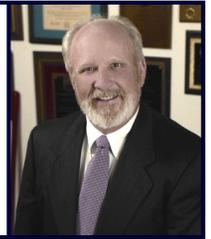




# Northeast Newsletter



Tarrant County - Precinct 3  
"Working together for a better tomorrow"



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## Coffee with the Commissioner

Friday, June 14 ~ 7:30 to 9:00am

Please join me for coffee and donuts!



### NEW LOCATION!

**SOUTHLAKE TOWN HALL**  
1400 Main St. #410, Southlake, TX 76092



## SAVE THE DATE!

- Empowering Seniors 2013 Oct 4th
- United Way Fundraiser Oct

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## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Can you believe it is already summer? Since our April update, we have settled into temporary locations from our Sub-Courthouse in Hurst awaiting the construction of a new courthouse at that location, successfully participated in our 5<sup>th</sup> LifeGift Second Chance Run in which "Team Fickes" won the largest team award, and have been prepping and bringing awareness to Northeast Tarrant County for West Nile Virus and severe weather season.

Living in North Texas, we are vulnerable to almost every form of severe weather. With the recent increase in damaging storms and tornadoes with the change in seasons, it is important to bring awareness to the public on ways to prep and recover from any disaster. Storms are most likely to strike in the late afternoon and early evening hours. Monitoring local TV and radio stations for storm information, as well as broadcasts on weather radios, is the best way to remain aware for any surprise outbreak. Also, having an emergency plan of action in place is a life-saving practice. For more information on disaster preparedness, visit [www.knowwhat2do.com](http://www.knowwhat2do.com).

Another issue with this crazy weather is mosquitos. Have you

noticed all of them? West Nile Virus season is upon us! It's that time of year again to be extra vigilant towards those pesky insects that have become a seasonal fear here in North Texas. Remember the "4 D's" to defend yourself from West Nile Virus this summer: Dusk/dawn are the times of the day you should stay indoors, dress in long sleeves and long pants when you are outdoors, DEET is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent, and drain standing water in your backyard and neighborhood. Tarrant County Public health releases a weekly WNV update with preventative tips on their website, [www.tarrantcounty.com/ehealth](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/ehealth).

Tarrant County is gearing up to host the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference July 19-22 in Fort Worth. Representatives from counties across the United States will be in town to network, engage in educational sessions, and exchange ideas on county governance. We are excited to offer our Texas hospitality and look forward to showing off our gem of a County. This summer is shaping up to be very eventful! Hope you have a wonderful and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

*Gary Fickes*



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TARRANT COUNTY NORTHEAST COURTHOUSE  
FEBRUARY 5, 2013



The NEW Tarrant County Northeast Courthouse

## Question of the Month

**Question:** The City of San Antonio is certainly one of the most historic cities in Texas and the United States. Who were the original settlers and where were they from?

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## NE Community Leader Spotlight



**Mayor  
Bob Golden**



Haslet Mayor Bob Golden grew up the son of a career US Air Force Officer so he moved often throughout his youth. An Eagle Scout, he graduated from high school in Little Rock, Arkansas and then attended the US Naval Academy, graduating in 1966 with a commission as an Ensign in the Navy. After receiving his Navy Wings of Gold, he flew F-4 Phantoms off the USS John F Kennedy. He then decided to pursue a career in commercial aviation, flying for Eastern Airlines and FedEx, retiring as a B-727 Captain. He stayed active in the

Naval Reserve, commanding an A-7 squadron and later retiring as a Navy Captain.

He and his wife of 45 years, Fort Worth native Kathleen, moved to Haslet in 1997. They have one son, Sean, who graduated from Texas A&M and has an MBA from SMU's Cox School of Business. He is a commercial banker with Bank of Texas in Fort Worth and lives in Keller with his wife and two children.

Bob served on the Haslet P&Z and Parks and Recreation Board before being elected to City Council in 2008. He was elected as Mayor in 2009 and has run unopposed in the 2011 and 2013 elections. He is especially proud of the recent announcement that Amazon is bringing a 1.1M SF e-fulfillment facility to Haslet - that was the result of the combined efforts a lot of folks in a very short timeframe. Developing strategic plans and implementing them are challenges he truly enjoys.

His free time is centered around activities with two grandchildren, Sidney-10 and

Thomas-5, and riding his horses (he tries to ride every day). He likes attending live sporting events or watching them on television – big fan of the Aggies, Cowboys, and Rangers. He also enjoys working in the yard, hunting, listening to country music, and reading.

### On a more personal note -

**What do you do for fun?** *Ride our horses and any activities with our grandchildren.*

**Favorite Restaurant?** *GoGo Gumbo in Boyd, Texas.*

**Favorite Movie?** *Too hard to choose between "Forrest Gump" and "Driving Miss Daisy".*

**Last book read?** *"Threat Vector" by Tom Clancy.*

**Favorite vacation spot?** *Maine – what a contrast to Texas.*

**People would be surprised to know...**

*I am real tenderhearted when dealing with animals, especially our family pets.*

## TARRANT COUNTY RECORDS MANAGEMENT



When visitors walk into the Tarrant County Records Center they see a normal office environment with Tarrant county staff at their workstations working on their PCs, printers printing and phones ringing. But once they are taken through one of the doors where the records are stored, they always look amazed and they always look up towards the ceiling. Why? All they see is row after row of boxes from floor to ceiling. Thousands of boxes and books neatly stacked and labeled in a clean and orderly environment. How many boxes? Currently, the Records Center contains 118, 228 boxes and 17,399 volumes. The records come from every department in the county and are retained based on a retention schedule published by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

In 2009, the contents of the old Records Center were moved from a downtown building which is now the new jail. The new Records Center is located off of I35

approximately 15 minutes from downtown. Several departments, including the District Clerk, were involved in selecting a location that would meet the needs and requirements of the records and the staff of seven. All agreed that a central location with room for growth and security were important factors in the selection of the new location. Originally, the new Records Center's total square footage was 37,232. Shortly after this move was finalized, the County Clerk made the decision to move all of the boxed records and hundreds of volumes under her domain to the new center and added an additional 10,000 square feet to the overall storage space.

These are the seven employees that run the entire operations of the Records Center:

They are responsible for retrieving requested records from boxes, re-filing the records, delivering requested records to all Tarrant County departments, picking up boxes that need to be stored at the Records



From Left to right: Mike Schroeder, Oliver Evans, Barbara Baldwin, James Castillo (Manager), Carolyn Range, Todd Powell, Cameron Wardlow

Center, notifying departments when their records have met retention and can be destroyed, and training end-users on software use.

Average statistics for one month are 2,392 Records Requested, 2,030 Records Re-filed, 971 Boxes Picked Up for Transfer to Records Center, and 678 Boxes Pulled for Authorized Disposal.

Deliveries are made within 24 hours and if needed a "rush" delivery can be made.

There are many advantages to housing all inactive records at the Records Center under one system and in one building. Records are in an access controlled environment. Software is used to locate boxes and only boxes belonging to the owner can be accessed or requested. Records are stored in a secure environment that can only be accessed by Records Management staff. Unescorted visitors are not allowed. Daily temperature and humidity checks are conducted, fire suppression and detection systems are present, and security systems are in place that meet all of the most recent standards set by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for Records Centers. Storing records at the Records Center also frees up scarce office space for more active records and reduces the need to purchase office filing equipment.

The mission of the Records Center is to provide effective, efficient and secure management of records and ensure preservation throughout their lifecycle. Our focus is always GREAT customer service for all Tarrant County departments.

*Article courtesy of Sharon Coleman*

# We've relocated to make way for a NEW Northeast Courthouse!

**Note: The Northeast Courthouse is closed**

Our New Northeast Courthouse project will add needed space to better serve you. Not only are we expanding each office, we are also adding 100 additional parking spaces, a Passport Office, a Community Room and much more! During this time, please bear with us and know, we are doing everything possible to make this a smooth transition for everyone.

- **Commissioner** ..... Southlake Town Hall (817-581-3600)  
Precinct 3 1400 Main Street, Suite 410  
Southlake, TX
- **Constable** ..... Southlake Town Hall (817-581-3610) Civil  
Precinct 3 1400 Main Street, Suite 240 (817-481-8059) Delinquent  
Southlake, TX 76092 Tax Sales
- **Justice of the Peace** Southlake Town Hall (817-581-3625)  
Precinct 3 1400 Main Street, Suite 220  
Southlake, TX 76092
- **County Clerk** ..... 201 E Harwood Road, Suite 124 (817-581-3604)  
Bedford, TX 76021
- **Tax Office** ..... 201 E Harwood Road, Suite 124 (817-884-1100)  
Bedford, TX 76021
- **Tarrant County** .... 201 E Harwood Road, Suite 124 (817-884-1470)  
Credit Union Bedford, TX 76021
- **Juvenile Services** ... 3809 Colleyville Boulevard, Suite D (817-321-4844)  
Colleyville, TX 76034

## The NEW Tarrant County Northeast Courthouse



TARRANT COUNTY NORTHEAST COURTHOUSE  
EXTERIOR



*Promoting Business for Over 50 Years*

The Hurst Eulesse Bedford Chamber was formed in 1955 when the Hurst and Eulesse Chambers merged. The Bedford Chamber became a part of the organization in 1969.

Promoting business for more than 50 years, the HEB Chamber is comprised of 1,100 business men and women, community leaders and civic leaders from the cities of Hurst, Eulesse, Bedford and the surrounding area in Northeast Tarrant County. Programs and activities include business development, community development and economic development. Members include large businesses and one-person operations as well as sizes in-between representing all industries in the area.



The Chamber has a variety of programs and events to serve the needs of its members and the community, and a sampling is listed below.

Membership luncheons with time for networking and informative speakers are held monthly as are Business After Hours - social networking events. Seminars are presented on topics such as marketing, sales and business planning. We have four sales leads groups that meet weekly.

The Governmental Affairs Committee researches issues that will impact the members. In addition, the Chamber participates in the Tarrant County Coalition of Chambers which plans a day at the state capitol each year the legislature is in session. This year, the HEB Chamber also joined with the Arlington Chamber for meetings in

Austin with our legislative delegation.

One of our most important programs is Leadership HEB. We have a class every year that hears presentations on different aspects of our community such as transportation, healthcare, public safety and education. The Class also completes a community project.

For more information, contact us at 817/283-1521 or visit our website at [www.heb.org](http://www.heb.org).

You can contact me directly at [maryfrazier@heb.org](mailto:maryfrazier@heb.org). I'd love the opportunity to more fully discuss the HEB Chamber with you!

Mary Martin Frazier, IOM  
President & CEO



## GE Transportation invests in Tarrant County, growing jobs and economic vitality



More than a year ago, the facility near Texas Motor Speedway at Texas 114 and Farm Road 56, stood as a vacant building. Now, it is home to nearly 350 GE employees--currently among the state's first to manufacture advanced diesel-electric locomotives and drive systems for electric-haul trucks used in Off-Highway Vehicle mining.

"We're excited to expand our operational footprint in the U.S. and build on our more than 100-year commitment to the rail and related transportation industries," said Walter Amaya, the locomotive plant leader. "We hope to live up to the expecta-

tations of being a great employer and good corporate citizen."

GE Manufacturing Solutions, a wholly-owned entity of General Electric Company, comprises both locomotive and OHV plants under one campus totaling 1.3 million square-feet and representing a \$235-million investment overall.

Currently, the locomotive plant is producing three Evolution Series locomotives a week for Fort-Worth based BNSF Rail-



way, and since starting assembly in July 2012, the OHV plant has manufactured 500 drive wheels for Komatsu, the world's second largest manufacturer of construction and mining equipment.

Interesting facts about these products:

One hundred drive wheels stacked end-to-end will stand nearly as tall as the Empire State Building.

Evolution Series locomotive is so powerful that one 12-cylinder locomotive can pull the equivalent of 170 Boeing 747 jetliners Evolution Series requires more than 18,000 parts to assemble and moves one ton of freight approximately 480 miles on one gallon of fuel.

*Article courtesy of Elizabeth Del Toro*

# LifeGift Second Chance Run Thank you Team Fickes!

Team Fickes was well-represented at this year's LifeGift 2nd Chance Run on Saturday, May 18th. There were purple t-shirts everywhere!

We're looking forward to next year to bring awareness to this vital need for organ donation. Send your email address to: [ddweske@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:ddweske@tarrantcounty.com) so we can keep you posted.

**Great job TEAM FICKES!**



Thank you Tarrant County Credit Union for your sponsorship of "Team Fickes"



[www.tarrantcu.org](http://www.tarrantcu.org)



[www.donatelifetexas.org](http://www.donatelifetexas.org)



On April 30, 2013, Commissioners Court acknowledge the great tragedy, suffering and lives lost during and after the Vietnam War. They proclaimed April 30, 2013, and every April 30 date thereafter as the "Vietnamese National Day of Mourning (known in Vietnamese as Ngay Quoc Han) and Vietnam War Day of Remembrance" throughout Tarrant County.

**EMPOWERING SENIORS 2013** 

a Health and Lifestyle EXPO for Boomers & Seniors

Commissioner Gary Fickes • Tarrant County, Precinct 3

## Save the Date ! Friday, October 4, 2013



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

### Question of the Month

**Question:** The City of San Antonio is certainly one of the most historic cities in Texas and the United States. Who were the original settlers and where were they from?

**Answer:** On March 9, 1731, sixteen Spanish families (56 people) who had been colonists in the Canary Islands, often referred to as the "Canary Islanders," or *isleños*, arrived at the Presidio of San Antonio de Bexar. By royal decree of the King of Spain, they founded La Villa de San Fernando and established the first civil government in Texas.



PRO PLAYERS  
FOUNDATION



The Pro Players Foundation (PPF) is a Non-Profit 501c(3) organization composed of professional athletes, and business/community leaders, who volunteer their time and talents to assist youth in need. With the mission of "enriching the lives of disadvantaged children across North Texas through sports-based programs", PPF utilizes a variety of initiatives to help make sure every child has the opportunity to win in the game of life:

**Instant RePlay** – PPF partners with the Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks, FC Dallas, Texas Rangers and the Dallas Stars to create or renovate sports facilities and playgrounds at non-profit locations serving disadvantaged youth.



**Character Camps** – professional athletes conduct day-long instructional clinics in a particular sport interspersed with sessions on a full range of character coaching and life skills.



**Play it Forward USA** – high school athletes collect and refurbish gently used sports equipment which is donated to leagues, teams, and players.

Their most recent Instant RePlay program benefited the Wesley-Rankin Community Center in West Dallas. Working with the Dallas Mavericks Foundation, PPF transformed a dilapidated and empty gym into a state-of-the-art facility which provides services and activities to improve

health, fitness, and overall quality of life for youth in the local community. Through the Play It Forward program, PPF equipped the gym with new basketballs, benches, ball racks, and all the necessities to help the kids of West Dallas get in the game. At the community center dedication, on March 27th, 2013, local youth participated in a Character Camp with Pro Players; Darren Collison, Jae Crowder, Rolando Blackman (Director Player Development, Dallas Mavericks), Ira Terrell (NBA Stalwart), and Dallas Cowboys' Legend Charles Haley, coaching the kids in sports and life. PPF has completed seven projects in the last two years, and plans are under-way for three more projects this year.

In the coming months PPF plans to introduce two new programs: 1) a pilot, curriculum-driven education program called GamePlan; and, 2) a nutritional project called PPFed the Need.

[www.proplayersfoundation.net](http://www.proplayersfoundation.net)

*Article courtesy of Ryan Bradley*

### An Historic Moment in Time OLD BEDFORD SCHOOL HERITAGE PROGRAM



In January of 1991, the Old Bedford School, a building already 80 years-old and showing the wear and tear of those years, was set on fire and very nearly destroyed. What started out as an early project for the newly-formed Bedford Historical Foundation quickly turned into a full-scale restoration project. The building was originally built in 1915, one of the few brick school buildings in Tarrant County at that time, and is one of the last remaining rural schools built to serve the community as a social and cultural center, as well as a place of learning.

Currently, the Old Bedford School, which functioned as a school until 1969, is the home of a program developed in conjunction with the HEB school district and coordinated with the 3rd grade Social Studies curriculum. The OBS Heritage Program

began hosting 3rd grade field trips in 1998. Students arrive, ready to experience and learn about living and going to school in a small rural community during the early days of the school's history. By rotating through four stations, they are given the opportunity to learn about home life, visit a 1915 classroom, view a movie, and play at an old fashioned recess. Docents guide them through each station with discussions comparing and contrasting yesterday with today.

They are first seated in an area designed to resemble an old farm kitchen where they are shown several farm and home artifacts, and discuss chores and responsibilities. Next, they move into the classroom where they are seated at authentic wooden desks with benches, learn about the flag of 1915, the communal water bucket, the lunch pail, writing with pen and ink, the paddle leaning on the blackboard, and much more. During the movie, they hear stories told by former



students, teachers and a principal who share their memories of the school, including how the window was once broken, the use of outhouses, fetching a coke for the teacher, and using pocket knives to carve on

the large playground rock. Finally, it is time for recess. Outside or inside, the students are given a chance to play the old games of Marbles, Jacks, Jump ropes, Hula-Hoops, Paper Dolls, and small Chalkboards. By the end of their visit, the students have a better understanding and great respect for "how life was" and many consider it one of their "best field trips ever!"

Historic tours are also open to the public and can vary to fit your group's needs, such as various school groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or Senior Citizens. Tours are set up by appointment. Contact [amyvozar@yahoo.com](mailto:amyvozar@yahoo.com) or call 817-952-2290. Our website is [www.oldbedfordschool.com](http://www.oldbedfordschool.com).

*Article courtesy of Amy Vozar*

# SENIOR NEWS

**Save the Date!**  
**Friday, October 4, 2013**  
 5th Annual Award-Winning  
**EMPOWERING SENIORS 2013**   
 a Health and Lifestyle EXPO for Boomers & Seniors  
 Commissioner Gary Fickes • Tarrant County, Precinct 3  
[www.EmpoweringSeniors.com](http://www.EmpoweringSeniors.com)  
 Registration coming soon!



**A Group You Need to Know About**

If you are a senior, a soon-to-be senior, a caregiver, or someone who works with seniors you need to know about the Northeast Senior Leadership Group. This is a non-partisan group whose mission is to promote the financial, physical, and emotional well-being of senior citizens residing in Northeast Tarrant County.

They provide seniors with up-to-date information on legislative issues, help identify and involve isolated seniors in community life, and advocate for senior transportation systems in Northeast Tarrant County. Meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. (8:30 for coffee and networking) on the third Tuesday of each month at the North Richland Hills Library and are open to anyone. Speakers and have discussions on important senior-related issues are part of each meeting.

(\*Special time for June: This month's meeting will be June 18 at 10:00 a.m. for a Legislative Session Review with a panel of our Elected Officials discussing issues impacting seniors.)

For more information about Northeast Senior Leadership email Charles Scoma at [cscoma@juno.com](mailto:cscoma@juno.com) or call 817-808-3933.

**Seniors are especially vulnerable...  
 PROTECT YOURSELF**



**WEST NILE VIRUS** is now in most of the United States. Most people become infected through the bite of an infected mosquito. You can reduce your chance of getting infected by avoiding mosquito bites.

**What Can I Do to Prevent WNV?**

The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites.

- **DUSK & DAWN** are the times of day when infected mosquitoes are most active, so avoid being outside at these times.
- **DRESS** in long sleeves and long pants if you're outside. For extra protection, spray thin clothing with repellent.
- **DEET** is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Follow label instructions.
- **DRAIN** standing water in your backyard or anywhere it accumulates to keep mosquitoes from breeding.

## Area Agencies

- Alzheimer's Association - N. Central Texas Chapter**  
[www.alz.org/northcentraltexas](http://www.alz.org/northcentraltexas) 24/7 Helpline 800-272-3900
- Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS)**  
[www.dads.state.tx.us](http://www.dads.state.tx.us) 877-236-6500 or 888-337-6377
- Legal Aid of NW Texas/Tarrant County Bar Association**  
[www.tarrantbar.org](http://www.tarrantbar.org) 800-955-3959
- MHMR of Tarrant County** 817-569-4300  
[www.mhmrtc.org](http://www.mhmrtc.org)
- Tarrant County Area Agency on Aging**  
[www.tarrantcountyadrc.org](http://www.tarrantcountyadrc.org) 817-258-8081 or 817-258-8065
- Tarrant Area Gerontological Society (TAGS)** 817-531-8890  
[www.tagstarrant.org](http://www.tagstarrant.org)
- Tarrant County Department of Human Serv.** 817-531-5640  
[www.tarrantcounty.com/ehumanservices](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/ehumanservices)
- Tarrant County Housing Assistance** 817-531-7640  
[www.tarrantcounty.com/ehousing](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/ehousing)
- Tarrant County Veterans Services** 817-531-5645  
[www.tarrantcounty.com/eveterans](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/eveterans)
- United Way of Tarrant County** 817-258-8000
- United Way Northeast** 817-282-1160  
[www.tarrantcounty211.org](http://www.tarrantcounty211.org)
- 2-1-1 Texas** 211  
[www.211texas.org](http://www.211texas.org)

### Hidden Danger of Dehydration for the Elderly



- Certain medications and/or chronic conditions may affect your body's ability to manage heat and make you more susceptible to heat-related injuries.
- Rapid heartbeat, dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, headache, chest pain, fatigue, clammy skin, mental changes or breathing problems are all warning signs that you should seek immediate medical attention.



**Congratulations on a successful event!**

# Richland Hills Public Library



“AWESOME!” is the way a 10 year-old library patron described the new look of the Richland Hills Public Library. The Library now has a coffee bar, a new leisure reading area, additional computer workstations and new book shelves. The changes will continue in Phase 2, which is already underway. The facility was originally built as a church. The large windows are a focal point in the structure. With that in mind, the renovations will create a themed look called “secret garden” for the public spaces. The children’s area will have giant topiaries on the top of book shelves; an 8-

foot hollowed-out tree with mushroom seating that will draw children in to read and spark their imagination. The meeting room will have a permanent puppet stage created to look like a cottage right out of a fairy tale.

The Library has partnered with TCC to offer GED classes and is planning on adding computer classes for seniors as well as ESL classes this fall. On Saturdays, there are family-friendly programs called “Katie’s Korner” at 11:00 a.m. The library is in a consortium with six area cities. They share the integrated card catalog. This



gives Richland Hills residents access to over 1,000,000 titles. A courier service transports books and media to RHPL three times a week. Other services include wi-fi access, public use computers, print stations; Texas State Databases, downloadable books, book and music CDs, and large print books. The library is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 – 6; Tuesday and Thursday, 1 – 9 and Saturdays 10 - 2. For more information call 817 616-3760 or go to the website:

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

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Article courtesy of Lisa Wood



# THE BARBARA GORDON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

*Explore ∞ Discover ∞ Create*

The Barbara Gordon Montessori School (BGMS) has been a respected member of the community for over 40 years. Accredited by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), and licensed by the State of Texas through the AMI Teachers of Texas, BGMS is the premier Montessori school in the area, serving children ages 14 months through the 8th grade. Parents choose BGMS for their children because of the exceptional training of its Montessori educators, its excellent reputation, and the beauty and tranquility of the school environment.



The Montessori classroom is a specially-prepared, dynamic environment where children choose and engage in purposeful work, developing concentration and joyful self-discipline. The highly-trained Montessori teacher is keenly aware of each child’s talents and gently guides him to activities that are successively and appropriately challenging. This individualized approach offers every child the opportunity to excel according to his capabilities. Using specialized Montessori learning materials, the child engages his senses to gain an intrinsic understanding of abstract concepts. By the time the Montessori child is of elementary age, he has acquired basic reading and writing skills and is ready to further explore cultural subjects, science and the arts.

The Montessori philosophy begins with a deep respect for children as unique individuals. This attitude is reflected in the children as they show courtesy and respect for peers, adults, and the world in which they live. Multi-age classes provide children with opportunities for broad social development. Culturally diverse and globally aware, BGMS creates an atmosphere for personal growth and children blossom in this environment.

Enrollment is underway for the 2013-2014 school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call **817-354-6670** or visit our website at [www.bgmontessori.org](http://www.bgmontessori.org).



# Transportation

## Northeast Tarrant County

### DFW Connector Project

Hotline: 877-411-4212

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



**Sign up for e-alerts!**

- In April, the maintenance of traffic team opened the northbound SH 121 to westbound SH 114 flyover bridge. Crews also performed permanent striping work on westbound SH 114 from Freeport Parkway to International Parkway, northbound International Parkway north of DFW Airport and FM 1709/Northwest Highway bridge.



- In the coming weeks, NorthGate will open the new eastbound SH 114 and northbound International Parkway off-ramps to eastbound IH-635. Paving crews will focus on the westbound SH 114 frontage road from Texan Trail to Main Street and the northbound SH 121 bridge to eastbound SH 114.
- Finally, our grading crews reached a major milestone by performing demolition on the mainlanes of eastbound SH 114 east of International Parkway which are the last removals to be made on SH 114.

### North Tarrant Express

Hotline: 888-683-2015

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



**Sign up for e-alerts!**

- As we enter the summer months, construction activity will continue at a brisk pace with more signs of progress. New frontage roads and on-ramps are opening in Hurst and Bedford, and bridge work continues in the west segment, particularly at Haltom Road, Denton Highway 377 and Riverside Drive. Pre-construction activities, including excavation and utility relocations, are also now occurring along I-35W north of I-820, as the next segment



of the North Tarrant Express gets underway. Please visit our website for upcoming lane closures and project information, and stay safe and alert in the zone!

### Golden Triangle Blvd.

TxDot - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)

Fort Worth 817-392-8485

[www.fortworthgov.org/tpw/info/?id=39130](http://www.fortworthgov.org/tpw/info/?id=39130)

- Construction is complete on the Golden Triangle Boulevard project, with only minor landscaping, signage and rail items remaining. The Golden Triangle Boulevard project rebuilt the two-lane road to a four-lane divided roadway with raised, grass medians from I-35W to U.S. 377.



### Highway 26

TxDot - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)

- SH 26 – Grapevine: The SH 26 project in Grapevine recently completed the construction of decorative medians and sidewalks, and additional upcoming work includes the installation of the irrigation systems and landscaping. During this work, two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction. The \$12 million project, which is nearing completion, will improve safety and mobility for motorists traveling through the Grapevine area. Completion is estimated for this summer.



- SH 26 - Colleyville: The \$11.4 million project from Brumlow Avenue/Pool Road to John McCain Road in Colleyville is progressing. The installation of box culverts and additional drainage improvements continue on the northbound lanes. Upcoming work includes the prepping of the roadway for pavement construction. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during peak driving times. Motorists will be shifted to the northbound lanes later this year. The project is widening the road to three lanes in each direction with raised curb medians and left turn bays and is estimated for completion in 2014.

### 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)

- Utility relocations have begun for the FM1938 roadway project within the City of Southlake. Oncor is the first of many franchise utilities to obtain permits for relocations along the FM1938 corridor. The new poles shown in the photos are at the intersection of FM1709 (Southlake Blvd.) and Davis Blvd./Randol Mill Avenue.



- The City of Southlake has been coordinating with utility companies to relocate their lines to the new right-of-way. City of Southlake and Keller water and sanitary sewer lines will also be relocated along the corridor beginning early Fall 2013.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jun 2013 "FREE Outdoor Movies at Sundance Square".....[www.dfwhappenings.com](http://www.dfwhappenings.com)  
 Jun 10 "22nd Annual Golf Tournament" ..... [www.metroportmow.org](http://www.metroportmow.org)  
 Jun 14 "Coffee with the Commissioner" ..... 817-581-3600  
 Jun 14 "Flag Day" .....  
 Jun 16 "Father's Day".....  
 Jun 20 "Annual Banquet—Celebrating MVP's" .....[www.southlakechamber.com](http://www.southlakechamber.com)  
 Jun 21 "Clean Air Action Day—Do one thing to help improve AIR QUALITY"  
 Jun 28 "Red, White & Sousa" .....[www.colleyville.com](http://www.colleyville.com)  
 Jun 28 "Celebrating Women in Business" ...[www.northwestmetroportchamber.com](http://www.northwestmetroportchamber.com)  
 Jun 29 "4th of July Parade & Celebration" ..... [www.haslet.org](http://www.haslet.org)  
 Jul 3 "Southlake Stars & Stripes" .....[www.visitsouthlaketexas.com](http://www.visitsouthlaketexas.com)  
 Jul 4 "Hurst Stars & Stripes" ..... [www.ci.hurst.tx.us](http://www.ci.hurst.tx.us)  
 Jul 4 "4thFEST Independence Day Celebration" ..... [www.bedfordtx.gov/4thfest](http://www.bedfordtx.gov/4thfest)  
 Jul 4 "31st Annual Fireworks Extravaganza" .....[www.grapevinetexasusa.com](http://www.grapevinetexasusa.com)  
 Jul 4 "Family 4th Fun & Fireworks Celebration" .....[www.netarrant.org](http://www.netarrant.org)  
 (Haltom City, N. Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Watauga & NE Tarrant Chamber)  
 Jul 14 "Blood Donor Day" .....  
 Jul 17 "The Empowered Woman".....[www.business.colleyvillechamber.org](http://www.business.colleyvillechamber.org)  
 Aug 3 "Hispanic Wellness Fair" .....[www.hispanicwellnesscoalition.org](http://www.hispanicwellnesscoalition.org)  
 Aug 7 "Tarrant County Back to School Roundup" [www.backtoschoolroundup.org](http://www.backtoschoolroundup.org)  
 Aug 10 "GCISD Connect-Back to School" ..... [www.gcisd-k12.org](http://www.gcisd-k12.org)  
 Aug 17 & 24 "HEB Operation Back 2 School" ..... [www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org)  
 Aug 21 "Senior Citizen Day".....  
 Aug 26 "First Day of School".....  
 Aug 31– Sep 1 "Bedford Blues & BBQ" .....[www.bedfordbluesfest.com](http://www.bedfordbluesfest.com)  
 Sep 2 "Labor Day" .....  
 Sep 12 "Grapefest" ..... [www.grapevinetexas.gov](http://www.grapevinetexas.gov)  
 Sep 13 "North Texas Giving Day - United Way".....[www.unitedwaytarrant.org](http://www.unitedwaytarrant.org)  
 Sep 21 "Run in the Dark"..... [www.communitystorehouse.org](http://www.communitystorehouse.org)  
 Sep 21 "Annual Awards Gala" ..... [www.heb.org](http://www.heb.org)  
 Sep 27 "Sporting Clays" ..... [www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org)  
 Sep 28 "A Whimsical Evening" ..... [www.ntxsnap.org](http://www.ntxsnap.org)  
 Oct 12 "Grace Gala-Angels Among Us" .....[www.gracegala.org](http://www.gracegala.org)

### Other Entertainment

- Concerts in the Garden .....[www.fwsymphony.org](http://www.fwsymphony.org)  
 MasterWorks Concert Series .....[www.artscouncilnortheast.org](http://www.artscouncilnortheast.org)

### Special Dates

- July 4th - Independence Day ..... COUNTY HOLIDAY  
 Sept 2nd - Labor Day ..... COUNTY HOLIDAY



Have a safe &  
happy 4th!

## John Peter Smith Hospital Clinics Northeast Tarrant County

### Health Clinics

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

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

### School-Based Clinics

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

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

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

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

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

For a complete list of Health Clinics and  
School-Based Clinics log onto: [www.jpshealthnet.org](http://www.jpshealthnet.org)

## Northeast Social Service Agencies

- 6 Stones Mission Network .....[www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org)  
 Child Abuse Hotline .....800-252-5400  
 Community Enrichment Center.....[www.thecec.org](http://www.thecec.org)  
 GRACE.....[www.gracegrapevine.org](http://www.gracegrapevine.org)  
 Community Storehouse [www.communitystorehouse.org](http://www.communitystorehouse.org)  
 United Way of Tarrant County .....2 - 1 - 1

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