



Northeast Newsletter

Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes - Precinct 3

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**Stay Home,
Stay Safe**

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

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This month's newsletter is a detour from our usual; rightfully so. We have all had a detour of some sort over the past month thanks to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic. While everyone navigates their own situations, whether that is being on the frontline responding to the virus or balancing work while caring for loved ones at home, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Please rest assured this time from normal is keeping our community safe, and most importantly, keeping us all healthy.

Tarrant County is eagerly working to maintain the health and safety of our residents locally and across the Metroplex. Please know that if you ever have any questions or need information, my office is available to assist you.

Allow me to express a most sincere "thank you" for the medical professionals and first responders who are compromising their very safety to ensure that you and I have access to quality medical treatment. Our hospitals, clinics and their staffs are heroes in this valiant fight.

I also want to share my appreciation for the positive comments as so many of you have reached out and thanked us for Tarrant County Public Health's vital role in keeping you posted in a timely manner. You can count on Tarrant County to keep you updated with the most current information on COVID-19. This is a rapidly changing situation that demands a swift response and a willingness to be flexible in the best interest of our community.

To the most vulnerable members of our community - Senior Citizens and those with underlying issues - you are the most susceptible to this virus. While I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to stay well and stay home, I also want you to know that Tarrant County and

Precinct 3, as always, are here for you. If you have a need that you are unable to access, please contact my office at **(817) 248-6295**, and we will help connect you with the requested resources. It is important to stay safe and take care during this emergency.

Tarrant County remains compassionate to the sacrifices everyone is making to keep our community healthy and thriving.

You may access the Tarrant County Coronavirus Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The hotline provides answers for general community questions and concerns:

Tarrant County Coronavirus Hotline - (817) 248-6299

Although we can't offer face-to-face service at this time, most Tarrant County offices are still available to you via telephone, email and online. Please see page 2 for the Northeast Tarrant County office contact information. We have also included small business assistance programs (page 3), employer and employee helpful information (page 4), and community assistance and resources information (page 5).

We have also created a fun page for you (page 6). Enjoy taking a virtual tour of museums or watch live webcams of aquariums and animals. There is something enjoyable for all ages.



Gary Fickes

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
INFORMATION PAGE**

HOTLINE 817-248-6299

STOP THE SPREAD



TAKE PROTECTIVE MEASURES



STAY HOME STAY SAFE



PROTECT THOSE MOST AT RISK



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Northeast Tarrant County Online

Commissioner Gary Fickes, Precinct 3817-581-3600
gfickes@tarrantcounty.com

Constables, Precinct 3817-581-3610
• We are here to take your call.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3817-581-3625 or 817-481-8112
• Civil Case Filings -E-file
• Pay Criminal Citations - jpfines.com
<http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-3>

Passport Acceptance Facility

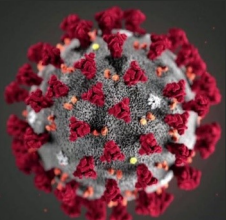
• View information and links to the Department of State website by going to:
<http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/county-clerk/administration/passport-information.html>

Tarrant County Clerk817-884-1195

- [Purchase copies of land records](#)
- [Purchase certified copies of birth, death or marriage records](#)
- [Pay criminal misdemeanor fines](#)
- [Obtain applications and forms](#)
- [View posted foreclosures](#)
- [Attorney Ad Litem payments](#)
- [Public notices](#)
- [Secure Attorney Access](#)
- [Search Assumed Names and Marriage](#)

Tarrant County Tax817-884-1100

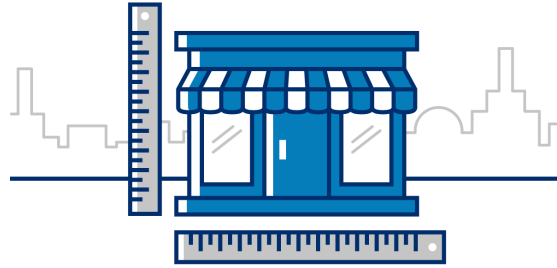
- We will process transactions by mail if possible and are available by phone and email.
- Information is available on our website at <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/tax.html>
- Vehicle Registrations can be completed at www.texas.gov
- Property Tax Payments at <https://taxonline.tarrantcounty.com/etax> or Pay by Phone - calling 817-884-1110



[Tarrant County Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) Information Page](#)

[Tarrant County COVID-19 Updates; County Declarations and Orders](#)

Small Business Association



Disaster Assistance Options

About Disaster Loans

The U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) provides low-interest, long-term disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters to repair or replace uninsured/underinsured disaster damaged property. SBA disaster loans offer an affordable way for individuals and businesses to recover from declared disasters.

The Texas Disaster Declaration has been issued. If you are in need of assistance, now is the time to apply!

TEXAS Declaration #16381 (Disaster: TX-00544) Incident: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Updates and tips for applicants of the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program:

- The SBA is trying to expedite the process, so the 4506-T (Tax Release Authorization form) is waived on an application, for now, on loans less than \$500,000. However, private non-profit firms still must turn in a 4506-T form.
- You will have a 12-month loan deferral period. (Even though that is not on the Fact Sheet)
- Collateral is still required for loans higher than \$25,000.
- Don't lose your username and passcode, because if you do, then you will have to start the application again.
- Your application number is pertinent when calling in for the status of the loan or for additional information. Ask for their Case Manager and then you can be routed to their Loan Officer.

COVID-19 ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN APPLICATION (Streamlined Process)

[SBA Disaster Loan Program site](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources](#)

[SBA Disaster Loan Fact Sheet](#)

Collecting data online is the best way to get your application to the SBA. If, however, you are unable to provide portions of the required information online, you may use one of the following methods to deliver documents to the SBA. Please understand that this will increase the processing time for your application.

For Coronavirus Disasters Declared within the 50 US States OR US Territory Disasters in American Samoa, Guam, or The Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Mail completed document(s) to: U.S. Small Business Administration
Processing & Disbursement Center
Attn: ELA Mail Department
P.O. Box 156119
Fort Worth, TX 76155

Email completed document(s) to: disasterloans@sba.gov (Any information you send to SBA via email is sent via an unsecured email link. Due to the nature of the Internet, it is possible that unsecured email could be intercepted by third parties.

For further questions, you can contact the SBA Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955. In addition, you can contact Cynthia Harnest, Business Advisor for the Tarrant Small Business Development Center in North Richland Hills at 817-515-2608 or cynthia.harnest@tccd.edu for more information as well. They are open and you can set appointments with their staff and they offer telephone consultations or online meetings for help with your application process.

Assistance for Employers / Employees

Providing Expanded Family and Medical Leave to Employees Affected by COVID-19 Online Dialogue [Participate in the FFCRA dialogue](#)

[Families First Coronavirus Response Act Guidance](#)

[Fact Sheet for Employers](#)

[Fact Sheet for Employees](#)

[Questions & Answers](#)

U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) provides additional information on common issues employers and employees face when responding to COVID-19, and its effects on wages and hours worked under the Fair Labor Standards Act and job-protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic>.

For more information about the laws enforced by the WHD, call 866-4US-WAGE, or visit <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd>.

For further information about COVID-19, please visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

[JAN COVID-19 Blog](#)

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) published a blog on "The ADA and Managing Reasonable Accommodation Requests from Employees with Disabilities in Response to COVID-19." The blog provides Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance assistance and practical strategies for employers on accommodating individuals with disabilities during the COVID-19 public health situation.

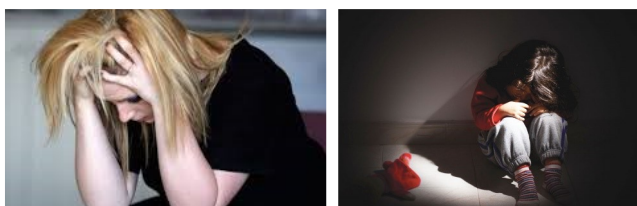
REPORT CHILD ABUSE and DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The American Academy of Pediatrics Advises Parents Experiencing Stress over COVID-19

"The Academy acknowledges the financial, emotional and other stresses that parents face as the number of coronavirus cases rise and many families spend long periods of time isolated at home. Research has found that when families are stressed, children are at an increased risk of being abused."

[Read more](#)

Ref: American Academy of Pediatrics



[SafeHaven of Tarrant County](#)

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please call SafeHaven's **24-Hour emergency hotline at 877-701-7233**

[Alliance for Children](#)

Texas State Law requires that ANYONE "having cause to believe that a child's physical, mental health or welfare has been or may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect" MUST report the cause immediately. Failure to report child abuse is a misdemeanor punishable by law. Texas Family Code, Chapter 261.

**You can make a report by calling
1.800.252.5400**

Or you can make a report online at
www.txabusehotline.org

If you feel that a child is in immediate danger, call 911.

Information and Resources for Northeast Tarrant

Community News Outlets:

[Community Impact News \(Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake\)](#)
[Community Impact News \(Keller, Roanoke, NE Fort Worth\)](#)
[Fort Worth Star-Telegram](#)

Information from Community Partners:

[Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County](#)
[Fort Worth Business Assistance Center](#)
[Atmos Energy](#)
[Oncor](#)
[Tarrant County College \(TCCD\)](#)
[DFW International Airport](#)
[Trinity Metro](#)

Northeast Tarrant School Districts:

[Birdville ISD](#)
[Fort Worth ISD](#)
[Grapevine Colleyville ISD](#)
[HEB ISD](#)
[Keller ISD](#)
[Northwest ISD](#)
[Carroll ISD](#)
[Westlake Academy](#)

Area Chambers of Commerce:

[Arlington Chamber](#)
[Colleyville Chamber](#)
[Fort Worth Chamber](#)
[Grapevine Chamber](#)
[HEB Chamber](#)
[Keller Chamber](#)
[Metroport Chamber](#)
[Northeast Tarrant Chamber](#)
[Southlake Chamber](#)

Healthcare Partners:

[JPS Health Network Coronavirus Helpline](#) 817-920-7000
 (Available 24/7)
[MHMR \(My Health My Resources\) Tarrant County](#)
[Baylor Scott & White COVID-19 Questionnaire](#)
[Texas Health Coronavirus Nurse Hotline](#) 682-236-7601
 (Available 24/7)
[Cook Children's COVID-19 Information](#)
[The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth](#)

Community Resources & Volunteer Opportunities:

[6Stones](#)
[ACH Child & Family Services](#)
[Alliance for Children](#)
[Catholic Charities Fort Worth](#)
[Christ's Haven for Children](#)
[Community Enrichment Center](#)
[Community Storehouse](#)
[The Gatehouse](#)
[GRACE](#)
[Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County](#)
[Metroport Meals on Wheels](#)
[Mid Cities Care Corps](#)
[Mission Central](#)
[North Texas SNAP](#)
[One Safe Place](#)
[SafeHaven of Tarrant County](#)
[Salvation Army DFW](#)
[Sixty and Better](#)
[Tarrant Area Food Bank](#)
[Tarrant County Homeless Coalition](#)
[United Way of Tarrant County](#)
[Veterans Coalition of Tarrant County](#)
[The Women's Center of Tarrant County](#)

Homelessness: For those in need of **Community Resources call 211**. If you are experiencing homelessness, or are at risk call **817-996-8800** or click this link to fill out an [online helpline form](#).

Tarrant Area Food Bank Mobile Pantry Schedule: www.tafb.org

Child Care: [The Best Place for Kids!](#) At this time, the **FIND! Child Care tool is intended to serve working parents employed at essential businesses during the Tarrant County community response to the COVID-19 emergency.**

Mental Health: For those dealing with mental health issues during the COVID-19 pandemic, call the MHMR (My Health My Resources) **ICare call center at 817-335-3022** or for the hearing impaired use the **TTY_TDD numbers at 817-569-4488**.

IRS Federal Income Tax Filing Deadline Extended from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. Taxpayers can also defer federal income tax payments due on April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020, without penalties and interest regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Sites Service Suspended Until Further Notice A top priority for us is ensuring we are protecting those most at risk, including our volunteers and taxpayers. We will continue to assess whether we can open again in some or all Tax-Aide sites now that the tax filing deadline has been postponed to July 15, 2020. Check this web page periodically or call 1-888-227-7669 for updates.

[Search for Programs in Tarrant County](#)

[United Way of Tarrant County](#) - 211
[Tarrant Cares](#)

www.auntbertha.com -
 The Social Care Network



Thank you for doing your part in preventing the spread of Covid-19. This is a challenge for everyone, and together, we'll get through it. In the meantime, please click on the images below to enjoy a virtual tour of your favorite attractions.

There is a virtual world full of fun and adventure online!



Click on links and follow instructions to see video. Please note, you may be asked to allow adobe flash to view. For the links that open to Google Arts & Culture 360° Videos, scroll down to find the one you want to watch. Enjoy!



National Gallery

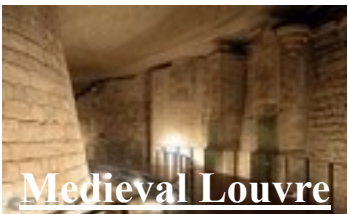
Art from all angles, art museums, space, dinosaurs:
<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/360-videos>

Art Collections:
<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en>

Video-call Grandkids integrating children's books and activities
[Video-Calls Kids Love - Caribu](#)



**Georgia Aquarium
Beluga Whale Webcam**



Medieval Louvre

Houston Zoo Webcams
Live feed from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
<https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/>

Virtual Field Trips for Kids - Spring 2020
<https://www.weareteachers.com/best-virtual-field-trips/>



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Dinosaur**

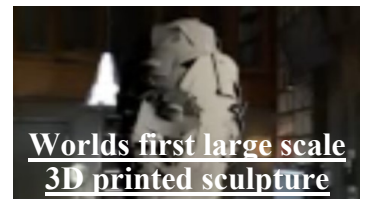


Egyptian Antiquities

The Cliburn Music
<https://www.facebook.com/thecliburn/>

Streaming Concerts
<https://www.facebook.com/streamingconcerts/>

Bocelli's "Music for Hope" Easter Concert will livestream Sunday, April 12 at 12 p.m. CT over on the iconic musician's YouTube channel.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huTUOek4LgU&feature=youtu.be>



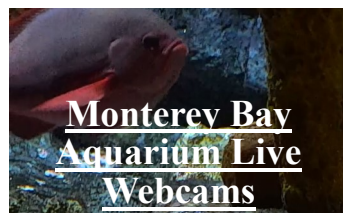
**Worlds first large scale
3D printed sculpture**



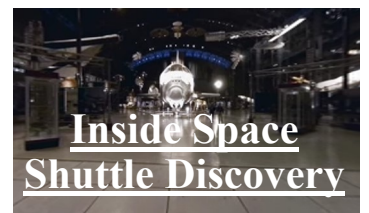
Petite Galerie



**BOSTON
CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM**



**Monterey Bay
Aquarium Live
Webcams**



**Inside Space
Shuttle Discovery**



Orion Nebula



**Queen Victoria's
Durbar Room -
Osborne House**



**Rhomaleosaurus
Sea Dragon**



National Parks

United States Census 2020 Update



Even though the County, the State, and the Nation are working to meet the challenge of the coronavirus pandemic, one of the most important civic duties that all Americans must do every decade is upon us: The 2020 Census. Every ten years, every resident in the United States is counted.

This count is incredibly important: the Census determines state apportionment of seats in the US Congress, representation in the Texas Legisla-

ture, and billions of dollars in federal appropriations for everything from healthcare funding to transportation dollars.

As of April 7, 2020, Tarrant County had a 46.9% response rate. The County's response rate is well ahead of the State's (40.4%) and the nation (45.1%). The better count in Tarrant County will mean that our citizens will be properly represented and receive the federal funds that our community should get.

It's not too late to take the Census. If you haven't yet taken the 2020 Census, please go online to my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020. The 2020 Census is available online, by phone and by mail.



Northest Community Stakeholders met on Friday, March 6, 2020 at the Northeast Courthouse to collaborate on educating the community about the importance of the 2020 Census. (This was held prior to the request for social distancing.)

Locations In Northeast Tarrant County

Health Clinics

Gertrude Tarpley JPS Health Center .. 817-514-5036
6601 Watauga Road, Watauga 76148

JPS Medical Home Northeast Tarrant 817-702-1100
3200 W. Euless Boulevard, Euless 76040

School-Based Clinics

Birdville 817-547-3046
8200 O'Brian Way, N. Richland Hills 76180

Birdville 817-759-2035
2807 Layton Avenue, Haltom City 76117

Grapevine/Colleyville 817-251-5751
3050 Timberline Drive, Grapevine 76051

HEB 817- 399-3500
3115 W. Pipeline Road #B, Euless TX 76040

Georgia Kidwell - HEB 817-399-3366

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