

Northeast Newsletter

Tarrant County - Precinct 3

"Working together for a better tomorrow"



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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

As we approach the Christmas Holidays, we want to thank all of you for viewing our Newsletter. We appreciate your questions, comments, suggestions, and interest. We work for you and we'll never forget that! Thank you to everyone who attended our Empowering Seniors' Expo in October. We also want to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers. We would like to recognize some very special groups and people in Tarrant County who work every day to help others live a better life:

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| GRACE | Meals on Wheels | Alliance for Children |
| CARS | Lena Pope Home | Habitat for Humanity |
| Safe-Haven | Catholic Charities | Community Storehouse |
| MHMR | 6 Stones Mission | HEB Transit |
| Open Arms | Challenge Inc. | United Way |
| SNAP | Goodwill | Tarrant Area Food Bank |
| MetroPort Meals on Wheels | Community Enrichment Center | JPS School-Based Clinics |

Tarrant County Public Health (for their GREAT effort in providing H1N1 vaccine). All the Tarrant County employees who have donated their time and resources to so many causes in our area. I know I missed several groups who have done many great things, and for that I apologize. My staff and I are truly privileged to be associated with such great people and organizations.

Coming up after the first of the year, we'll be resuming our "Coffee with the Commissioner" on **Friday, February 12, 2010** at the Hurst Sub Courthouse.

On **February 17, 2010** we will host the first Northeast Tarrant County Transportation Summit at the Grapevine Convention Center. This event will be your opportunity to learn about the two major freeway projects - DFW Connector and North Tarrant Express - that will be starting construction during 2010 along with other road projects in our area. See page 3 for additional information.

Have a great Holiday Season and wonderful New Year.

Gary Fickes

H1N1 vaccinations offered FREE to all Tarrant County residents!

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SAVE THE DATE... Feb. 17, 2010



Northeast Tarrant County Transportation Summit

Mobility for the 21st Century

Featured Speaker:

William Meadows

Commissioner - Texas Transportation Commission

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Question of the Month

Where would you have found the first Christmas trees in early Texas?

(Answer found on page 5)



Season's Greetings from Commissioner Fickes and his staff. Pictured left to right: Mary Ann Rike, Commissioner Gary Fickes, Theresa Parsons, Rebecca Barksdale, Carolyn Sims, and Neal Welch.

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Employee Spotlight



Judge Ralph Swearingin, Jr.
Justice of the Peace
Precinct 1



Judge Swearingin grew up in East Fort Worth, graduated from Eastern Hills High School and is now a resident of North Richland Hills. His lovely wife Julie is a Sergeant with the Fort Worth Police Department and they have 5 children, 4 grown, and a 6 year old daughter at home along with two dogs, a bird and a bunny. They have also been blessed with two grandchildren.

He was elected Judge of the Tarrant County, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, since January 2007.

Prior to entering the judiciary, Judge Swearingin had a career in policing with more than 30 years of diverse law enforcement experience including 19 years at the command level. He received the Fort Worth Police Department's Medal of Valor and is a 1988 graduate of the 155th session of the FBI National Academy. He holds a Master Police Officer Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, and retired from the Fort Worth Police Department in December 2006.

Judge Swearingin graduated from Texas Wesleyan University's School of Law with honors and is an attorney licensed by the State of Texas since 1994. He currently

serves as Immediate Past President of TWU's School of Law Alumni Board.

Since taking office, he has implemented three innovative pilot programs in his Court.

The first is an evictions program known as "RISP" (Resident Independence Stabilization Program.) Working with the court through referrals, Tarrant County's Human Services Department coordinates and administers RISP through a collaborative effort with social service providers offering needed assistance to persons who have been evicted through no fault of their own (victims of unpreventable circumstance).

Another program, one developed to address truancy, is known as "ASAP" (Assuring School Attendance Program). ASAP is a collaborative effort between the Court, Keller ISD, the Ft. Worth and Keller Police Departments, Lena Pope Home, and other social service providers. ASAP employs the earliest intervention and prevention methods to identify and address the underlying reasons



Judge Ralph Swearingin, Jr. and his staff

for a child's failure to attend school, then assists the student and family to keep the student in school.

Lastly, a mediation advocate, he implemented a Pre-Trial Mediation pilot program which uses in-court attorney mediators as an approach to resolve civil suits between parties. For this program, he recently received the Texas Association of Counties, 2009 Best Practices Award in the category of innovation in court services.

On a more personal note ~

What do you do for fun? *"Fishing and Hunting"*

Favorite Movie? *"Forrest Gump" and "Ben Hur"*

Favorite Restaurant? *"Mexican, Italian, Burgers and Fish"*

Favorite Book? *"I read to my 6 year old daughter nightly - the last book read was one of the Bernstein Bears' books"*

Favorite vacation spot? *"Family vacations in the Great State of Texas"*

Favorite Quote? *(1 Peter 4:10-11 paraphrased to fit my life.) "May I use the ability which God has supplied so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."*

People would be surprised to know... *"I enjoy and have designed a number of unique collectible items such as spurs, belt buckles, lapel pins, a judge's gavel and more. I also like to find and collect old west and Fort Worth memorabilia."*

Tarrant County Adoption Day



In Commissioners Court, a Resolution was presented by Commissioner Gary Fickes to Christina Judge, CASA Development Director, and Susan Chapman, Casework Supervisor, proclaiming November 21st as Tarrant County Adoption Day.

Precinct 3 ~ Maintenance News

We are currently working on a section of Old Denton Road for the City of Fort Worth, and a section of Westport Parkway for the City of Haslet. The rain during the month of October played havoc with our schedule of projects, so we are attempting to get back on track. We are currently preparing Interlocal Agreements with some of our cities for the 2010 fiscal year.

With the winter months coming on, we anticipate icy weather that will require de-icing of roads followed by cold days that will allow us to crack seal our roads. We have numerous projects slated for Precinct Three roads and cities for the coming year.

Please be safe as you drive through our construction sites. We will be out of your traveling route as quickly as we can. All of us here at the Maintenance Facility would like to wish you a Merry Christmas!

Neal Welch, Director of Field Operations



During the luncheon at the Empowering Seniors '09 Expo, Commissioner Gary Fickes presented Ed Havran of Colleyville with the "Outstanding Senior Leadership Award" for his ongoing service and dedication to the seniors in our area. Pictured left to right: Commissioner Gary Fickes, Muriel and Ed Havran, and Mayor David Kelly.

SAVE THE DATE... Feb. 17, 2010



Northeast Tarrant County Transportation Summit Mobility for the 21st Century

Featured Speaker:

William Meadows

Commissioner - Texas Transportation Commission

An Overview of Major Transportation Issues and Solutions for Improving Mobility and Reducing Congestion in Northeast Tarrant County—How will this affect your business, commute, and lifestyle.

Overview of Major Transportation Projects in NETC

- DFW Connector
- North Tarrant Express
- I-35 W/820 Interchange
- I-35 W North
- Local Projects

Grapevine Convention Center

1209 South Main Street - Grapevine, Texas 76051

February 17, 2010 ~ 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

\$15.00 per person

To register, please contact one of the following Chambers of Commerce:

Colleyville - (817) 488-7148	Fort Worth Hispanic - (817) 625-5411	Northwest Metroport - (817) 430-5839
Grapevine - (817) 481-1522	Keller - (817) 431-2169	Southlake - (817) 481-8200
HEB - (817) 283-1521	Northeast - (817) 281-9376	

For further information, please contact Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes at 817-581-3600

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Precinct 3



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Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office



Tarrant County
Criminal District Attorney



Joe Shannon, Jr.

Tarrant County is one of several Texas counties that have no County Attorney. The Criminal District Attorney prosecutes both felony and misdemeanor offenses. It also represents the county in civil matters. The current Criminal District Attorney is Joe Shannon Jr. Joe was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to complete the unexpired term of longtime DA Tim Curry who passed away in April. Joe has been with the office for over 16 years. Just prior to his appointment he supervised the Economic Crimes Unit which investigates and prosecutes "white collar" crimes. He has tried many high profile cases while serving under Curry.

He now supervises the entire staff of 329 including 162 attorneys. The DA's office prosecutes over 45,000 criminal cases annually.

For over 20 years the District Attorney had a substation at the Northeast Sub Courthouse. It served as a satellite facility so that police officers in the Northeast area did not have to travel to the courthouse in downtown Fort Worth to file cases. This arrangement permitted officers to remain on duty in the northeast area. Several years ago the District Attorney, with the help of Tarrant County's Information Technology department, created the state's first Electronic Case Filing System. This system permitted police agencies to send in their case reports and information electronically. Officers no longer had to hand carry reports to the prosecutor's office. Other prosecutors' offices in Texas are now beginning to utilize this method of case filing. The system has further reduced travel time, costs, and manpower requirements for our local police agencies. In addition, with the Electronic Case Filing

System in place, Tarrant County has been able to transfer personnel from the sub courthouses to the downtown office.



District Attorney Joe Shannon, Jr. and staff: Janet Barnett, Administrative Assistant and Deborah Falcone, Executive Administrator

The District Attorney maintains a website at www.tarrantda.com which provides a wealth of information on the services and functions of the office. Law enforcement contact information is also available. The website may also be accessed from www.tarrantcounty.com by clicking on Departments and then on District Attorney.

Empowering Seniors '09

Northeast Tarrant County Senior Conference and Expo ~ Northeast Senior Task Force ~ Commissioner Gary Fickes, Precinct 3

*Enjoyed every bit of it. Wonderful outcome! Best food ever, do it again!
Screenings were outstanding and very professional. Great turnout!
Excellent program! Very pleasant and informative, thank you.
Vendors were so helpful and nice. Great fun and lots of wonderful prizes!
Thank you for a memorable, helpful day. I will be there next year!
Workshops were friendly, personal and had excellent information.*

...The entire experience was one of caring... We've received so many wonderful responses from Northeast Tarrant seniors who attended our "Empowering Seniors '09" Conference and Expo held on Thursday, October 29, at Richland Hills Church of Christ. Due to the generosity of our sponsors-JPS Health Network, Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital HEB, Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine, North Hills Hospital, Spine Team Texas, the Community Enrichment Center, Richland Hills Church of Christ and Tarrant County-we were able to offer this event at no cost to our seniors. Participants enjoyed a continental breakfast as well as a great luncheon, with keynote speaker Patricia Gleason-Wynn, Ph.D., discussing "Healthy Aging". The expo included over 30 senior service agencies and businesses and six senior-focused workshops with topics including: "Senior Isolation -Communities Solving the Problem", "The Power of Profits and Peace of Mind", "Protecting Yourself from ID Theft, Fraud and Scams", "Empowering Through Employment", "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" and "Caring for the Caregiver". The "Outstanding Senior Leadership" award was presented to Ed Havran of Colleyville for his ongoing service and dedication to seniors in our area. We are already planning our Empowering Seniors '10 event which will be even bigger and better so stay tuned!



HIGHLIGHTS

An Historical Moment In Time

1895 ROOM in the Tarrant County Courthouse



The Commissioners Court designated a heritage room in the 1895 Courthouse on December 23, 1985. First used for meetings and preparatory area for Courthouse tours by the County Historical Commission, under the direction of Howard McPeak the room evolved into a history museum outfitted with displays and historic artifacts. In 1997 casework for museum displays was donated by the Wiseda Foundation in memory of Howard and an 1895 Room Committee was formed.

Initially the Cross-Timbers Historical Military Memorials Foundation installed an exhibit related to the "Fort" period of



Fort Worth history. Artifacts included rifles, pistols, saddles, uniforms and reproductions of drawings

and water color representations of how the Fort buildings might have appeared. A table top replica of the Fort was also installed.

Current exhibits recently prepared by the 1895 Room Committee include:



The Peak Rocking Chair, crafted by a soldier for Mrs. Florence Peak, mother of the first child born at the Fort. Loaned by the Dallas Historical Society.

The Gebert Collection of Spanish American War artifacts from the Gilmore Expedition.

Loaned by the Marvin and Betty Wilson family, Arlington.



The Oran McCormick painting of the Spring Palace, restored with a grant from the Tarrant County Historical Society, the painting is on

joint exhibition alternating with the painting's owner, The University of Texas Library, Special Collections, Arlington.

A Corner Timber from construction of one of the Original Fort buildings. Loaned by the Log Cabin Village, City of Fort Worth.



Founding Fathers – Freemasonry in Tarrant County.

Loaned by Fort Worth Lodge No. 148, Masonic Library and Museum, Fort Worth.



Future exhibits will include a restored portrait, office and personal artifacts of B.B. Paddock, prominent early Fort Worth newspaper owner and an avid promoter of Tarrant County.

Portraits of Thomas Jefferson Jennings and of his wife, Sarah Hyde Jennings, donated to Tarrant County by the Amon Carter Museum will also be shown. These and other historic artifacts and memorabilia will be exhibited in the planned museum expansion space on the east side of the Courthouse entry hall. Additional new exhibits will also include individuals, founding families and early historic events of Tarrant County. The 1895 Room is open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm and when special tours are planned on weekends and holidays.

Article and pictures courtesy of: Arthur Weinman, Chairman of the 1895 Room Committee, Tarrant County Historical Commission

A Veteran's Day Celebration



On Veteran's Day, Commissioner Gary Fickes presented Mr. Marion "Mac" McAlpine with a certificate honoring his 95th Birthday and recognizing him for his service during WWII.



Answer to Question of the Month

Question: Where would you have found the first Christmas trees in early Texas?

Answer: The tradition of the Christmas tree in Texas was brought by early German immigrants who settled in the Texas Hill Country. They used tables to display the trees.



Commissioner Gary Fickes speaks to an audience of middle school students at the Harmony Science Academy in Euless with a discussion on the future of transportation in North Texas and the DFW area.

If you had the ability to save someone's life...

would you?

For more information please visit:

www.donatelifetexas.org





GRACE

Since 1987, GRACE has been providing for the basic needs of families in Northeast Tarrant County who are struggling with limited income or a recent emergency. Today, programs offered at GRACE include assistance with food, clothing, finances, medical care and transitional housing. Additional programs are offered seasonally, such as *Christmas Cottage*,



Volunteer Sabra Hook helps create decorations for this year's Christmas Cottage.

which provides gifts for the children of families who would not otherwise receive them. *Feed Our Kids* provides lunches for school age children during

the summer months when they are less likely to receive a nutritious meal. Each year, more than 1,400 families are touched by GRACE programs. The aim of each program is to help families become self-sufficient, many of them for the first time.

The impact that GRACE has had on the community can be measured by the countless stories of families and individuals whose lives have been transformed. However, none of these stories would have been possible had it not been for the generosity of this community. Each year, the people of northeast Tarrant County donate their talent, their time or their treasure to support the GRACE mission. The challenge facing GRACE now is finding the resources to keep pace with an increase in need. This year, GRACE has seen as much as a 40% increase in requests for services.



Local children enjoy a nutritious lunch at this summer's Feed Our Kids program.

Below are some ways that the community can help GRACE:

- Donate money.
- Donate gently used clothing, house wares and clothing.
- Volunteer in one or more of the GRACE programs.
- Ask your network of friends to donate services such as construction, vehicle repair or facility maintenance.
- Pray for those in our community who need our help.

Find more information about GRACE and its programs by visiting www.gracegrapevine.org.



CARROLL ISD

Carroll ISD is a K-12 public school system located in the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. The 21-square-mile district consists of 11 schools serving more than 7,750 students and 1,000 employees. The district is the largest in the state of



Intermediate students enjoy art class

Texas to earn the top rating of *Exemplary* and all 11 schools are also

rated *Exemplary*. In addition, the district and all campuses met the federal guidelines for the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

The state of Texas does not rank public schools, but they do rate them based on performance on standardized tests, attendance, and drop-out rates. CISD has a 0 percent drop-out rate, a 97 percent attendance rate and consistently scores above the state and national averages on assessments. The state holds districts to a high standard of 90 percent passing to obtain the *Exemplary* rating. In addition, each subgroup must receive a 90 percent for a district or campus to earn the top rating. Car-

roll students have not only passed at *Exemplary* levels, but have continued to increase Commended scores on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test.

Five of CISD's schools have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education, and eight of 11 campuses were named to the Texas Business Education Coalition's 2008 and 2009 Honor Rolls. Last fall, Durham Elementary School received the Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School Award.



Principle PJ Giamanco; Keeley Lowery, Teacher of the Year and David J. Faltys, Superintendent

Most recently, Carroll High School teacher Keeley Lowry was one of three finalists for the Secondary Teacher of the Year, and Durham Elementary Principal Betty McIlvain earned the State Advocate for the Gifted award for Texas.

Approximately 98 percent of Carroll's seniors attend a college or university after graduation. The Class of 2009 was

awarded an incredible total of \$18 million in college scholarships. More than 90 percent of Carroll students take a college entrance exam, with composite scores on the SAT and ACT that exceed state and national averages. Carroll Senior High School received the prestigious *College Readiness Award* in 2009 for consistently high scores on the ACT.

Carroll ISD values excellence, relationships, character & integrity, innovation and open and honest communication. Holding true to these core values helps CISD create an environment that fosters excellence. In fact, the district's mission is to provide a caring and creative learning environment that promotes excellence, fosters integrity and encourages each student to reach his or her academic, extracurricular and social potential.

Building A Strong Foundation For Dragons



Board of Trustees and Superintendent at Groundbreaking

For more information, please visit our website at: www.southlakecarroll.edu

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - The City of Richland Hills



Richland Hills is a great place to do business, and 2009 was no exception. Some highlights from the last year include:

- Hiring a full time economic development specialist
- Establishing the Baker Boulevard Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone
- Re-establishing the Storefront Improvement Program
- Naming new members to the Richland Hills Development Corporation and Economic Development Advisory Board
- Grand opening of the La Quinta Inn and Comforts Suites at Loop 820 and Glenview Drive



La Quinta Inn

- Partnering with Keep Richland Hills Beautiful to start a business of the quarter award program

The City of Richland Hills is proud to welcome Valley-Dynamo to the Richland Industrial Park. Valley-Dynamo a national



Valley-Dynamo

leader in manufacturing coin operated air hockey, foosball, and pool tables. Valley Dynamo is relocating their manufacturing operations from Mexico and their distribution operations from Grand Prairie to a consolidated location in Richland Hills. The City of Richland Hills is excited to be partnered with a company like Valley-Dynamo that is bringing jobs back to America and to Richland Hills.

The City of Richland Hills has partnered with Tarrant County, TCC, and JPS Hospital to create the Baker Boulevard Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ). The zone runs the entire length of Baker Boule-

vard from Loop 820 to Boulevard 26, and includes the area of Rufe Snow Drive from Baker Boulevard to Boulevard 26. The zone will dedicate a portion of future property taxes and sales taxes generated from inside the zone to paying for public improvements in the zone such as sidewalks, enhanced landscaping, and utility improvements. The Baker Boulevard Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone is a powerful tool to help revitalize and attract new business to the Baker Boulevard corridor.



Baker Boulevard - Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone

For more information contact Matt Shaffstall with the Richland Hills Economic Development Department at (817) 299-1845 or ecodev@richlandhills.com

City of Richland Hills Website:
www.richlandhills.com

Precinct 3 United Way Fundraiser



Thank you, thank you, thank you to those of you who braved the rain, wind, and cold weather to participate in our Precinct 3 United Way Fundraiser this year! At 7:30 a.m. on October 9th, we started preparing and serving a burrito breakfast and then followed up with a catfish lunch at 11:00. Our fantastic chefs did a great job despite the rain. Our themed baskets were on display throughout the day and the month of October. On November 2nd the lucky winners were: Children's Basket - Porter Elledge; Women's Basket - Mike Wishaski; Men's Basket - Phil Henderson; and the Entertainment Basket - Wayson Miyanishi. Thanks to all who participated. Precinct 3 raised \$1,700 for United Way!

Way to go Team Fickes!



JPS opens 2nd HEBISD School-Based Clinic December 1st

December 1st JPS opened it's second HEBISD school-based clinic. The first clinic is currently seeing over 600 students and their siblings, (under 18 years of age), per month. The second clinic is located at 3115 W. Pipeline Rd., Bldg. D in Euless, the same site as the first clinic, to accommodate overflow. The cost is \$5.00 per visit for uninsured patients, with no financial precertification. Other school-based clinics are located at Haltom City, Birdville, and Grapevine/Colleyville schools. In addition, the Watauga Health Clinic has been well received and heavily utilized since it's opening in June of 2008.

H1N1 vaccinations offered FREE to all Tarrant County residents

Since December 1st, Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) is offering the H1N1 vaccine to all Tarrant County residents. In addition to the seven health clinics, TCPH has opened five of six store front clinics dedicated specifically to dispense the vaccine to Tarrant County residence. A sixth store front will open later this month.

Dr. Parker, Tarrant County Medical Director and Health Authority is urging the public to get vaccinated before beginning any Christmas travel. Some areas around the country are more severely affected by the H1N1 virus than Tarrant County, she noted. These five new store fronts, combined with the seven public health centers, means that Tarrant County residents can go to any of 12 convenient and easily accessible locations to receive a free H1N1 vaccine.

For more information, please visit the Tarrant County Public Health web site at: <http://health.tarrantcounty.com>.

Store Front Vaccine Sites

Cherry Hill Plaza
1636 South Cherry Ln.
White Settlement, TX 76108

Cooper Oaks Crossroads
5415 South Cooper St. #125
Parkway #100
Arlington, TX 76017

Eastchase Marketplace
1550 Eastchase
Fort Worth, TX 76120

Parkwood Village
217 Harwood #106
Bedford, TX 76021

The Mercado
1500 North Main St., #138
Fort Worth, TX 76106

While the health centers are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the store fronts will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information about H1N1 vaccinations, please call 2-1-1.

6 Ways to Fight the Flu

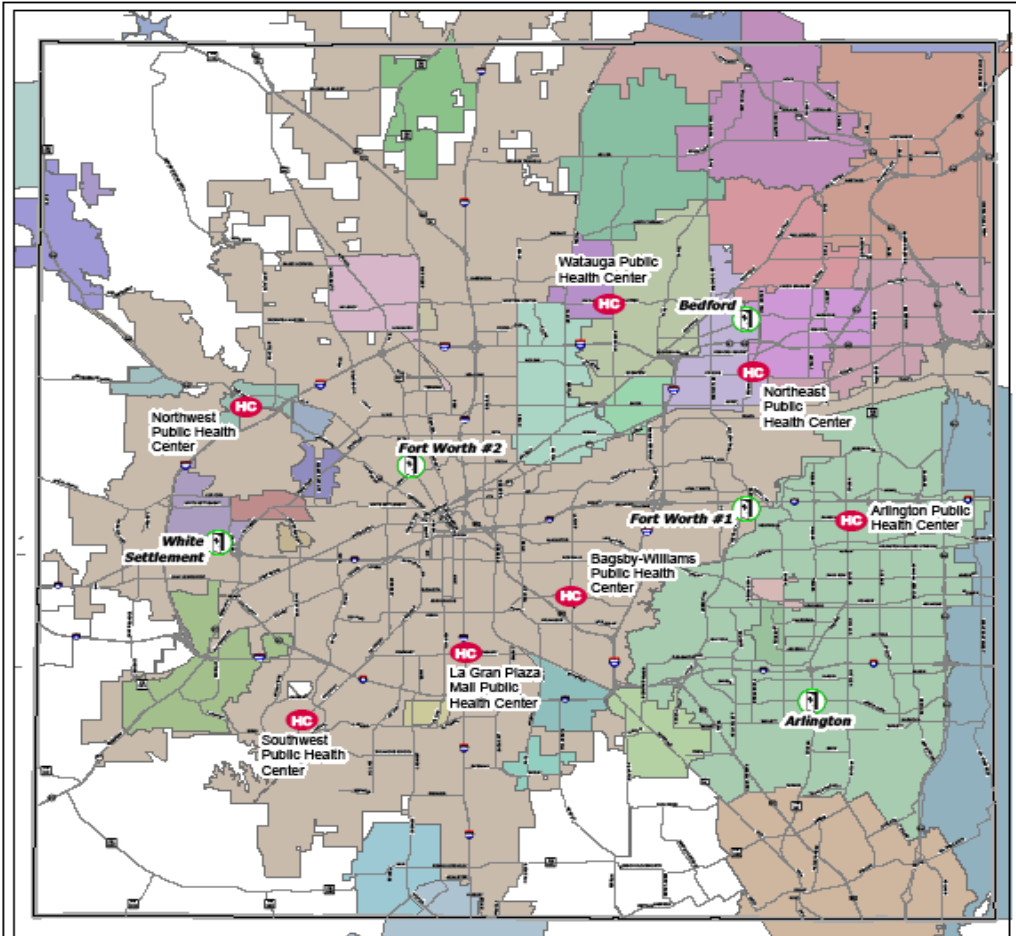
- **Keep your hands clean.**
Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.
- **Cover your cough and your sneeze.**
Use a tissue or cover your mouth with your sleeve when you sneeze or cough. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.**

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.

- **Avoid close contact.**
Especially with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- **Stay at home when you are sick.**

If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

- **Get vaccinated.**
This is an important step toward fighting seasonal flu and H1N1. It helps protect you and others.



Legend

- Health Center
- H1N1 Storefront

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12/01/2009

1 inch equals 4 miles

Locations and Phone Numbers:

Arlington
5415 South Cooper Street #125
Arlington, Texas 76017
817-321-4700

Arlington Public Health Center
536 W. Randol Mill Road
Arlington, TX 76011
817-548-3990

Northwest Public Health Center
3800 Adam Grubb Road
Lake Worth, TX 76135
817-238-4441

Bedford
217 Harwood #106
Bedford, Texas 76021
817-321-4700

Sagsby-Williams Public Health Center
3212 Miller Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76119
817-531-8738

Southwest Public Health Center
6551 Granbury Road
Fort Worth, TX 76133
817-370-4530

Fort Worth # 1
1550 Eastchase Parkway #100
Fort Worth, Texas 76120
817-321-4700

La Gran Plaza Mall Public Health Center
4200 S. Freeway
Fort Worth, TX 76115
817-920-5752

Watauga Public Health Center
6801 Watauga Road, Suite 122
Watauga, TX 76148
817-514-5030

Fort Worth # 2
1500 N. Main St, Suite 138
Fort Wirth, TX 76108
817-321-4700

Northeast Public Health Center
813 Brown Trail
Bedford, TX 76022
817-285-4155

White Settlement
1636 S. Cherry Lane
White Settlement, TX 76108
817-321-4700

H1N1 Vaccine Sites

BULLETIN BOARD

H1N1 Flu Info
<http://health.tarrantcounty.com>
 Get your Free H1N1 Flu Vaccine
 See special insert... page 8

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO COUNTY SERVICES
 Texas Association of Counties recently has a website focused specifically on Texas County government and how to get county services. Check out www.texascounties4u.org to view a series of "how to" videos.

Tarrant County Veterans Services Administration Benefit Outreach
 Assistance free of charge.
 Call for appointment
 817-531-5645



Dec. 21st
First Day of Winter

Christmas Holiday
Dec. 24 & 25
 Tarrant County Offices Closed



NEW YEAR'S EVE
Dec 31st



NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Tarrant County Offices Closed
JAN 1 2010

Martin Luther King, Jr.
 Jan 19th
 Tarrant County Offices Closed

Northeast Tarrant County Transportation Summit
Feb 17th
 See page 3 for details...



Groundhog's Day
Feb 2nd

VALENTINE'S DAY
FEB 14TH

President's Day
Feb 15th
 Tarrant County Offices Closed

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

December
 1, 8, 15 & 29th

January
 12, 19 & 26th

February
 2, 9, 16 & 23rd



Transportation

- Tarrant County Transportation Department www.tarrantcounty.com
- Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition www.trtcmobility.org
- Fort Worth Transportation Authority www.the-t.com
- North Central Texas Council of Governments www.nctcog.org
- North Texas Tollway Authority www.ntta.org
- Texas Department of Transportation www.txdot.gov
- Texas High Speed Rail Transportation Corporation... www.thsrct.com

Helpful links to what's going on with transportation in and around Precinct 3.

If you received a copy of the newsletter through a source other than our office (i.e. Chamber of Commerce) and would like to receive a copy of the newsletter direct, please send your email address to:

tcparsons@tarrantcounty.com

If you do not want to receive a copy of our newsletter, please let us know and we'll take you off our list.

Please feel free to email any comments, questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you and have a great day!

817-884-1470  www.tarrantcu.org

Pct. 3 ~ Commissioner's Office

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Theresa Parsons, Executive Secretary
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Northeast Sub-Courthouse
 645 Grapevine Highway #6
 Hurst TX 76054
 817-581-3600

Southlake Town Hall
 1400 Main St #410
 Southlake TX 76092
 817-481-8234

NE Tarrant County Contacts

	NE Sub-Courthouse	Southlake Town Hall
Constable Pct. 3	817-581-3610	817-481-8059
County Clerk	817-581-3604	817-481-8179
Passport Office	_____	817-481-8190
Justice of the Peace Pct. 3	817-581-3625	817-481-8132
Juvenile Services	817-581-3645	_____
Travel - Public Health	_____	817-321-4707
Tax Office	817-581-3636	817-481-8141

Maintenance Center	817-514-5000	
Constable Pct. 1	817-884-1385	Serve a section of Haltom City, Hurst, Fort Worth, Richland Hills, North Richland Hills, and Watauga.
Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	817-884-1395	

Public Health Centers

NE Public Health Ctr. 813 Brown Trail #6, Bedford, TX 76022 817-285-4155
 Watauga Public Health Ctr. 6601 Watauga Rd, Watauga, TX 76148 817-702-6600

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