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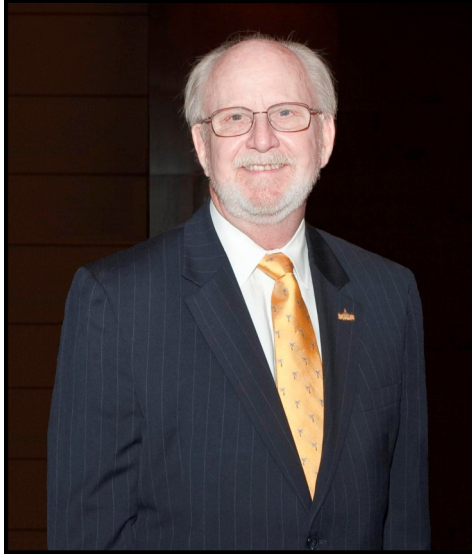
Tarrant County - Precinct 3

"Working together for a better tomorrow"



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COMMISSIONER GARY FICKES

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Is it HOT enough for everyone?! As we near the last part of summer, the temperatures continue to rise with most days exceeding 100 degrees and higher. Please be careful during any outdoor activity and pray for rain.

Not only do we have the weather to worry about, we now have another problem with the WEST NILE VIRUS. The West Nile Virus has shown up in unusually large numbers so far this year in Tarrant County. As of Friday, August 03, 2012, there have been 86 human cases in Tarrant County including one death.

Prevention is key to the response against this virus, and the county has taken steps for surveillance over the past ten years since it has become prevalent in the area in 2002. Tarrant County Public Health has a plan in place which partners with the local cities and responds to the WNV by providing personnel training, locating sites for traps, taking samples and recording data, and determining response options.

Due to a mild winter and a wet spring, increased activity with the WNV has been seen this season. Not all mosquitoes spread the virus. It is important to take precaution while outdoors including using a DEET mosquito spray, draining any standing water since larvae flourish here, and avoiding being outdoors at dawn and dusk as this is the most active time of day for mosquitoes. While there are a large number of WNV carrying mosquitoes, the risk for becoming infected is not high if precautionary measures are taken. Please contact Tarrant County Public Health for any concerns or further information at (817) 321-4700 and visit health.tarrantcounty.com for updated WNV statistics.

A bright spot this year is our 2012-2013 Tarrant County General Budget. We will be maintaining our current tax rate of \$00.264 per \$100.00 value. This has been the trend with Tarrant County for the past decade to maintain or lower the tax rate every year.

Tarrant County continues to be one of a handful of counties nation-wide (40 of 3,200) that maintains a AAA Bond Rating.

We have included in this newsletter information about our Empowering Seniors 2012 event to be held on October 5 at Campus West in Bedford (across from First Baptist Church Euless and Trinity High School). This year's event will have health screenings from our four area hospitals, over 100 booths with great information on senior issues, seminars all during the day, entertainment and a lunch is also provided. This event is FREE. Empowering Seniors is very proud to have received the "Best Practice Award for Innovation" from the Texas Association of Counties in 2012. Precinct 3 volunteers and our sponsors have made this event into one of the best Senior Events in the State of Texas. Please join us on October 5 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Campus West!

Gary Fickes

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SAVE THE DATE!

- Empowering Seniors Oct. 5
(see page 4)
- Pct. 3 United Way Fundraiser Oct 31
- NE Transportation Summit Feb. 15
- LifeGift Run May

Commissioner's Coffee Shop



COFFEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER

Friday, Aug. 10th
7:30 to 9:00am

Please join me for coffee and donuts!

Northeast Sub-Courthouse
645 Grapevine Hwy., #6, Hurst, TX



Question of the Month

Question: Who is the only person to be elected twice as Vice-President and twice as President of the United States?

Answer on page 7

WEST NILE VIRUS UPDATE

Preventive Measures (4 "D's")

DUSK & DAWN are the times of day when infected mosquitoes are most active, so avoid being outside at these times.

DRESS in long sleeves and long pants if you're outside. For extra protection, spray thin clothing with repellent.

DEET is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Follow label instructions.

DRAIN standing water in your back yard or anywhere it accumulates to keep mosquitoes from breeding. To keep mosquitoes from breeding.

Aug. 3, 2012

WEST NILE VIRUS UPDATE

HUMAN CASES: 86
1 DEATH

Locations:

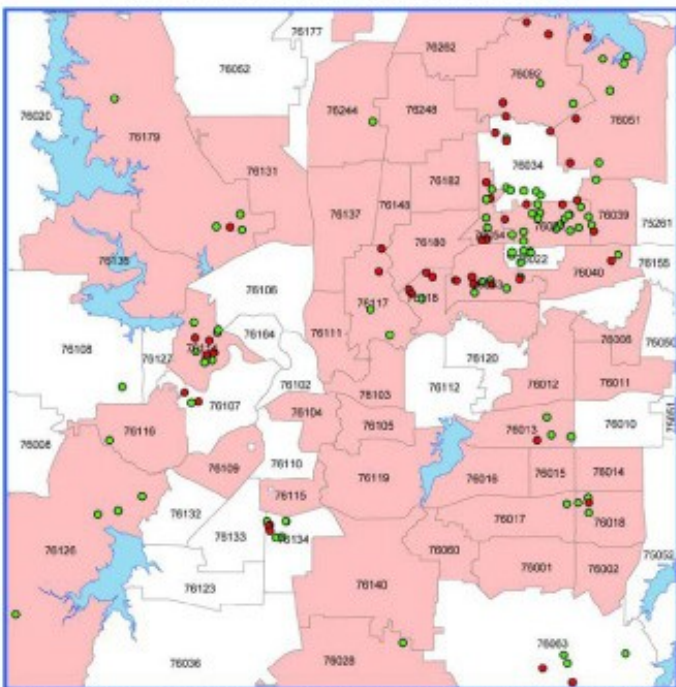
- Arlington (27): 76001, 76002, 76006, 76011, 76012, 76013, 76014, 76015, 76016, 76017, 76018, 76019
- Bedford (5): 76021
- Benbrook: 76116, 76126
- Burleson: 76028
- Eules (5): 76039, 76040
- Fort Worth (18): 76103, 76104, 76105, 76109, 76111, 76115, 76116, 76118, 76119, 76131, 76135, 76137, 76244
- Grapevine: 76051
- Haltom City: 76117
- Hurst: 76053, 76054
- Keller (6): 76248, 76262
- Kennedale: 76060
- Lake Worth: 76135
- N. Richland Hills (5): 76180, 76182
- River Oaks: 76114
- Saginaw: 76131, 76179
- Southlake: 76092
- Unincorporated TC: 76028, 76140
- Watauga: 76148

Actual numbers for cities with less than 5 cases are not released to protect patient confidentiality.

Tarrant County Public Health



DISTRIBUTION OF MOSQUITO POOLS, HUMAN CASES, TARRANT COUNTY



POSITIVE MOSQUITO POOLS: 51

Locations:

- Arlington 2
- Bedford 3
- Burleson 3*
- Colleyville 5
- Edgecliff Village 3
- Eules 3
- Grapevine 3
- Haltom City 2
- Hurst 8
- Mansfield 2
- Richland Hills 4
- River Oaks 4
- Saginaw 1
- Southlake 3
- Westover Hills 5

*These Burleson pool locations are not in Tarrant County.

Historical WNV Data:

- 2011 - 2 cases, no deaths
- 2010 - no cases reported
- 2009 - 32 cases, 3 deaths
- 2008 - 16 cases, no deaths
- 2007 - 25 cases, no deaths
- 2006 - 53 cases, 7 deaths

These data were prepared by Tarrant County Public Health for its use, and may be revised any time, without notification. Tarrant County Public Health does not guarantee the correctness or accuracy of any features on this map. Tarrant County assumes no responsibility in connection therewith. Said data should not be edited by anyone other than designated personnel, or through written approval by GIS Manager. These data are for informational purposes only and should not create liability on the part of Tarrant County Government, any officer and/or employees thereof.

● Negative mosquito pool(s) ● Positive mosquito pool(s) ■ Human case(s)

NE Community Leader Spotlight



Mayor Jim Griffin
City of Bedford

It is an honor to be the newly elected Mayor of Bedford. The position of mayor has numerous duties but one that I take very seriously is serving as an ambassador and promoter of the City of Bedford. I plan to use every opportunity that I have to spread the word about all of the great things going on in Bedford.

My beautiful wife Wynette and I have been married for 33 years and we have

loved living and raising our daughter Liz in this community since 1989. For the past 34 years I have been employed by Verizon Communications but I've also served in numerous volunteer capacities. Some of these positions were for the City of Bedford, including eight years on the Bedford City Council and multiple boards and committees. I have also been part of the HEB Chamber of Commerce, President elect of Bedford Library Foundation, and President of Mid-Cities Basketball Association. My wife and I are members of Woodland Heights Baptist Church where I also serve as a Deacon and Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

In addition to my qualifications, I wanted to share a few of my goals and priorities. Specifically they are:

- Protect or replace revenues affected by reconstruction of Highway 183.
- Manage a cohesive plan for the Central Bedford Development Zone and Cultural District.

- Focus on new economic development as the engine for bringing vitality to our City.
- Seek innovative approaches to attract new businesses and increase revenues.
- Supervise the completion of the Boy's Ranch Master Plan.
- Work with organizations to increase neighborhood revitalization.

I am truly humbled to be serving in this new capacity and pledge that I will work every day for the citizens of Bedford.

On a more personal note -

What do you do for fun? *Play golf*

Favorite Restaurant? *"Bern's Steak House" in Tampa Florida*

Favorite Movie? *Jason Bourne movies*

Last book read? *Any Vince Flynn Novel*

Favorite vacation spot? *Any tropical beach*

People would be surprised to know... *"I've learned how to direct the landing of helicopters in my volunteer work with Santa USA!"*

Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office

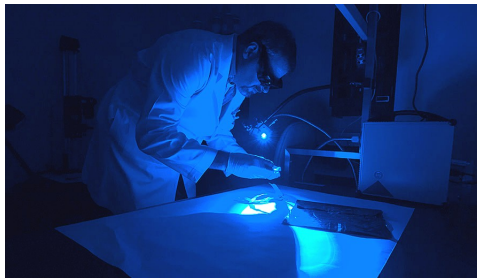
The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office was originally established in 1969 to serve Tarrant County alone but today it also serves Denton, Johnson and Parker counties with a total district population exceeding 2.6 million.

The primary purpose of the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office is to assist the public and law enforcement agencies to determine the cause of death due to unnatural causes, medically unattended or deaths due to violence, using state of the art laboratory and forensic science facilities.

A combination of staff with outstanding qualifications, sophisticated state-of-the-art equipment, strict compliance with statutes and regulations and accreditation by

the National Association of Medical Examiners and the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board make the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office one of the premier medical examiner offices in the nation. In addition to a staff of five highly trained, board certified forensic pathologists, the

office boasts a 24 hour investigative staff and a full complement of support services.



Our office includes the following support services:

Forensic Pathologist; Administration to include the business office and clerical section; Forensic death investigation, to include Denton, Parker, Johnson and Tarrant Counties; Forensic Chemistry and Toxicology Laboratory; Forensic Criminalistics to include, DNA, Trace analysis, Latent fingerprint, Firearms, Intoxilyzer section and Forensic photography; Histology; Human Identification and Morgue & Evidence Services.



For more information, please visit:
www.tarrantcounty.com

2012 Achievement Award



Commissioner Gary Fickes' Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit (NTTS) earns Tarrant County the National Association of Counties 2012 Achievement Award for its effective and innovative program.

The NTTS program has continued to provide an open forum for community leaders and residents to hear the latest updates on the progress of major highways and roads as well as plans for future projects.

Plan to join us Friday, February 15 for the 4th annual NTTSummit.



www.NETransportationSummit.com

4th Annual Award-Winning

EMPOWERING SENIORS 2012



a Health and Lifestyle EXPO for Caregivers, Boomers, & Seniors

Commissioner Gary Fickes • Tarrant County, Precinct 3

FBCE Campus West, 205 N. Industrial, Bedford Texas 76021 (Northwest Corner of Hwy. 183 and N. Industrial)

Friday, October 5, 2012 ~ 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Health Screenings

Workshops

Over 100 Exhibitors



Recognized by:
TEXAS ASSOCIATION of COUNTIES

2012 County Best Practices
Innovation Award

Bingo

Entertainment

Door Prizes

Lunch



Thank you to our Sponsors!



Star-Telegram



The Southlake Journal



Colleyville Courier

Grapevine Courier

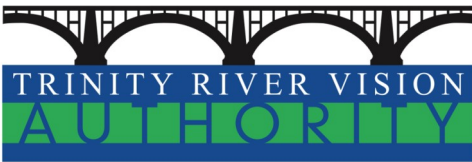
Keller-Citizen

Times-Register

REGISTER TODAY!

For more information about this event as well as volunteer opportunities, please visit our website or call 817-581-3600 or email Devin Wenske at ddwenske@tarrantcounty.com

www.EmpoweringSeniors.com



The Trinity River Vision Authority (TRVA) is the organization responsible for the implementation of the Trinity River Vision (TRV) – a master plan for the Trinity River in Fort Worth. TRV’s primary purpose is to provide the needed flood protection for Fort Worth but it will also connect every neighborhood in the city to the Trinity River corridor with new recreational amenities, improved infrastructure, provide environmental enhancements and event programming. The TRV will create a vibrant urban waterfront neighborhood, Trinity Uptown, adjacent to downtown Fort Worth, expand Gateway Park into one of the largest urban-programmed parks in the nation and enhance the river corridor with over 90 user-requested projects along the Trinity Trails.

The vision is underway now, and on July 23rd federal and state funds for the White Settlement Bridge were secured which

moves the timeline up three years. Construction is now scheduled to begin June 2013. In addition, TRVA has been busy hiring contractors for a number of projects including utility relocation, demolition and environmental cleanup. One of the first major construction components is the Henderson Street Bridge which is slated to begin early next year.

In addition to construction projects TRVA is also in charge of programming the Trinity Uptown neighborhood. TRVA created Panther Island Pavilion (PIP), a



The only natural waterfall in Tarrant County and it’s located along the trinity trails off Pumphry Drive by the Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base. A trailhead called Airfield Falls is being created that will pay homage to the base and its history.



Participants enjoying the weekly tubing and music series called Rockin’ the River held every Thursday at Panther Island Pavilion in Trinity Uptown.

waterfront stage and festival area on the banks of the Trinity River. Panther Island Pavilion hosts Rockin’ the River (a summer music and tubing series), Fort Worth’s Fourth, Musicarte, Ranch Bash and much more! Panther Island Pavilion has also become a one-stop-shop for water sports in Fort Worth; Aloha Paddleboards now rents stand up paddle boards and a kayak rental vendor will soon open in the same location. In addition, Coyote Theatre, a new urban drive-in movie theater is scheduled to open in Trinity Uptown.

www.trinityrivervision.org

Grapevine Chamber of Commerce



The *Grapevine Chamber of Commerce* is a 501(c)6 non-profit corporation chartered in 1952. The chamber’s operational budget comes from the business members’ yearly investment as well as yearly projects. The mission, budget and program of work is annually designed by the volunteer Board of Directors, made up of area business leaders.

The Grapevine Chamber Board has been chaired in 2012 by **Doug Lawson**, *President of Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine*. In 2008, the Board hired **RaDonna Hessel** to operate the organization as its *President/CEO*, a chamber professional for 22 years. She maintains the day to day operations of the organization and a staff of four through the Chamber office at 200 Vine Street.

Through strategic planning, the Grape-

vine Chamber has used its **Mission, Vision and Values** to create a business plan that provides benefits for those businesses who invest in their community. The **Mission** of the Grapevine Chamber is to promote business that adds value to our community. The **Vision** is a progressive business organization that brings relevant and essential opportunities for our investors and community to grow and prosper. Our **Values**: Excellence, Innovation, Integrity & Community.

The Chamber works with three goals:



Leadership Grapevine is a program that works with current business and community leaders to educate and develop future leaders. Programs include economic development, tourism, health & human services, transportation, legislation, and media.

Leadership – Leadership Grapevine, Past Chairman’s Council, Young Entrepreneur Academy, Best Practice Visits, Community Awards, Legislative Involvement.

Business / Partnerships – Chamber / City Economic Development Partnership, Business Retention Program, Senior Services Alliance, Chamber Luncheons, Membership Development & Orientations, Business After Hours Mixers, City Support, DFW Connector Business Task Force, Networking, Business Ambassadors, Young Professionals Council, Women’s Division.

Stewardship / Prosperity – Golf Classic Tournament, Technology & Marketing, Community Event Support.

Through a strong volunteer leadership, communication with businesses, regional overview, focus on the future and an expectation of quality, the Grapevine Chamber strives to be a conduit for our business’ success throughout Northeast Tarrant County.

Grapevine Chamber of Commerce
200 Vine Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051
817-481-1522

info@grapevinechamber.org

www.GrapevineChamber.org

Fort Worth Christian School



Fort Worth Christian School (FWC) is a Christ-centered community where every child is loved and valued, taught excellence in and out of the classroom and empowered by a Biblical worldview for a life time of faith and service.



FWC is celebrating 54 years as a trusted leader in Christian education. The school is located on a 40-acre campus in North Richland Hills near the intersection of Holiday Lane and Mid-Cities Boulevard. FWC is the largest independent school in Northeast Tarrant County with 875 students currently attending, pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

The school offers a distinctively Christian educational experience including daily worship, Bible classes, community service and mission opportunities. FWC's

highly qualified faculty love children and are equipped with the latest instructional strategies and cutting-edge technologies. The school offers a unique classroom environment that challenges students at all grade levels. Smaller classes afford students more individual attention. FWC students consistently score above state and national averages on the ACT and SAT with all graduating seniors in recent years accepted to college.

FWC is one of the most affordable, faith-based private schools in the community and the only area school to provide Apple iPads to every elementary student and Apple MacBooks to every middle and high school student.



FWC students are challenged to discover their individual gifts and abilities through award-winning visual and performing arts programs. Academic and Fine Arts teams

placed among the top in statewide competitions sponsored by the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools and the Texas Christian Schools Interscholastic Tournament in 2012.

The Cardinal's winning athletic tradition includes state championships in cross country and volleyball in 2012 with every



athletic team qualifying for the playoffs. FWC is a family experience where parent involvement is encouraged and students, parents and teachers build friendships that last a lifetime.

For information about FWC contact the school at 817.520.6200 or email sjenkins@fwc.org.

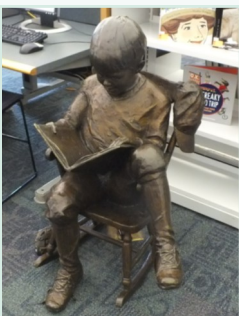
www.fwc.org

EULESS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Eules Public Library offers a welcoming space for education and entertainment for all ages.

Residents can apply for a free card to check out books, movies, music, magazines and download e-audiobooks. Library users check out over 567,000 items each year. The Eules Library offers free WiFi and access to computers with Internet and Microsoft office products, a ResumeMaker program and Jobview employment database. More than 20,000 people visit the Library each month.

Eules Library cardholders can access a variety of databases from home with resources for homework help, genealogy



research, online language learning, exam preparation, product research through *Consumer Reports* and more. Find the Eules Library online at www.eulesstx.gov/library.

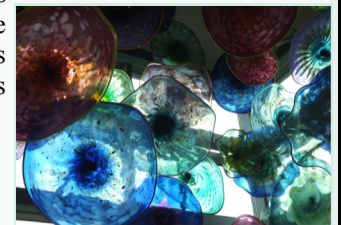


Library programs include multiple weekly storytimes, teen activities, Summer Reading Club events, reading groups, annual tax assistance provided by AARP and entertaining Masterworks Concert series performances.

The Eules Library also houses several unique works of art for the community to enjoy funded by the Eules Library Foundation (ELF). The Foundation has

provided exceptional bronze sculptures for the library grounds and additional works inside the library. In addition, a hand-blown glass and steel art structure "Blooms of Enlightenment" was installed in the Library in 2005. The current ELF work-in-progress is a hand-painted ceramic tile mural depicting people, places and events in Eules history. The finished project will include more than 250 individual tiles.

The Eules Library was recognized with the Achievement in Excellence in Libraries Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association. Only 26 libraries in the state received this prestigious award.



Eules Public Library
201 N. Ector Drive
Eules, TX 76039

www.eulesstx.gov/library
817-685-1480

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A Historic Moment In Time

Westlake Historical Society

The Town of Westlake, Texas established the Westlake Historical Preservation Society (WHPS) in June 2002 with the mission to discover, preserve and perpetuate the history of Westlake and the surrounding area often referred to as the Cross Timbers region. The Cross Timbers region derives its name from the swath of oak trees bordered by open expanses of prairie, originating in central Oklahoma and extending southward into north central Texas. This area is rich in frontier history including Native American Indian tribes, buffalo herds, frontier army forts and Texas cattle drive trails, all of which moved through this area.

The WHPS immediately began collecting and researching historical documentation which was published in a series of journals known as the *Pathfinder* and was later consolidated into a leather bound book entitled, *The Little Town That Could, the historical origins and legacies of Westlake and the Cross Timbers area*. The book detailed the cultural history of Westlake beginning in the eighteenth century through the years 2006-2007. The society also established a small museum to display various historical items that are loaned or donated by the citizens of Westlake. The museum is located in the Solana complex at 3 Village Circle, near the intersection of Solana Boulevard and State Highway 114.

The WHPS conducts monthly board member meetings at the museum and hosts the following annual events: Decoration Day at the IOOF Westlake Cemetery, Westlake Classic Car Show and a General Membership Meeting/Reception. The society also hosts semi-annual Living History presentations and Historical Marker Dedication Days. Quarterly window exhibits are on display at the museum throughout the year. The society also sponsors the Junior Historian Club at the Westlake Academy. Society membership is open to all persons in the Tarrant county region. Additional information concerning the Westlake Historical Preservation Society can be found on the Town of Westlake website at www.westlake-tx.org.



Westlake's first Town Historical Marker Dedication was held May 12, 2012. The old brick chimney is located at the corner of Aspen & Pearson. (Photo compliments of Bert Schultz)



With a mission of *providing families the tools to succeed*, The Parenting Center is North Texas' source for parenting and family life education. The agency was founded by the Junior League of Fort Worth in 1975 to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting positive parenting and to serve as a resource center when abuse does occur. Since that time, the issues and challenges that families face have changed, but The Parenting Center's commitment to providing quality, cutting-

edge support for families and children remains constant.

At The Parenting Center, we believe that successful parenting is the result of experience, education and the availability of community resources. No one is born knowing how to parent - experience comes with time and practice. For this reason, The Parenting Center provides support to the community through its programs.

Individuals in northeast Tarrant County can attend parenting education classes on several topics that we offer in the area. Parenting Education Program in Schools (PEPS) educates high school teens in Fort Worth and Arlington ISDs about child development, creating healthy relationships, and preventing child abuse. Counseling is provided to all individuals, families, couples and groups. Empowering Families increases family self-sufficiency, marital/relationship stability and satisfaction, earning power and employment rates through a comprehensive array of services.

Through these and several other programs, The Parenting Center has earned its reputation as the community's parenting expert since 1975. We encourage you to



Two siblings enjoy the sandbox during a play therapy session. The Parenting Center provides play therapy to hundreds of children each year. This therapy method for children between ages three and eight allows them to express their emotions and feelings in an environment that is familiar to them.

learn more about The Parenting Center and contact us because there are opportunities for all kinds of individuals to get involved. Call us if you are interested in providing a parenting class at your location. Sponsorships are still available at our Tee it Up Fore Kids Golf Tournament, November 5th at Shady Oaks Country Club. Check out our volunteer opportunities online.



Local celebrities John Rhadigan and Walt Garrison pose for a picture with golfers at The Parenting Center's Tee it Up Fore Kids Tournament. This year's tournament will be held on November 5th at Shady Oaks.

The Parenting Center
Main Office: 2928 W 5th St., Fort Worth
817-632-5507|

www.theparentingcenter.org
Hours: Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday by appointment

Question of the Month

Question: Who is the only person to be elected twice as Vice-President and twice as President of the United States?

Answer: Richard M. Nixon. He is also the only President to resign from office.



Transportation

Northeast Tarrant County

DFW Connector Project

Hotline: 877-411-4212

www.dfwconnector.com



Sign up for e-alerts!

• NorthGate Constructors opened the new westbound SH 114 bridge to southbound SH 121 recently. Currently, all SH 121 traffic is traveling on this new bridge to allow crews to work on the new northbound SH 121 bridge to eastbound SH 114 in Grapevine.

• We recently switched traffic on the westbound SH 114 frontage road at Texan Trail onto new pavement. This switch allows our crews to continue to expand and improve the roadway in the area.



• In the upcoming months, crews will open the new FM 1709/Northwest Highway bridge, northbound International Parkway bridge north of DFW Airport and the southbound SH 121 bridge to westbound SH 114 north of DFW Airport. Towards the end of the year, William D. Tate Avenue and Main Street bridges and intersections will open to full capacity!

(Pictured: Crews opened the new westbound SH 114 bridge to southbound SH 121 in July (middle bridge). We also demolished the old northbound SH 121 bridges to eastbound SH 114 (bridges at left) this past month in order to begin building the new ones.)

North Tarrant Express

Hotline: 888-683-2015

www.northtarrantexpress.com



Sign up for e-alerts!

Progress continues on the North Tarrant Express with 80 percent of the design work and 30 percent of the construction completed! In July, we re-opened a number of on-ramps and off-ramps in the Bedford area and began a series of traffic shifts on the east segment to new pavement. August will be a busy month on the west segment, with continued focus on the I-35W-Loop 820 interchange and the major intersections. We will showcase our progress at a September 19 public open house at the Hurst



Conference Center; we hope you will join us. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer and please stay safe and alert in the work zone.

North Tarrant Parkway

NRH 817-427-6400

www.nrhtx.com

Keller 817-743-4080

www.cityofkeller.com

North Tarrant Parkway is now connected to Keller-Smithfield Road and trees and sod are in place along the NRH medians (except for one small area close to Davis Boulevard). Trees within the parkway areas continue to be planted. Irrigation along the parkway is approximately 75% complete. All street lighting units are now functioning as planned. Latest estimate from the contractor is now an August 2012 completion on these final details of the project.



FM 1938

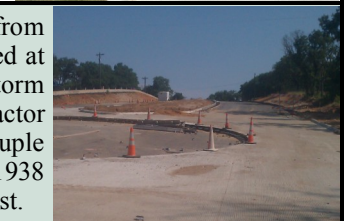
TxDot - N Tarrant Office
817-399-4300

www.txdot.gov

Westlake 817-490-5717

www.westlake-tx.org

FM 1938 is finally opened up for north and south bound traffic from Randol Mill to SH 114. The Randol Mill intersection was recently closed at the south end of the project for the contractors to be able to install storm drainage and build this part of the Randol Mill intersection. The contractor continues pouring the remaining concrete sections over the next couple of weeks. We anticipate the contractor will have both sides of FM 1938 completely opened up from SH 114 to Randol Mill the first week in August.



Golden Triangle Blvd.

TxDot - N Tarrant Office
817-399-4300

www.txdot.gov

Fort Worth 817-392-8485

www.fortworthgov.org/tpw/info/?id=39130

TxDOT's contractor, Glen Thurman, Inc., is working on the storm drains, culverts, bridge over Big Bear Creek, and liming the south half of Golden Triangle from IH-35W to US 377. *(Pictured is the storm drain construction east of Old Denton Road).*



Highway 26

TxDot - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

www.txdot.gov

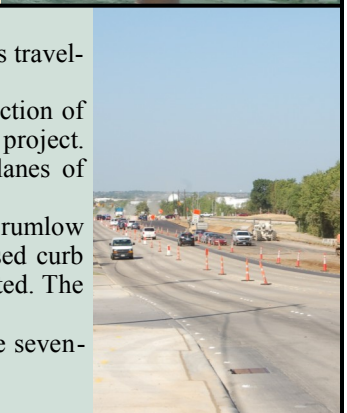
Progress continues to be made on the SH 26 project in Grapevine. This is a \$12 million project that will improve safety and mobility for motorists traveling through the Grapevine area.

All traffic has been shifted to the new northbound lanes. The reconstruction of the southbound lanes is now ongoing through the entire length of the project. Pavement installation will begin in August. During construction, two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Completion is estimated for summer/fall 2013.

The reconstruction of State Highway 26 in Colleyville began in July. The \$11.4 project from Brumlow Avenue/Pool Road to John McCain Road will widen the road to three lanes in each direction with raised curb medians and left turn bays. As part of this project, the bridge over Big Bear Creek will also be reconstructed. The project is estimated for completion in summer 2014.

In addition to this work, TxDOT is also resurfacing SH 26 from John McCain Road to FM 1938. The seven-mile project is estimated for completion by this fall/winter dependent on weather.

TxDOT appreciates motorists' patience while crews complete these projects.





Tarrant County Commissioners Court

Meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. (Unless otherwise stated)
 100 E Weatherford, Fort Worth, TX
www.tarrantcounty.com

Tarrant County Holiday Closings

Labor Day - Monday, September 3, 2012

Calendar of Events

- Aug "2012 Immunization Events" www.ictchome.org
- Aug 7 "NE Tarrant County Job Fair"..... www.workforcesolutions.net
- Aug 8 "Back 2 School Roundup" www.backtoschoolroundup.org
- Aug 10 "Coffee with the Commissioner" 817-581-3600
- Aug 11 "CONNECT Back to School" www.connectgcisd.org
- Aug 11 "Tarrant County Joint Live Auction" www.renebates.com
- Aug 14-17 "15th Annual Transportation Summit"..... www.transportationsummit.com
- Aug 18 & 25 "HEB ISD Operation Back 2 School"..... www.6stones.org
- Aug 25 "Black Tie Bingo" www.netarrant.org
- Sept 1 & 2 "Bedford Blues & BBQ Festival"..... www.bedfordbluesfest.com
- Sept 3 Labor Day.....
- Sept 11 Patriot Day.....
- Sept 13-16 "Grapefest" www.grapevinetexasusa.com
- Sept 14 "2nd Annual Casino Night"..... www.mealsonwheels.org
- Sept 15 "HEB Chamber Awards Gala"..... www.heb.org
- Sept 21 "Celebrate Recovery Community Luncheon"..... www.cenikor.org
- Sept 22 "Run in the Dark" www.communitystorehouse.org
- Sept 28 - Oct 21 "Texas State Fair" www.bigtex.com
- Sept 28 "NE Senior Jamboree" 817-788-7710
- Sept 28 "Women Who Care Share"..... www.ywcafortworth.com
- Sept 29 "Seasons of Hope Seussational Celebration" www.thecec.org
- Oct 3 "Alliance 4 Children 20 Year Celebration" 817-427-3110
- Oct 3 "United Way Annual Luncheon" 817-282-1160
- Oct 5 "Shot in the Dark Golf Tour & Wine" www.lighthousefw.org
- Oct 5 "Empowering Seniors 2012" www.empoweringseniors.com
- Oct 6 "The Great Trail Drive and Dinner" www.rockytoptherapy.org
- Oct 11 "Legacy of Women Awards"..... www.safehaventc.org
- Oct 12 "7th Annual Fall Fashion Show" www.metroportmow.org
- Oct 19 - 20 "6 Stones CPR Fall Blitz"..... www.6stones.org

Public Health posts events and activities at: (<http://health.tarrantcounty.com>) and on Facebook ([facebook.com/tarrantcountypublichealth](https://www.facebook.com/tarrantcountypublichealth)).
 Check it out and friend them today!

**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

Northeast Social Service Agencies

- 6 Stones Mission Network www.6stones.org
- Child Abuse Hotline 800-252-5400
- Community Enrichment Center..... www.thecec.org
- GRACE..... www.gracegrapevine.org
- Community Storehouse. www.communitystorehouse.org
- United Way of Tarrant County 2 - 1 - 1



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www.TarrantCares.org



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 Hurst TX 76054
 817-581-3600

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

NE Tarrant County Contacts

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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	_____
Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	817-884-1395	_____

Public Health Centers

Watauga Public Health Ctr. 6601 Watauga Rd, Watauga, TX 76148 817-702-6600

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