ Don’t think you have to change your plans. Ultimately, being a survivor means living. So, try to resume a normal lifestyle.
- **Tackle your emotions** - Getting emotional support from others is an important step on your road to recovery.
- **Toss pride out the window** - If you feel like this is too much to deal with on your own, put your pride aside and seek assistance. Get counseling, turn to support groups, whatever feels right to you.

[Click here for more information](#)



Ref: American Heart Association

 **Thursday, May 4, 2017**  
Will Rogers Amon G.  
Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall

Register at: [www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com)

### CALENDAR

- Feb 10 Colleyville Valentine’s Day Celebration..... [www.colleyville.com](http://www.colleyville.com)
- Feb 10 NRH Senior Ctr DIY Valentine Tote Bag Class.... [www.nrhcenre.com](http://www.nrhcenre.com)
- Feb 13 Bedford Senior Center Valentines Dance..... [www.bedfordtx.gov](http://www.bedfordtx.gov)
- Feb 13 Southlake Senior Ctr Valentine’s Luncheon... [www.cityofsouthlake.com](http://www.cityofsouthlake.com)
- Feb 14 Keller Women’s Club Valentine’s Luncheon ..... [www.cityofkeller.com](http://www.cityofkeller.com)



# Transportation

## Northeast Tarrant County

### DFW Connector Project

Hotline: 877-411-4212  
[www.dfwconnector.com](http://www.dfwconnector.com)



Sign up for e-alerts!

The project is progressing on schedule and is slated to have a very productive 2017. In coming months crews will be:

- Continuing construction of the new bridge that will take traffic from eastbound SH 114 to southbound 121.
- Starting to build the new wall between northbound and southbound SH 121.
- Working on the new drainage systems in the center median of northbound and southbound SH 121.
- Paving the new northbound SH 360 to northbound SH 121 alignment.
- Constructing the new connector bridge from SH 121 northbound to westbound SH 114.



### Midtown Express

Contact us  
[www.drivemidtown.com](http://www.drivemidtown.com)



Sign up for e-alerts!

- Drainage and utility work continues in Euless.
- Intersection work is progressing at all three major intersections in Euless.
- Girders, panels and bridge deck are being placed at Industrial Blvd. and Ector Dr.
- Traffic is tentatively scheduled to switch onto new bridge structures over SH 183 by Summer 2017.
- Main St. bridge work continues as traffic switches have been implemented to accommodate the columns of the new bridge.
- Main St. bridge is scheduled to be substantially complete by December 2017.



### North Tarrant Express/ I-35W

Hotline: 888-683-2015  
[www.northtarrantexpress.com](http://www.northtarrantexpress.com)



Sign up for e-alerts!

- The new I-35W northbound frontage road extension between Basswood Boulevard and North Tarrant Parkway is now open, resulting in a new traffic pattern. Drivers are encouraged to be aware of the changes when taking this road.
- Nightly closures, except Saturdays, on the off-ramp from northbound I-35W to North Tarrant Parkway will be in place for the construction of the new northbound entrance ramp from Basswood Boulevard. Traffic will be redirected to the next exit ramp to Heritage Trace Parkway and then will return to North Tarrant Parkway via the southbound frontage road.
- Progress continues in the SH 121, Spur 280 and Northside/Yucca areas, in addition to the continued work at the interchange and in areas north, around Basswood Boulevard and Western Center Boulevard.



**Highway 26**  
 TxDOT - N Tarrant Office  
 817-399-4300  
[www.txdot.gov/sh26project.com](http://www.txdot.gov/sh26project.com)



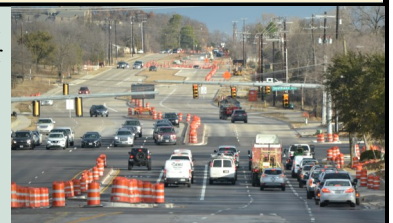
Sign up for e-alerts!

- The SH 26 construction project has started with preliminary construction activity. Message boards are posted advising motorists of daily lane closures. Motorists can expect to see construction activity continue over the coming weeks including the placement of traffic control devices and erosion control measures, the installation of temporary traffic signals, surveying crews, and the installation of drainage. Motorists can also expect to see the installation of temporary pavement and temporary driveways at various locations. Various lane closures are possible from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and SH 26 could be reduced to one lane, weather permitting.
- The \$38.2 million project in Colleyville from John McCain Road to Brown Trail will improve mobility and safety, and consists of the widening of SH 26 from four lanes with a continuous left turn lane to six lanes with raised curb medians with left turn bays, continuous sidewalks and improved signals. The project is estimated for completion in 2019.
- For project information and to sign-up for e-mail alerts, log onto: [SH26Project.com](http://SH26Project.com)



**FM 1938 - Phase II**  
 TxDOT - N Tarrant Office  
 817-399-4300  
[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)  
 Southlake 817-748-8098  
[www.cityofsouthlake.com](http://www.cityofsouthlake.com)

- The FM 1938 road construction project in Southlake and Keller from Randol Mill Avenue to FM 1709 (Southlake Boulevard) is planned for completion in 2017 for \$20 million. Construction at the FM 1938 and FM 1709 intersection has reached substantial completion (all lanes opened as of the end of December) with significant mobility improvements experienced by motorists. Some daily lane closures during off-peak periods can still be expected to finish work in the medians,



around the perimeter of the intersection and to place the permanent traffic signals. North of the intersection, crews continue to reconstruct the new southbound lanes between Fawkes Lane and Florence Road which includes a new retaining wall located along the west side of FM 1938. Construction is also continuing on some of the remaining side streets connecting from the west side of FM 1938.

- The 1.6 mile project will widen the roadway to two lanes in each direction with raised curbed medians and will expand the intersection at FM 1709 so there will be two turn lanes in all directions. The project also includes landscaping along the roadway with illumination and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway provided by the city of Southlake. Project information can be found on Facebook and Twitter @fm1938mobility.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 9 Grapevine Community Awards Banquet.....[www.grapevinechamber.org](http://www.grapevinechamber.org)
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day**.....
- Feb 17 Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit**.....[www.nettransportationsummit.com](http://www.nettransportationsummit.com)
- Feb 17 Tarrant Area Food Bank Empty Bowls Luncheon.....[www.tafb.org](http://www.tafb.org)
- Feb 17 Kids Matter Charity Ball.....[www.kidsmatterinternational.org](http://www.kidsmatterinternational.org)
- Feb 18 Mardi Gras Casino Night & Gala.....[www.bedfordlibrary.com](http://www.bedfordlibrary.com)
- Feb 20 President's Day**.....
- Feb 22 2017 High Heels & Hot Meals Luncheon.....[www.mealsonwheels.org](http://www.mealsonwheels.org)
- Feb 25 Dancing for the Stars.....[www.colleyvillerotaryclub.com](http://www.colleyvillerotaryclub.com)
- Feb 25-26 The Cowtown Marathon.....[www.cowtownmarathon.org](http://www.cowtownmarathon.org)
- Mar 4 Knights of Columbus Casino Night.....[www.kofcknights.org](http://www.kofcknights.org)
- Mar 4 15th Annual Hope Dinner & Auction.....[www.hopedinner.com](http://www.hopedinner.com)
- Mar 4 Annual Gallery Night "All That Glitters!".....[www.westlakeacademyfoundation.org](http://www.westlakeacademyfoundation.org)
- Mar 5 "Hollywood On The Runway".....[www.southlake.nationalcharityleague.org](http://www.southlake.nationalcharityleague.org)
- Mar 9 Fired Up Charity Dinner.....[www.kellerchamber.com](http://www.kellerchamber.com)
- Mar 12 Daylight Savings**.....
- Mar 13-17 Spring Break**.....
- Mar 17 Saint Patrick's Day**.....
- Mar 24 Walk on the Wild Side.....[www.c-w-c.org](http://www.c-w-c.org)
- Mar 27 Community Enrichment Center Golf Classic.....[www.cecgolffclassic.com](http://www.cecgolffclassic.com)
- Mar 27 Knights of Sight Annual Charity Golf Tournament.....[www.colleyvillelions.com](http://www.colleyvillelions.com)
- Mar 30 22nd Annual Great Taste of Grapevine.....[www.grapevinechamber.org](http://www.grapevinechamber.org)
- Mar 30-Apr 3 Annual Keller Lions Club Fair.....[www.kellerlionsclub.com](http://www.kellerlionsclub.com)
- Mar 31 Cesar Chavez Day**.....
- Mar 31 Butterfly Wishes.....[www.awishwithwings.org](http://www.awishwithwings.org)
- Apr 1 2017 Garden of Roses Fashion Show.....[www.gkwc.org](http://www.gkwc.org)
- Apr 1 Earth Party.....[www.fortworthtexas.gov](http://www.fortworthtexas.gov)
- Apr 3 Metroport Meals on Wheels Golf Classic.....[www.metroportmow.org](http://www.metroportmow.org)
- Apr 4 State of the Communities Address.....[www.nwmetroportchamber.org](http://www.nwmetroportchamber.org)
- Apr 7 Memory Gala - The Quest.....[www.act.alz.org](http://www.act.alz.org)
- Apr 8 Bedford ArtsFest 2017.....[www.bedfordtx.gov](http://www.bedfordtx.gov)
- Apr 8 The Clubhouse for Special Needs (Dinner/Silent Auction).....[www.theclubhouse.org](http://www.theclubhouse.org)
- Apr 8 Grapevine Job Fair 2017.....[www.grapevinechamber.org](http://www.grapevinechamber.org)
- Apr 8 21st Annual Victory Over Violence.....[www.vovfw.org](http://www.vovfw.org)
- Apr 14 Good Friday**.....
- Apr 16 Easter**.....
- Apr 18 Tax Day**.....
- Apr 20 MHMR Opening Doors Dinner 2017.....[www.mhmrtarrant.org](http://www.mhmrtarrant.org)
- Apr 20 HEB Chamber Golf Classic.....[www.heb.org](http://www.heb.org)
- Apr 20 Hometown Heroes 2017.....[www.netarrant.org](http://www.netarrant.org)
- Apr 20-23 Main St. Fort Worth Arts Festival.....[www.mainstreetartsfest.org](http://www.mainstreetartsfest.org)
- Apr 21-22 CPR HEB.....[www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org)
- Apr 23 14th Annual Big Bike Run.....[www.grapevineheritageambuc.org](http://www.grapevineheritageambuc.org)
- Apr 24 Annual Golf Tournament.....[www.southlakechamber.com](http://www.southlakechamber.com)
- Apr 28-29 KellerFest.....[www.kellerchamber.com](http://www.kellerchamber.com)
- Apr 28-30 Art in the Square.....[www.artinthesquare.com](http://www.artinthesquare.com)

## JPS Hospital Clinics in 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

**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, 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](http://www.jpshealthnet.org)



## COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**February 20th - President's Day**

**March 27th - Cesar Chavez Day (observed)**

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♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥

- Feb 10 Father/Daughter Dance.....[www.ci.watauga.tx.us](http://www.ci.watauga.tx.us)
- Feb 11 Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance.....[www.eulesstx.gov](http://www.eulesstx.gov)
- Feb 11 Night of Romance.....[www.haltomcity.com](http://www.haltomcity.com)