



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



Spring is by far my favorite time of year! With all the rain we received in the fall and winter, spring has definitely sprung across the state, and the wildflowers are in full bloom! I encourage you to take a weekend drive to view the beauty of Texas during this season.

Tarrant County is a vibrant community to live, work and raise a family. Let's do all we can to improve the quality of life for our families by improving the chances for healthy babies. Grab your family, friends, and neighbors, and head out to Panther Island Pavilion **Saturday, April 13th at 8:30 a.m.** for the **2019 March of Dimes' MARCH FOR BABIES!** Tarrant County joins with the March of Dimes to fight for the health of all moms and babies. Join the Tarrant County Team by making a minimum \$25 donation and receive a free Tarrant County Team T-shirt, or donate \$50 and receive a Team T-shirt and a Tarrant County Umbrella ([See page 4](#)). Each donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$2000. Enjoy a morning walk with others in our community by registering or donating [here](#). You may also call my office for more information at (817) 581-3600.

Join the Tarrant County Elections Department on **Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m.** at the Northeast Tarrant County Courthouse Community Room for a Town Hall Meeting to discuss voting centers across Tarrant County. These proposed voting centers will allow voters the flexibility to participate at any polling location on election day, also reducing costs and the number of election facilities across the county. For more information, please call our office at (817) 581-3600.

April is National Volunteer Month. We

are so fortunate to have a community of active citizens that assist us with our many events and functions each year. Thank you to everyone who helps to make Empowering Seniors, the Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit, our United Way fundraiser, and other special events such a success! We would not be able to give back the way we do without the service of our fabulous VOLUNTEERS! Thank you!

Several upcoming events for you to note. Join Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley on **Thursday, May 9th for Senior Synergy** at Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth. More information can be found at www.tarrantcounty.com. Our 2019 United Way fundraiser will be held at the Northeast Courthouse on **Friday, June 14th**. Join us for a BBQ lunch, networking and overall fun! Also, save the date for the **11th Annual Empowering Seniors event to be held on Friday, October 4th** at the same location, now known as CrossCity Church in Euless. More information on these events will be provided in future e-blasts and newsletters.

Enjoy this issue of the Northeast Newsletter and find more information on the new Precinct 2 Commissioner Devan Allen, an Economic Development update on the Grapevine Main Station, a highlight on Cook Children's, information on the upcoming May 4th Joint General and Special Elections, senior news, and a transportation update.

I will be hosting Coffee with the Commissioner **this Friday, April 12th starting at 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m.** in my office at the Northeast Courthouse. Join my staff and me for coffee and conversation with others in our community. Everyone is welcome to stop by!

Gary Fickes

We'll see you Friday! COFFEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER Friday, April 12, 2019

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

Start your day with us!

Northeast Courthouse

Commissioner's Office

645 Grapevine Hwy., Ste. 200
Hurst, Texas 76054



Saturday, April 13th

Join the
Tarrant County Team!

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April is National
Donate Life Month

Register today to be an
organ, eye and tissue donor.

[Donate Life Texas](#)



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Question of the Month

Question: Which president never lived in the White House?

(Answer on page 6)



The Quote of the Month - "It used to be said that there were three questions neither prudent nor polite to ask of a stranger in Texas—or, for that matter, in any frontier country of the West or Southwest "Why did you leave home?" "Where do you come from?" "Where did you get your horse?"
— J. Frank Dobie





**Commissioner
Devan Allen**



**Tarrant County
Precinct 2**

Commissioner Devan Allen, Tarrant County Commissioner for Precinct 2, has spent nearly her entire adult life in public service. In fact, she's known for her passion for public service, her diplomacy, and her proven track record of successfully connecting people to resources.

She may be new on the Commissioner's Court, but she's not new to government or leadership. Devan has served as a District Director in both the Texas Senate and House, and most recently as Campaign Manager for State Representative Chris Turner. She also served as Council Aide to Fort Worth Mayor Pro Tem, and as Senior Director of External Affairs for the University of Texas at Arlington.

In addition to her accomplishments in

public service, Devan is Founder and Principal of Allen Realty Advisors.

Her years of advocacy has lead Devan to serve on multiple boards, commissions, and with non-profit organizations including the Day Resource Center, Chair of the Arlington Community Relations Commission, inspirED Advisory Committee, New Leaders Council Advisory Board, Women Inspiring Philanthropy, and she's a founding member of BRIDGE Young Professionals. In 2015, *Fort Worth CEO Magazine* named her one of their 20 Women to Watch in Business.

Growing up as the youngest child of incarcerated parents and experiencing homelessness at a young age, Devan never conceived that her path would lead to becoming an entrepreneur or an advocate for others. At the heart of her success is her core belief that success is attainable if one is willing to work diligently to achieve it. What matters most, regardless of the issue, is treating people well and valuing their priorities.

Commissioner Allen resides in Arlington with her husband, Mark, a Commercial Real Estate Broker and Principal of Allen Multifamily Advisors with Colliers International.

On a more personal note -

What do you do for fun? *I love to read, watch documentaries (huge NOVA fan), cook and spend time with friends and family.*

Favorite Movie? *Home Alone*

Favorite Restaurant? *Anywhere with great customer service and good company.*

Favorite vacation spot? *No particular favorites. I love being outdoors so destinations with bodies of water or mountains. I also enjoy attending sporting games, so any destination with any of those options works for me!*

Last book read? *"Stuff Every American Should Know" by Denise Kiernan and Joseph D'Agnes. It's a short but good read!*

People would be surprised to know ... *I served as an Emergency Medical Technician for three, and a half years and while it wasn't fun being with others during perhaps some of the scariest or worst times of their lives, the work was extremely rewarding, and I enjoyed serving the community in such a unique way.*

**NORTHEAST TARRANT COUNTY
JUVENILE SERVICES**



Tarrant County Juvenile Services operates under the authority of the Tarrant County Juvenile Board, which has designated the 323rd State District Court to serve as the Juvenile Court.

Youth who are placed on probation in the community under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court have a range of community and home-based programs and services available to them. For juveniles to utilize these services, the department has established several satellite probation offices throughout Tarrant County, one of which is currently near the Northeast Courthouse.

The Northeast Field Probation Office originally moved into the Northeast Sub-Courthouse in 2000. Partnering with the

Commissioner's office, as well as other departments within the courthouse, was a great experience for our staff. The probation office was relocated during the construction of the new courthouse and is expected to move back into the Northeast Courthouse the latter part of 2019. We are very excited about the opportunity Commissioner Fickes and his staff have provided to make this a reality.

Juvenile Services Mission, Vision, and Core Values provide direction and focus for the Northeast Team. We demonstrate this by providing the following services to our youth and families in the northeast community. Our services consist of gender-specific programming; interstate and inter-

-county transfers for youth moving out of the county or state; family counseling; mentoring; substance abuse treatment, and case management with a focus on trauma-informed practices. Community partnerships allow us to provide the opportunity for the programming mentioned above in the northeast section of Tarrant County.

It is and has always been an honor to office in the area where we serve the community. We are thankful and appreciate all the support throughout our partnership with the Northeast Community.

*Article courtesy of David VanHook,
NE Region Supervisor,
Tarrant County Juvenile Services*

SAVE THE DATE
Senior Synergy Expo 2019
Thursday, May 9, 2019
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Health & Lifestyle Expo
For Boomers, Seniors & Caregivers
www.TarrantCounty.com

**Click here to
Register to Attend**

Will Rogers Amon G. Carter Jr.
Exhibits Hall
3400 Burnett-Tandy Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76196

10th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit



With over 550 attendees, 49 sponsors, 7 chambers and 4 outstanding workshop sessions, NTTTS 2019 was a resounding success!

Thank you to our speakers and moderators!

Ambassador Ron Kirk, Texas Central Railway, Investor; Mayor Jeff Williams, City of Arlington; Johan Petterson, P.E., CFM - Vice President North Texas Division, Dannenbaum Engineering; Steven Duong - Associate Vice President of Design + Planning, AECOM; Chris Miller - Public Policy Manager, JUMP; Vineet Jain - Head of New Business Development and Strategy, drive.ai; Robert Hinkle - Director of Corporate Affairs, NTE Mobility Partners; Jack O'Banion - Vice President, Strategy and Customer Requirements for Advanced Development Programs, Lockheed Martin; Matthew Holvey - Manager, Innovation Operations, Bell; Chad Makovsky - Executive Vice President of Operations, DFW International Airport; Alan Greer - Senior Vice President, Freese and Nichols, Inc.; Holly Reed - Managing Director, External Affairs, Texas Central Railway; Russell Laughlin - Executive Vice President, Hillwood; Bill Meadows - Chair of the Board of Directors, DFW International Airport and Chairman Emeritus, HUB International Insurance Services; Michael Morris - Director of Transportation, NCTCOG; Faye Beaulieu - Senior Vice President of Community Investment, United Way of Tarrant County; Judge B. Glen Whitley, Tarrant County; Paul Harrell, *Fort Worth Business Press*



Mayor Jeff Williams, Arlington; Commissioner Gary Fickes, Tarrant County; Ambassador Ron Kirk, Texas Central Railway Investor



The crowd enjoys visiting exhibitor booths and continental breakfast

Thank you to our partnering Chambers of Commerce!

Colleyville Area Chamber of Commerce, Grapevine Chamber of Commerce, HEB Chamber of Commerce, The Greater Keller Chamber of Commerce, Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Metroport Chamber of Commerce, Southlake Chamber of Commerce

Special Thanks To

City of Hurst & Hurst Conference Center, *Fort Worth Business Press*, Highland Landscaping, Event Volunteers, Tarrant County IT, Tarrant County Graphics Department, Tarrant County Precinct 3 Maintenance Department, Tarrant County Precinct 3 Constables, Cooksey Communications



Bill Meadows and Michael Morris, Panel Members for "A Fistful of Dollars (And Where Did It All Go?)

Thank you to our Sponsors!



Bedford Colleyville Euless Grapevine Haslet Hurst Keller North Richland Hills Richland Hills Southlake Trophy Club Westlake



MARCH FOR BABIES

Join Team Tarrant County and March for Babies!

Saturday, April 13, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.

Panther Island Pavilion
395 Purcey Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 [Map](#)

Tarrant County joins with the March of Dimes to Fight for the Health of ALL Moms and Babies. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors, and head out to Panther Island Pavilion for the 2019 March of Dimes MARCH FOR BABIES!

Tarrant County is a vibrant community to live, work and raise a family. Let's do all we can to improve the quality of life for our families by improving the chances for healthy babies.

Here are some startling statistics: Premature birth rates are on the rise and prematurity is the leading cause of infant mortality:

- 1 in 10 babies are born too soon
- The United States preterm birth rate is 9.8%
- Texas preterm birth rate is 10.4%
- Tarrant County preterm birth rate is 9.7%

Among the developed nations in the world, the United States ranks 131st of 184...far too low!

- Maternal death rates are on the rise
- 700 women died in childbirth this year in the United States
- 50,000 women suffer life-threatening compli-

Join the Tarrant County Team by making a donation of:

\$25 - Receives a Tarrant County Team T-Shirt **OR** **\$50** - Receives a Tarrant County T-Shirt **PLUS** a nice quality Tarrant County Umbrella! (Pictured here)

Each donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$2,000.00!

[Click here to Join or Donate TODAY!](#)



Join us...
Friday, June 14th
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DOOR PRIZES!
Tickets \$1 each
or 6 for \$5.00

for our special United Way Fundraiser Summer Fun Backyard Barbecue! Relax on the patio, or in the nice cool community room!



Barbecue Brisket Sandwich or Smoked Turkey Sandwich
Cole Slaw
Beans

A delicious meal for only \$10.00

Dessert - Summer Berry Cake & a Nice Tall Glass of Iced Tea or Water

Did we mention there are **DOOR PRIZES?**

By the way...



Precinct 3 Summer Fun Backyard Barbecue
Northeast Courthouse, 645 Grapevine Hwy., Hurst - Community Room

Lots and lots of **DOOR PRIZES!**

Food sponsored by **Tarrant County's Credit Union**

Benefiting: United Way

Welcome to our new series "Northeast Tarrant County Cities" where we'll share information about one of the cities located in Precinct 3 in each newsletter. It's impossible to share everything on one page that makes a city great, but we hope to scratch the surface on what makes each city a great place to live, work and play.

Northeast Tarrant County is home to 16 municipalities in one of the most urbanized regions in the State of Texas. Commissioner Fickes, along with Tarrant County, partners with many entities, including our cities. With these partnerships, our communities continue to thrive via road projects, economic development, public health services, public safety, and emergency management.



Near Double Springs, the "Village" of Keller began with the news that the Texas Pacific Railroad would extend north of Fort Worth. Keller was settled in the early 1850s and received its name at the urging of a Texas Pacific Railroad official, honoring John C. Keller, a foreman on the railroad after the site became a stop on the railroad line. By 1882, the settlement, formerly known as Athol, became present-day Keller.

Located in the heart of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, from Keller, Texas you have easy access to primary business and activity centers. The city itself offers extensive amenities, including parks, miles of hike and bike trails along meandering creeks, and in-line hockey, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and baseball fields.

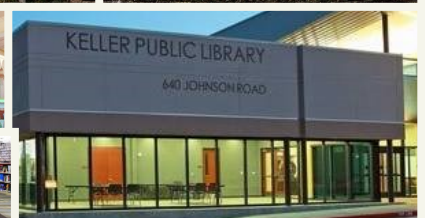
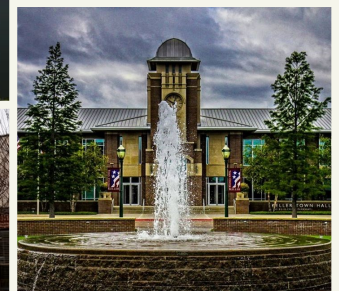
As with most cities, the library is a popular attraction for all ages with preschool and toddler storytime programs, and a summer reading club for older children. Other special events are offered throughout the year, as well as having an expansive collection of print and digital materials to be enjoyed.

Keller ISD is the primary school district within the City of Keller. It serves nine area cities with many campuses, including high schools, intermediate schools, middle schools, and elementary schools. Twenty of KISD's schools are ranked Exemplary or Recognized by the Texas Education Agency. Also, there are 20 major universities found within a 60-mile radius of Keller, including Texas Christian University, The University of North Texas, The University of Texas at Arlington, The University of Texas at Dallas and Southern Methodist University.

Thanks to the great work of the Keller Police Department, Keller consistently ranks among the safest cities in the country based on their low Part 1 crime rates.

The Keller Fire Department is divided into four divisions to provide efficient and effective service to the Operations, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, and Fire Prevention. Having the majority of the firefighters certified as both firefighters and paramedics provides the highest level of emergency medical service for the community. The fire department's mission is to break the chain of circumstances, stop a fire before it happens, and provide fire safety education programs.

New residential development is expanding within the city in all directions. Keller today is energetic, diverse, and growing toward its bright future. We hope you'll visit soon!



Physical Address: 1100 Bear Creek Parkway, Keller TX 76248
Mailing Address: PO Box 770, Keller TX 76244
817-743-4000

- Animal Services & Adoptions817-743-4719
- Human Resources817-743-4040
- Library817-743-4830
- Parks & Recreation817-743-4050
- Senior Activities Center817-743-4370
- The Keller Pointe Recreation & Aquatic Facility.....817-743-4386
- **Emergency** **9-1-1**
- Police Non-Emergency 24-Hour Dispatch817-743-4522
- Police Department817-743-4500
- Fire Department817-743-4000



<https://www.cityofkeller.com/home>

Economic Development Grapevine Main Station

Opening in early 2020



It all started with TEXRail, a commuter rail line which was a combined vision of the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, city leaders, and Grapevine’s citizenry. Now a reality, the City of Grapevine welcomes TEXRail to their new Grapevine Main Station. TEXRail will reduce traffic congestion and allow Grapevine residents and visitors to let someone else do the driving so they can relax and experience all that Grapevine has to offer.

Modeled after a turn-of-the-century rail station, Grapevine Main, located at the intersection of Main Street and Dallas Road in Historic Downtown Grapevine, is a \$105 million public/private sector transit-oriented development project.

The 42,000 square-foot, five-story rail station will feature architecture reminiscent of 19th-century grand rail stations of America and will contain modern amenities, market, entertainment and food hall experiences, meeting space,

offices and community event space. When guests enter the Harvest Hall in the rail station, they will be greeted by majestic 40-foot ceilings with windows that reach from the floor to the ceiling where patrons of the main bar area can see the train pull into the station. The hall will also feature a unique combination of kiosks, as well as dining and beverage options.

Also included in the complex is Hotel Vin, a six-story, 120-room boutique hotel, with space for retail and food, and a 38,000 square-foot expansive outdoor Plaza that will include a substantial water feature, public art displays and will facilitate large public events like festivals and parades, all supported by a 552-space parking garage.

Some Convention & Visitors Bureau offices will be housed there as well.

On a side note, for those who love the unique experience on authentic 1920’s

Victorian coaches, the current train station will continue to serve the Grapevine Vintage Railroad.

Enhancements and alterations to the Dallas Road Corridor will be incorporated by the City of Grapevine to accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicular access to Grapevine Main.

The TEXRail Corridor from downtown Fort Worth into the north entrance of DFW Airport is one of the highest priority commuter rail corridors in the Metroplex due to the growing demand for travel capacity, according to the North Central Texas Council of Government’s Mobility Plans.

Tremendous economic growth is anticipated around the station area which will benefit the entire Grapevine community.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.grapevinemain.com/>
<https://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/>

Question of the Month

Question: Which president never lived in the White House?

Answer: *George Washington.* When Washington took the oath of office in 1789, there was not yet a capital city or a permanent residence for the chief executive. Washington lobbied to make Washington the capital (conveniently, he lived just across the Potomac River in Virginia) and hired James Hoban to design a home for the president. The house was not completed until 1800, three years after Washington retired and one year after his death.



Award-Winning 11th Annual

EMPOWERING Seniors

AGES 50 PLUS

Save the Date!

Friday, October 4, 2019

Health and Lifestyle Expo for Caregivers, Boomers and Seniors



CookChildren's®

Center for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Led by Cook Children's



About 30 percent of U.S. adults report being a victim of childhood physical, sexual, or emotional abuse which, without early support and treatment, leaves potentially serious lifelong impacts on health and life potential. While many of us are familiar with more common tragedies of abuse and neglect, such as fractures, drug exposure, or fatalities, science is revealing that even common health problems can be tied back to early childhood trauma. In fact, issues like asthma, academic problems, and developmental delays can stem from neglect or high stress environments where families struggle with substance use disorder, mental illness, or intimate partner violence.

As part of Cook Children's Promise to improve the health of every child in our region, The Center for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect is dedicated to every child in our community having a safe and loving family which is essential for a bright childhood and future. The Center works with community experts and multi-disciplinary professionals to shape education, new interventions, and policies to move upstream to keep children and families safe and help break the cycle of trauma. The Center believes the best way to protect families is to catch early warning signs and support caregivers before things progress to a breaking point. Research shows that supporting families with safety, treatment, and peer support is key, which

often begins with someone noticing a child is in trouble - and speaking up.

Highlights of current work include training front-line professionals to recognize early signs of abuse and collaboratively working with city and county leaders to reduce the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) that result in abuse, neglect, and long-term poor quality of life. The Center believes this work will help us continue to make our region the best place to raise a family.

For more information, please contact Anu Partap, MD, MPH Center Director, at anu.partap@cookchildrens.org

Article courtesy of Anu Partap, MD, MPH Center Director, Cook Children's



There are many volunteer opportunities near you!

- Non-profits
- Churches
- Homeless Shelters
- Senior Living Centers
- Senior Centers
- Summer Camps
- Women's Shelters
- Transportation for Seniors
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Art Galleries
- Child Care Centers
- Food Banks
- Cities
- Airports
- Special Events
- Counties
- Libraries



ELECTIONS



JOINT GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION

Early Voting - April 22, 2019 to April 30, 2019

[Early Voting by Personal Appearance Days, Hours, and Locations](#)

Election Day - May 4, 2019

[Interactive Voter Lookup, Search for voters, polling locations and sample ballots](#)

Additional information at <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections.html>

Alzheimer's Community Forum

Alzheimer's disease, dementia and memory loss

May 16, 2019
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Northeast Courthouse
Community Room
645 Grapevine Hwy., Hurst TX

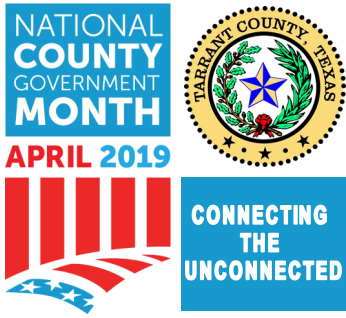
Learn about Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss. Bring a friend who has been affected by the disease. Share your thoughts about how we can help people in your community.

Seating is limited.

For reservations, please call 817-581-3600

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ABOUT COUNTY GOVERNMENT



National County Government Month (NCGM), held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. The National Association of Counties (NACo) strengthens America’s 3,069 county governments, including nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. NACo’s Vision: Healthy, safe and vibrant counties across America. NACo’s Mission: Strengthen America’s Counties.

Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to:

- **Advocate for county priorities in federal and state policymaking.** Tarrant County’s Assistant County Administrator for Governmental Affairs is primarily responsible for representing Tarrant County interests before state legislative committees during sessions of the Texas Legislature and interim periods. He acts as a liaison to the Tarrant County Commissioners Court on all legislative issues and maintains ongoing contacts with the local Tarrant County legislative delegation. He is responsible for keeping county

departments abreast of legislative actions affecting county operations.

- **Promote exemplary county policies and practices.** Tarrant County strives to maximize operational efficiency and productivity through streamlined policies and processes, enhanced communication and targeted application of technologies.

- **Nurture leadership skills and expand knowledge networks.** Through leadership, policy administration, and strategic partnerships, Tarrant County promotes a culture of wellness, diversity and professional growth to its employees while providing Tarrant County citizens a qualified and high performing workforce.

- **Optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings.** Tarrant County’s Vision is to be financially responsible with County resources and efficient in service delivery. We commit to a culture of innovation, excellence, and transparency while providing the highest level of customer service to Tarrant County residents and businesses.

- **Enrich the public’s understanding of county government.** Tarrant County’s Mission is to work collaboratively with our external and internal stakeholders to improve the satisfaction of the residents and businesses of Tarrant County through the effective and efficient provision of services. The county offers a user-friendly interactive website full of information about each department within the county. Visit a department that interests you and click on “About Us” to learn more. If you would like to request Commissioner Fickes as a speaker at your event to learn more about the county, please send an inquiry to commissioner3@tarrantcounty.com or call 817-581-3600.



In 1969, Texas counties joined together to improve and promote the value of county government statewide.

The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) is the representative voice for all Texas counties and county officials and, through TAC, counties communicate the county perspective to state officials and the general public. Understanding the way county government works and the value of county services helps state leaders preserve counties’ ability to serve their residents effectively.

This cooperative effort is managed by a Board of county officials, with each county office represented on the Board. This group of local officials, each of whom is currently serving his or her community, establishes policy for TAC. The Board establishes the scope of TAC services and the Association’s budget.

[2019 Texas Association of Counties Board of Directors](#)

The Association’s constitution spells out its purpose:

- To coordinate and augment the efforts of county officials to provide a responsive form of government to the people of Texas;
- To further the interest of local government for the people of Texas; and
- To assist the people and the counties in accomplishing their goals toward meeting the challenges of modern society.
- Through TAC, counties join together to respond to the needs of Texans by finding solutions to challenges faced by all counties. Through TAC, county government’s leaders offer a variety of services that support county officials' work to provide vital services to local residents as efficiently as possible.

To learn more about county government, enjoy one of the videos, or please visit the websites for Tarrant County, The National Association of Counties, and The Texas Association of Counties at:

- <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en.html>
- <https://www.naco.org/>
- <https://www.county.org/>

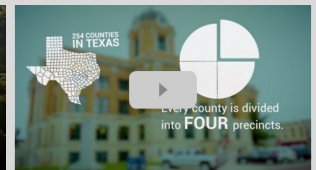
VIDEOS



Counties Deliver Unique Solutions



What’s your County’s Role in Roads, Bridges and Infrastructure?



What is a County Commissioner?



Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads our nation's observance of Older Americans Month, a time to encourage older adults and their communities to:

- Connect with friends, family, and services that support participation;
- Create by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment;
- Contribute time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

Resources to CONNECT

- ◆ Local Resources: The [Eldercare Locator](#) connects older adults and their caregivers with trustworthy resources across the nation.
- ◆ Health Insurance: [State Health Insurance Assistance Programs](#) provide free assistance to Medicare beneficiaries and their families.
- ◆ Bring Generations Together: [Generations United](#) works to support intergenerational collaboration through public policies and programs.
- ◆ Long-Term Care: AoA assists older adults of any age to [plan ahead for a lifetime of care](#).
- ◆ Rights Protection: The [National Center on Elder Abuse](#) helps aging networks decrease elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- ◆ Resident Rights: The [National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care](#) helps residents understand their rights and get help if they need it.
- ◆ Pension Rights: [Pension Help America](#) helps consumers understand and protect retirement security.
- ◆ Veterans: The [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#) offers a range of services, including benefit support and crisis services.

Resources to CREATE



- ◆ Explore the Arts: <https://www.artscouncilnortheast.org/>.
- ◆ Inspire Creativity: <https://www.themakerspot.org/> igniting community creativity.
- ◆ Keep Fit: [Go4Life](#) is a campaign designed to help older adults incorporate physical activity into daily life.
- ◆ Take a Class: The [Lifelong Learning Institute Directory](#) provides a national listing of programs in older adult education or visit <https://www.tccd.edu/academics/cie/lifelong-learning/senior-education/> to see what Tarrant County College Senior Education Program has to offer.
- ◆ Arts Organizations: <https://www.artscouncilnortheast.org/> or the National Endowment for the Arts provides support to [state and regional projects](#).
- ◆ Financial Plan: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau provides [resources for older adults](#) and their families.
- ◆ Eat Healthier: The USDA explains how [healthy eating](#) can encourage a sense of well-being.
- ◆ Activities for Fun: NIA shares the [benefits of participating in activities](#) that promote health and personal enrichment.

Resources to CONTRIBUTE

- ◆ Volunteer: [Create the Good](#) helps older adults find volunteer opportunities that match their particular talents and interests.
- ◆ Work: AARP provides support for older adults who wish to [enter the workforce or change careers](#).
- ◆ Train for Employment: The U.S. Department of Labor provides a [community service employment program](#) for older adults.
- ◆ Agings Programs: ACL posts grant opportunities to [support and expand emerging programs that serve older adults](#).
- ◆ Protect Natural Resources: [Volunteer.gov](#) is an online portal that connects volunteers to projects that match their interests.
- ◆ Teach Children to Read: [Experience Corps](#) screens, trains, and connects people 50+ with children who need help learning to read.
- ◆ Give Back: [Senior Corps](#) volunteers address community needs, including tutoring, mentoring, and disaster relief.
- ◆ Fight Hunger: [Feeding America](#) can put you in touch with the local food banks and meal programs in your area.

TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE - The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), and Tax Consulting for the Elderly (TCE) offer free tax help to people who make generally \$55,000 per year or less. Tax counselors will answer your questions and also assist with the preparation of your 2018 tax forms utilizing IRS-approved, professional computer programs.

- ◆ **What to bring:** [Important Documents to Bring to the Tax-Aide Site](#). When looking for a TCE site, keep in mind that a majority of the TCE sites are operated by the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program.
- ◆ To locate the nearest AARP Tax-Aide site, click on the following link or call 888-687-2277. [AARP TAX-AIDE LOCATOR](#)
- ◆ To locate the nearest VITA or TCE site near you, click on the link below or call 800-906-9887. [Find a VITA or TCE Site Near You](#)

CALENDAR

- Apr 27 Burgers & Bingo
www.haltomcitytx.com
- May 9 Senior Synergy Expo
www.tarrantcounty.com
- Oct 4 Empowering Seniors
www.empoweringseniors.com



Northeast Tarrant County Senior Centers

Bedford Senior Center	(817) 952-2325	www.ci.bedford.tx.us
Colleyville Senior Center	(817) 503-1195	www.colleyville.com
Eules Family Life Sr. Center.....	(817) 685-1670	www.eulesstx.gov
Grapevine Active Adults at the REC	(817) 410-3465	www.gograpevine.com
Halton City Sr. Citizens Center.....	(817) 834-8021	www.haltomcitytx.com
Hurst Sr. Citizens Activities Center	(817) 788-7710	www.ci.hurst.tx.us
Keller Senior Activities Center.....	(817) 431-8727	www.cityofkeller.com
NRH Senior Center	(817) 427-6620	www.nrhtx.com
Richland Hills Sr. Activities Center	(817) 616-3820	www.richlandhills.com
Southlake Senior Activity Center ...	(817) 748-8398	www.ci.southlake.tx.us
Watauga Senior Center	(817) 514-5892	www.ci.watauga.tx.us



Transportation

Northeast Tarrant County

DFW Connector Project

Hotline: 877-411-4212

www.dfwconnector.com



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- NorthGate Constructors has completed the first permanent concrete paving on the northbound SH 121 exit ramp to Bass Pro Dr. and the northbound SH 121 ramp to eastbound I-635.
- The bridge deck and barrier rail is

complete on the new westbound I-635 to northbound SH 121/FM 2499 bridge.

- Crews will shift traffic at the east and west SH 121 intersections at Bass Pro Drive to advance work in the area. The new east half of the Bass Pro Drive bridge is tentatively scheduled to open to traffic this summer.
- Utility, drainage and grading operations continue throughout the project.



Highway 26 TxDOT - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

sh26project.com

www.txdot.gov



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- Construction activity continues on the east side of SH 26 with concrete pavement placement from Hall-Johnson Road to Church Street, driveway construction from John McCain Road to Pleasant Run Creek, and construction of the remaining segments

of the side streets that tie into SH 26 from the east side.

- Storm drain/inlet installation is in progress on the west side of SH 26 at Little Bear Creek bridge and north to Centerpark Drive.
- Project completion is estimated for late 2019.



FM 1938 - Phase II TxDOT - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

www.txdot.gov

Southlake 817-748-8098

www.cityofsouthlake.com

- FM 1938 construction activity on the north end of the project continues with construction of the new southbound lanes from near Brook Forest Drive north to Randol Mill Avenue and the reconstruction of Fawkes Lane connection to FM 1938.

- Traffic has been shifted to the new northbound lanes from just south of Fawkes lane to Randol Mill Avenue.
- Other activity on the north end will include installation of the remaining irrigation, landscaping and lighting.
- On the south end of the project, the screen wall construction on the east side of FM 1938 is progressing with panel placement and other aesthetic elements.
- Project completion is estimated for Summer 2019.



**2019 NATIONAL
WORK ZONE
AWARENESS WEEK**

Drive Like You Work Here

April 8-12 #Orange4Safety

https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/outreach/wz_awareness.htm



Calendar of Events

- Apr 11-14 Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festivalwww.mainstreetartsfest.org
- Apr 12 Coffee with the Commissioner817-581-3600
- Apr 12 Southlake Chamber Annual Golf Shootoutwww.southlakechamber.com
- Apr 12 Colleyville Woman's Club - Lunch with the Girlzwww.c-w-c.org
- Apr 12 SafeHaven - Purple Partywww.safehavenct.org
- Apr 12-14 KellerFestwww.kellerchamber.com
- Apr 13 American Heart Association - Fort Worth Heart Ballwww.ahaftworth.ejoinme.org
- Apr 13 Grapevine Chamber of Commerce Job Fairwww.grapevinechamber.org
- Apr 13 March for Babies Tarrant County.....www.marchforbabies.org
- Apr 13 The Women's Center - Victory Over Violence Walk/Run.....www.vovfw.org
- Apr 15 Tax Day.....
- Apr 15 Grapevine AMBUCS Golf Tournamentwww.grapevineambucs.org
- Apr 17 Arts Council Northeast Shining Stars Luncheonwww.artscouncilnortheast.org
- Apr 18 24th Annual Great Taste of Grapevinewww.grapevinechamber.org
- Apr 19 Good Friday
- Apr 21 Easter
- Apr 22 Earth Day.....www.earthday.org
- Apr 23 Lena Pope: Fiesta de Oro.....www.lenapope.org
- Apr 25 HEB Chamber of Commerce Golf Classicwww.heb.org
- Apr 25 MHMR Visions Opening Doors Dinner.....www.mhmrtarrant.org
- Apr 26 NE Tarrant Chamber of Commerce - Hometown Heroeswww.netarrant.org
- Apr 26-28 Southlake Women's Club Art in the Squarewww.artinthesquare.com
- Apr 27 Richland Hills: Missing Link 5K and 1M Fun Runwww.richlandhills.com
- Apr 27 TCWC Spring Community Garage Salewww.trophyclub.org
- Apr 27 Euless Arbor Daze 2019.....www.arbordaze.org
- Apr 28 Alliance For Children - Annual Chili Cook-Off.....www.allianceforchildren.org
- Apr 29 North Texas SNAP Golf Classic.....www.ntxsnap.org
- Apr 30 NW Metroport Chamber - The Tastewww.northwestmetroportchamber.com
- May 1 Tarrant Area Food Bank – Empty Bowls Luncheonswww.taafb.org
- May 2-5 Mayfest.....www.mayfest.org
- May 4 Roanoke Roundup.....www.roanokeroundup.com
- May 4 Metroport Rotary: 2019 Wine Discovery.....www501auctions.com
- May 7 Keller Rotary Charity Golf Tournament.....www.kellerrotary.golfreg.com
- May 8 1st Annual Business Expo and Fairwww.cowtx.org
- May 9 Senior Synergy Expo.....www.tarrantcounty.com
- May 12 Mother's Day.....
- May 14 Greater Keller Chamber Rising Star Banquetwww.kellerchamber.com
- May 14 Stars in Recovery Luncheonwww.recoverycouncil.org
- May 16 Alzheimer's Community Forum817-581-3600
- May 16 Colleyville Woman's Club Caring with Commitment Celebrationwww.c-w-c.org
- May 16-19 Watauga Festwww.cowtx.org
- May 17-19 Grapevine Main Street Festwww.grapevinetexasusa.com
- May 18 Donate Life Texas 2nd Chance Runwww.2ndchancerun.org
- May 22 Girl Scouts Women of Distinction Fort Worthwww.gs-top.org
- May 27 Memorial Day.....
- May 27 Memorial Day Service at Bluebonnet Hillswww.colleyvillechamber.org
- May 27 Trophy Club Memorial Day Celebrationwww.trophyclub.org
- May 27 Westlake Decoration Daywww.westlake-tx.org
- May 30-Jun 1 City of Haslet - Wild West Festwww.haslet.org
- May 31 Alliance for Children - Sporting Clay Tournament...www.allianceforchildren.org
- Jun 4 HEB Chamber Expo 2019www.heb.org
- Jun 14 Flag Day

EASTER

- Apr 12 City of Hurst - Adaptive Egg Huntwww.hursttx.gov
- Apr 12 City of Bedford - Glow and Go Easter Egg Huntwww.bedfordtx.gov
- Apr 12 The Keller Pointe Electric Egg Huntwww.thekellerpointe.com
- Apr 13 City of Euless Springtime on the Plazawww.eulessstx.gov
- Apr 13 City of Southlake - Easter In The Parkwww.experiencesouthlaketexas.com
- Apr 13 City of Keller - Egg Scramblewww.cityofkeller.com
- Apr 13 City of Hurst – Eggstravaganzawww.hursttx.gov
- Apr 13 City of Richland Hills - Easter Celebrationwww.richlandhills.com
- Apr 13 City of Haslet - Annual Easter Egg Huntwww.haslet.org
- Apr 13 City of North Richland Hills - Easter in the Parkwww.nrhtx.com
- Apr 13 City of Roanoke - Bunny Hop & Huntwww.roanoketexas.com
- Apr 13 City of Colleyville - Bunny Brunchwww.colleyvilleparksandrec.com
- Apr 14 City of Southlake - Miracle Eggstravaganza ...www.experiencesouthlaketexas.com
- Apr 17 City of Watauga - Down on the Farm Bunny Petting Zoowww.cowtx.org
- Apr 20 Town of Trophy Club Eggstravaganzawww.trophyclub.org
- Apr 20 Colleyville Lions Club-Rabbit Hunt & Easter Eventwww.colleyvillelions.com
- Apr 20 Ft. Worth Stockyards-Texas-Sized Easter Egg Hunt www.fortworthstockyards.org
- Apr 20 Town of Trophy Club – EGGstravaganzawww.trophyclub.org

JPS Hospital Clinics 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
3115 W. Pipeline Road #D, Euless TX 76040

For a complete list of Health Clinics and School-Based Clinics log onto: www.jpshealthnet.org

COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

April 19 - Good Friday
May 27 - Memorial Day

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