

TARRANT COUNTY

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Public Hearing on Tarrant County Commissioners Court Precinct Redistricting

According to the 2010 U.S. Census data, the four Tarrant County Commissioner precincts are not of sufficiently equal population and must be redrawn in order to comply with the "one-person, one-vote" principle established by the U.S. Constitution. The Tarrant County Commissioners Court is considering new boundaries for its four commissioner precincts and wants to hear from you.

A public hearing on the Illustrative Commissioner Precinct Plan will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 17, in the Commissioners Courtroom on the fifth floor of the County Administration Building at 100 E. Weatherford Street in downtown Fort Worth.

The Illustrative Plan is available for public inspection during normal business hours on the fifth floor of the County Administration Building and all subcourthouses beginning Monday, August 8.

Southwest
6551 Granbury Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

Northeast
645 Grapevine Highway
Hurst, Texas 76054

**Tarrant County Miller Avenue
Government Center**
3500 Miller Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76119

Southlake Town Hall
1400 Main Street
Southlake, Texas 76092

Arlington
700 East Abram Street
Arlington, Texas 76010

Northwest
6713 Telephone Road
Lake Worth, Texas 76135

Mansfield
1100 East Broad Street
Mansfield, Texas 76063

The Illustrative Plan and other information about the County's redistricting process also is available on the County's website at www.tarrantcounty.com. You may also call 817-884-2535, if you have any questions.

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 County Judge Tom Vandergriff, who gave outstanding public service and leadership to 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 – The 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 "for their efforts in preserving and collecting the history of Tarrant County."

Nominations are being accepted now through September 9. Send requests for nomination forms to: jqvest@verizon.net. Please state you are requesting a nomination form for the award you would like to submit. For more info, call 817-565-4050.

Back to School Roundup to provide low-income children with school supplies

Since 2005, the Back to School Roundup (a countywide collaboration) has provided low-income children with essential school supplies, a backpack, vision and dental screenings, a fresh haircut and immunizations, if needed. Tarrant County students who will be entering Pre-K through 12th grades in the upcoming school year and who also qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program are eligible to participate in the Roundup.

A day long event that is held before the start of each school year, the Roundup is a fun, family event that helps children prepare for and get excited about attending school. Roundup 2011 will be held on Wednesday, August 10, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Amon G. Carter Exhibit Hall in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum. Families also will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of community resources and Tarrant County social services agencies will be available to share information.

Pre-registration is required, guaranteeing each child the supplies and enabling families to spend more time to take advantage of the wealth of opportunities and services available at the Roundup. Pre-registration ends August 5th. You can call 2-1-1 for a list of the pre-registration sites or go to the website at <http://backtoschoolroundup.org>.

Donations needed

The 2011 Back to School Roundup needs donations to fulfill its goal to serve 12,000 children this year. Twenty-five dollars will provide one child with school supplies, backpack, health screenings, and a haircut. Back to School Roundup is a 501(c)3 organization and is coordinated entirely by volunteers. One hundred percent of funds raised go directly to help the children who need it most. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information on donating, go to <http://backtoschoolroundup.org>.