



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



With the midterm elections behind us, I am excited that the citizens of Tarrant County voted over 80 percent in favor of the Tarrant County Hospital District Bond. It has been 33 years since the last Tarrant County Hospital District bond, and since 1985, the County's population has grown by more than 1 million residents. The no tax rate increase Hospital District bond improvement priorities include expanded mental and behavioral health facilities, updated and expanded hospital facilities for patient care and doctor/nurse training, updates to Tarrant County's only Level One Emergency Trauma Center, four new regional community patient care facilities, and updated and expanded ambulatory outpatient surgical facilities. Thank you to the Citizens Blue Ribbon Committee who reviewed the hospital district's long-range needs assessment and the dedicated work by my fellow Commissioners Court members, G.K. Maenius and his staff, the Hospital District Board of Managers, and staff.

Saddle-up for the 10th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit to be held on **Friday, February 8th** at the Hurst Conference Center. This year's event features legendary Texas businessman and chairman of Texas Central, "High-Speed Rail, Houston-DFW," Drayton McLane, Jr. At this year's Summit, we will see and hear the good, the bad and the ugly of the next generation of transportation as we gallop full-speed ahead into the wild blue yonder. Sponsorship opportunities are now available. Find more information and stay tuned for panel session topics at www.netransportationsummit.com.

A warm welcome to Dee Long who is the new Office Administrator in my office. Dee has been an employee of Tarrant County for 23 years and came to Precinct 3 from the Criminal District Attorney's office. While we know they will miss her, I am excited to have Dee working alongside the rest of my team and me. Welcome, Dee!

Speaking of the Criminal District Attorney's Office, October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and we joined with CDA Sharen Wilson in her public education campaign to say, "Not in my County" to all abusers. The social media campaign was created to bring attention to the prevalence of intimate partner violence here in Tarrant County, and to put abusers on notice that we as a community will not stand for their offensive actions. To follow the "Not in my County" campaign, please visit



www.facebook.com/tarrantcountyda or @TarrantCountyDA.

There will **NOT** be a Coffee with the Commissioner this Friday, but join me Tuesday, **December 11th** from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. for a festive holiday open house at Southlake Town Hall with Southlake Mayor Laura Hill. On **Friday, December 14th** at 7:30 a.m., please join us at the Northeast Courthouse Community Room for a special Christmas Coffee with the Commissioner. I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving!

Gary Fickes

NOTICE

Due to our special holiday coffee in December, we will not be hosting a Coffee with the Commissioner in November.

SAVE THE DATE

**JOIN US FOR A
SPECIAL HOLIDAY
COFFEE WITH THE
COMMISSIONER**

Friday, December 14, 2018

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

Start your day with us!

**Northeast Courthouse
645 Grapevine Hwy.
1st Floor Community Room
Hurst, Texas 76054**



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Question of the Month

Question: The boundary of the Republic of Texas in 1836 included parts of how many current states, including Texas?

(Answer on page 7)

The Quote of the Month - "When our own land forsakes us, Texas takes us."
— old-time desperado rhyme





Mayor Patrick Shelbourne



City of Watauga

“I am honored to serve Watauga in this role and am striving to be a caring, listening, effective Mayor. Watauga has been the hottest zip code in the nation the last two years for how quickly homes sell. We strive to keep our city beautiful, safe, clean and livable. Sustainability is my goal for the city, to keep it “A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!”

Pat is a retired CPA, having served many years in public schools, serving the last years as a public school Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations. He and his wife Ollie have been married 51 years and enjoy two children and ten grandchildren. Ollie was an elementary school teacher and retired from a nearby school district.

Mayor Patrick Shelbourne of Watauga was elected in May 2018 in a special election after the passing of long-time Mayor Hector Garcia. Having served as a council member and mayor pro-tem since 2010, and serving previously as a council member in a nearby city for two years before moving to Watauga, he brings experience in city government to the position. He is a member of the Watauga Sertoma Club, the only public service club in Watauga.

On a more personal note -

What do you do for fun? *We spend time with children and grandchildren and like looking for treasures at Estate Sales and garage sales.*

Favorite Movie? *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance (John Wayne, Lee Marvin, Jimmy Stewart, Vera Miles, Andy Devine, Lee Van Cleef, Woody Strobe etc.) Great movie.*

Favorite Restaurant? *The one that has great food at reasonable prices, of course!*

Favorite vacation spot? *Near family*

Last book read? *I am an eclectic reader, read a lot, like mysteries, non-fiction, always reading.*

People would be surprised to know ... *that I love to veg at home!*



Holiday Outreach & Food Programs

Help for those in need this holiday season and throughout the year.



6Stones	Holiday/Food	https://www.6stones.org/	817-868-7400
Community Enrichment Center	Food Pantry	https://www.thecec.org	817-281-1164
Community Food Bank	Thanksgiving & Christmas	www.food-bank.org	817-924-3333
Community Storehouse	Holiday Food Distribution/ Christmas House Program	https://www.communitystorehouse.org	817-431-3340
Cowboy Santas	Holiday Toys	http://www.cowboysantas.org	
Christ Haven for Children	Holiday	http://www.christshaven.org	817-431-1544
GRACE	Holiday Food Program/ Christmas Cottage	http://www.gracegrapevine.org	817-488-7009
Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County	Delivered Meals	https://mealsonwheels.org	817-336-0912
Metroport Meals on Wheels	Delivered Meals/ Staples for Seniors/Stockings for Seniors	https://www.metroportmow.org	817-491-1141
Mid-Cities Care Corps	Holiday Outreach	http://midcitiescarecorps.org	817-282-0531
Mission Central	Mobile Food Pantry	www.missioncentralmetroplex.com	817-428-2450
Mission Arlington Metroplex	Holiday Meals/Christmas Store	https://missionarlington.org/	817-277-6620
Salvation Army	Holiday Meals/Angel Tree	www.salvationarmydfw.org	817-339-2553
Silver Stars	Holiday Program for Seniors	http://www.cowboysantas.org/silverstars.html	817-392-6606
Silver Sunday Project	After holiday outreach	Silver Sunday Flyer	214-415-6011
The Christmas Wish Project	Foster Child Christmas Wishes	www.christmaswishproject.com	817-925-3264
Toys for Tots DFW	Holiday Toys	www.dfwtoysfortots.org	817-281-9076
Union Gospel Mission	Holiday Meals	www.ugm-tc.org	817-339-2553



10th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit



Commissioner Gary Fickes Tarrant County • Precinct 3



TEXAS: The Wild, Wild West of Transportation



FEATURING

Chairman of Texas Central, Drayton McLane, Jr.

Friday, February 8, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Hurst Conference Center | 1600 Campus Drive, Hurst, Texas

EVENT SUMMARY

Howdy! Put on your boots and scoot on over to the **10th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit** on **Friday, February 8, 2019** at the Hurst Conference Center in Hurst, Texas!

This Summit is one of the largest transportation events in Texas. Every year, it showcases a panel of modern-day transportation trailblazers that discuss what's on the horizon of transportation innovation in Tarrant County, the State of Texas and the United States, as a whole.

This year's event features legendary Texas businessman and Chairman of Texas Central, "High-Speed Rail, Houston-DFW," Drayton McLane, Jr. A transportation maverick in his own right, he will provide his insights on this uncharted transportation territory and even what bullets and trains have in common!

At this Summit, we will see and hear the good, the bad and the ugly of the next generation of transportation as we gallop full-speed ahead into the wild blue yonder.

So, saddle up! This promises to be the can't-miss transportation event of the year!

SPONSORSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

For more information, please contact:

Devin Sanders at 817-581-3600 or email dwsanders@tarrantcounty.com

Thank You

FOR INSPIRING US FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS!



It takes a lot of people to make Empowering Seniors such a success!
Sponsors * Exhibitors * Volunteers * Healthcare Professionals * Workshop Speakers & Moderators
Doctors/Providers * Restaurants * Entertainers * Senior Centers * Chambers of Commerce * Cities
Thank you so much for making such an impact on so many lives at Empowering Seniors 2018!

A special thanks to our wonderful partner the past nine years, First Eules, for how the church has involved its staff, resources, and venue in making Empowering Seniors such a powerful way to serve our senior community for all these years.

In recognition of our Presenting Sponsor, Care N' Care Insurance Company, Inc., thank you for your sponsorship and the wonderful partnership we have developed over the past three years.

We would also like to thank special guests: Bob Lilly, Dallas Cowboys Legend, Super Bowl Champion and Pro Football Hall of Famer; Scott Murray, Legendary Sportscaster and Chairman/CEO Murray Media; Troy Dungan, Iconic Weatherman and Care N' Care Member; and the Dallas Cowboys Alumni Cheerleaders from the '70s.

Special thanks to our emcees, YMCA, Art on Wheels by Arts Council Northeast, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, DEA Drug Take Back, Our Tarrant County Departments: Facilities, Graphics, IT, and Precinct 3 Maintenance Department; Sign Language Interpreters, Tarrant County College - Trinity River Campus, all of our hospitals, pharmacies, and providers of screenings and vaccinations!

View what Legendary Sportscaster Scott Murray has to say about Empowering Seniors 2018 below!



Thank you to our Sponsors!



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“This is the New JPS” Medical Home Northeast Tarrant Opens Doors



The new JPS Medical Home Northeast Tarrant is open for business after a ceremonial ribbon cutting in October bringing a wide range of medical services to the northeast part of the county, accessible to patients without a trip to the JPS main campus in downtown Fort Worth.

“This is wonderful,” one woman in the audience exclaimed as she looked around. “They’re going to be able to help a whole lot of people here.”

The new Medical Home is located at 3200 W. Eules Blvd. in Eules. Construction took 15 months to complete overall. Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes said the medical home was actually eight years in the making. “It’s been a long time coming,” Fickes said. “We knew this was something the area needed. I’m so glad this is here for the people of northeast Tarrant County. People will be able to come here when they have a problem with transportation and can’t get downtown to get their needs fulfilled.”

The 35,000-square-foot health center will provide primary care, women’s health, behavioral health, dental, optometry, laboratory and radiology care. Its pharmacy is the first JPS facility to offer a drive-up window. Combining services encourages coordination of care among providers and engagement by patients, who no longer need to travel to multiple locations for care.

JPS President and CEO Robert Earley

said the concept of a medical home is a revolutionary change in the way patients will receive care.

“Today is a day of accomplishment. This clinic is a prototype of what other clinics can look like in Tarrant County. This is all about keeping people healthy,” Earley said. “I heard it numerous times as people came through the door: ‘Wow! This is JPS?’ Yes, it is. This is the new JPS. This is what you as a taxpayer should expect. This is what you should see and this is what you will have.”

Sunday: Closed

Monday: 7:30 am-7:30 pm

Tuesday: 7:30 am-7:30 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am-7:30 pm

Thursday: 7:30 am-7:30 pm

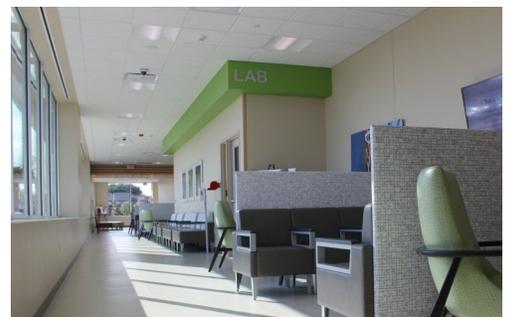
Friday: 7:30 am-7:30 pm

Saturday: 7:30 am-7:30 pm

Pharmacy Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



JPS Medical Home Northeast Tarrant
3200 W. Eules Boulevard
Eules, Texas 76040

Main Line 817-702-1100

Pharmacy 817-702-3531

Article courtesy of Jessica Virnoche, Manager of Communications

Precinct 3 Maintenance Center News

November 2018



North Texas weather is indeed an average of extremes. A long hot summer drought unexpectedly gave way to a very wet and much cooler September and October. Road construction during the unusually wet past couple of months presented some challenges, but we managed to complete our FY 2018 projects and have now started our FY 2019 project schedule. FY 2018 (October 2017- September 2018) was an extremely busy and productive year. This past year, we completed 38 interlocal projects (rehabilitation and/or resurfacing) in 10 different cities (Bedford, Colleyville, Euless, Fort Worth, Hurst, Keller, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Southlake, and Watauga) located in Precinct 3. Our partnerships with the cities this past year yielded an estimated savings of \$2.8 million the cities in construction costs.

Additionally, we completed roadway projects (rehabilitation and/or resurfacing) on 22 roadways within unincorporated Precinct 3, Tarrant County. Other county roadways received localized base repairs and spot seal preventative maintenance treatments to protect and extend the life of the existing pavement. Overall, we closed

out the fiscal year achieving all of the objectives we had planned - another successful and busy year has flown by, and we are already well underway with work in FY 2019.

In mid-October, we started a rehabilitation project on Cheek-Sparger Road in Colleyville. If the weather cooperates, we should have the first phase from Heritage Avenue to the south of the Central Drive roundabout complete before Thanksgiving. Next, we will start roadway rehabilitation again north of the roundabout to Bedford Road with substantial completion around the end of the year. We are also finishing up the repairs and preparation work to resurface 8 county streets in the Sun Valley and Avondale Farms Subdivisions this fall.

We have two large projects scheduled for construction this winter. The first is a 2,800-foot extension of Wagley Robertson Road from Blue Mound Road to the south (along the western border of Lonesome Dove Estates). The second is an interlocal project in partnership with the Northwest Independent School District (NISD) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This project is at the intersection of Blue Mound Road and US 287. The scope of the project will be to extend the existing frontage road further south and then remove and relocate the existing southbound US 287 entrance ramp. Once complete, this will provide better ingress and egress to the NISD schools and the surrounding communities. Anticipated completion of these two projects will be in the early spring 2019 (weather permitting). Overall, we have 47 interlocal roadway projects we are getting ready for which includes estimating cost, preparing agree-

ments and scheduling construction throughout 12 cities within Precinct 3 for FY 2019. In addition to the resurfacing projects in Sun Valley and Avondale Farms, we are also planning to rehabilitate and resurface 4 additional county streets in the Ranchette Estates Subdivision next spring/summer. It is going to be an extremely busy and record-setting year.

Our top priority at Precinct 3 is safety - both for our employees and for the traveling public. We continuously train, discuss and emphasize safety on a daily basis. As part of our safety program, we hold our annual Truck "Rodeo." For this event, our equipment operators practice maneuvering dump trucks through several obstacle courses that mimic driving and construction situations to further develop and improve their driving, backing and communication skills. For this year's event held on October 26th, we invited representatives from Euless, Bedford, Hurst, and North Richland Hills to help judge and take a turn at driving the course. The event concluded with a competition for the top driver, awards and lunch.

As always, your safety and the safety of our crews are of the utmost importance. When encountering any roadway construction or maintenance, please be patient, drive slowly through the construction area, and be keenly aware of the equipment and personnel working to make improvements for you.

*Article courtesy of Richard Schiller,
Director of Field Operations*

Precinct 3 Truck "Rodeo"



Pictured: Gil Ayers (3rd Place Winner), Bernard Jackson, (2nd Place Winner), **Jack Roach (1st Place Winner)**, and Richard Schiller, Director Precinct 3 Maintenance Center.



Economic Development City of Bedford

Bedford is continuing to experience an era of development, redevelopment and revitalization. The economic growth comes in part due to the recently streamlined North Tarrant Express highway corridor, which has served to launch many new opportunities for developers.

The healthcare sector along Bedford's busy highway corridor is booming with activity. As part of its dynamic growth plan, Texas Health Resources HEB Hospital is in the midst of a \$10M renovation to their surgery wing. This follows the recent completion of the hospital's \$25M, 60,000 square foot, ICU wing expansion. THR-HEB employs over 1,600 skilled workers and is Bedford's largest employer. Many ancillary medical providers also call Bedford home as they care for the citizens of Northeast Tarrant County on a daily basis.

Located along Bedford's north/south SH-121 corridor, construction on Heartis MidCities, a new state-of-the-art senior living community, was recently completed and is now leasing. Heartis invested \$25M in this facility which offers 178 units of quality independent living, assisted living and memory care options for seniors.

Bedford's highway corridor has also seen multiple retail projects come to completion and open for business recently. American Motorcycle Trading Company is a

transformation of a 30,000 square foot former office building, which was developed into a full-service dealership of pre-owned motorcycles. Saltgrass Steak House improved a building previously occupied by another steakhouse, which had closed. Saltgrass-Bedford opened for business in June. And for our entertainment seekers, Urban Air Adventure Park transformed a former movie theater space into 28,000 square foot of adventure park fun and is now open for all ages.



Hotel projects underway in Bedford include a new Residence Inn by Marriott along Highway 121 just north of Highway 183, and a new Home2 Suites by Hilton hotel which is nearing completion in the Bedford Commons District along Forest Ridge Drive. A Staybridge Suites by IHG is also expected to break ground soon.

Bedford's prominent light industrial business, Polycoat Products, expanded



to the limits of their current 160,000 square foot manufacturing facility, and are investing approximately \$7M to construct a new 100,000 square foot manufacturing, warehouse, distribution, and office facility along Bedford's Reliance Parkway. Polycoat is an innovator and provider of the latest in Polyurea Polyurethane coatings and elastomers, distributed to a worldwide customer base.

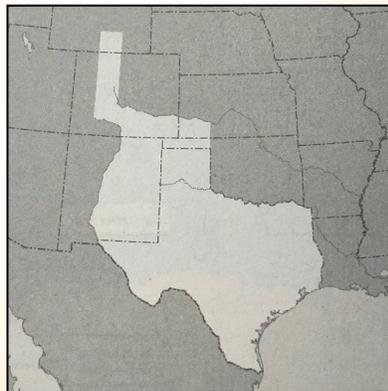
And finally, unique to Bedford, and maybe all of Northeast Tarrant County, we are excited about the opening this year of our first craft brewpub, Turning Point Beer. Turning Point Beer converted a portion of an existing shopping center at the intersection of Brown Trail and Bedford Road into a very popular destination for craft beer enthusiasts. Turning Point Beer has been Bedford's instant success story, becoming the highest rated brewery in the metroplex according to consumer reviews, entertaining hundreds of guests per week, of a broad range of ages, with their fun and unique events.

*Article courtesy of Bill Syblon,
Director of Development*

Question of the Month

Question: The boundary of the Republic of Texas in 1836 included parts of how many current states, including Texas?

Answer: 6 states -
Texas
New Mexico
Oklahoma
Kansas
Colorado
Wyoming



John Stubblefield



John Stubblefield with Tarrant County Precinct 3 Maintenance Facility was promoted from an Equipment Operator V to Project Supervisor in February of this year.

John has been employed with Precinct 3 for 13 years and recently completed the Tarrant County Bridge Program. (18 month leadership program)

John welcomes the new responsibilities and knowledge he gained in the Bridge Program, for his new position.

GREAT JOB!

Veterans Day - Sunday, November 11, 2018



Commissioners Court Declares National Veterans Awareness Week



Thomas Belton III, Director Veteran Services; Clint Ludwig, Chief Deputy County Clerk; Jeff Olesko and Andy Van Way, Cowtown Warriors; Judge Glen Whitley, County Judge.

While we can never hope to fully repay these courageous men and women for their distinguished service to our nation, we can and must show our appreciation for their sacrifice and provide support for them and their families.

In 2013, four local business leaders in Fort Worth got together to find a way to raise money to help disabled veterans and founded the Cowtown Warriors Organization. The Cowtown Warriors Organization, through partnership with the Wounded Warrior battalion in Quantico, Virginia, formed an inaugural fundraising event called the Cowtown Warriors Ball. Cowtown Warriors, which operates as a function of the Metroplex Marines Coordinating Council, has raised about \$450,000 and is completely run by volunteers and veterans. One hundred percent of all funds raised are used to assist disabled veterans with items such as wheelchair-accessible ramps, rent assistance and even special beds. Services are provided for veterans from all eras regardless of discharge status, law enforcement, fire rescue and emergency medical personnel, adults and children, and any family member of a veteran or First Responder.

The fifth Cowtown Warriors Ball fundraising event will take place on February 24, 2019 at the Fort Worth Club.

An Historical Moment in Time

Archive War

The provisional government of the Republic of Texas met at Washington-on-the-Brazos March 1, 1836. This convention, in which all powers of sovereignty were claimed and exercised, adopted the Declaration of Independence on March 2. They also wrote a constitution and inaugurated executive officers. Because of the movement of Santa Anna's troops, President Burnet selected Harrisburg on Buffalo Bayou as the temporary capital.

As Mexican troops moved eastward after their victory at the Alamo, President Burnet and part of his cabinet boarded the steamboat Cayuga at Harrisburg on April 15, 1836, making it the de facto capital of the Republic until the Texas officials went ashore at Galveston on April 26. The capital then moved to Velasco until October.

In October 1836, Columbia (today's West Columbia) became the first capital of an elected government of the Republic of Texas. President Houston, on Dec. 15,



A replica of the 1836 capital in West Columbia.

1836, ordered the seat of government removed to Houston. The government began operating from Houston on April 19, 1837.

In 1839, the Capital Commission selected the "site of the town of Waterloo, on the north bank of the Colorado" as the permanent capital. This was confirmed by the Texas Congress Jan. 19, 1839, and the place was renamed Austin in honor of Stephen F. Austin. President Mirabeau B. Lamar and his cabinet moved there October 17, 1839. When Mexican troops

threatened San Antonio in March 1842, President Sam Houston ordered the government moved to Houston. Officials moved to Washington-on-the-Brazos in September and Houston sent men to Austin to fetch the archives. Austin citizens feared that if the papers were moved, Austin would lose its status as capital permanently. In an action known as the Archive War, the citizens stopped Houston's men and returned the archives to Austin. Austin became the capital again in 1844.



Texas State Capital

SENIOR NEWS



Check out the special holiday happenings at your local Senior Center!

Bedford Senior Center (817) 952-2325
www.ci.bedford.tx.us

Colleyville Senior Center (817) 503-1195
www.colleyville.com

Eules Family Life Sr. Center..... (817) 685-1670
www.eulesstx.gov

Grapevine Active Adults at The REC (817) 410-3465
www.gograpevine.com

Haltom City Sr. Citizens Center..... (817) 834-8021
www.haltomcitytx.com

Hurst Sr. Citizens Activities Center (817) 788-7710
www.ci.hurst.tx.us

Keller Senior Activities Center..... (817) 431-8727
www.cityofkeller.com

N. Richland Hills Senior Center (817) 427-6620
www.nrhtx.com

Richland Hills Sr. Activities Center (817) 616-3820
www.richlandhills.com

Southlake Senior Activity Center ... (817) 748-8398
www.ci.southlake.tx.us

Watauga Senior Center (817) 514-5892
www.ci.watauga.tx.us



[Click here for Hypothermia Early Warning Signs](#)

Call 9-1-1 right away if you think someone has warning signs of hypothermia.

Cold Weather Safety for Older Adults

Older adults can lose body heat fast—faster than when they were young. A big chill can turn into a dangerous problem before an older person even knows what's happening. Doctors call this serious problem hypothermia.



What Is Hypothermia?

Hypothermia is what happens when your body temperature gets very low. For an older person, a body temperature of 95°F or lower can cause many health problems, such as a heart attack, kidney problems, liver damage, or worse.

Being outside in the cold, or even being in a very cold house, can lead to hypothermia. Try to stay away from cold places and pay attention to how cold it is where you are. You can take steps to lower your chance of getting hypothermia.

Here are some tips for keeping warm while you're inside:

- ◆ Set your heat to at least 68–70°F. To save on heating bills, close off rooms you are not using. Close the vents and shut the doors in these rooms, and keep the basement door closed. Place a rolled towel in front of all doors to keep out drafts.
- ◆ Make sure your house isn't losing heat through windows. Keep your blinds and curtains closed. If you have gaps around the windows, try using weather stripping or caulk to keep the cold air out.
- ◆ Dress warmly on cold days even if you are staying in the house. Throw a blanket over your legs. Wear socks and slippers.
- ◆ When you go to sleep, wear long underwear under your pajamas, and use extra covers. Wear a cap or hat.
- ◆ Make sure you eat enough food to keep up your weight. If you don't eat well, you might have less fat under your skin. Body fat helps you to stay warm.
- ◆ Drink alcohol moderately, if at all. Alcoholic drinks can make you lose body heat.
- ◆ Ask family or friends to check on you during cold weather. If a power outage leaves you without heat, try to stay with a relative or friend.

Here are some tips for keeping warm while you're outside:

- ◆ Dress for the weather if you have to go out on chilly, cold, or damp days.
- ◆ Wear loose layers of clothing. The air between the layers helps to keep you warm.
- ◆ Put on a hat and scarf. You lose a lot of body heat when your head and neck are uncovered.
- ◆ Wear a waterproof coat or jacket if it's snowy.
- ◆ Change your clothes right away if they get damp or wet.

Additional information available at: www.nia.nih.gov

Help With My Heating Bills?

For those who may be having a hard time paying their heating bills, here are a few resources that might help. Contact the [National Energy Assistance Referral service](#) at 1-866-674-6327 (toll-free; TTY, 1-866-367-6228) or email energyassistance@ncat.org to get information about the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

If your home doesn't have enough insulation, contact your state or local energy agency or the local power or gas company. They may be able to give you information about weatherizing your home. This can help keep heating bills down. These agencies and companies may also have special programs for people who have a limited income and qualify for help paying the heating bill. Your local [Area Agency on Aging](#), senior center, or social service agency may have information on these programs. You can reach the Tarrant County Area Agency on Aging office at 817-258-8082.

Other agencies to reach out to: 2-1-1 <https://unitedwaytarrant.org/211-2/> 211

Tarrant Cares - www.tarrantcares.org

Catholic Charities - www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org 817-534-0814 (select option 2);

Community Action Partners - www.fortworthtexas.gov 817-392-5790

Tarrant County Department of Human Services - www.tarrantcounty.com 817-531-5620



Transportation

Northeast Tarrant County

DFW Connector Project

Hotline: 877-411-4212
www.dfwconnector.com



Sign up for e-alerts!

- Crews will continue drilling bridge foundations and begin setting columns, bridge caps and bridge beams at the I-635/SH 121 interchange.

- NorthGate crews continue to install temporary barrier and detour pavement to shift traffic and allow permanent work to begin.
- Grading and utility work will take place throughout the alignment.



Highway 26
TxDOT - N Tarrant Office
817-399-4300
sh26project.com
www.txdot.gov



Sign up for e-alerts!

• SH 26 construction activity continues from near Pleasant Run to John McCain Road. Activity in this section includes new northbound construction from John McCain Road progressing to the south and drainage installation on the east side of SH 26 from Tinker Road progressing to the south. • Activity south of Centerpark Drive consists of new southbound pavement placement south of the Little Bear Creek bridge, miscellaneous bridge work and drainage installation north of the bridge. • The \$38.2 million project in Colleyville from John McCain Road to Brown Trail will improve mobility and safety, and consists of the widening of SH 26 from four lanes with a continuous left turn lane to six lanes with raised curb medians with left turn bays, continuous sidewalks and improved signals. • The project is estimated for completion in 2019.

- SH 26 construction activity continues from near Pleasant Run to John McCain Road. Activity in this section includes new northbound construction from John McCain Road progressing to the south and drainage installation on the east side of SH 26 from Tinker Road progressing to the south.



FM 1938 - Phase II
TxDOT - N Tarrant Office
817-399-4300
www.txdot.gov
Southlake 817-748-8098
www.cityofsouthlake.com

Myers Meadow subdivision located on the east side of FM 1938 near Johnson Road continues with crews drilling shafts for columns. • The current speed limit of 30 mph throughout the project limits will remain in effect until the project has been completed due to safety. • The 1.6-mile project widens the existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with curbed medians including dual left turn bays at the intersection of FM 1938 and FM 1709 which has improved traffic flow through the intersection. • Substantial completion of the project is estimated to be in early 2019.

- Roadway reconstruction on the north end of the FM 1938 project continues with the last stages of rebuilding of drainage in that area to be followed by earth stabilization and pavement construction. • Construction of a screen wall for the



Calendar of Events

Nov 10	Eules Fall Fest.....	www.heb.org
Nov 12	Veterans Day.....	
Nov 15	Annual Classic Chili Cook Off.....	Any Area Chamber of Commerce
Nov 16	National Adoption Day.....	
Nov 17	A Wish with Wings Kitchen Tour.....	www.awww.org
Nov 22	Thanksgiving Holiday.....	
Nov 24	Small Business Saturday.....	www.sba.gov
Nov 25	Silver Sunday Project.....	Silver Sunday Flyer
Nov 27	Giving Day Tuesday.....	www.givingtuesday.org
Dec 1	Safehaven Super Heroes 5K Run.....	www.crowdrise.com
Dec 2	Colleyville Woman's Club Holiday Home Tour.....	www.c-w-c.org
Dec 7	6Stones Dashing for Hope - Night of Hope.....	www.6stones.org
Dec 11	Southlake Town Hall Holiday Open House (5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.).....	
Dec 14	Christmas Coffee with the Commissioner (7:30 a.m.).....	817-581-3600
Dec 25	Christmas Day.....	

Veterans Day Events

Nov 9	NRH Veterans Day Celebration.....	www.nrhtx.com
Nov 10	City of Richland Hills Veterans Day Ceremony.....	www.richlandhills.com
Nov 10	Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade.....	www.tarrantcountyveterans.org
Nov 10	Grapevine Veterans Day Parade.....	www.grapevineveteransparade.org
Nov 10-17	Inaugural Keller Field of Honor.....	www.healingfield.org
Nov 11	Veterans Day Event - Westlake Historical Society.....	www.westlake-tx.org
Nov 11	HEB Family Fun Day in Celebration of Veterans Day.....	www.heb.org



Christmas Events



Nov 17	Southlake's Home for the Holidays.....	www.visitsouthlaketexas.com
Nov 17	Sundance Square Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.....	www.fortworth.com
Nov 18	Fort Worth Parade of Lights.....	www.fortworthparadeoflights.org
Nov 19	Grapevine's Carol of Lights.....	www.grapevinetexas.gov
Nov 27	Hurst Christmas Tree Lighting.....	www.hursttx.gov
Nov 29	Westlake's Annual Community Tree Lighting.....	www.westlake-tx.org
Nov 30	Richland Hills Christmas Tree Lighting.....	www.richlandhills.com
Nov 30	Colleyville's Christmas Tree Lighting.....	www.colleyvillechamber.org
Dec 1	Bedford Christmas Tree Lighting & Pet Pooza.....	www.bedfordtx.gov
Dec 1	Haltom City Christmas on Broadway.....	www.haltomcitytx.com
Dec 1	Eules Christmas Parade of Lights.....	www.eulesstx.gov
Dec 1	Roanoke's Old-Fashioned Downtown Christmas Event.....	www.roanoketexas.com
Dec 1	Colleyville Lions Club/Breakfast with Santa.....	www.colleyvillelions.com
Dec 1	Grapevine Chamber Elves on the Run 5K.....	www.grapevinechamber.org
Dec 1	Haslet's Christmas in the Park 2018.....	www.haslet.org
Dec 1	Christmas in the Stockyards.....	www.fortworthstockyards.com
Dec 1	NRH Run Run Rudolph Family 5K Run & Walk.....	www.nrhtx.com
Dec 6	Annual Grapevine Parade of Lights.....	www.grapevinechamber.org
Dec 7	Holly Days: Christmas at Keller Town Hall.....	www.cityofkeller.com
Dec 8	Trophy Club's Christmas in the Park.....	www.facebook.com
Dec 8	Watauga's Breakfast with Santa.....	www.cowtx.org
Dec 8	Watauga's Hometown Christmas Celebration & Tree Lighting.....	www.cowtx.org
Dec 11	Roanoke's Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade & Event.....	www.roanoketexas.com
Dec 11	Southlake Town Hall Christmas Open House.....	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Dec 11-15	"Deep in the Heart of Christmas".....	www.grapevineticketline.com
Dec 15	NRH Breakfast with Santa.....	www.nrhtx.com

JPS Hospital Clinics in Northeast Tarrant County

Health Clinics

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

JPS Medical Home Northeast Tarrant 817-702-1100
3200 W. Eules Boulevard, Eules 76040

School-Based Clinics

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

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

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

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

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

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

COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

November 22 & 23
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 24 & 25
Christmas Holiday



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