



Northeast Newsletter

Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes - Precinct 3

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Holiday Edition (Condensed)

December 2019

A SPECIAL HOLIDAY

COFFEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER

Friday, December 13, 2019

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Start your day with us!

Northeast Courthouse
645 Grapevine Hwy.
Hurst, Texas 76054

Join us in the
Community
Room



SAVE THE DATE

Tarrant Transportation Summit

Friday,
February 14, 2020



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COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

December 24 & 25
Christmas Holiday

New Years Day
January 1



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

It seems like Christmas arrives earlier and earlier each year. Most of our cities in Northeast Tarrant have already had their celebrations and tree lightings in preparation, and we hope you were able to participate in some of them! We invite you to join us this Friday, December 13, for our special Christmas Coffee with the Commissioner from 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. in the community room downstairs at the Tarrant County Northeast Courthouse. Join us for coffee, conversation and special holiday treats!

Since the season promises time together with friends and family, there are several things you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu. Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) offers many tips and updates on how you can fight the disease. Please wash your hands regularly, stay at home if sick, and consider a flu vaccination especially if you are vulnerable to getting sick. View more information from [TCPH - Stop the Flu](#).

Our office is gearing up for the 11th Annual Tarrant Transportation Summit to be held on Friday, February 14 at the Hurst Conference Center. Since the event has become one of the largest transportation summits of its kind in our region, we are taking it countywide and have changed the name to the Tarrant Transportation

Summit. This year's event will explore the "marriage" between innovation and transportation and how this high-powered pair is shaping the future of mobility initiatives throughout North Texas. Topics will include the integration of 5G into the transportation network, the proposed AllianceTexas Mobility Innovation Zone, the growth and transit options (beyond rail) for all of Tarrant County, and more! For event information and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.netransportationsummit.com or call 817.248.6295.

The holidays offer a time for us to be thankful for many blessings. In turn, there are numerous people who are in need of the most basic necessities and services that some of us take for granted. Please keep in mind our area agencies and organizations who serve in many capacities this season.

Tarrant County offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices will also be closed on Wednesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. I wish you and your family a blessed Christmas season and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Gary Fickes



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TARRANT COUNTY

THE HEART OF
TRANSPORTATION
INNOVATION



SAVE THE DATE!
Friday, February 14, 2020

One of the largest transportation summits in Texas has a new look!

Tarrant Transportation Summit

*Addressing transportation challenges and changes across Tarrant County,
the State of Texas, and the United States, as a whole.*

Discussions on:

- What is shaping the future of mobility initiatives today?
- The Integration of 5G into the transportation network
- AllianceTexas Mobility Innovation Zone
- Growth of transit options—beyond rail
- ... and much more!



Commissioner Gary Fickes
Tarrant County
Precinct 3





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Area Assistance Programs

2-1-1 Help

www.unitedwaytarrant.org/2-1-1

2-1-1 or 877-541-7905

6Stones

www.6stones.org

817-868-7400

Catholic Charities - Fort Worth

www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org

817-534-0814

Center for Transforming Lives

www.transforminglives.org

817-332-6191

Community Action Partners

www.fortworthtexas.gov/cap

817-392-5720

Community Enrichment Center

www.cechope.org

817-281-1164

Community Food Bank

www.food-bank.org

817-924-3333

Community Storehouse

www.communitystorehouse.org

817-431-3340

DFW Toys for Tots

www.dfwtoysfortots.org

214-330-2828

Fort Worth Hope Center

www.fwhope.org

817-451-6288

GRACE

www.gracegrapevine.org

817-488-7009

HIM Center

www.himcenter.org

817-453-3663

Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County

www.mealsonwheels.org

817-336-0912

Metroport Meals on Wheels

www.metroportmow.org

817-491-1141

Mid-Cities Care Corps

www.midcitiescarecorps.org

817-282-0531

Mission Central

www.missioncentraltx.org

817-595-0011

NEED

www.need-tarrant.com

817-280-0286

SafeHaven

www.safehavenc.org

1-877-701-7233

Samaritan House

www.samaritanhouse.org

817-332-6410

Tarrant Area Food Bank

www.tafb.org

817-857-7100

Tarrant Cares

www.tarrantcares.org

The Christmas Wish Project

www.christmaswishproject.com

817-925-3264

The Gatehouse

www.gatehousegrapevine.com

817-912-0317

The Salvation Army

www.salvationarmydfw.org

817-624-3111

Union Gospel Mission

www.ugm-tc.org

817-339-2553



Precinct 3 Maintenance Center News December 2019



This past year has been a record-setting year for work completed in Precinct 3, which has resulted in more cost savings than ever before. In FY 2019 (October 2018 – September 2019), we completed 38 Interlocal Projects (rehabilitation and /or resurfacing) in 10 different cities (Bedford, Colleyville, Euless, Fort Worth, Grapevine, Haslet, Hurst, Keller, Southlake, and Watauga). We also constructed a US 287 frontage road extension and ramp relocation for TxDOT and the Northwest Independent School District. All projects were completed on schedule and within the estimated budgets. Our partnerships with the cities this past year yielded an estimated savings of \$3.34 million for the cities in construction costs.

Additionally, we completed roadway projects (rehabilitation and/or resurfacing) on 14 county roadways within unincorporated Precinct 3, including the construction of a new segment of Wagley

Robertson Road east of US 287.

Roadway improvements and/or needed maintenance was also provided within four historic cemeteries.

Other county roadways received localized base repairs, crack seal, and spot seals as preventative maintenance measures to protect and extend the life of the existing pavement. Overall we closed out the fiscal year and achieved all of the objectives we had planned - another successful busy year.

Work is already well underway in FY 2020. Since October, we have completed three rehabilitation projects, and three asphalt overlays in Colleyville. We are scheduled to start projects for Westlake, Grapevine and the Birdville Independent School District this month, and Southlake in January. Currently, we are finishing up our last mowing cycle for the year, trimming back trees in the right-of-ways, cleaning ditches and culverts, and making localized roadway repairs on the county roadways.

FY 2020 is shaping up to be another busy year. So far, we have 59 requested Interlocal roadway projects. We are estimating cost, preparing agreements, and scheduling construction located throughout 13 cities within Precinct 3 for construction in FY 2020. Overall, our county roadways are in good condition and we only have four rehabilitation/resurfacing projects planned for the next year (Wagley Robertson, Harmon, Avondale Haslet, and

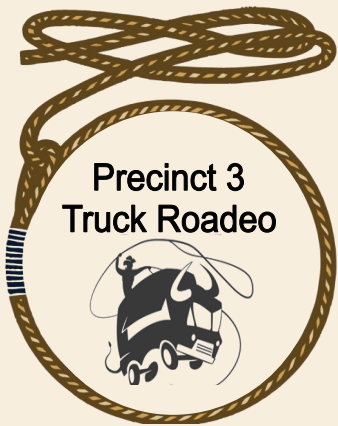
Maxwell) as well as routine and preventive maintenance activities.

Quality workmanship, timely construction, good stewardship, citizen response, and partnering with our cities are some of the areas we strive to excel in serving the public. However, no value is more important to us than safety – both of our employees and the traveling public. We continue to discuss, train, and emphasize safety on every project, every day and in everything we do. On November 15th, we held our annual “Truck Rodeo.” For this event, our equipment operators practice maneuvering dump trucks through several obstacle courses that mimic driving and construction situations to develop further and improve their driving, backing, and communication skills. The event concluded with a competition for the top driver, awards and lunch.

As always, your safety and the safety of our crews are of the utmost importance. When encountering any roadway construction or maintenance, please be patient, drive slowly through the construction area, and be keenly aware of the equipment and personnel working around you. Remember, they are working on the roads to make all of our commutes safer.

*Article courtesy of Richard Schiller,
Director of Field Operations,
Precinct 3 Maintenance Center*

Congratulations to the TOP 3 “TRUCK ROADEO” WINNERS!



Pictured from left: Anthony Jaramillo, Assistant Director, Field Operations; **James Mercado (1st Place Winner)**; Jack Roach (2nd Place Winner); Bernard Jackson, (3rd Place Winner); Richard Schiller, Director Field Operations, Precinct 3 Maintenance Center.



We are grateful for our many blessings this year. Wishing you the Happiest of Holidays and all the Best in the New Year!



Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit



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