

Northeast Newsletter

Tarrant County - Precinct 3

"Working together for a better tomorrow"



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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Looking in the Rear View Mirror 2009

I know that most of us are glad to see this year slip into history. There were good times and not-so-good times. In this month's Newsletter, I'll attempt to review **The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly of 2009.**

We'll start with **The Good: January**--The High Honchos at TxDOT invited a small group of us to a special meeting to tell us that the Texas Transportation Commission would very likely approve two major projects in Northeast Tarrant County (that's Precinct 3). Later that month, they approved the North Tarrant Express. This is the North Loop 820 section and Airport Freeway. Local leaders have been working on this project since the early 1980's. This project will start in 2010 and take 4 years to complete.

February--Rebecca Barksdale came on board as our Community Outreach Coordinator. Our Northeast Tarrant Senior Task Force held their first meeting. The Task Force identified three main areas of concern: Senior Health Care, Transportation Options, and Senior Employment.

March--The DFW Connector was approved by the Texas Transportation Commission. This project includes numerous major highways on the north side of DFW International Airport affecting the cities of

Grapevine, Southlake, Colleyville, Coppell, and Irving. Project will start in February 2010 and take 4 years to complete. The Senior Task Force continues to meet.

April--The Senior Task Force decides to have a Senior Expo in the Fall. They start the planning process. I told them that we could enlist sponsors to pay for the Expo and we would find them the money.

May--Mary Ann Rike (the nice lady who keeps EVERYONE in our office in line) organized our "Team Fickes LifeGift Second Chance Run". This run is all about Organ Donation Awareness and is sponsored by LifeGift in Fort Worth. Team Fickes had the largest number of runners with over 160 participating. This year's run is on Saturday, May 15. Call Mary Ann if you would like to join us this year. The Senior Task Force continues to plan for the Senior Expo.

June--We started our "Coffee with the Commissioner" days. We have continued to do this on select Fridays from 7:30-9:00. This is a very causal event at our Hurst office--no structured program, just come by and visit, drink some coffee, have a donut, ask questions and have fun. The Senior Task Force keeps on planning.

July--Commissioner's staff (Carolyn Sims) works with the HEB ISD on a new

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Commissioner Gary Fickes

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Commissioner's Coffee Shop



Friday, February 12th ~7:30 to 9:00am
COFFEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER

Please join me for coffee and donuts!
Northeast Sub-Courthouse
645 Grapevine Highway, Ste.6
Hurst, Texas 76054

Feb. 17, 2010

Northeast Tarrant County Transportation Summit

Mobility for the 21st Century

Featured Speaker:

William Meadows
Commissioner - Texas Transportation Commission

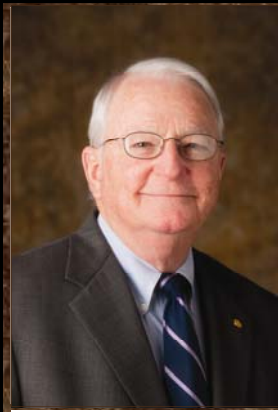
SOLD OUT!

? Question of the Month ?

How did Fort Worth acquire the nickname "Panther City"?

(Answer found on page 6)

Employee Spotlight



Joe Shannon, Jr.



**Tarrant County
Criminal District Attorney**

District Attorney Joe Shannon Jr. was born in Fort Worth, graduated from Arlington Heights High School and attended the University of Texas. He received his law degree from UT Law School. After graduation Joe was elected to the Texas House of Representatives at the age of 24. He served three terms and chaired the Committee on Counties which dealt with legislation affecting county government. He practiced law with his father until he joined the District Attorney's Office in 1972 when Tim Curry was elected.

Joe became the Chief of the Criminal Division where he prosecuted many high profile cases including capital murders involving robbery homicides as well as the murder of a Fort Worth police officer. The jury returned death penalty verdicts in both

cases. He was also the lead prosecutor in *State of Texas vs. Cullen Davis*.

In 1978, Joe returned to private practice where he remained for twenty-one years. In 1999 he rejoined the District Attorney's Office as Chief of the Economic Crime Unit. He supervised the investigation and prosecution of white collar and computer crime as well as public integrity offenses. The prosecution of major mortgage fraud and identity theft cases was initiated by this unit and is ongoing. He also prosecuted murder cases including the kidnap murder of Lauralee Craine, former director of Starpoint School at TCU. Edward Lee Busby received the death penalty for this offense.

Joe was elected President of both the Tarrant County Bar Association and the Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association. He was also elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas, the state agency which supervises the activities of over 83,000 lawyers in Texas. Joe has also managed to find time to serve as an Adjunct Professor at Texas Wesleyan School of Law for the past ten years. He has been listed in Best Lawyers in America and was named as a Super Lawyer by Texas Monthly for his prosecution skills.

In May 2009 when then District Attorney

Tim Curry passed away Joe Shannon was selected by Governor Rick Perry to serve as Tarrant County's Criminal District Attorney for the remainder of the term. He brings energy, experience and enthusiasm to the job of chief prosecutor of Tarrant County.

Joe has three children and is the proud grandfather of six grandchildren one of whom has been accepted into law school.

On a more personal note ~

What do you do for fun? *"Flying airplanes and reading"*

Favorite Movie? *"A Few Good Men"*

Favorite Restaurant? *"Most anything Mexican"*

Favorite Book? *"Anything by John Grisham"*

Favorite vacation spot? *"The Colorado Rocky Mountains"*

Favorite Quote? *"As government expands-liberty contracts" -Ronald Reagan*

People would be surprised to know...

"When I was born, I was delivered by my grandfather."

**Precinct 3
Maintenance News
817-514-5000**



We have certainly had some beautiful weather this winter, but then Mother Nature decided to throw in the snow and ice for Christmas. It was the first white Christmas for as far back as most could remember, and it was beautiful. With the beauty came some challenges for the drivers on the road. Our team was prepared and they were out on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day improving the driving conditions at busy intersections as much as possible. We used sand, salt, and Ice Melt on the roads and in one area had to remove a snow drift that was too deep to drive through.

We have completed Phase I of the Westport project for the City of Haslet and have started Phase II. Portions of Old Denton Road in Fort Worth have been reconstructed as well as a parking lot for the JPS facility on Brown Trail. The parking lot surface is much smoother for those who park there, and we improved the drainage

issues as well.

We continue to crack seal some of our roads to prevent water from seeping under the pavement and causing potholes. Our storm water ditch cleaning is underway, and we have been clearing some brush from intersections to help with sight distances for the safety of the traveling public.

With warm weather approaching, our project list for road maintenance and construction will expand. We anticipate a busy and productive spring and summer working with the cities in Precinct Three to improve the condition of our roadways.

While traveling in our construction areas please be aware of our construction workers and equipment, and take extra precautions in order to prevent accidents or injuries.

Neal Welch, Director of Field Operations



JPS Brown Trail Clinic driveway is reconstructed with improved storm water drainage.

Tarrant County Veterans Services Administration Benefit Outreach Assistance
Call for appointment 817-531-5645
Free Service

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO COUNTY SERVICES
Texas Association of Counties recently has a website focused specifically on Texas County government and how to get county services. Check out www.texascounties4u.org to view a series of "how to" videos.

VALENTINE'S DAY FEB 14TH

Whoa... It's just around the corner!
SPRING BREAK
March 15th-19th

METROPORT MEALS ON WHEELS

serving northeast tarrant county

The image of a frail senior, alone and hungry, paints a graphic picture. Insert a volunteer bringing a hot meal, engaging the senior in animated conversation and the picture changes dramatically. That dynamic new picture is exactly what Metroport Meals On Wheels (MMOW) is all about.



Over the past thirty years, MMOW has been an ever-present resource of volunteers visiting seniors who are striving to live independently in their own homes, leaving behind hot meals, hugs, and smiles. MMOW has provided assurances for the seniors—freedom from worry about food, knowledge that there will be a personal visit every day, and for their families—that someone who cares will look in on their loved one daily.

MMOW's outreach is not limited to

homebound seniors; our luncheons are special events for seniors in eight communities. Depending on site, attendance ranges from 35 to 125+ seniors per luncheon. Fabulous food, lively conversation, dominoes, cards, bingo, and birthday celebrations make MMOW's luncheons a "not-to-be-missed" occasion regardless of whether the participants are lifelong residents or new to the community.

MMOW was born of neighbors taking care of neighbors in rural communities



Haslet Senior Center Group

where no other services were available. For thirty years, MMOW has been dedicated to providing support for seniors in Northeast Tarrant County. What began as concerned volunteers cooking and delivering a weekly meal to elderly or sick neighbors has grown into a strong grassroots organization that provided 62,340 meals to 935 participants in twenty-two communities in three counties last year. MMOW has been joined by food partners in each of our communities and by over 500 volunteers, 185 of whom have volunteered for between five and thirty years!

To help bring food, fun, and friendship to area seniors or for information about MMOW's meal programs and senior center locations, please call 817-491-1141 or visit www.metroportmow.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE
PROFESSIONALS DAY

APR 21



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER continued...

School Based JPS Clinic. Senior Task Force brands Senior Expo as "Empowering Seniors '09" and we find the sponsors to help pay for this event. The plan is to serve a light breakfast and a sit down lunch for 250 seniors, provide morning seminars (6), have 25-30 exhibitors, and a keynote speaker at lunch and not charge anyone for anything. Sounds easy!

August--Back to School Roundup in Fort Worth and the HEB ISD. We had all hands on deck for this project. Our Team worked with volunteers across the County to help over 10,000 students get a great start on the school year. The Senior Task Force gets very busy planning "Empowering Seniors '09". Event will be at Richland Hills Church of Christ on October 29.

September--Commissioners Court gets serious about the 2009-2010 Budget. It's cutback time; spend less and do more. We approved a Budget that was \$9,000,000 less than last year. The Senior Task Force is really in gear for "Empowering Seniors '09".

October--This was a really busy month! We started off by having our United Way Fund Raiser with a Burrito/Chick-fil-A Chicken Biscuit Breakfast and a Catfish Lunch. It rained most of the morning, but we still sold lots of food and everyone had a great time. We raised over \$1,500 for

United Way. We started planning for the Northeast Tarrant County Transportation Summit to be held in Grapevine on February 17, 2010. We put together a great committee of local transportation leaders to work on this project. On the 29th we had our "Empowering Seniors '09 Conference". We had about 250 seniors attend. All the seminars were well attended, health testing was performed by four local hospitals, and we had a fabulous lunch with a great speaker...and it was all provided free to our Great Seniors.

November--We had our Tarrant Area Food Bank Drive and raised enough money from Tarrant County employees to purchase 5,000 turkeys for distribution at Thanksgiving. The Commissioners Court members had the honor of helping unload those 5,000 icy, cold, hard, frozen turkeys.

December--The second JPS HEB ISD School Based Clinic opened. A special thanks to Theresa Parsons in our Southlake office for all the great work she does on putting together our Newsletter every other month.

The Bad: January and March--Those two great Highway projects mentioned above mean that we'll be under construction for the next four years on the north and south areas of Precinct 3. No pain, no gain!

May--Long time Tarrant County Crimi-

nal District Attorney, Tim Curry, passed away. The very capable Joe Shannon was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to complete Tim's term.

August--Swine Flu becomes the number one news item for months. The ailment's name, "Swine Flu", so upset the Hog Raisers that the CDC decided to re-name the ailment something that made more sense: "H1N1"! Tarrant County Public Health did a fabulous job in handling this problem. They opened special clinics at six locations and held numerous vaccination events at large venues in all parts of Tarrant County. We are all very proud of the great effort put forth by all of their employees to reduce the danger for citizens of Tarrant County.

The Ugly: July and November--Myself and one Key Associate turned 60 years old during 2009. This year ended.

Besides all of that mentioned above, we also worked with the cities in Precinct 3 on road and bridge projects; sanded the roads and bridges on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning during the ice/snow storm; worked every day with constituents' problems and questions. We are here to serve you and your needs concerning County government.

Have a great 2010 and come by and see us sometime.

Gary Fickes

Neighborhood Revitalization Program



Commissioner Gary Fickes
Mary Lib Saleh, City of Euless Mayor
Gary McKamie, Euless City Manager

At a recent luncheon hosted by Commissioner Fickes, Mayor McGrail of Keller, Mayor Trevino of North Richland Hills, Mayor Regan of Richland Hills, and Mayor Harry Jeffries of Watauga, representatives from the churches, area businesses, and volunteers learned of a revitalization program that the City of Euless and 6 Stones Mission Network have implemented. Here is their story. . .

Mission Euless Revitalization



In the fall of 2007, two local churches approached the Euless City Manager with a question: "What can we do to help?" Rather than a mission trip abroad, they were brainstorming ways to

make a difference in our own backyard. They found an answer: In late June, in an unprecedented effort of teamwork and volunteerism, nearly 500 volunteers helped revitalize 15 Euless homes over two days through the Euless Revitalization program.

Since then the ER committee has evolved and grown into a coalition of churches, local businesses, civic groups and individuals, all working with Tarrant County and the City of Euless to help return hope to families in need. Euless Revitalization has not only built a better community, it has built better relationships within our community.

In the same way that decline can begin to infect a community, so can pride of ownership inspire a community. The program has had an incredible trickledown effect in the neighborhoods where homes were revitalized through the program. When neighbors noticed how nice the revitalized homes looked, they began cleaning up their yards and sprucing up their homes. Participants in the program were overwhelmed by the daunting size of the repairs needed on their homes. They now have hope once again and pride in their homes.

The City of Euless is fortunate to tap

into some of the most dedicated and hard working volunteers in Texas and the contribution they make is FabEuless! Volunteers of all ages, skill levels and knowledge were able to lend their neighbors a helping hand and this program will only continue to grow. We're changing lives one house at a time.



Spring Blitz: March 12 & 13, 2010

Last June over 500 volunteers helped repair 15 homes in one weekend, and now we are inviting you to help us do it again! Please join our growing ER family of volunteers and sponsors as we attempt to help more struggling families make needed repairs to their homes. To sign up as a volunteer, please visit our website!

Want to learn more?

Please visit: www.EulessTX.gov/ER
or sign up to receive email updates at:
www.EulessTX.gov/MyEuless

Tarrant County District Clerk and County Commissioner Team-Up to Provide New Service for Community!

The Tarrant County District Clerk's office is pleased to announce the convenience of court document lookup and printing for the public. Beginning February 12, 2010, local attorneys, small business owners, landlords and other members of the general public may view and obtain copies of documents for cases filed with the Tarrant County District Clerk's office. This joint effort by District Clerk Tom Wilder and County Commissioner Gary Fickes provides the opportunity for members of the public to view and obtain records from Civil, Family and Criminal (Felony) cases in one of Tarrant County's Sub-Courthouse locations. Self-service research will be free to the public, with basic records search performed by a deputy priced at only \$5.00, and nominal charge for copies, if desired. The public access terminal will be located in the District Clerk's Passport Section, located in suite #340 of Southlake Town Hall, 1400 Main Street, Southlake. For additional information, or to inquire about applying for a US Passport, please contact the Passport Section at 817-481-8190.



Members of the 2009 Leadership Development Class were recognized by Commissioners Court. Pictured left to right: Jack Roach, Tracy Farmer, Commissioner Gary Fickes, and Diane Hunt.

District Clerk's Open House
February 12th ~ 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Southlake Town Hall, 1400 Main Street, Room 340, Southlake, TX

Planning to travel? Need a U.S. Passport? We can help



The Tarrant County District Clerk's Passport Section specializes in helping people obtain U.S. Passports. We have four convenient locations to provide you with the highest quality service; one of which is in Suite # 340 of Southlake Town Hall, located at 1400 Main Street in Southlake Town Square. We can even provide the photos! And if you have a group of 15 or more, we can provide on-site processing at your location. For more information, please call 817-884-2520, or visit our website at www.tarrantcounty.com.

Mark your calendar!

LifeGift Second Chance Run
Details in next issue...

Saturday

May 15th

If you had the ability to save someone's life... would you?

For more information please visit:

www.donatelifetexas.org



Easter
Apr 4



Precinct 3 Economic Development - Arlington Viridian Project



Plaza Green Perspective

Great Projects Taking Place in the Southern Part of Precinct 3 – January 21, 2010

Picture more than 3,000 homes surrounded by woodlands, lakes, trails and nature located along the Trinity River, with shops, restaurants and schools within walking distance. This picturesque image will soon be a reality. Beginning in late 2010, residents of North Arlington will be able to experience this exceptional neighborhood in Viridian.

Huffines Communities Inc. is the developer and owner of the historic property formerly known as Lakes of Bird's Fort, located on Collins Street (FM 157) at Green Oaks Blvd. in Arlington. The 2,300 acre+ property is located in the HEB school district.

Exceptional neighborhood schools – an integral part of life in Viridian

Huffines Communities strongly supports and plans each of their Signature Communities around neighborhood schools, recreation and social interaction, creating a nurturing environ-

ment.

Viridian will be designed as a new urbanism community with pedestrian-friendly walkways and trails, sports fields, playgrounds, parks and open spaces for enjoyment of the residents.

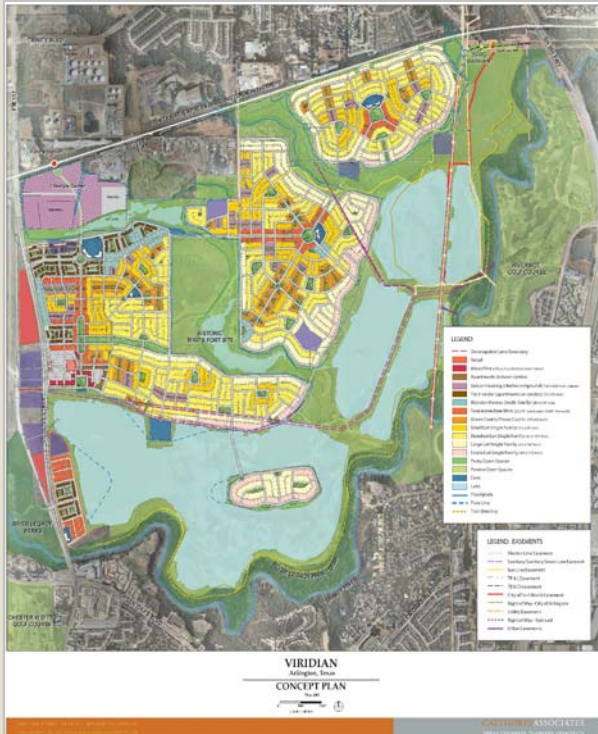
Viridian, a unique new community unlike any ever developed

Viridian, a 2300-acre+ mixed-use community located in Arlington, Texas, will offer all the great advantages which come with small-town life – including outstanding neighborhood schools designed to connect with nature. Its new urbanism design, sustainability and eco-friendly environment will make an exciting and vibrant place to call home.

Among the many amenities residents of this exciting new community will enjoy are more than 1,200 acres of protected wetlands and open spaces, a trail system with over 20 miles of trails along the Trinity River, and 450 acres of lakes. Viridian is planning more than 3,500 single-family homes, as well as 300,000 square feet of retail and 400,000 square feet



Main Street Perspective



Master Plan

of office space. The community's new urbanism plan is designed around pedestrians and bicycles, instead of the vehicle. This will enable residents to walk to the workplace or school, shop or enjoy the town square. Viridian will offer retail shops, office space, and a hotel and restaurants. No other community will come close to Viridian's one-of-a-kind setting and lifestyle.

Exciting new homes

Huffines has assembled the finest consultants and strategic partners from across the country to create a community to be both breathtakingly beautiful and unique in design. A variety of living choices will be offered in Viridian, ranging from single family town homes to luxury home sites on a private island; from multi-family homes to live/work spaces and brownstones.

Viridian is just part of the booming residential growth between Texas Highway 10 and the Trinity River. Developers anticipate brisk sales of the new homes, as new residents are attracted to the quality of HEB schools and the advantages their children will receive.

The 2,000-acre riverfront property will be transformed into a vibrant, sustainable residential community with 400,000 square feet of office and 300,000 square feet of retail, and an estimated value at completion of \$1.5 billion. Viridian's premier location, just west of Highway 360 and two miles north of I-30 on Collins Boulevard, puts it only minutes to the airport, Six Flags, the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium, restaurants and entertainment venues. It is also adjacent to the beautiful River Legacy Park with over 13 miles of nature and jogging trails.

Volunteer to Help Low-Income Families Obtain Tax Credits

United Way is recruiting volunteers to work at free tax preparation centers from January through mid-April. Helping low-income families obtain tax credits is an important way you can join United Way in making local residents more financially stable and self-sufficient. Volunteers are needed to work at six sites in Arlington and Fort Worth that will offer free tax preparation for families earning less than \$49,000 per year. To volunteer or obtain further information, please contact Pablo Calderon at 817-258-8056 or pablo.calderon@unitedwaytarrant.org



An Historical Moment In Time



626 Ball Street in Grapevine

An important "Historical Moment in Time" occurred in Tarrant County 151 years ago – and it remains important to us today! That moment in time was in 1859 when Thomas Jefferson Nash and his wife, Elizabeth, bought farmland and a log cabin in Grapevine and created Nash Farm. In 1869, after the Civil War, they built a new farmhouse and, later, a big barn that is standing proudly today. Nash Farm is now owned by the Grapevine Heritage Foundation and is a living history farmstead. It has been restored to



perfection and will soon be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

If you are looking for an

Nash Farm

outing for your family that is fun, economical, educational and close to home, look no farther than Nash Farm! The Farm offers a great schedule of diverse monthly activities geared for the entire family. Activities are offered either free of charge or for a nominal fee. At Nash Farm you will find farm animals, vintage farm equipment, a large kitchen garden, crops growing in the field, the barn, and a colorful farmhouse to explore. Friendly, knowledgeable docents are always willing to share a story, guide educational activities, and explain what farm life was like in the mid- to- late 1800s.



Plan a visit soon. Upcoming activities include:

February – Needle Arts, Blacksmithing and Farm Chores.

March – Easter Egg Hunt, Tom Sawyer and Fence Whitewashing, and Charlotte's

Web with Pig Petting and Web Watching.

April -- Spring Into Nash Farm festivities on April 10th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.; on April 24 -- Kite Making and Flying.

May – Urban Homesteading – Gardens, Bees, Chickens and more in YOUR OWN backyard!



Nash Farm is located at 626 Ball Street at the corner of Ball and West College Streets just one-half mile west of Grapevine's historic downtown. It is beautiful, historic and unique, and sure to become a favorite family destination.



For dates, times and more details about Nash Farm activities, please visit www.NashFarm.org or call Rebecka Cook, Heritage Programs Manager, at (817) 410-3558

Answer to Question of the Month

Question: How did Fort Worth acquire the nickname "Panther City"?

Answer: Fort Worth city leaders had worked for many years to extend the railroad from Dallas west to Fort Worth. When a national depression in 1873 halted rail construction, so many people left town that it was said that a panther could sleep unmolested on Main Street. In 1876, the Texas & Pacific arrived and Fort Worth boomed.

P.S. Visit the front lawn of the County Administration Building located at 100 E. Weatherford and see the large bronze sculpture of the "Sleeping Panther".

EARLY VOTING

Primary Election Information

2/16 to 2/26 - In-person early voting.

(Note - Polls open Sat and Sun).

2/23 - Last day Elections Department may accept an application for a ballot by mail. (Must be received by this date, not merely postmarked).

3/2 - **ELECTION DAY** (Polls open 7am to 7pm).

3/8 - Last day Elections Department may receive ballots sent from outside the United States. (Must have been placed in the mail by Election Day).

For more information on Election or the various polling places:

<http://tcweb.tarrantcounty.com/evote/site/default.asp>

Dedication of Southlake DPS Headquarters



Commissioner Fickes presents the City of Southlake with a Resolution for the dedication of the Southlake DPS Headquarters.

Pictured left to right: Mayor John Terrell, Councilwoman Carolyn Morris, Commissioner Gary Fickes, and Chair of Crime District, Martin Schelling.

The Commissioners Court of Tarrant County congratulates the Southlake Department of Public Safety, the Southlake City Council, and the Southlake Crime Control and Prevention Board on their foresight in establishing this campus to continue the vision of providing effective and efficient professional police and fire services to the citizens of Southlake, Texas. The grand opening of the City of Southlake DPS Headquarters took place on Friday, January 8, 2010 following nearly two years of construction. Located in the northwest corner of the Southlake's Town Square, this new state of the art, 85,000+ square foot building, houses the DPS, Police and Fire Administration, the City's Municipal Court and Metroport Teen Court.





The Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District provides a world-class education for 20,000 students. HEB ISD has a 50-year history of giving students the edge they need to compete after high school. Students leave the district ready to take on college, advanced technical training, or the workforce.

HEB ISD is rich with diversity, which gives the district a distinctly international flavor. Students come from homes where more than 60 different native languages are spoken. This cultural environment provides students with the ability to interact on a global level, in the comfort of a school setting. When HEB students attend college with students from around the world, they will already have the experience of working with international peers. This prior



Students can take Mandarin Chinese beginning in 7th grade through the International Business Initiative.

experience will give them an added advantage in school and on the job.

In 2009, all five District junior high schools made the Texas Business Education Coalition's (TBEC) "Higher Performing Schools" list. In addition, Central Junior High School and Hurst Junior High School received national Blue Ribbon School nominations. Two elementary schools, River Trails and Shady Oaks, were named TBEC Honor Roll Schools.

HEB ISD provides students an added



The elementary Suzuki Strings program begins in Kindergarten and feeds into secondary orchestra.

advantage by offering academic enrichment programs, such as Spanish Immersion, Suzuki Strings, Core Knowledge, International Baccalaureate, and the International Business Initiative, which offers Hindi and Mandarin languages.

The District is recognized across the state and nation for its superior curriculum, low teacher-student ratios, and a singular focus on instructional spending. Education Resource Group, a company that annually examines the student performance and operating efficiency of the 200 largest Texas public school districts, has once



Both HEB high schools offer International Baccalaureate, which prepares students to compete in a global economy.

again named the HEB ISD the #1 school district in the state, based on state test data and financial audit information. The District has received this distinction three years in a row.

In 2009, HEB ISD was named to the prestigious listing of "Best Communities for Music Education" for the third year in a row. Only 10 Texas school districts received this national honor, and this designation once again illustrates the academic edge that the HEB ISD provides its students.

A rich history of academic excellence, highly qualified personnel, and a clear vision for student achievement provide the framework that prepares HEB students to live and compete in a global economy. This fine-tuned combination is not accidental, but the result of managing for innovation. This has always made HEB ISD different by design, and it is the secret to its success.

For more information, please visit our website at: www.hebisd.edu

Census 2010

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to do this every 10 years.

The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects and emergency services. It generates thousands of jobs across the country. And it impacts your voice in Congress.

It's Easy, Important and Safe...

- **February—March 2010** the Census questionnaire will be **delivered** or mailed to households.
- With only **10 short questions**, the 2010 Census will take about 10 minutes to complete (the shortest in history).
- By law, the **Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census information** with anyone including other federal agencies or law enforcement entities.
- Finally, **mail it back!**

For more information, please visit: www.2010.census.gov

NE Tarrant County Events

FEBRUARY

SafeHaven
Legacy Of Men Breakfast
Mon, Feb 15 ~ 8am
www.safehaventc.org



Mardi Gras Celebration
To benefit Bedford Public Library
Tues, Feb 16 ~ 6:30pm
www.bedfordlibrary.org

Tarrant Area Food Bank
EmptyBowls Lunch
Fri, Feb 19 ~ 11am-1pm
www.tafb.org

The Arts League
Wine, Women, & The Arts
Tues, Feb 23 ~ 6-7:30pm
www.artsnetc.org

Community Storehouse
HOPE Dinner and Auction
Sat, Feb 27 ~ 6pm
www.communitystorehouse.org

MARCH

NE Tarrant Chamber
Denim & Diamonds
Auction and Dining Event
Mar 6 ~ Time TBD
www.netarrant.org

Spring Blitz
Eules Revitalization (ER)
Program
Fri & Sat, Mar 12 & 13
www.eulesstx.gov/er

Greater Keller Women's Club
Fashion Show & Luncheon
Sat, Mar 27 ~
www.gkwc.org

APRIL

GV Chamber - Women's Division
The Great Taste of Grapevine
Thur Apr 8 ~ 5:30-8:30pm
www.grapevinechamber-womensdiv.com



GCISD Education Foundation
Dinner & Golf Tournament
April 18 & 19
www.gcisd-k12.org

American Red Cross
Chisholm Trail Chapter
Stars At Night Gala
April 23
www.chisholmtrail.redcross.org

Susan Komen Race
for the Cure ~ Join the
Tarrant County Team
Apr 24
www.komentarrant.org



BULLETIN BOARD

Tarrant County Offices Closed on:

President's Day Feb 15th

Cesar Chavez Day Mar 29

Good Friday Apr 2

FORT WORTH CAREER FAIR
Thur, Feb 18
11am - 2pm
 Will Rogers Memorial Center
 3401 W Lancaster Ave
 Fort Worth
www.ncfairs.com

Feb is Black History Month

Northeast Tarrant County Transportation Summit
 Feb 17th
SOLD OUT!

DFW Connector Open House
 Feb 17th ~ 4-8pm
www.dfwconnector.com

VOTE Primary Elections
March 2, 2010

Earth-Kind Landscaping
 Mar 6
 817-884-1946

Senior Resource Center
 Senior St. Patrick Dance
 Mar 19
 10 am - 2 pm
 817-413-0124

JPS HEB ISD School-Based Clinic
 Grand Opening
 Mar 31 at 4:30pm

13th Annual Victory Over Violence
 5 K & 1K Walk/Run
 Apr 4
www.womenscenter.info

Disability Expo
 Apr 10 ~ 8am-5pm
 817-569-4045

Tax Day
 Apr 15

Seasonal Flu info at:
www.tarrantcounty.com

Tarrant County Commissioners Court

Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
 100 E Weatherford
 Fort Worth, TX
 Unless otherwise stated

Northeast Tarrant County JPS Clinics

Gertrude Tarpley
 JPS Health Center at Watauga
 6601 Watauga Road, Watauga TX 76148
 817-702-6600
 JPS Health Center Northeast
 837 Brown Trail, Bedford, TX 76022
 817-920-6400
www.jpshealthnet.org



- DFW Connector..... www.dfwconnector.com
- Tarrant County Transportation Department www.tarrantcounty.com
- Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition www.trtcmobility.org
- Fort Worth Transportation Authority www.the-t.com
- North Central Texas Council of Governments www.nctcog.org
- North Texas Tollway Authority www.ntta.org
- Texas Department of Transportation www.txdot.gov
- Texas High Speed Rail Transportation Corporation.. www.thsrct.com

Helpful links to what's going on with transportation in and around Precinct 3.

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Please feel free to email any comments, questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you and have a great day!

817-884-1470  www.tarrantcu.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
 Serve a section of Haltom City, Hurst, Fort Worth, Richland Hills, North Richland Hills, and Watauga.

Public Health Centers

NE Public Health Ctr. 813 Brown Trail #6, Bedford, TX 76022 817-285-4155
 Watauga Public Health Ctr. 6601 Watauga Rd, Watauga, TX 76148 817-702-6600

Tarrant County Website: www.tarrantcounty.com