



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



We are just four weeks away from one of my very favorite events of the year: Empowering Seniors 2016. Our eighth annual Health & Lifestyle Expo will take place on Friday, October 7, at the First Euless Campus West in Bedford. The hours are 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We are very grateful for all of our sponsors and exhibitors, including our new presenting sponsor Care N' Care Insurance Company, Inc., who is bringing **North Texas weather legend, Troy Dungan** as our special guest. Empowering Seniors delivers critical-professional health information and screenings in a fun and casual environment. Last year we attracted over 2,300 seniors, baby boomers, and caregivers. For registration information, please visit www.empoweringseniors.com or call our office at 817-581-3600. We look forward to seeing you on October 7 at Empowering Seniors 2016.

When our students returned to class in late August, over tens of thousands of them benefited from local programs. The Back to School Round Up was a Tarrant County sponsored event on August 10 and provided school supplies and backpacks for 10,000 Tarrant County students. Also, many area non-profits and school district education foundations throughout Northeast Tarrant County also distributed school supplies and backpacks to students from low to moderate-income families.

I want to thank everyone that came out for our United Way fundraiser on Friday, July 29. Our theme of Summer Fun Day featured authentic Tahitian hula dancing and a steel drum player. We were having a wonderful time as we raised over \$3,000

for the day, bringing our total for the year to over \$4,000 raised for United Way of Tarrant County.

We are grateful to Tarrant County's Credit Union as our sponsor, and we appreciate all our cities, elected officials and local businesses that provided door prizes and items for our silent auction.

Health issues are a high priority to Tarrant County, particularly with the West Nile Virus and Zika Virus. September is one of the two highest-incident months of the year for West Nile Virus.

Please visit the Public Health website for more information at www.tarrantcounty.com.

The safest way to avoid mosquito bites is to observe The Four D's:

Dusk until dawn – the dark hours – are the primary feeding time for mosquitoes so be on the lookout

Dress means to wear long sleeves and long pants to avoid being bitten

DEET is the key ingredient (Diethyl Toluamide) of effective insect repellants

Drainage means making sure flower pots, water dishes, birdbaths and children's swimming pools are properly drained, so they are not breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Great progress for I-35S drivers: On August 16, the North Freeway construction project reached its halfway point. This construction is increasing our traffic flow from the four lanes built in the 1960s to 12 lanes. We are working to relieve congestion on what is the 6th most clogged freeway in Texas.

Please mark your calendars for Empowering Seniors on Friday, October 7. And I hope to see you this Friday, September 9, for Coffee with the Commissioner. Join us between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. at our Northeast Courthouse in Hurst on the second floor.

Gary Fickes

COFFEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER

Friday, September 9, 2016

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

Start your day with us!

Northeast Courthouse

645 Grapevine Hwy., Ste. 200
Hurst, Texas 76054



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September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness



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Question of the Month

Question: Which presidents are celebrated on the southern face of Mount Rushmore in South Dakota's Black Hills National Forest?

(Answer on page 4)



Bennie Medlin



Director
Juvenile Services

On July 20, 2016, the Tarrant County Juvenile Board appointed Bennie Medlin as Director of Juvenile Services. He is a Dallas native and has been a resident of Tarrant County since 2005, when he and his family moved back to the Metroplex from Sarasota, Florida, to accept a position with Tarrant County Juvenile Services. He and his wife, Geri will celebrate 25 years of marriage later this year. They have three children, Chris 30, Brandon 26, who is active duty Army and completed tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Sydney 24.

Mr. Medlin has more than 33 years of juvenile justice experience. He began his career with Dallas County Juvenile Services, where he served as Director of Detention Services. After 13 years with Dallas County, he accepted positions with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, where he served as Superintendent of Polk Regional Juvenile Detention Center in Bartow, Florida, and Leon Regional

Juvenile Detention Center in Tallahassee, Florida, where he also served as Superintendent. He then moved into the private sector as a Division Chief Executive Officer for Ramsey Youth services in Coral Gables, Florida, and before returning to Texas, he served as Vice President of Juvenile Operations for Youth Services International in Sarasota, Florida, managing juvenile justice programs in nine states.

His goal in college was to pursue a major that would allow him to work in the juvenile justice field because he had members of his family and community who fed his desire to give back to the community. He says he is one of the few people from his community that is working in and enjoying success in the profession they pursued in college. Mr. Medlin has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology from the University of Texas at Arlington. The thing he likes most about working for Tarrant County is the "cooperation and can do culture," of community partners and government entities.

He also states Tarrant County Juvenile Services has a reputation for being a progressive and forward-looking agency, and he is looking forward to continuing

that legacy. Mr. Medlin is a member of the Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County Board of Directors, serves on Tarrant County Emergency Management Advisory Committee, Justice Executive Planning Committee, Tarrant County Child Fatality Review Team, and various other committees and subcommittees.

On a more personal note -

What do you do for fun? *Spend time with my family.*

Favorite Movie? *"The Godfather I and II"*

Favorite Restaurant? *Uncle Julio's.*

Favorite vacation spot? *Anna Marie Island, Florida, or any beach on the Florida gulf coast!*

Last book read? *"Leadership Pain" by Samuel R. Chand*

People would be surprised to know... *I learned how to play the bass fiddle and a few other string instruments in junior high school, and can still play them now. I stopped playing in high school, because back in the late 70's, the quarterback on the football team couldn't be seen carrying around a large bass fiddle!*

Tarrant County Elections

The November 8, 2016, General Election is a few months away, and I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone of a few key dates.

- The **last day to register** to vote in the November 8th election is **Tuesday, October 11, 2016.**
- **Early voting begins on Monday, October 24, 2016, and ends on Friday, November 4, 2016.**

During the early voting period, you can vote at any of the 41 full-time locations or 8 part-time locations in Tarrant County. If you vote on election day, you must vote at the polling location that your voting precinct is assigned to. We anticipate that there will be a heavy turnout for this election and encourage voters to utilize the opportunity to vote early.

I would ask that everyone make sure their voter registration is up to date, know where the [early voting sites](#) are located, and where your [election day site](#) is if you choose to vote on election day. Additionally, the photo ID law has been updated recently so make sure that you know what documents you need to bring to your polling site to vote.

Voter registration, ballot by mail information, identification requirements, and polling site locations are all available on the Elections portion of the Tarrant County website at www.tarrantcounty.com, or you can call us at 817-831-VOTE (8683) for more information.

Am I registered to vote? [https://gisit.tarrantcounty.com/VoterLookup/?linklocation=Iwantto&linkname=Voter Lookup](https://gisit.tarrantcounty.com/VoterLookup/?linklocation=Iwantto&linkname=Voter%20Lookup)

Upcoming election information: [http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections/Upcoming-Election-Information.html? linklocation=Iwantto&linkname=Upcoming Election Information](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections/Upcoming-Election-Information.html?linklocation=Iwantto&linkname=Upcoming%20Election%20Information)

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Tarrant County Elections Administrator*

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Charles Schwab Corporation Bringing a New Campus to Westlake



The Charles Schwab Corporation is expanding their presence in Westlake, Texas with plans to construct a \$100 million, 500,000-square-foot regional campus at the intersection of Texas 114 and Texas 170. The development will ultimately bring in 1,200 jobs, and is scheduled to break ground the latter half of 2017, with the completion of the corporate complex slated for early 2019.

Governor Greg Abbott and State Representative Giovanni Capriglione assisted with acquiring a \$6 million grant

from the Texas Enterprise Fund, creating the most; new jobs of any enterprise fund grant made during the Governor's administration.

The complex will be part of an ambitious mixed-use project, developed in coordination with Hillwood Properties, which calls for a hotel with 200 or more rooms, about 275 residential units and roughly a million square feet of mid-rise office and retail space.

Sarah Bulgatz, a Schwab spokeswoman, stated, "The vast majority will be new hires in the Westlake and the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area. We have already begun recruiting there, and we'll be ramping up those efforts." Prospective employees may find information about job openings at www.aboutschwab.com/work-at-schwab.

Westlake Mayor Laura Wheat said in a statement, "Schwab has a long, strong and distinguished reputation in the financial services industry and joins other prestigious companies who call Westlake home." The Mayor also noted that Westlake is delighted that The Charles

Schwab Corporation has selected them as the location for their new campus.

The corporate campus on 70 acres, is to include commercial office space with structured parking, and it will join two other large operations in Westlake. Fidelity Investments operates a regional campus in a wooded area, and Deloitte has a large corporate training center. Both are on the former Circle T property off Texas 114.

In addition to the Texas Enterprise Fund money, the Schwab project will benefit from local economic incentives. Reportedly, the town council had offered the company a 10-year property tax abatement plan that includes a 100 percent abatement in year one, scaling down to a 10 percent abatement in year 10. Town officials also have agreed to some sales tax sharing for construction materials used in the project.

Congratulations!

The Justice Court Clerk Certification Program allows experienced justice court clerks to demonstrate their knowledge of statutes, procedures, and ethical guidelines applicable to Texas Justice Courts. Justice court clerks who pass an examination receive certification as a Certified Clerk or a Master Certified Clerk.

Congratulations to the following people with the Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace office, who recently acquired their Master Clerk Certification! Pictured from left to right, Krysta Sebring, Administrative Court Clerk; Belinda McLeod, Assistant Court Manager; and Heather Montoya, Administrative Court Clerk.

Master Clerk Certification distinguishes clerks who are well-rounded and experienced in both substantive and procedural law (civil and criminal). Master Clerks can utilize their thorough knowledge of laws, resources, and ethical guidelines applicable to the justice court to assist the Justice of the Peace and instruct new justice court clerks.



Question of the Month

Question: Which presidents are celebrated on the southern face of Mount Rushmore in South Dakota's Black Hills National Forest?

Answer: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt. This grand presidential tourist attraction in the Black Hills of South Dakota was the brainchild of historian Jonah LeRoy "Doane" Robinson. With the support of Senator Peter Norbeck and the skill of sculptor Gutzon Borglum, it became a reality. Borglum chose to carve the heads of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt because he wanted to draw visitors from across the nation. It took from October 1927 to October 1941 to turn the mountain into a monumental work of art. Millions now trek to the site each year to see this shrine to American history.





girl scouts of texas oklahoma plains

Worth and covers 81 counties. Offices and service centers are located in Southlake, Abilene, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Plainview, and Wichita

Girl Scouts began more than 100 years ago with one woman, founder Juliette Gordon “Daisy” Low, who believed in the power of every girl. She organized the first Girl Scout troop on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, and every year since, Girl Scouts has made her vision a reality, helping girls find their strengths, passions, and talents.

In Girl Scouting, girls age 5-18 **discover** who they are, **connect** with others, and **take action** to make the world a better place. Girls earn badges, explore the outdoors, learn life skills and participate in the Cookie Program. They improve their neighborhoods through service projects, and they do all of this with their friends by their side.

Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains, the Girl Scout council serving northeast Tarrant County, is headquartered in Fort

Falls.

Since its founding, Girl Scouts has been the preeminent leadership for girls, with its members going on to become Fortune 500 CEOs, business owners, U.S. senators and congresswomen, as well as female astronauts.

To date, one million senior Girl Scouts have earned its highest award, now called the Gold Award, which recognizes girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through the implementation of community projects. This year, more than 40 girls across the Texas Oklahoma Plains Council earned the Gold Award, including Hailey and Holly Jarzynka of Euless; Sydney McCallister of Bedford; Claudia Nelson and Emily Piper of Hurst; and Saman Alibhai of Colleyville.

Girl Scout recruitment events are underway in northeast Tarrant County, and girls of all ages are welcome to join. To find a troop near you, or to find out more about how you can make a difference in a girl’s life as an adult volunteer, call 817-737-7272 or visit gs-top.org/join.

*Article courtesy of Glenda Holcomb Moreno
Director of Marketing and Communications*



Desserts FIRST

Thursday, September 8
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Marquis on Magnolia [Map](#)

Desserts First is a unique event featuring innovative Girl Scout cookie desserts created by area chefs. Proceeds from Desserts First benefit Girl Scout programming throughout the greater Fort Worth area.

For more information:

http://www.gs-top.org/en/events-repository/2016/desserts_first_fort_.html



THANK YOU!

Precinct Three’s Summer Fun Day - United Way Fundraiser was a success!

We raised over **\$3,000** for United Way! Thanks to all who came out to support us in our efforts!



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A Historical Moment In Time The State Fair of Texas



The State Fair of Texas can trace its origins back to the Dallas State Fair and Exposition, chartered by a group of local businessmen including W.H. Gaston, John S. Armstrong and Thomas L. Marsalis in 1886.

Differences arose among the directors, so C.A. Keating and his supporters secured a charter for a separate event, the Texas State Fair and Exposition.

In 1887, the Dallas State Fair and Exposition merged with the Texas State Fair and Exposition, run by C.A. Keating. The Fair sold its property to the City of Dallas in 1904, and under an agreement that set aside a period each fall to hold the annual exposition, the Fair was reorganized and renamed the State Fair of Texas. The terms of this agreement have been carried out for more than 100 years!

State Fair Historical Trivia

- In 1890, the Women’s Christian Temperance Union had the first “lost children’s station.”
They would ring the bell until a parent showed up.
- The first official Texas/OU game was played in 1900 but was not played in Dallas until 1912. The game was first played in Fair Park during the run of the Fair in 1929.
- In 1916, the new sandwich sensation of the World’s Fair was introduced at the State Fair of Texas; it was known as the hamburger.
- Fair attendance topped 1 million for the first time in 1916.
- The 1936 Texas Centennial closed with a final attendance count of 6,353,827.
- State Fair visitors rode the Comet roller coaster for the first time in 1947.
- Big Tex made his first debut at the 1952 State Fair. He stands 55 feet tall and wears a 95-gallon hat.
- Many Texans saw color television for the first time while visiting the Fair in the late 1950s.
- Workmen set up Big Tex early in September 1961 for his role that year in the movie remake of “State Fair” starring Pat Boone, Ann-Margret, and Bobby Darin. Tailing winds from Hurricane Carla tore Big Tex’s clothes, and the production crew was forced to shoot around him until repairs could be made.
- The 212-foot-tall Texas Star, the tallest Ferris wheel in North America at the time, was built in Italy and moved to Fair Park in time to operate during the 1985 State Fair.
- After serving as the State Fair’s home for a whole century, Fair Park was officially designated a National Historic Landmark in 1986 because of its historical significance.
- In 1999, Big Tex received a new look for the Fair. Today he wears a new red, white and blue shirt from Dickies as a tribute to the Lone Star flag.
- The Fair does not measure attendance in bodies; it counts the number of fair coupons sold. In 2015, more than 42 million coupons were sold which makes it the most successful fair in the 129-year history of the State Fair of Texas!



Community Emergency Response Team - CERT

The best way to handle an emergency is to prepare for it. Tarrant County has the Tarrant County Medical Reserve Corp’s which was created to support the existing public health infrastructure in the event of a large-scale public health emergency and other times of community need.

To be most effective during an emergency response, volunteers must be organized, trained, and pre-credentialed to rapidly integrate into existing emergency response systems.

In addition to the Tarrant County MRC, several of our Northeast cities have Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) that train all year in the event of a disaster. Recently some of them held a grid search and triage training at Pennington Field with over 50 volunteers from surrounding CERT groups. This past December, they also sent over 20 volunteers to Rowlett to assist with the tornado damage.

Being a part of an Emergency Response Team cannot only prepare you to handle an emergency situation in your neighborhood and community, but it also creates a volunteer group who can assist overwhelmed first responders.

For more information, please visit the following websites:

- Tarrant County..... <http://www.bealocalhero.org>
- Bedford..... <http://www.bedfordpolice.com/cert>
- Fort Worth..... <http://www.certfortworth.org>
- Colleyville..... <http://www.colleyville.com/emergencymanagement.html>
- Eules..... <http://www.eulesstx.gov/fire/CERT.htm>
- Haslet..... <http://www.hasletfire.org>
- Hurst..... <http://hursttx.gov/index.aspx?page=778>
- Flower Mound..... <http://www.flower-mound.com/index.aspx?NID=748>
- Grapevine..... <http://www.grapevintexas.gov/index.aspx?NID=170>
- Keller..... <http://www.cityofkeller.com/services/fire-rescue/emergency-management/keller-cert>
- North Richland Hills..... <http://www.nrhtx.com/index.aspx?NID=140>
- Richland Hills..... <http://www.richlandhills.com/>
- Roanoke..... <http://www.roanokecfa.com>
- Southlake..... <https://www.cityofsouthlake.com/1712/Community-Emergency-Response-Team-CERT>
- Trophy Club..... <http://www.trophyclubfd.org/get-involved/>
- Watauga..... <http://www.ci.watauga.tx.us/875/Programs-and-Events>
- Westlake..... <http://www.westlake-tx.org/index.aspx?nid=65>

Please note - Cities without a CERT program are either linked to their citizen academy or emergency management website.



SENIOR NEWS

Open Enrollment Period for Medicare Coverage October 15th to December 7th

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older, certain younger people with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant, sometimes called ESRD). The different parts of Medicare help cover specific services:

- ⇒ Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) covers inpatient hospital stays, care in a skilled nursing facility, hospice care, and some home health care.
- ⇒ Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) covers certain doctors' services, outpatient care, medical supplies, and preventive services.
- ⇒ Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans) is a type of Medicare health plan offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide you with all your Part A and Part B benefits. Medicare Advantage Plans include Health Maintenance Organizations, Preferred Provider Organizations, Private Fee-for-Service Plans, Special Needs Plans, and Medicare Medical Savings Account Plans. If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan, most Medicare services are covered through the plan and aren't paid for under Original Medicare. Most Medicare Advantage Plans offer prescription drug coverage.
- ⇒ Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage) adds prescription drug coverage to Original Medicare, some Medicare Cost Plans, some Medicare Private-Fee-for-Service Plans, and Medicare Medical Savings Account Plans. These plans are offered by insurance companies and other private companies approved by Medicare. Medicare Advantage Plans may also offer prescription drug coverage that follows the same rules as Medicare Prescription Drug Plans.

Important Links

Tools to Help You Choose a Plan

- [Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov)
- [Apply for Medicare](#)

You can also apply:

- **By phone** - Call 800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call us at TTY 800-325-0778.
- **In person** - Visit your local Social Security office. (Call first to make an appointment.) [Find local Social Security office](#)
- [Find Health and Drug Plans](#)

Where to Get Your Medicare Questions Answered

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- You can get personalized health insurance counseling at no cost to you from your local [State Health Insurance Assistance Program \(SHIP\)](#): Tarrant County: 817-258-8125 <http://www.unitedwaytarrant.org/aaa>
- Texas Department of Insurance: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/consumer/hicap/hicaphme.html>
- [Medicare & You: understanding your Medicare choices video](#)
- [Medicare Helpful Contacts](#)
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PROSTATE CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

[Prostate cancer\(http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/\)](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/) is the most common non-skin cancer among American men. Prostate cancers usually grow slowly. Most men with prostate cancer are older than 65 years and survive the disease. Finding and treating prostate cancer before symptoms occur may improve your health or help you live longer.

[Prostate Cancer Screening](#) (National Cancer Institute)

[Understanding Prostate Changes: A Health Guide for Men](#) (National Cancer Institute)

[Screening for Prostate Cancer fact sheet \[PDF-466KB\]](#) (U.S. Preventive Services Task Force)

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October 7, 2016

www.EmpoweringSeniors.com



SAVE THE DATE

Sep 30, 2016 Seniors Jamboree
YMCA Camp Carter

www.tarrantcountyseniorsjamboree.webs.com



Transportation

Northeast Tarrant County

DFW Connector Project

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

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On August 22, NorthGate Constructors began work on improvements to the SH 121/360 Interchange in Tarrant County. This work was included in the original \$1.6 billion DFW Connector project, but funds were not available at that time to deliver the entire scope. When congestion relief funding became available for these improvements in February, 2016, TxDOT and



NorthGate negotiated a plan to rebuild this portion of the original project. When complete, the project will feature new direct connectors for SH 114, SH 121 and SH 360. These direct connectors will minimize weaving, reduce congestion and improve safety in this area.

Midtown Express

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www.drivemidtown.com

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The team continues work on the managed lanes along SH 114 in Irving. Utility relocations continue along SH 183 in Irving and Euless. Bridge work is underway along most of the major intersections on the corridor including the substructure work on the Main Street bridge in Euless. New frontage roads are being completed along SH 183 as traffic begins to switch onto the permanent roads. Download our new mobile app by searching "Midtown Express" in the Apple Store or Google play for project information and push notification traffic alerts.



North Tarrant Express/ I-35W

Hotline: 888-683-2015
www.northtarrantexpress.com

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Sign up for e-alerts!

New direct connectors from northbound I-35W to eastbound and westbound I-820 opened August 30. The ramp to westbound I-820 is now a right-hand exit, and both ramps are located slightly further south from their previous locations. Drivers are encouraged to stay updated on upcoming work and closures by visiting www.northtarrantexpress.com, signing up for



e-alerts and following the project on social media to stay informed (North Tarrant Express on Facebook; @ntexpress on Twitter).

Highway 26

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

The SH 26 Phase II roadway reconstruction project in Colleyville from John McCain Road to Brown Trail has been awarded to the construction company Jagoe-Public Company of Denton. The road construction project is planned to begin in 2016. The 3.9 mile TxDOT project is widening the roadway to three lanes in each direction and includes raised curbed medians to enhance safety.



FM 1938 - Phase II

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

Southlake 817-748-8098
www.cityofsouthlake.com

The \$20 million FM 1938 road construction project in Southlake and Keller from Randol Mill Avenue to FM 1709 (Southlake Boulevard) is on schedule for completion in 2017. Construction continues to widen the intersection of FM 1938 and FM 1709 with newly reconstructed driveways at the intersection now open, and the concrete barrier has been replaced with orange barrels. Crews



will begin to reconstruct the driveways and finish constructing the remaining curb, gutter and sidewalks on the outside sections of the intersection. North of the intersection, crews have placed concrete pavement for a portion of the new northbound lanes and are reconstructing some of the residential driveways located along this section. Lovegrass Lane has been reopened with new pavement, while pavement work continues on side streets connecting to FM 1938, including Camden Circle and Palomar Trail.

The 1.6 mile project will widen the roadway to two lanes in each direction with raised curbed medians and will expand the intersection at FM 1709 so there will be two turn lanes in all directions. The project also includes landscaping along the roadway with illumination and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway provided by the City of Southlake.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep 7 HEB Rotary Golf Tournament www.hebrotary.org
- Sep 8 Girl Scouts Desserts First-Fort Worth..... www.gs-top.org
- Sep 9 Coffee with the Commissioner.....817-581-3600**
- Sep 10 Boot Scootin' Dragons (Carroll Ed. Found.)..... www.southlakecef.org
- Sep 10 Heart Walk..... www.heartwalk.kintera.org
- Sep 11 Patriot Day.....**
- Sep 12 Wounded Warrior Charity Golf Tournament..... www.ntwwga.org
- Sep 15-18 30th Annual GrapeFest..... www.grapevinetexasusa.com
- Sep 16 Senior Spirit Awards 2016..... www.seniorspiritawards.org
- Sep 17 Community Storehouse Run in the Dark..... www.runinthedarkdfw.com
- Sep 17 HEB Chamber's 61st Birthday Bash..... www.heb.org
- Sep 19 Golf Under the Stars: Glo Golf..... www.kellerchamber.com
- Sep 22 North Texas Giving Day 2016..... www.northtexasgivingday.org
- Sep 23 Shining Stars Luncheon..... www.shiningstarsartscouncil.org
- Sep 24 Boots & Bling Casino Night..... www.ntxsnap.org
- Sep 24 Tarrant County MOW Casino Night..... www.mealsonwheels.org
- Sep 24 City of Keller's Rock The Park www.kellerrockthepark.com
- Sep 29 Hurst Euless Bedford State of the Cities Breakfast www.heb.org
- Oct 3 37th Annual Golf Classic..... www.grapevinechamber.org
- Oct 4 National Night Out.....**
- Oct 5 FWGCC 2016 Golf Tournament..... www.cca.fwhcc.org
- Oct 7 Empowering Seniors.....www.empoweringseniors.com**
- Oct 7-9 Southlake Oktoberfest..... www.oktoberfestsouthlake.com
- Oct 8 Hurst HCFAAA Steak Dinner..... www.hursttx.gov
- Oct 8 Celebrate Roanoke..... www.roanoketexas.com
- Oct 8 NE Tarrant County Walk to Ends Alzheimer's..... www.act.alz.org
- Oct 10 Columbus Day Holiday.....**
- Oct 12 Legacy of Women Awards Luncheon..... www.safehavenc.org
- Oct 12-13 Black & Blue Showdown HEB ISD Food Drive..... www.6stones.org
- Oct 13 Mental Health America Peppers & Piñatas Party..... www.mhac.org
- Oct 14 Women's Center Monster Mash..... www.womenscentertc.org
- Oct 14 Wine Women & Shoes..... www.cistarrant.org
- Oct 15-16 Bell Helicopter FW Alliance Air Show..... www.allianceairshow.com
- Oct 18 Colleyville Chamber Golf Classic..... www.colleyvillechamber.org
- Oct 19 NTX Regional Job Fair..... www.grapevinechamber.org
- Oct 20 Keller Wine & Jazz..... www.kellerchamber.com
- Oct 21-22 CPR Fall Blitz..... www.6stones.org
- Oct 22 13th Annual GRACE Gala..... www.gracegala.org
- Oct 24 Early Voting Beginswww.tarrantcounty.com/Elections**
- Oct 24 Northeast Chamber Annual Golf Tournament..... www.netarrant.org
- Oct 27 Stan's Chili Challenge www.heb.org
- Oct 27 Multi Chamber Mixer..... Any Northeast Tarrant Chamber
- Nov 3 Festival of Friends Gala..... www.midcitiescarecorps.org
- Nov 3 23rd Annual Classic Chili Cook-Off..... www.grapevinechamber.org
- Nov 4 Early Voting Ends.....www.tarrantcounty.com/Elections**
- Nov 4 Heart of North Texas Business Conference..... 817-515-6516
- Nov 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends.....**

JPS Hospital Clinics in 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

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, 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
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COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

November 24 & 25th
Thanksgiving Holiday

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