



Northeast Newsletter

Tarrant County - Precinct 3

"Working together for a better tomorrow"



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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

It's that time of the year when those of us in County government start paying real close attention to our budget duties. While we expect 2010-2011 to be a financially challenging year, you may rest assured that we are being the best possible stewards of your tax dollars.

Because of a projected decrease in appraised values, we are anticipating tax revenue to decrease by \$6 million this year. Plus, this year we are expecting to save \$10 million by reducing spending.

Now here's what we're looking at for next year. We will experience the first decline (2%) in overall property values in Tarrant County since the early 1990s. This means that we will cut spending once again. We have maintained a hiring freeze for the past year and will continue that freeze next year. These are tough times for all taxpayers, and they are also tough times for our County employees and their families. This current year we could not afford any salary raises or cost of living increases for our employees. We value our employees and the job that they do every day. We will work to provide them with a modest cost of living increase for 2010-2011.

To manage your money wisely, this year we eliminated purchasing most new

road maintenance equipment. This includes graders, asphalt rollers, dump trucks, tractors, and other equipment. We will also not purchase any major equipment for next year.

Based upon our current budget forecasts, we will not be considering any type of tax increase for next year because we will reduce spending again. When comparing our upcoming budget situation with the cities and other counties in our area and throughout Texas, we will fare extremely well.

Our Budget Department, headed by Debbie Schneider, works closely with our County Administrator, G. K. Maenius and his department as well as all of the department heads, elected officials, and Commissioners to formulate our Budget. They do a great job of setting budgets and overseeing them throughout the year. Our goal will be to establish procedures and processes that will enable us to continue to be flexible when any recessionary times may hit in the future.

The Commissioners Court will adopt the new 2010-2011 Budget in September and it will take effect October 1st.

Gary Fickes



Commissioner Gary Fickes

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Commissioner's Coffee Shop



Friday, June 11th ~ 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

Pictures from April 9th Coffee



Question of the Month

The Capital of Texas - How many locations and where?

(Answer found on page 5)

Employee Spotlight

Betsy Price



**Tax Assessor /
Collector**



Betsy Price was first elected Tarrant County's Tax Assessor/Collector in November 2000 and was sworn in on January 1, 2001. In 2009 she began her third four-year term. Before seeking elected office, Betsy owned her own business, Price Cornelius Title Service, for 17 years where she gained extensive hands on knowledge of vehicle titling and licensing procedures. Under Betsy's leadership, the Tax Office now focuses on the use of technology to improve the assessing and collecting of ad valorem taxes and motor vehicle transactions.

A graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington, Betsy has been married for 38 years and has three grown children and two grandchildren, Price and Chappell, ages 2 and 3, who are the "light of their lives". Betsy and husband, Tom, are affectionately

known as "Tootsie" and "Pop". Completing their family are two English pointers, a Labrador retriever, and a calico cat named "Sissy"!

In addition to her responsibilities with the County, Betsy is a dedicated supporter of the Tarrant County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Meals On Wheels, Camp Fire, Streams and Valleys, Paschal High School PTA and has held numerous board positions in these organizations.

On a more personal note -

What do you do for fun? *Play with grandkids, read, bicycle and garden.*

Favorite Movie? *"South Pacific" and "Gone With The Wind"*

Favorite Restaurant? *Reata and Joe T's*

Favorite Book? *"The Help" by Kathryn Stockett*

Favorite vacation spot? *France... has been to 2 Tours de France, one being last year.*

People would be surprised to know... *"I rode in the RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa) which is 568 miles across Iowa in 6 days!"*



On May 21st, in honor of National Bike to Work Day, leaders took part in a bike ride to work.

Pictured front: Dick Ruddell, Fort Worth T President, Commissioner Gary Fickes, County Judge Glen Whitley, Tax Assessor Betsy Price, candidate for County Court-at-Law Judge Don Pierson.

TARRANT COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS



A primary role of county government is providing the justice system. The largest part of that charge is the criminal courts and their many county partners including the district attorney, medical examiner, sheriff's office, clerks' offices, court coordinators, indigent attorney appointment office, probation department and others.

Tarrant County has two types of criminal courts – county criminal courts which handle misdemeanors and state district criminal courts with felony jurisdiction.

In 2009, the 10 county criminal courts received 34,372 new misdemeanors cases while 17,118 felony cases were added to the workload of the 10 district criminal courts. Both the misdemeanor and felony courts disposed of more cases than were filed. Swift justice is not only better justice, it is also more economical.

The largest cost in county government is operation of the county jail. Most



Judge George Gallagher's Courtroom - 396th District Courtroom

county jails are bulging at the seams, but Tarrant is the only large county in Texas without jail crowding. One reason is the case management system adopted by the Tarrant County felony courts. Differentiated Felony Case Management requires that each court setting move that case closer to disposition rather than letting

lawyers continually postpone their cases. Therefore, the defendant moves quicker to prison, probation, or acquittal. Since the largest part of the jail population is defendants awaiting trial for felonies, this system has reduced the jail population and total costs significantly.

Costs are also saved through diversion programs offering judicially supervised treatment rather than prosecution to low level offenders who meet strict criteria. Tarrant County criminal courts operate an adult drug court, veterans court, mental health court, and domestic violence court.

While it is nice to have these cost savings for county tax payers, the goal of the criminal courts is a safer community while protecting the rights of victims, the accused, and the public.

Article provided by ~ Clete McAlister, Criminal Courts Administrator

For information: <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/ecriminalcourts/site/default.asp>

SAVE THE DATE

2nd Annual Empowering Seniors 2010 ~ Friday, October 1st

Alliance for Children



Pictured are members of the various agencies that make up Alliance for Children

Alliance For Children, a non-profit organization, is Tarrant County's Children's Advocacy Center, that protects abused children and helps bring their offenders to justice. Operating from three offices located in Fort Worth, Arlington and Hurst, Alliance For Children has been serving children and families since 1992. The Commissioners of Tarrant County have provided invaluable leadership in the creation of Alliance For Children.

Alliance For Children partners with 15 local law enforcement agencies, Child Protective Services, the District Attorney's office, and Cook Children's Medical Center to do joint investigations on allegations of severe physical abuse, sexual abuse and child death investigations. Last year, there were over 6,000 confirmed

cases of child abuse in Tarrant County and Alliance For Children provided services to over 2,300 of these children and their families. 341 children from the cities of northeast Tarrant County received services that include forensic interviews, case Management, group counseling, and referral services. Children are given the support they need through Kids in Court and our innovative dog therapy program if they are required to testify in court.

An equally important focus is child abuse prevention programs. Last year AFC educators provided prevention programs to over 19,967 children and 5,336 adults. Prevention programs include NetSmartz, P.S. It's My Body! and Stewards of Children. NetSmartz is an interactive safety resource that teaches kids

Breaking the Cycle of Abuse One Child at a Time

how to be safe on the internet. P.S. It's My Body! is an innovative personal safety program for kids designed to teach the three R's of personal safety: recognize, resist and report. Stewards of Children is an evidence based sexual abuse prevention program that educates adults to recognize, react responsibly and report child sexual abuse.

Children and families must be referred directly to Alliance For Children by an investigating agency. For more information about supporting the prevention efforts of Alliance For Children in the community call 817-427-3110 or visit:

www.allianceforchildren.org



Childhood Shouldn't Hurt!



Northeast Alliance for Children location - 625 Grapevine Hwy., Hurst, Texas 76054



Tarrant County College Northeast Campus is the largest of the five campuses comprising the Tarrant County College District. In the fall semester of 2009, about 17,000 students enrolled in credit courses at TCC Northeast with about 6,000 more taking continuing education. The total number of students served by all of the campuses last year was about 96,467 making TCC the sixth largest college or university in the state of Texas.

TCC Northeast offers courses and programs in four main areas: academic transfer, career and workforce, developmental, and continuing education. Most students follow the academic transfer track and may start as early as juniors in high school in the growing Dual Credit program of study. These courses lead to an Associate in Arts, an Associate in Science or an Associate in Arts Teaching degree that will transfer to 4-year colleges and universities eventually producing a baccalaureate degree. Students may take these courses in the day time, at night, on weekends, in the classrooms, or on-line.

The Northeast Campus also offers associate degrees and certificates in 25 different career-oriented areas, including accounting, allied health fields, business, information-systems, child development, computer graphics, and radio-TV broadcasting. Whether their interests lie in training for a new career or improving themselves in their current jobs, students find themselves competing favorably in the job market with skills learned at TCC.

If students are not quite ready to take college-level courses, they can brush up their skills in reading, writing, and math by taking developmental courses. Folks in the community who are interested in taking courses just for fun or to increase their skills in a certain area can do this through continuing education courses ranging from art and drawing to water aerobics. We teach little people in the summer in "College for Kids", as well as mature adults in the "Senior Ed Program". We have something for everyone at Tarrant County College Northeast. Visit us at www.tccd.edu.



Tarrant County College Northeast Campus

Hurst Senior Citizens Activities Center



Life is good at the Hurst Senior Citizen's Activities Center! We hope you'll join us soon.

Our center is open to seniors ages 55 and over. Membership is required in order to attend and participate in the Senior Center. (Occasionally, we offer special programs that are open to the general public.) Membership begins the day you register and pay, and ends one year from that date.

Fees for the new Senior Center are as follows:

Hurst Residents - \$20 per membership year. (Equivalent of about \$1.67 per month)

Non-Residents - \$80 per membership year. (Equivalent of about \$6.67 per month)

We also offer day passes for those who want to come to the center only on

occasion.

These fees include many free classes, programs, and activities at the Senior Center, and also include membership in our state-of-the-art the Fitness Room. Some classes, programs and activities may require additional fees to cover the cost of supplies, refreshments and/or instructor fees.

We offer a wide variety of classes, programs, and activities, including special events and parties just about every month, including:

- Arts & crafts classes including ceramics, quilting, scrap-booking and jewelry making.
- An Open Fitness Room for all members that includes cardio equipment, strength training, circuit, etc.
- Wide variety of fitness and dance classes.
- Access to our 16-station Computer Lab.
- Open games such as Scrabble, Dominoes, Bridge, Wii, etc.
- Dances with live bands on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

The Hurst Senior Citizens Activities Center is located at 700 Heritage Village Circle in Hurst, just east of the Northeast Mall.

Phone: 817.788.7710. Open 5 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. We are closed on Saturday and Sunday.



A great place to meet friends, old and new!



For more information, please visit: www.ci.hurst.tx.us or call 817.788.7710

FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 20TH



Precinct 3 Maintenance News 817-514-5000

Our crews have been busy with several road reconstruction projects in Precinct 3 and have started mowing the rights of way areas whenever the weather has permitted. Potholes are an ongoing problem and we are striving to keep up with repairs.

In addition to the normal traffic schools our staff attend on a regular basis, we have held classes in CPR and first aid to become better prepared should an emergency situation arise.

In the coming months, we will be working on numerous paving and drainage projects with several of our cities in

Precinct 3 as well as continuing with normal road maintenance. Summer weather occurrences sometimes make it necessary to adjust our schedule, but we do our best to complete the projects on time.

Neal Welch, Director of Field Operations



Martha Terry with the Red Cross demonstrates what to do for a choking conscious adult.



Commissioner Fickes presents the National Donate Life Month Proclamation to Linda Luper, mother of an organ donor, and Robert Ehrle and Deb Powers of LifeGift Organ Donation Center.



Commissioner Fickes meeting with Harmony Science Academy science fair award winners.



Flag Day



June 14th



We Can't Move Forward Until You Give Your Answers Back

Open your door to the Census www.2010.census.gov

"TEAM FICKES"

in LifeGift Second Chance Run



Largest Team Award with 225 Strong

Team Fickes was well represented at this year's LifeGift 2nd Chance Run on May 15th. We brought home the trophy for the Largest Team with over 225 registered participants and close to 150 who turned out on an overcast—but dry—Saturday morning to join Commissioner Fickes on the 5K. There were red tee shirts everywhere! We're looking forward to a team of 300 next year to bring awareness to this vital need for organ donation. Send your email address to: mriike@tarrantcounty.com so we can keep you posted.



www.donatelifetexas.org

?? Answer to Question of the Month ??

Question:

The Capital of Texas -
How many locations and where?

Answer:

- Washington-on-the-Brazos 1836
- Columbia 1836
- Houston 1837-1839
- Austin (Waterloo) 1839-1842
- Washington-on-the-Brazos 1842-1845
- Austin 1846-Present
- Current Capital building completed in 1888



Texas State Capital Building - Austin

Consistent High Temperatures Can Cause Heat Injuries



To avoid heat injuries:

- At the first signs of dizziness, headaches, muscle cramps, nausea, move to a cooler location, rest a few minutes and slowly drink something cool.
- Drink plenty of fluids—especially water or juice. Drinking water is an important heat injury prevention strategy. Avoid beverages containing alcohol, caffeine or large amounts of sugar in hot weather, because they can cause rapid dehydration on a hot day.
- Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early or late in the day when it's cooler.
- Stay in an air-conditioned environment as much as possible unless your heat tolerance is well-established. Visit air-conditioned places like malls or theaters to cool off, especially on very hot days.
- Take frequent breaks to cool down if you have to work outdoors.
- Check frequently on ill or elderly relatives, friends or neighbors who may need help.
- Protect your eyes and wear sun block.
- Never leave a child in a parked vehicle.
- Never leave a pet in a parked vehicle.

For more information, check the Tarrant County Public Health Web site at:

<http://health.tarrantcounty.com>

Employee Appreciation Days

May was Tarrant County Employee Appreciation Month. In Precinct 3, we celebrated in 3 locations... NE Sub Courthouse, Maintenance Facility, and Southlake Town Hall. We are so proud of our employees and the wonderful work they do to serve the citizens of Precinct 3. What a team!!!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES !



Our best wishes to all of you as you pursue your dreams.

The future belongs to you.

Way to go!
CLASS OF 2010



Transportation

Northeast Tarrant County

DFW Connector Project

Toll-Free 1-877-411-4212
972-536-8620

www.dfwconnector.com



DFW Connector Update: Main Street Bridge Demolition

From April 7 through April 11, DFW Connector construction crews removed twelve feet of the west side of Main Street Bridge. First, the lanes on the bridge were restriped and barrier wall placed. Next, crews removed permanent bridge signs and began installation of temporary traffic signals to accommodate the temporary lane reduction. On April 9 and 10, the Maintenance of Traffic team closed the bridge and SH 114/121 to allow for demolition. Crews removed the north end of the bridge on the first night and the south end the following night.

All traffic has been shifted to the east side of the bridge and capacity reduced to four lanes. When crews have finished construction on the west portion of the new bridge, traffic will be shifted onto the new structure and the existing east side of the bridge will be removed. Construction of the new bridge will take approximately fifteen months to complete. When finished, Main Street Bridge will have six lanes and two Texas u-turn-only lanes.

North Tarrant Express

888-683-2015

www.northtarrantexpress.com

North Tarrant Express Update

NTE Mobility Partners took over operations and maintenance of Northeast Loop 820 and 183 in May and are continuing to move toward the beginning of full construction of Phase 1 of the North Tarrant Express later this year. Geotech work is still going on throughout the corridor in preparation for construction and Right of Way acquisition is fully underway. City, County, TxDOT and NTEMP officials are also working on the final aesthetic design of the new infrastructure project. Construction is expected to take approximately 5 years with the new project open in 2015.



North Tarrant Parkway

NRH 817-427-6400

www.nrhtx.com

Keller 817-743-4080

www.cityofkeller.com

North Tarrant Parkway Groundbreaking Ceremony



On April 9, officials from North Richland Hills, Keller and Tarrant County participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the North Tarrant Parkway improvement project. This long awaited project will reconstruct and widen 3 1/2 miles of North Tarrant Parkway between Davis Boulevard and Whitley Road. The project is being funded by the City of North Richland Hills, the City of Keller and Tarrant County, with the county covering approximately 65% of the cost through its bond program. Two-way travel lanes will remain open in the corridor during construction, which is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete.

Pictured from left to right is Keller Mayor Pat McGrail, Commissioner Gary Fickes and North Richland Hills Mayor Oscar Trevino.

FM 1938

TxDot - N Tarrant Office
817-399-4300
www.txdot.gov

Keller 817-743-4080

www.cityofkeller.com

Southlake 817-748-8097

www.ci.southlake.tx.us

Westlake 817-490-5717

www.westlake-tx.org

FM1938 Groundbreaking Ceremony

May 7th was a much anticipated day with community leaders coming together for the FM 1938 Groundbreaking Ceremony.

“The extension of FM 1938 will add a north-south route from SH 114 to FM 1709, then to Loop 820 which will greatly improve safety for our citizens,” said Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes.



Northeast Tarrant County



Map Legend

NOT TO SCALE

Construction Zones

- DFW Connector
- North Tarrant Express
- FM 1938
- Golden Triangle Blvd.
- North Tarrant Parkway

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

Deloitte University



With construction well underway in Westlake, Deloitte expects to open the doors of its state-of-the-art learning and leadership development facility in 2011. Deloitte University will be a central destination for delivering leading-edge learning and leadership development at critical moments in the careers of the organization's people. Professionals across Deloitte will meet at the facility to acquire both complex technical and industry skills, and sought-after professional and leadership capabilities.

Deloitte selected Westlake as the future home of Deloitte University after an extensive national search. The excellent local amenities as well its accessibility and comfortable climate make Westlake an ideal location for the learning and leadership development facility. Located on 107 acres formerly part of Circle T Ranch, Deloitte University's nearly 750,000 square-foot campus will feature 35 classrooms and informal learning spaces, a variety

of meeting rooms and conference facilities, 800 onsite guest rooms, networking, dining and social venues, and recreational activities, including a fitness center and running trails.

The Deloitte U.S. Firms serve the North Texas marketplace with more than 1,300 professionals. As part of the project development, Deloitte estimates bringing some 450 construction-related jobs, and close to 100 new jobs from Deloitte and another 400 from the Operator to the Town of Westlake once opened. Further, Deloitte expects around 45,000 visitors annually to the facility, mostly from outside the DFW area. Deloitte has committed to spending a minimum of 15 percent of total annual construction/suppliers/services contract costs with Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and a minimum of 25 percent of total annual construction/suppliers/services contract costs with Tarrant County contractors.



Blaine Nelson, managing partner of Deloitte's North Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma practice, added: "Deloitte University will be where our people meet, learn together, and develop as leaders. We expect it to be a powerful catalyst for lifelong learning, and to help foster our talent's growth both personally and professionally."

For more information: www.westlake-tx.org/en/Deloitte_university.html



Our Constable Precinct 3 Chief Deputy, Delton Thrasher, was recognized by his peers as "Deputy of the Year" at the annual Justices of the Peace and Constables Conference in South Padre Island on May 26. Well done!

Remember...
be
GREEN
in
your
daily
activities!



Commissioner Fickes presents a Resolution recognizing the first graduating class of Westlake Academy to Mayor Laura Wheat on May 23rd.

CONGRATULATIONS

NE Tarrant County Events

JUNE

Special Olympics Texas presents
Steaks and Stetsons 2010
Sat. Jun 19 ~ 6pm to 12am
www.sotx.org

30th Anniversary Celebration
Metroport Meals on Wheels Dinner
Sat, Jun 12pm ~ 6pm
www.metroportmow.org

NW Metroport Chamber of Commerce
2010 Celebrating Women in Business
Wed, Jun 30 ~ 8:30-11:30 am
[www.kelli@nwmetroportchamber.org](mailto:kelli@nwmetroportchamber.org)

JULY

Colleyville Chamber
The Empowered Woman
"The Power of the Purse"
Wed, Jul 14 ~ 9am - 12pm
Piazza in the Village, Colleyville
www.colleyvillechamber.org

Keller Senior Activities Center
3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner &
Silent Auction Fundraiser
Thur, Jul 22 ~ 5:30 - 8:30pm
817-743-4370

4th of July Celebrations!

(please check with each city for date and time of their events, if any are being held)

Arlington www.ci.arlington.tx.us

Bedford www.ci.bedford.tx.us

Colleyville www.colleyville.com

Euless www.ci.euless.tx.us

Flower Mound www.flower-mound.com

Fort Worth www.fortworth.com

Grand Prairie www.gptx.org

Grapevine www.grapevintexas.gov

Haltom City www.haltomcitytx.com

Haslet www.haslet.org

Hurst www.ci.hurst.tx.us

Keller www.cityofkeller.com

N. Richland Hills www.nrhtx.com

Richland Hills www.richlandhills.com

Roanoke www.roanoketexas.com

Southlake www.ci.southlake.tx.us

Trophy Club www.trophyclub.org

Watauga www.ci.watauga.tx.us

Westlake www.westlake-tx.org

AUGUST



Arts Council Northeast
Taste of Northeast
NYTEX Sports Centre
Aug 5 ~ 5:30 - 8:30pm
www.artscouncilnortheast.org

HEB ISD Operation
Back 2 School
Sat, Aug 14 ~ 9am-3pm
www.6stones.org

The Great Outdoors



Free Concerts..... www.artsnetc.org
Walk/Hike/Bike Trails..... www.texastrails.org
..... www.streamsandvalleys.org
..... www.fwbaclub.org
..... www.nhnct.org

An Historical Moment In Time

The Grapevine Nightwatchman



From 1907 to 1956, the city of Grapevine was patrolled by a Town Marshal, or as the citizens affectionately referred to him, the Nightwatchman. The first employee of the city, the Nightwatchman patrolled the streets of Grapevine each night and saw that the local well remain in good working order and escorted children home who may have stayed out past bed time.

The Nightwatchman, considered to be a faithful and trustworthy friend, proved day in and day out that no task was too formidable, and no service too trivial. He carried a large clock on a strap around his shoulder.

At certain points along his route he would use a key (hung usually on a utility pole) to unlock a small key box that contained a special key made to fit his clock which he then used to log in the exact time

that each point was checked.

The Nightwatchman's route started in the alley behind Willhoite's Garage (where he also was allowed to office) and proceeded north to a key box behind the Morrow building on Worth Street, then onto the next box at the corner of Texas Street where the Palace Theater was later built. He then turned east across Main Street to a key box behind Millican's Blacksmith Shop on what is now Jenkins Street, thence south to the corner of Worth Street behind the Masonic Building to another key box. The last box was located behind the Woodmen of the World Building on the corner of Franklin Street and Main.

Many men served Grapevine in the capacity of Nightwatchman during this era that spanned half a century. Among the longest tenured and most fondly remem-

bered by many current residents were Uncle Jim Daniel, who served from 1924 to 1941, and Marvin Langley and his ever-present faithful dog from 1941 to 1953. The first Nightwatchman was W.M. Bennett, appointed in 1907 shortly after the incorporation of Grapevine.

The Bronze Statue

Keeping vigil over Grapevine with his lantern, the Grapevine Nightwatchman honors the men who patrolled and protected the town from the early 1900s to 1950s. He performed various duties besides checking the doors of all the buildings on Main



Street each night, including being dog catcher, and being responsible for checking the water wells. The Grapevine Nightwatchman statue was commissioned by the Grapevine City Council in 1996. Weighing 640 lbs. and eight feet tall, the statue was set atop the dome at Grapevine City Hall to resume his symbolic duties on April 19th, 1997. The statue was created by the noted local western artist Jack Bryant of Springtown, Texas. Paul Bryant of Azle, Texas cast the statue in bronze. The sale of the bronze miniatures of the Nightwatchman funded the purchase of the large sculpture and started the Grapevine Public Art Fund.

Information provided by Grapevine Historical Society, and Ross Bannister, Director of Heritage Programs and Preservation, Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau, City of Grapevine, Texas. www.grapevintexasusa.com

Men who served as Nightwatchman for the City of Grapevine



William Bennett



J.S. Daniel



Marvin Langley

- William M. Bennett.... 04/1907 to 10/15/1907
- J. W. May..... 10/15/07 to 1909
- W. T. Bigbee.....1909 to 1911
- F. F. Tillery.....1911 to 1912
- D. W. Kerr.....1912 - 1913
- Marion Swift..... 1914 -to 11/1914
- Tom R. Jasper..... 1914 to 1915
- M. T. Chambers.....1915 - 8/16/1918
- W. P. Kindrex.....1918 - 8/16/1918

- Lance Trigg, Jr..... 1918 - 1920
- William M. Bennett.....1920 - 7/7/1923
- D. M. O'Neill.....1923 - 1924
- Lee Milson..... 1924 - 11/30/1924
- J. S. Daniel.....1924 - 1941
- Marvin Langley.....1941- 1953
- A. B. Allen.....1953 - 1956
- 1956 - Nightwatchman position ends replaced by Chief of Police

2010 Public Health Week Poster Contest Winners



Commissioners with winners (left to right): Roy C. Brooks, Marti VanRavenswaay, Kayla Yant, Lelys Leyva, Jernee Goods, Judge B. Glen Whitley, Guadalupe Gonzales, Lauren Jackson, Gary Fickes, Lauren Mellot, Morgan Lewis, J.D. Johnson, Geselle Hernandez.



You are what you eat...
Be colorful!



Rangers' Day

Wear RED!

June 23rd



BULLETIN BOARD

Tarrant County Offices Closed on:

July 5th in observance of Independence Day



Texas AgriLife Bookstore
www.texasagrilifebookstore.org

Tarrant County AgriLife Master Gardeners Staff
 Horticulture Hotline
 817-884-1944
 Monday - Friday
 8:30 to 4:30
www.agrilifeextension.org

Lunch & Learn
Save Smart: Mutual Funds
 The Ups & Downs, Ins & Outs
 June 17 ~ 11:30 to 1:00 pm
 Tarrant County Plaza Bldg
 For information:
 (817) 884-1294
tbell@ag.tamu.edu

 **Back to School Roundup!**
6th Annual Tarrant County Back to School Roundup
 Aug 12th ~ 8am to 12pm
 Will Rogers Memorial Ctr
 For more information:
www.backtoschoolroundup.org

Tarrant County Commissioners Court
 Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
 100 E Weatherford
 Fort Worth, TX
 Unless otherwise stated
www.tarrantcounty.com

Important Numbers
 Child Abuse Hotline
 800-252-5400
 Foster Care Adoption
 Recruitment 800-228-8226
 SafeHaven of Tarrant County
 877-701-7233
 United Way of Tarrant County
 2-1-1

Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County
August 2010
www.ictchome.org

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

June is National Safety Month
Get Involved!
www.nsc.org

Transportation

- DFW Connector..... www.dfwconnector.com
- North Tarrant Express (NTE)..... www.northtarrantexpress.com
- Tarrant County Transportation Departmentwww.tarrantcounty.com
- Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition www.trtcmobility.org
- Fort Worth Transportation Authoritywww.the-t.com
- North Central Texas Council of Governmentswww.nctcog.org
- North Texas Tollway Authority www.ntta.org
- Texas Department of Transportationwww.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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NE Tarrant County Contacts

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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	Serve a section of Haltom City, Hurst, Fort Worth, Richland Hills, North Richland Hills, and Watauga.
Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	817-884-1395	

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

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