

# TARRANT COUNTY

## NEWS & INFORMATION



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### Property Fraud Alert Service

The Tarrant County Clerk's Office provides a free on-line automated service in which Tarrant County property owners can sign up to have their name monitored to track possible fraudulent activity.

A common property fraud scenario involves falsifying documents in order to obtain a fraudulent mortgage in someone else's name. The Tarrant County Clerk's Office warns that if a document meets certain legal requirements then the office must accept, file and record the document.

Once this happens, a person can use your home as collateral on a mortgage or even attempt to sell your home to an unsuspecting buyer.

It only takes a few moments to sign up with Property Fraud Alert (PFA). Property owners may go to [www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com), and then click on the "Property Fraud Alert" link under the "County Clerk" heading on the right side of the web page. Participants will be notified only when the exact name they have provided is listed as a 'Grantor' or 'Grantee' on any of 90 different document types recorded in the County Clerk's Office. PFA is customizable in that alerts can be generated by e-mail or telephone call from a PFA representative.

Whenever a real estate document is recorded in the County Clerk's Office in a subscriber's name, the subscriber will be notified. The best protection against property fraud is proactive protection.

Tarrant was the first county in Texas to offer the Property Fraud Alert service to its property owners.

### Nominations Requested for Outstanding Tarrant County Historians

The Tarrant County Historical Commission (TCHC) is now accepting nominations for preservation awards to be given at their Annual Preservation Summit. This year's Summit will be held on October 26 in Grapevine. The TCHC gives 3 awards: the Tom Vandergriff Award, the William E. Jary Award and the Debbie Reynolds Hazen Young Leadership Award.

About the Awards:

**Tom Vandergriff Award** – This award is named for Tom J. Vandergriff, a Tarrant County citizen who gave outstanding public service and leadership in Tarrant County. Therefore, the TCHC presents the Tom Vandergriff Award on the basis of "outstanding and long term leadership contributing to the history of Tarrant County."

**William E. Jary Award** - This award is named for William E. Jary, Jr. who was a citizen promoter, collector and preservationist of Fort Worth History. The TCHC presents the William E. Jary Award on the basis of honoring an individual "for their tireless efforts in preserving or collecting local history of Tarrant County."

**Debbie Reynolds Hazen Young Leadership Award** – Our newest award is named for Debbie Reynolds Hazen who, beginning as a young adult, gave 20 years of outstanding public service and leadership to further historic preservation in Tarrant County. The TCHC presents the Debbie Reynolds Hazen Young Leadership Award on the basis of honoring an individual 18 to 40 years of age "for their efforts in preserving and collecting the history of Tarrant County."

Nominations are being accepted now through September 9 (the Friday after Labor Day). Send requests for nomination forms to: [jquest@verizon.net](mailto:jquest@verizon.net). Please state you are requesting a nomination form for the award you would like to submit, or for more info, call 817-565-4050.

### Joint Emergency Operations Center wins awards

The Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC) operated by Tarrant County, the City of Fort Worth and the State of Texas recently won two awards for interagency collaboration and emergency preparedness planning.

The JEOC, at 1111 Monroe Street, on the south side of downtown Fort Worth, provides a physical coordination point for resources needed to respond and recover from emergencies and disasters that may affect all or part of Tarrant County.

The Center for Digital Government's Best of Texas awards program recognizes public sector professionals and local government organizations for their dedication and contributions to information technology in Texas. The JEOC was honored at the 2011 Best of Texas awards ceremony held in Austin on June 13 as "Best IT Collaboration Among Organizations."

The highly coveted North Central Texas Emergency Preparedness Regional "Hot Stuff Award" recognizes extraordinary participation and efforts that go above and beyond regular duties in helping the region to build strong and effective regional emergency preparedness capacity. The JEOC received its "Hot Stuff Award" in June.

The JEOC is an 18,000 square foot facility furnished with state of the art emergency management technology equipment. It features an incident command/medical operations center; executive conference room with video teleconferencing capabilities; a traffic management center that has access to city, state and other community traffic cameras and downtown Fort Worth signal control; a media briefing room; an emergency management incident tracking system; and a complete backup power system.

### Get the jump on back-to-school immunizations

Tarrant County Public Health and the Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County are offering back-to-school shots at several community locations in August. The shots cost \$10 each for children up to 18 years old. Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid will be accepted. Parents are encouraged to bring their child's shot record with them. Back-to-school immunizations at the following locations, times and dates:

- **Hispanic Wellness Fair**  
Will Rogers Memorial Center  
3401 West Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth  
Saturday, Aug. 6, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.,
- **Tarrant County Back-to-School Roundup**  
Will Rogers Memorial Center  
3401 West Lancaster Ave, Fort Worth  
(Children must be pre-registered to attend. Call 211 to pre-register.)  
Wednesday, Aug. 10, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **First Baptist Euless Campus West**  
209 North Industrial Blvd., Bedford  
Monday, Aug. 8, Noon - 6 p.m. .  
Tues., Thurs., Fri., Aug. 9, 11 and 12, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m
- **North Davis Church of Christ**  
1601 North Davis Drive, Arlington  
Monday, Aug. 15, Noon - 6 p.m.  
Tuesday – Friday, Aug. 16 – 19, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Aug. 20, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **La Gran Plaza**  
4200 South Freeway, Fort Worth  
Monday, Aug. 22, Noon - 6 p.m.  
Tuesday - Friday, Aug. 23 – 26, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Aug. 27, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Monday - Friday, Aug. 29 – Sept. 2, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.,

For more information, call the Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County at 817-238-4448, or visit them online: [www.ictchome.org](http://www.ictchome.org).