

PRECINCT ONE NEWS

Roy Charles Brooks Tarrant County Commissioner

MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER ROY CHARLES BROOKS

Greetings Friends & Neighbors,

It is an honor to serve as your County Commissioner of Tarrant County Precinct One. As your elected representative on the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, it is my duty to keep our diverse population informed and involved in our county government.

Precinct One boundaries span from the Southwest corner of the county, beginning west of Benbrook, following Fort Worth neighborhoods to north of Arlington then south toward Everman, Forest Hill, Town of Edgecliff Village, Crowley, and Burleson. Precinct One combines urban and rural communities along with economic and cultural diversity.

With such an expansive region, I am committed to engaging with community members to learn about and address issues that are important to them. As with any successful endeavor, I have set priorities that will add to the quality of life for all of us:

- expansion of access to healthcare, including mental and behavioral healthcare for all residents of Tarrant County;
- criminal justice reform;
- a focus on addressing generational poverty by strengthening early childhood development programs.

These are only a few of the many projects which will support the county's vision for a healthy, safe, and sustainable community. As you know, I am accessible to you – the citizens of Tarrant County Precinct One on <u>all</u> issues pertaining to our community. Your views and opinions are important to me.

Thank you for your continued support of our activities in Tarrant County Precinct One. If you are interested in submitting an article, please email <u>pct1@tarrantcounty.com</u>. We would love to share your event or news with our readers.

May God continue to bless the work of your hands.

Sincerely,

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6TH ANNUAL PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING EVENT





On Feb 15th over 500 men and their families converged at the Moncrief Cancer Center for the 6th Annual Healthy Lives Matter Prostate Cancer Screening Event. This event has become a staple in the community over the years as Commissioner Brooks seeks to educate men and the women who love them on prostate health and the importance of early detection. It was a record breaking year for the event seeing 405 men receiving a PSA screening and over 700 men preregistering.

It was standing room only during the education workshop portion of the event. Commissioner Brooks and Steve Eagar encouraged the men to take control of their health by changing their eating habits and getting screened yearly and at an earlier age if they have any family history of prostate cancer. Former Texas Rangers pitcher Jose Guzman encouraged the men to get

tested as well. The PSA results showed 10% of the men tested had elevated PSA's and were provided additional support and resources. The message of early detection is clearly spreading throughout Tarrant and surrounding counties.

This year's event included a live cooking demonstration facilitated by the Moncrief Diagnostician Department with the help of TCU School of Nursing volunteers preparing the samples. The sweet potato chili, and black bean brownies were a hit! Special thanks to the TCU School of Nursing and Tarrant County College Trinity River Campus Nursing program for providing volunteers the day of the event. Without their help the event would not have been as successful as it was.

Thanks to our partners United Health Care, Cigna, Aetna, Texas Health Aetna, JPS, Baylor Scott & White, Moncrief Cancer Institute, LabCorp, The Texas Rangers Baseball Club, NFL Alumni Association, Wheels for Wellness, and Tarrant County Public Health for their continued partnership and support. Because of their generosity we were able to provide this valuable life saving service to the men and families of Tarrant County for free. Things are looking up for the Healthy Lives Matter Initiative. Be on the lookout for our 5th Annual Healthy Lives Matter Alzheimer's Caregiver Symposium coming in mid-August. We will see you next year for the 7th Annual Prostate Cancer Education and Screening Event!



TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Tarrant County Precinct One Field Operations maintains over 190 miles of unincorporated roads and partners with our seven municipalities and three school districts through interlocal agreements to repair the city streets.

SNAPSHOT OF FY2019/2020 First Quarter

October 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

County Roads

22 County Road Projects scheduled totaling 7.8 miles of road maintenance.

Interlocal Agreements (ILA)

Nine (9) ILAs scheduled in the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year.

Culvert and Drainage

Completed 30 Installations.

Crack sealing

Completed 2 Projects.

<u>Right of Way (ROW) Mowing</u> 190 Miles of Unincorporated Road, completing 258 Tasks.

<u>Signs</u>

Maintenance and oversite of 2,433 Signs (782 Installed, repaired, replaced and inspected signs and 140 supports).

Administrative Team

Responsible for our record keeping and reporting requirements. Completed over 1,254 Tasks.

Equipment Maintenance

Responsible for the maintenance or our equipment.

Complex Maintenance

Responsible for the building and ground maintenance.

The Precinct One Field Operations take great pride in serving our Community.



800 E. Rendon Crowley Road Burleson, Texas 76028 817-615-4050

Alzheimer's Community Forum Alzheimer's disease, dementia and memory loss

Thursday, March 19, 2020 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Tarrant County Public Health

1101 S. Main St. | Fort Worth, TX 76104

Learn about Alzheimer's disease, dementia and memory loss. Share your thoughts about how we can help people in your community.

> Guest speaker: Mary Quiceno, MD, FAAN Board Certified Neurologist

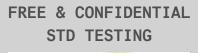
Dinner will be provided. Registration is requested. Call 800.272.3900 or visit alznct.news/FWCF

> Event presented in partnership with Commissioner Roy C. Brooks



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March 24, 2020 LVT RISE 8201 Calmont Avenue Fort Worth, TX 76116 10 AM - 2 PM

March 26, 2020

TCC South Campus Bldg. SACC, RM 1331A 5301 Campus Drive Fort Worth, TX 76119 10 AM - 2 PM

Every Friday in March

Resource Connection Bldg. 2300, Maple Room 2300 Circle Drive Fort Worth, TX 76119 9 AM - Noon

1 in 2 Sexually active young people by the age of 25 get an STD and don't know it.

GET TESTED!

Questions? Want to learn more? Call: (817) 321-4800 Email: <u>Ikbrown2@tarrantcounty.com</u>

Tarrant County Public Health Accountability, Quality, Innovation.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR 2019 TAXES?

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is a free income tax preparation program for low-to-moderate income individuals and or families. Volunteers work to assist clients with filing their yearly tax return but also help to ensure tax credits are reported such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit.

VITA volunteers work each tax season from mid-January to the end of April.

Locate a site near you by calling the United Way Helpline at 2-1-1 or by visiting <u>MyMoneyDFW.com</u>.

For more info or to see sites across Tarrant County please click <u>HERE</u>.

VITA FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION INS CERTIFIED PROFESSIONALS • ELECTRONIC FILING • FINANCIAL EDUCATION TRAINING



Benefiting the anti-violence programs of The Women's Center Questions? 817.927.4006 or info@vovfw.org

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SPRING BREAK ACTIVITES



Spring Break in the Stockyards



Dinos at the Fort Worth Museum of Science & History



Art Extravaganza at Kimbell Museum of Art



Spring Break at The Modern



Spring Break at the Carter



Water Color Workshop at Sid Richardson Museum



<u>Scavenger Hunt at National Cowgirl</u> <u>Museum - Lasso the West!</u>

A health and lifestyle expo event for boomers, seniors and caregivers!





FREE • EXPO

Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley and Cigna invite you to the 2020 Senior Synergy Expo. Come learn about the services available in Tarrant County that will empower boomers, seniors and caregivers to live a healthier lifestyle.

FREE: Admission

Health Screenings
Workshops
Parking
Lunch*

Thursday, May 7, 2020

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

REGISTER

LOCATION

To attend the EXPO, register today at: <u>www.seniorsynergyexpo.com</u> 817-884-1234 Will Rogers – Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall 3400 Burnett-Tandy Drive

*Must register before April 24th to guarantee lunch.

VETERAN BENEFIT FAIR

If you are a veteran, don't leave your benefits on the table!

CLC, Inc. in partnership with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will host a Veteran Benefit Fair highlighting agencies specifically here to help Veterans -

- Register for healthcare benefits
- Speak to someone that can assist you in filing your disability claim
- Get information about education entitlements
- Understand land and housing discounts and incentives
- Talk to those who care about your mental health and well-being
- Start your own business or purchase a franchise
-and much more!

WHEN: April 14, 2020

TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

QUESTIONS: (817) 569-9008

LOCATION: IAMAW - 7705 Clifford Street Fort Worth, TX 76108 Enter the NW door facing Lockheed Martin / Main Hall CLC, Inc.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

CORONA VIRUS TESTING CAPABILITY



Tarrant County Public Health

Tarrant County now has testing capability for COVID-19. On March 5, 2020, Tarrant County Public Health announced that their health lab now has the capability to test for COVID-19. Tarrant County joins other labs across the state who now have local testing capability, including Dallas, Houston, El Paso and Lubbock.

"We want to reassure the public that Tarrant County residents will now have access to COVID-19 testing at our public health lab," said Tarrant

County Public Health Director Vinny Taneja. "Although availability is limited at this time, we will be working with our medical community to ensure the test is available for people who meet the case definition for COVID-19 testing," he said.

Until now, local health departments were sending samples to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for testing, which could take up to a week for results. Tarrant County Public Health will now be able to test for the novel coronavirus with same day or next day results. Tarrant County has received 800 test kits from the CDC and more are on the way. Taneja expects the TCPH lab will be able to process 50 to 100 tests per day by next week.

There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Tarrant County.

The COVID-19 virus causes respiratory illness with fever and cough and may lead to bronchitis and severe pneumonia. Symptoms are similar to the flu and include runny nose, headache, cough, sore throat, fever and a general feeling of being unwell. It is similar to the SARS and MERS Coronaviruses. This is more common in people with cardiopulmonary disease and weakened immune systems.

You can follow Tarrant County Public Health





GOODWILL'S E-SQUARED PROGRAM

Do you want to get your high school diploma and earn a paycheck at the same time? The E-Squared program provides:

- High school equivalency preparation courses taught by a state-certified FWISD instructor
- Paid work experience funded by Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County
- Individualized mentoring and coaching
- Life and job readiness
 courses
- Connections to further employment and education opportunities

AGES: 16-24 TRAINING HOURS:

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM WORK HOURS:

Monday-Friday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

ENROLLMENT: Now Enrolling!

For more information or questions for this program, contact: Fort Worth Campus 4005 Campus Drive Fort Worth, TX 76119 Phone: (817) 332-7866 Email: e2@goodwillfw.org

Arlington Campus 600 Matlock Centre Circle Arlington, TX 76015 Phone: (682) 808-5450 Email: e2@goodwillfw.org



THE 2020 CENSUS IS HERE!

By now, you should have seen information about the Census arriving in your mailbox.

The first piece of information should have arrived mid-March followed by a reminder letter later in the month.

This year, the Census can be answered online, which is a first. It can also be answered on the phone or the old-fashioned way by mailing in your responses.

WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT?

The Census aims to count every single person in the United States. The count, which happens every 10 years, impacts federal funding, the number of Congressional seats for each state, redistricting, economic development and quality of life.

The Census is secure

It's also important to remember that the Census Bureau is safe and secure. By law, it is illegal for the Census Bureau to share your information with other government agencies.

THE CENSUS WILL NEVER ASK FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Personal identification numbers
- Credit card/bank account information
- Monetary donations
- Politically-affiliated contributions

SOME OF THE INFORMATION THE CENSUS BUREAU WILL ASK INCLUDES:

- The number of people at specific residence on April 1, 2020
- The type of dwelling
- The phone number at the residence
- The name, sex, date of birth, origin and race of each person living at the residence

2020 CENSUS TIMELINE:

- March 12-20: Letter with info to take survey online
- March 16-24: Reminder letter to all housing units
- March 26-April3: Postcard to non-respondents
- April: Letter plus questionnaire to non-respondents
- April: "It's not too late" postcard
- May-July: Enumerators visit non-responsive residents



WATCH FOR CENSUS INFORMATION IN YOUR MAILBOX IN MARCH. Your information is SAFE and CONFIDENTIAL>

It is illegal for the U.S. Census Bureau to share census information. <u>www.census.tarrantcounty.com</u> Customer Information Center - (800) 923-8282 To receive 2020 Census updates, text TarrantCounts to 69310.





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EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CONFERENCE & EXPO APRIL 18, 2020

LOOKING FOR VENDORS AND WORKSHOP PRESENTERS. TO COMPLETE A FORM, PLEASE GO TO TPHFW.ORG/EDUVENDOR. VENDOR SPACES ARE FREE OF CHARGE BUT LIMITED SPACE.





•	March 14	<u>TRWD Flyfest</u>
•	March 14	<u>Graffiti Art Festival</u>
•	March 14-15…	<u>Funky Finds Spring Fling</u>
•	March 21	Hispanic Women's Network of Texas - Salsa Cook Off
•	March 21	
•	March 25	
•	March 26	2020 Spring Symposium Dementia: Current Trends and Future Directions
•	March 27	
•	March 28	Girls Soar! Aviation Days at C.R. Smith Museum
•	March 30	Cesar Chavez Day - County Offices Closed
•	March 31	
•	April 1st	Presbyterian Night Shelter's Meet, Eat and Discover
•	April 11	<u>Hope Center for Autism: Rally in the Fort</u>
•	April 4	<u>Crowley Easter Egg Hunt</u>
•	April 10	Good Friday - County Offices Closed
•	April 16	<u>Project Goodwill</u>
•	April 18	
•	April 25	<u>More than Pink Walk</u>
•	April 25	
•	April 29	
•	May 2	<u>Small Business Workshop</u>
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•	May 6	<u>Sid Richardson Museum Tea & Talk</u>
•	May 25	



ROY CHARLES BROOKS Commissioner Precinct One

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Miller Avenue Administrative Bldg. 3500 Miller Avenue Fort Worth, TX 76119 Phone: (817) 531-5600

Southwest Sub-Courthouse 6551 Granbury Road Fort Worth, TX 76133 Phone: (817) 370-4500

Maintenance Facility 800 E Rendon-Crowley Road Burleson, TX 76028

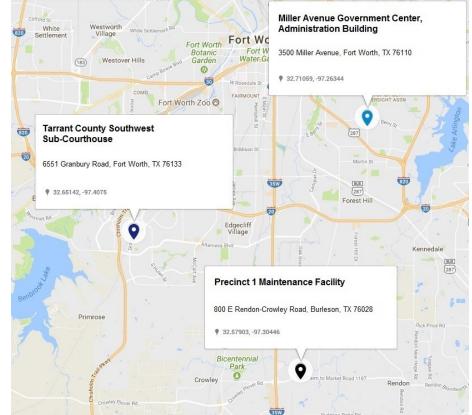
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