



Northeast Newsletter



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



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**BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS**

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One in four women (25%)
has experienced domestic
violence in her lifetime.

Source: The Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention and The National Institute of Justice

www.safehaventc.org

1-877-701-7233

www.thehotline.org

1-800-799-7233

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

The hustle and bustle in Northeast Tarrant County continues with our United Way BBQ coming up on **Friday, October 31st**, the completion of the new Northeast Courthouse, and the North Tarrant Express is now open!

Empowering Seniors 2014 was our best yet with over 1800 attendees! The event included over 150 exhibitors, 15+ workshops, 10 food booths for food tastings, a variety of entertainment, 100 + volunteers, and over 15 health screenings. It was a treat to have Texas Rangers' Legend and Three-Time All-Star Jim Sundberg in attendance to mingle with our guests. Big THANK YOU to: our sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers, entertainers, committee members, senior centers, chambers of commerce, the First Baptist Church of Euless, and my awesome staff – Carolyn Sims, Rebecca Barksdale, Devin Wenske, Theresa Parsons, Roselee Kerr, and Richard Schiller. This event happens with all of you involved.

Your new Northeast Courthouse on Grapevine Highway will open **Monday, December 8th**. We will move the first week of December. There will be an

official grand opening celebration after the first of the year. Stay tuned for more information in the December newsletter. (Page 3)

Once again we will be hosting our annual Precinct 3 United Way BBQ on **Friday, October 31st** at our Maintenance Center, 7301 Precinct Line Road in North Richland Hills, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be door prizes and the best BBQ you have ever tasted prepared by our fantastic Precinct 3 "pit masters"! Come out and support Tarrant County in a campaign to raise money that benefits the United Way of Tarrant County. (Page 7)

The North Tarrant Express is now open! The construction over the past 4 years has prepared the 13.3 mile corridor for quick travel across Northeast Tarrant County. Learn more about the TEXpress. (Page 10)

The mid-term election along with many important local and state races is on **Tuesday, November 4th**. Early voting is one of the best ways to beat the lines and make your voice heard. (Page 8)

Gary Fickes

Question of the Month ? ?

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How many total Amendment are there today and when was the last Amendment ratified?

Answer on page 3



www.tarrantcounty.com

SAVE THE DATE!

- United Way Fundraiser 10/31/14
- NE Transportation Summit 02/13/15

Community Leader Spotlight



**Mayor
Mark Mathews**



City of Keller

Mayor Mark Mathews has been a resident of Keller for many years and began his service to the city in 1987 as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments. He then served on the Keller City Council from 1988 to 1990, and in May 2014 was excited to win his first term as mayor. As mayor, Mark serves as chairman of the Keller Development Corporation and Keller Economic Development Board, and sits on the Finance Committee and Colleyville/Keller Joint Municipal Court Committee.

An entrepreneur, small business owner and accomplished global logistics executive who earned his degree from Tarrant

County College and continued his studies at University of Texas at Arlington, Mayor Mathews is also a strong community and family man. He is the proud parent of two grown children, Jessica and Patrick, and he and his wife Angela live in the Marshall Ridge community with his teenage step-daughter, Hannah.

Mayor Mathews and his family are active members of Keystone Church, where Mark has served as project manager for "Love Others," the church's outreach programs serving 20 nonprofits in Keller and the surrounding area. He also stays active with the Greater Keller Chamber of Commerce and serves as president of the Homeowners' Advisory Board for Marshall Ridge; as an adviser on the National Development Committee for Camp Kesem, a nonprofit focused on the needs of children affected by a parent's cancer; and has recently completed a term on that organization's Texas A&M Advisory Board.

On the weekends, you'll find him at

the movies with his wife, out at a softball field cheering on Hannah or behind the grill in his backyard, enjoying time with neighbors, friends and family.

On a more personal note -

What do you do for fun? *After so many years traveling for business, I really value quality time at home.*

Favorite Movie? *"Grosse Pointe Blank"*

Favorite Restaurant? *"Main Street Café" for an in-town option and "Seagar's Prime Steaks and Seafood" in Destin, Florida on vacation.*

Favorite vacation spot? *Maui, Hawaii*

Last book read? *"HQ The Hope Quotient" by Ray Johnston*

People would be surprised to know...
I have flown over 4 million miles, the equivalent of about 160 times around the world at its equator.

Tarrant County Probate Courts I & II



Tarrant County has two statutory probate courts that have exclusive jurisdiction over the person and property of Tarrant County residents who have died or who are incapacitated. The courts are also charged with the responsibility for civil commitments of the mentally ill. The courts hear and determine all matters incident to the probate of wills, the administration of estates of decedents dying intestate (without a will), the determination of heirs in intestate matters and the modification and interpretation of trust instruments. The courts support internship programs at local law schools to provide training to law students, and the judges and court staff speak to groups to educate legal, medical and social work professionals as well as the general public.

Because every family's probate issues can vary widely, it is always advisable to contact an experienced probate attorney for guidance. A few examples of the matters that come before the courts illustrate the wide range of challenges as family members seek court assistance.

If you have a loved one who has died, a

key factor in the distribution of that person's property is whether or not the decedent left a validly executed will. If the decedent left a will, you need an attorney to probate the will unless you are the sole beneficiary and there are no debts other than a mortgage. If the decedent did not leave a will, the only proceeding you can pursue without an attorney is a small estate affidavit which can only be used when the decedent's personal property does not exceed \$50,000 and other conditions are met.

If you have a loved one who has become incapacitated due to stroke, Alzheimer's disease, brain injury, intellectual disability or other cause, you may consider pursuing a guardianship for this individual. Once a guardianship application is filed, the court is required to appoint an attorney to represent the proposed incapacitated person and may require the applicant to deposit funds with the clerk to pay for the services of this attorney. The courts recruit, train and supervise volunteers to staff the courts' guardianship monitoring programs, considered among the best in the United States.

If you have a loved one who has become

a danger to himself or others due to a mental illness, you should call 911 in an emergency or contact Tarrant County MHMR at 817-335-3022 to schedule an appointment to discuss the requirements for a Magistrate's Warrant to have the person transported to a hospital for examination. If the person meets the criteria for a mental health commitment, the District Attorney's office will file the petition, the matter will be assigned to one of the probate courts, and the court will appoint an attorney to represent the proposed patient throughout the commitment process.

To find an experienced probate attorney, you can contact the Tarrant County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service at 817-336-4101. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may qualify for aid from Legal Aid of Northwest Texas at 817-336-3943. To find out more about the Statutory Probate Courts of Tarrant County, visit the court websites at: <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/eProbateCourts/site/default.asp>

Probate Court One

Judge Steve M. King

Probate Court Two

Judge Patrick W. Ferchill

*Article courtesy of:
Steve Fields, Probate Court 2 and
Quentin McGown, Probate Court 1*



Northeast Tarrant County

"Working together for a better tomorrow"



Northeast Courthouse

NEW Northeast Courthouse Open For Business Monday, December 8th!

It seems like just yesterday we demolished the old NE Courthouse to make way for your beautiful new building! Thank you all for your patience during the construction period.

The Northeast Courthouse, 645 Grapevine Highway in Hurst, will open on **Monday, December 8th** for you to conduct business with the Tax Office, Justice of the Peace, Constable, County Clerk, Commissioner's Office and Credit Union.

The temporary location at **Parkwood Village, 201 Harwood Road in Bedford, will be permanently closed beginning Thursday, December 4th.**

To allow for time to relocate to the new Courthouse, the following offices from the temporary location will be closed on **Thursday, December 4th and Friday, December 5th.** If you need to conduct business on **December 4th or 5th** with these offices you will need to go to:

- County Clerk** - Southlake Town Hall, 1400 Main St., Southlake TX 76092..... 817-481-8075
or Downtown at: 200 Taylor St., Ste. 301, Fort Worth TX 76102..... 817-884-1550
 •Birth & Death Certificates •DBA •Marriage License
- Tax Office** - Southlake Town Hall, 1400 Main St., Southlake TX 76092..... 817-481-8141
or Downtown at: 100 E. Weatherford St., Fort Worth TX 76196..... 817-884-1850
 •Property Tax •Auto Registration Renewal •Handicap placard
- Credit Union** - 200 Taylor St., Fort Worth TX 76102..... 817-884-1470



Old Courthouse



Groundbreaking



New Courthouse

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How many total Amendment are there today and when was the last Amendment ratified?

Answer: There are 27 total Amendments. The last Amendment (27th) was ratified on May 7, 1992 but was proposed September 25, 1789! Government doesn't always move fast.





EMPOWERING Seniors

6th Annual
AGES 50 PLUS
Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes



Over 150 fantastic exhibitors!
Over 100 dynamic volunteers!

1,800 attendees!

18 Informative workshops!

Wonderful entertainment!

10 Fabulous food booths!

15 Professional health screenings!

Thank you for an amazing day!



Friday, October 3, 2014



6 Stones

First Euleless Baptist Church

Kroger

Republic Services

Riverside Inn at Fossil Creek Memory Care

Sam Pack's Five Star Ford

Spine Team Texas

Stoneybrook Memory Care of Grapevine

TXU Energy

USMD SeniorCare

Colleyville Courier

Grapevine Courier

Keller-Citizen

Times-Register

Southlake Journal



www.EmpoweringSeniors.com

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Eules



Lennar Home being built in the Dominion at Bear Creek Subdivision

What an awesome time to be in Eules, Tarrant County. There are currently twelve active subdivisions totaling 570 platted lots. Nine of these are new neighborhoods. 64 permits have been issued in 2014, with an average value of \$270,000. Lennar is developing a variety of single family homes at the northwest corner of S.H. 360, north of SH 183 in the RiverWalk mixed use development. Bloomfield Homes is building homes in 6 different areas around town.

Local business development activity is very important for job growth. So far this year, Certificates of Occupancy have been issued to 80 new businesses. Montgomery Crane, Ferguson's Plumbing Supply, RonParco, Ricochet Fuels, and Fine Line Productions, will each expand their facilities in 2015. Chop House Burger opened up earlier this year at S.H. 121 and Glade Road near Lowe's. Your Way Café is a new restaurant located at 135 S. Ector Drive, south of Airport Freeway. The Karichi Village began service at its location at 501 N. Main St.

Tremendous excitement is growing for Glade Parks, a 200 acre mixed use development located south of the SuperTarget at Glade Road and S.H. 121. JLB completed a luxury 417 unit Class A Urban Loft project called Suite 2801. K Hovnanian will have model homes under

construction this fall. In addition to this residential activity, the majority of the Glade Parks project is zoned for commercial development. New restaurants will be soon be developed in the coming year and will join Raising Cane's and Rosa's Café. Dave and Busters has broken ground, and an announcement is expected during 2015 about a new movie theatre. Anticipated to be anchored by a major tenant, construction will begin soon on approximately 287,000 square feet of retail. Construction is already underway on a 10,000 square foot building next to Rosa's Café.

www.eulesstx.gov

-Mike Collins, Director of Planning & Economic Development



Dave and Busters



In today's world, educators are preparing students for jobs that aren't yet created. That's why Northwest ISD's vision is to be the best and most sought-after school district where every student is future ready: ready for college, ready for the global workplace and ready for personal success. With nearly 20,000 students, NISD is one of the fastest growing school district in North Texas. The district embraces 14 communities, reaches three counties and spans 234 square miles. NISD offers six career academies, is ranked a 'Best Communities for Music Education', is home to the Region XI Superintendent of the Year, is a nationally recognized digital district, has been deemed a fit and friendly workplace and much more.

NISD believes establishing a premier education for students requires a partnership with its community. After listening to what mattered most to families and community members, NISD launched the Community Dashboard, an interactive, one-of-a-kind website that offers a look at



Northwest ISD community and staff members were recognized at a Northwest ISD school board meeting for completing the district's first ambassador training academy.

identified and valued measures of success, providing easy access to student achievements, volunteer and community outreach, community partnerships, standardized state assessments and more. Check out NISD's Community Dashboard at www.nisdtx.org under Quick Links.

In partnership with Friends of Texas Public Schools, NISD launched a community and staff ambassador cohort last school year. The year-long program was designed to celebrate our many achievements, honor those who work in public schools, provide a look behind the public education curtain and more importantly, spread the good news. In its first year, 39 community members and 74 staff members participated in the district's

first ambassador training academy. This year, training was offered during New Teacher Academy Week to 241 new educators.

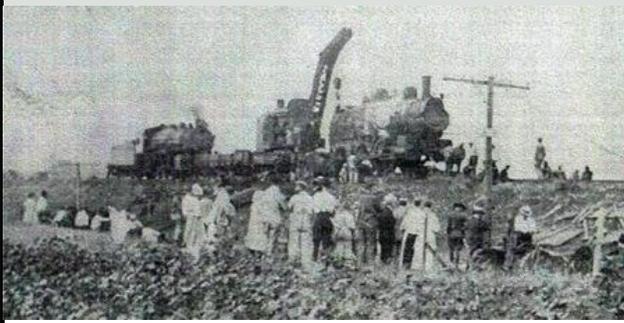
Currently, NISD operates 17 elementary schools, five middle schools, two comprehensive high schools and one accelerated high school. Thanks to the support of voters during a 2012 Bond Referendum, NISD will open V.R. Eaton High School, located in north Fort Worth/southwestern portion of the district, in August 2015. Find out more about Northwest ISD at www.nisdtx.org or on Twitter @NorthwestISD. Together, in partnership with our community, Northwest ISD is transforming a new public education.



Construction is underway at V.R. Eaton High School. The campus will open in August 2015 with freshman and sophomores. Eaton High School will add a grade each year until it serves ninth through twelfth grade students.

-Emily Conklin, Director of Communications

AN HISTORICAL MOMENT IN TIME
The Great Train Wreck



to ride the train into Fort Worth was about 25 cents, and the trip took one hour, if the weather was good.

In 1909, the train depot burned to the ground. It was 1911 before the depot was rebuilt, and it was enlarged with cattle pens. There was a row of section houses for the train crew along the tracks. Union Pacific records indicate that the depot was a one-story frame passenger and freight depot with a metal roof.

Marie Cade was the depot's telegraph operator. She started her job at the age of 15 and knew Morse Code. Her father, Andrew Cade, was the depot agent in Watauga for many years until the depot was closed. The train dispatchers would often say, "There's nobody like Marie Cade."

The "Great Watauga Train Wreck" occurred in 1917. According to Marie Cade Wathall, who was working as the telegraph operator that night, a Katy freight train had stopped on the tracks near Big Fossil Creek Bridge. Dispatchers at the Cotton Belt

Crossing sent a warning down the line that there was a train standing near Big Fossil Creek and for all trains to wait. A Katy passenger train did not heed the warning, and the two trains hit head on. A fireman was killed when he jumped from the train down a steep embankment in an effort to avoid the collision. Both trains were knocked off the tracks. All of Watauga, young and old, came to help in any way possible. They searched for injured, called for assistance, and brought buckets of water to put out the grass fires started by the wreck.

In 1929, the railroad depot was retired from service, according to Union Pacific records. The depot was moved to Hodge causing growth to come to a standstill in Watauga. Hodge was a town in Fort Worth, north of the Stockyards. The depot was placed on Premier Street in Hodge until the mid-1960s when it was destroyed. The train depot brought life to Watauga and then took it away after the depot closed. Watauga dwindled to a small town of 300-400 people, mostly farmers, from the Depression and through World War II.

www.ci.watauga.tx.us

NRH PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - FUN AROUND EVERY CORNER!

As the third largest city in Tarrant County, North Richland Hills provides many quality of life amenities for its residents including a nationally recognized park system. With more 850 acres, 34 parks and facilities, including 30 miles of multi-use trails, the NRH Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of programs, services, and events to enhance the city's sense of community and quality of life for residents and visitors.

Award winning parks and facilities include:

- NRH Centre, an 86,000 square foot state-of-the-art multi-generational recreation and aquatics facility which includes an upscale banquet facility and a senior center
- NRH2O Family Water Park - the first municipally owned water park in Texas and recognized by World Water Park as a top ten public water park in the country
- Iron Horse Golf Course – voted as one of the “Top Ten” Golf Courses in Dallas Fort Worth
- NRH Trails—an interconnected network of hike and bike trails linking parks, schools, neighborhoods, businesses and adjacent cities
- Richland Tennis Center- a 16-court tennis facility offering the very best in tennis programming, leagues, classes, tournaments and services.

The department offers something for just about everyone including “Common Ground” a community vegetable garden featuring 70 garden plots and gardening programs. Dog lovers enjoy the highly popular Tipps Canine Hollow and outdoor enthusiasts have several options including the beautiful 100-acre Cross Timbers Park which features a 2 mile loop right in the middle of diverse ecosystems.

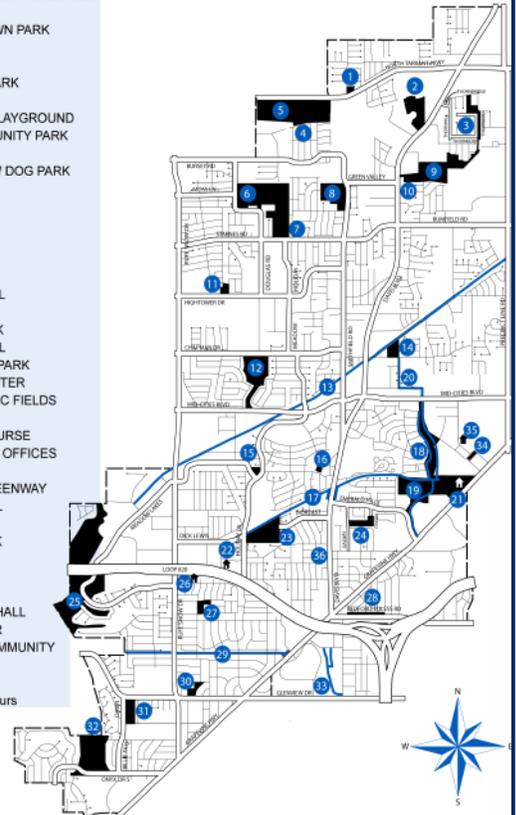
Other distinctive aspects of the department include the Art in Public Spaces program which features the highly celebrated Hollywood Cowboy Signal Art Program. With hundreds of classes, athletic and aquatic programs, and events like Night of Holiday Magic, Easter in the Park, Hoot and Howl, ‘Round the Town with Oscar bike rides and Sounds of Spring, this tight knit community of 65,433 can find fun and inspiration around every corner!

NRH PARKS, TRAILS AND FACILITIES

- 1 FOUNDERS PARK
- 2 TOMMY AND SUE BROWN PARK
- 3 J. B. SANDLIN PARK
- 4 DR. PILLOW PARK
- 5 LITTLE BEAR CREEK PARK
- 6 CROSS TIMBERS PARK
- 7 ADVENTURE WORLD PLAYGROUND
- 8 GREEN VALLEY COMMUNITY PARK
- 9 NORTHFIELD PARK
- 10 TIPPS CANINE HOLLOW DOG PARK
- 11 LEGACY PARK*
- 12 RICHFIELD PARK
- 13 COTTON BELT TRAIL
- 14 DICK FARAM PARK
- 15 LIBERTY PARK
- 16 ACE PARK
- 17 NORTH ELECTRIC TRAIL
- 18 HOME TOWN LAKES
- 19 WALKER'S CREEK PARK
- 20 WALKER'S CREEK TRAIL
- 21 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK
- 22 RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER
- 23 HOLIDAY LANE ATHLETIC FIELDS
- 24 NORICH PARK
- 25 IRON HORSE GOLF COURSE
- 26 PARK ADMINISTRATION OFFICES
- 27 CLYDE ZELLERS PARK*
- 28 BEDFORD-EULESS GREENWAY
- 29 JOANN JOHNSON TRAIL
- 30 KAY GRANGER PARK*
- 31 LINDA SPURLOCK PARK
- 32 FOSSIL CREEK PARK
- 33 RANDY MORESI TRAIL
- 34 STORMY PLAZA
- 35 NRH CENTRE, GRAND HALL & NRH SENIOR CENTER
- 36 COMMON GROUND COMMUNITY GARDEN

* Closed during school hours

- ↑ FACILITY
- PARK
- TRAIL



www.nrhtx.com

-Vickie Loftice, Managing Director of Community Services



Mission Central has been empowering people in need in Northeast Tarrant County since 1996. Our programs include both short-term and long-term assistance programs that help families on their journey to self-sufficiency.

Most families are introduced to Mission Central through our Village Pantry. We provide food assistance to residents of Hurst, Euless, and Bedford up to 6 times a year, and are currently serving about 500 families each month. We also host a Mobile Food Pantry on the 2nd Friday of each month at the First United Methodist Church of Hurst. Any resident of Tarrant County may receive food from 9 am – 11 am during this event.

At our Village Library, we provide after-school tutoring for about 50 children each week. Students receive one-on-one help with their homework from volunteer tutors. We also host free GED classes for adults at the Village Library. Prospective GED students should meet on any Monday at 6:15 pm at 742 East Pipeline Road in Hurst for an orientation to our program.

The Family Opportunities Program provides support to families who are homeless or near homeless. Families work with our social worker to set goals and create a plan for moving toward stable finances and



housing. Mission Central's help for these families might include rent assistance, job training, or assistance with medical bills until they have met their goals. Most families spend about five months in this program.

With the help of many volunteers and



donors in our community, Mission Central is truly transforming lives. If you would like to help, consider volunteering, hosting a food drive, or shopping at the Coat of Many Colors Resale Shop, located at 521 Harwood Road in Bedford.

You can learn more about any of Mission Central's programs by calling 817-595-0011, visiting www.missioncentraltx.org, or connecting with Mission Central at www.facebook.com/missioncentraltx.

Paula A. Jernigan, MBA, Executive Director

DOOR PRIZES!

Precinct 3 United Way Fundraiser Luncheon

DOOR PRIZES!

Friday, October 31st • 11:00 a.m. to 1:30

**Precinct 3 Maintenance Center
7301 Precinct Line Rd
North Richland Hills TX, 76180**

817-581-3600

Door Prize - tickets 6 for \$5

Plan to join us!

It's a good ol' fashioned BBQ!

Please join us for some ...

- Smoked Brisket
- Sausage
- Beans
- Potato Salad
- Dessert
- Ice Tea/Water



Only \$8



ELECTION DAY



Important Dates

October 6, 2014 - Last day to register to vote.

October 20, 2014 - First day of in-person early voting.

October 24, 2014 - Last day Elections Department may accept an application for a ballot by mail. (Must be received by this date, not merely postmarked)

October 31, 2014- Last day of in-person early voting.

November 4, 2014 - ELECTION DAY (Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

November 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. - Last day Elections Department may receive ballots by mail. (unless overseas deadline applies-Must be placed in mail overseas by Election Day.)

Tarrant County Early Voting by Personal Appearance Days and Hours

October 20 – 24 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

October 25 Saturday 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

October 26 Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

October 27 – 31 Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Early Voting Locations/Information: available at: www.TarrantCounty.com/Elections

Election Day information:

- Am I registered to vote? <https://voterlookup.tarrantcounty.com>

- What are the hours for voting on Election Day? **7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**
(you must vote at your precinct location)

- What is my precinct voting location? Information available at: <https://voterlookup.tarrantcounty.com>

Scan this QR code with your smart phone to access voter lookup!



Although the sample ballots below are presented as separate pages, if you are eligible for voting in multiple jurisdictions (for example, county AND city races) they will be presented on a single official ballot at the polling place.

Sample Ballots

[Sample Ballot - General Election - Federal, State & County Offices](#)
[Declared Write-in Candidates](#)

[City of Arlington](#)
[City of Fort Worth](#)
[City of Keller](#)
[City of Richland Hills](#)
[Town of Trophy Club](#)

[Birdville Independent School District](#)
[Keller Independent School District](#)



Season's Greetings



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* Holiday Photo Contest

Commissioner Fickes is seeking a unique holiday photo for his 2014 Christmas Card. All photos submitted must be:

- A Christmas themed photo that represents Tarrant County
- Submit jpeg file only
- Deadline – Monday, November 3, 2014**

Submit your photo via email to:
Theresa Parsons at: tcparsons@tarrantcounty.com.

Include your name and contact number so we can reach you.

The winner will be notified shortly after the deadline.

We look forward to seeing your photos!

Last year's card

"Southlake Town Hall"



Season's Greetings

SENIOR NEWS

It's Medicare Open Enrollment Time!

The Annual Open Enrollment period for health and drug plans begins on **October 15 and ends December 7**. Each year costs and covered benefits can change, and Medicare beneficiaries should look at their Medicare coverage choices and decide what options best meet their needs. For more information on Medicare Open Enrollment and to compare benefits and prices of 2014 Medicare health and drug plans, please visit: <http://www.cms.gov/Center/Special-Topic/Open-Enrollment-Center.html>.

Important Links

Tools to Help You Choose a Plan

- [Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov)
- [Things to Think about when You Compare Plans](#)
- [Medicare Plan Finder Tool](#)
- [Medicare & You 2015 handbook](#)

Where to Get Your Medicare Questions Answered

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- State Health Insurance Assistance Program 817-258-8125
- [Medicare Helpful Contacts](#)
- [MyMedicare](#)
- [CMS Regional Offices](#)
- [Get Your Medicare Questions Answered](#)
- [How Medicare's Beneficiary Ombudsman is Working For You](#)

Information on Extra Financial Help

- [Extra Help Application](#)
- [Limited Income and Resources](#)
- [Save on your Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage costs even if you don't automatically qualify for extra help](#)
- [SSA Information](#)
- [Are You Having Trouble Paying for Prescription Drugs](#)
- [Do You Need Extra Help With Medicare Drug Costs](#)

If You Have Other Coverage...



IMPORTANT

If you have other health insurance coverage, like from an employer or union: **Check with that plan's benefits administrator before making any changes to your Medicare coverage, otherwise, you could lose coverage for you and your dependents.**



NE Tarrant County Senior Jamboree!

The 5th Northeast Tarrant Senior Jamboree was held on Friday, September 26th at the NRH Centre. Over 600 seniors from all over Tarrant County came to visit the 50 Health and Wellness vendors and enjoy the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, former Texas Rangers players, music by Wade and Andy and a "Name that Tune" game and lunch. All vendors provided door prizes and were encouraged to decorate their booth for this year's theme, "Senior Sock Hop". The winner of the best booth voted on by the seniors was Atria Hometown who brought Lucille Ball to help promote their living facility.

A special thanks goes to all the city representatives that helped with the event. In 2015, the jamboree will be returning to its original starting spot, the City of Watauga Senior Center.



CALENDAR

- Oct 16 North Texas Caregiver's Alliance817-247-8573
- Oct 16 Haltom City Senior Center Spaghetti Dinner..... 817-834-8021
- Oct 18 Keller Senior Activities Center Pastapalooza ...www.cityofkeller.com
- Oct 22-23 NRH Senior Craft Fair817-427-6695
- Oct 24 Annual Craft Fair.....www.hursttx.gov
- Oct 26 Prescription Drug Collection Event..... www.nrhtx.com/calendar
- Oct 31 Southlake Senior Ctr. Harvest Festivalwww.cityofsouthlake.com
- Nov 7 Sr. Center 4th Anniversary Open House www.hursttx.gov
- Nov 8 Kenny Marchant's Veterans Fair.....www.eulesstx.gov
- Nov 15 Annual Art & Craft Fair"www.cityofkeller.com



Transportation

Northeast Tarrant County

DFW Connector Project

Hotline: 877-411-4212

www.dfwconnector.com



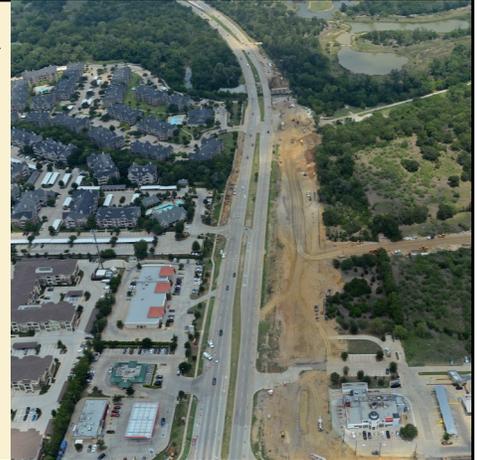
Sign up for e-alerts!

•Utility crews are finishing splicing (tying in) of new utilities. Utility work will be complete this fall.

•Crews are paving at Grapevine Mills Blvd. and along the northbound FM 2499 frontage road north of Grapevine Mills Blvd.

•Work on a portion of the Denton Creek bridge is nearly complete. Crews will work on bridge approaches in preparation for opening in the fall, when the project team will move traffic onto the new northbound FM 2499 frontage road north of Grapevine Mills Blvd. This traffic switch will allow crews to begin working on the new FM 2499 mainlanes at the north end of the project.

•Crews will continue construction on the new Stars and Stripes Way bridge.



North Tarrant Express

Hotline: 888-683-2015

www.northtarrantexpress.com



Sign up for e-alerts!

•North Tarrant Express: The North Tarrant Express is now open!! After four years of construction, involving thousands of workers across a 13.3-mile corridor that travels through six cities, the project is fully open and operational. The NTE team would like to thank everyone for their patience. Drivers are encouraged to visit the NTE TEXpress website to get

more familiar with how the TEXpress managed lanes will operate going forward:

www.ntetexpress.com.



The North Tarrant Express is OPEN!

I35-W

I-35W: Construction is now underway between downtown and I-820! Drivers should note that there is currently a three-month closure of the southbound off-ramp to Northside/Yucca in place and major work continues at NE 28th Street. North of I-820, construction is approximately 40 percent completed as of August, with a scheduled completion date in 2016. For more information, please visit the website at:

www.northtarrantexpress.com.



Highway 26

TxDot - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

www.txdot.gov

•In August, as part of the SH 26 project from Brumlow Avenue/Pool Road to John McCain Road in Colleyville, motorists were shifted to the new northbound lanes so that the southbound lanes can be reconstructed. The reconstruction of the southbound lanes includes retaining wall work, the installation of concrete paving and continued work on the John McCain Road intersection.

•Upcoming work on the Big Bear Creek bridge includes demolition of northern half of the bridge, the installation of retaining walls and the drilling of column shafts. Big Bear Creek bridge is now partially open to traffic.

•Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during peak driving times. Completion is estimated in 2015. The \$11.4 million project is widening the road to three lanes in each direction with raised curb medians and left turn bays.



FM 1938 - Phase II

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Southlake 817-748-8098

www.cityofsouthlake.com

•The FM 1938 Phase II construction is currently focused on utility work and include:

The project contractor currently connecting the water connections on Wildwood Way, Brookforest Drive and Fawkes Lane.

•Atmos and Verizon are currently relocating their utilities along the right of way.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 14 "Peppers and Piñatas" www.mhatic.org
- Oct 15 "White Cane Safety Day" www.nfb.org
- Oct 16 "19th Annual Golf Classic" www.nisdtx.org/nef
- Oct 16 "Keller Wine & Jazz Fest" www.kellerchamber.com
- Oct 17 & 18 "CPR Fall Blitz" www.6stones.org/cpr
- Oct 18 "Grapevine Garden Club Plant Sale" www.grapevinegardenclub.com
- Oct 21 "Fuzzy's Taco Shop Golf Tournament" www.awishwithwings.org
- Oct 21 "GV Women's Division Chili Cook Off" www.grapevinechamber.org
- Oct 23 "Hearts and Hope Gala" www.heartsandhopegala.com
- Oct 23 "The Chamber Man's 19th Annual Chili Challenge" www.heb.org
- Oct 24 "Shining Stars Luncheon" www.shiningstarsartsleague.com
- Oct 25 National Make a Difference Day
- Oct 25 "Centennial Celebration" www.tarrant-tx.tamu.edu
- Oct 25 & 26 "Alliance Air Show" www.allianceairshow.com
- Oct 28 "NW Metroport Sporting Clay Classic" www.nwmetroportchamber.org
- Oct 31 "NE United Way Fundraiser" Precinct 3 Maintenance Center
- Nov 1 "Public Safety Fall Festival" www.cityofkeller.com
- Nov 2 Daylight Saving Time
- Nov 4 "Election Day" www.TarrantCounty.com/Elections
- Nov 6 "Festival of Friends" www.midcityscarecorps.org
- Nov 7 "Heart of North Texas" www.heb.org
- Nov 8 "Del Frisco's Run With the Soldiers 5K" www.delfriscosgrille.com
- Nov 8 "Veterans Day Parade" www.grapevineveteransparade.org
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 11 "Annual Classic Chili Cook Off" www.grapevinechamber.org
- Nov 11 "4th Annual Salute to Veterans" www.netarrant.org
- Nov 13 "Taste of Northeast" www.tasteofnortheast.com
- Nov 20 "2014 Business Expo" www.colleyvillechamber.org
- Nov 22 "Keller Car Show and Chili Cook-off" www.kellerchamber.com
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving
- Dec 3 "Creating Hope for our Community" www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org
- Dec 5 "Legislative Breakfast" www.nwmetroportchamber.org
- Dec 15-18 "Night of Wonder" www.6stones.org
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Feb 13 "NE Tarrant Transportation Summit" www.NETransportationSummit.com

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

COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25 - Christmas



Special Holiday Events

- Nov 22 Southlake Home for the Holidays Tree Lighting. www.cityofsouthlake.com
- Nov 28 Fort Worth Parade of Lights www.fortworthparadeoflights.org
- Dec 2 Hurst Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony & Santa www.ci.hurst.tx.us
- Dec 4 Grapevine Parade of Lights <http://business.grapevinechamber.org>
- Dec 5 Westlake Annual Community Tree Lighting www.westlake-tx.org
- Dec 5 Richland Hills Tree Lighting www.richlandhills.com
- Dec 5 Colleyville Tree Lighting www.colleyville.com
- Dec 5 Keller Holly Days www.cityofkeller.com
- Dec 6 NRH Run Run Rudolph and Night of Holiday Magic www.nrhtx.com
- Dec 6 Haslet Christmas Tree Lighting Event www.haslet.org
- Dec 6 Trophy Club 5K FunRun & Christmas Celebration www.trophyclub.org
- Dec 6 Old-Fashioned Downtown Christmas Event www.roanoketexas.com
- Dec 6 Haltom City Christmas on Broadway www.haltomcitytx.com
- Dec 6 Euless Christmas Parade of Lights www.eulessstx.gov
- Dec 7 Watauga Winterland Tree Lighting www.ci.watauga.tx.us
- Dec 14 24th Annual Christmas Parade www.flower-mound.com
- TBD - Bedford Christmas Tree Lighting 2014 www.bedfordtx.gov



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