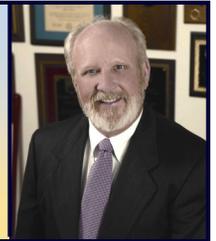




# Northeast Newsletter



Tarrant County - Precinct 3  
"Working together for a better tomorrow"



February 2014

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## Coffee with the Commissioner

Friday, February 14th  
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.



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## SAVE THE DATE!

- NE Transportation Summit Feb 21
- LifeGift Run May 17
- Empowering Seniors Oct 3
- United Way Fundraiser Oct 31



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## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

We're now just two weeks away from our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit on Friday, February 21**, at the Hurst Conference Center, between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This event usually sells out so if you haven't registered yet make sure and call or register online with one of our area chambers listed on the flyer on page 3.

The Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit provides a forum for both residents and businesses to learn more about the DFW Connector and North Tarrant Express projects, their plans and how they will affect economic development, daily commutes and personal quality of life. This year's event will include three morning seminars plus a luncheon featuring Congressman Roger Williams.

The morning sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. with a focus on the "best practices" of surviving road construction by a panel of Northeast Tarrant County city managers who have been heavily impacted by the DFW Connector and North Tarrant Express projects. These city managers include Bruno Rumbelow with the City of Grapevine, Allen Weegar with the City of Hurst and Mark Hindman with the City of North Richland Hills, along with moderator and Economic Development Director for the City of Colleyville, Marty Wieder.

The second seminar will be a panel of highly qualified authorities discussing the future funding of our transportation infrastructure. These include State Senator Kelly Hancock who helps us receive funding; Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley who seeks funding; Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition Executive Director, Vic Suhm, who is an advocate for funding in our region, and our moderator, Russell Laughlin with Hillwood/Alliance who is a major generator of business activity for our entire region. We will learn how they all work together for improved mobility.

Our last seminar will focus on the feasibility and benefits of high-speed rail in Texas with featured speaker Robert Eckels, president of Lone Star High Speed Rail. Judge Eckels was the founding chairman of a coalition of local governments, educational institutions and the private sector working together to bring high-speed rail to Texas. He is a former State Representative and former County Judge of Harris County.

We are indeed pleased to welcome Congressman Roger Williams to deliver our keynote address. In his role on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and owner and operator of his family car business for 40 years, Congressman Williams is uniquely qualified to address what our transportation future means to us through both business and quality of life issues. He continues to play a leadership role in the development of plans regarding the North Texas Region.

Summit attendees will also receive updates from the experts on critical transportation projects affecting our region. In addition to updates on the DFW Connector and North Tarrant Express, many local projects and other regional arterials will be discussed. Projects will also be on display with representatives available to answer individual questions one-on-one.

For information about the event and registration, please visit our website: [www.nettransportationsummit.com](http://www.nettransportationsummit.com) or call my office at 817-581-3600. Please register through any of our area chambers of commerce. You are not required to be a chamber member to register.

Plan to join us this Friday morning, February 14th for a special Valentine's Day *COFFEE with the COMMISSIONER* at our Southlake office from 7:30 to 9:00 am.

*Gary Fickes*



## Question of the Month



**Question:** Who was the first President of the United States to visit Fort Worth and when was he here?

Answer on page 4



**Welcome  
Richard Schiller**  
Director of  
Field Operations  
Precinct 3

Richard Schiller is rejoining the Precinct 3 Maintenance Center as Director of Field Operations in mid-January. Richard is a native of the Bryan/College Station area and earned his degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University, class of 1984. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas. Following graduation, Richard worked for H.B. Zachry as a field engineer on several roadway construction projects. In 1986, he joined the Texas Department of Transportation as a project design engineer where he designed numerous transportation projects throughout Tarrant County. He was promoted to the Assistant Director of Maintenance in 1998. In 2001, Richard left TxDOT and took a position with

Tarrant County, Precinct 3 as Director of Field Operations where he led operations of the maintenance center until 2006. During this time, he helped with the design and construction of the new maintenance facility that replaced the outdated maintenance barn on Precinct Line Road. Shortly after the new center was completed, the wind blew him back to TxDOT where he assumed the responsibilities of the Director of Maintenance for the Fort Worth District. As Director, he was responsible for the budgeting and programming of all the maintenance operations, emergency management, safety, fleet, and the preventative and rehabilitation project selection for the 9 counties within the Fort Worth District. Richard retired from TxDOT in January 2014 and has returned to Tarrant County as Director of Field Operations for Precinct 3.

Richard has been a resident of Colleyville since 1995. He is married to his lovely wife, Melody (class of '85). They will be celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer. They have two sons.

Richard is excited to be back with Tarrant County and looks forward to continuing the partnerships the Precinct Maintenance Center has developed with the communities within Precinct 3.



**On a more personal note -**

**What do you do for fun?** *Anything outdoors. My goal for this year is to train to run a half marathon (or to at least finish).*

**Favorite Restaurant?** *Del Frisco's on special occasions, but always on the lookout for that hole-in-the-wall Mexican place or perfect gas station burger.*

**Favorite Movie?** *So many, but usually can't resist a Coen brother's movie.*

**Favorite vacation spot?** *Fishing, white-water rafting, and hiking in Alaska.*

**People would be surprised to know...** *I dove (scuba) with the sharks in the Bahamas one time on purpose.*



**TARRANT COUNTY  
OBESITY PREVENTION POLICY COUNCIL**

**Troubling Numbers:** In Tarrant County and across the United States health problems resulting from

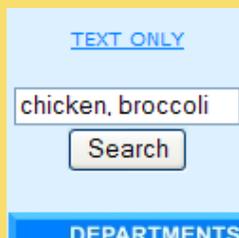
unhealthy eating and limited physical activity are costing the U.S. economy \$117 billion each year according to the Wellness Council of America in 2009. It is estimated that 66% of adults in Tarrant County are either overweight or obese. Children are following the pattern of the adults with an estimated 32% of children aged 2-14 in Tarrant County estimated to be overweight or obese. In addition, less than one third of adults in the United States eat the recommended amounts of fruits and vegetables. These unhealthy behaviors lead to costly and debilitating chronic diseases. Many people talk about these statistics but not everyone considers this data as a "call to action" for lifestyle changes.

In response to these statistics, the Obesity Prevention Policy Council was formed to look at environmental change and policy to help address obesity prevention. The members of the council represent colleges and universities, local government, businesses, health professionals and community

agencies. The council recognizes that education alone is not the answer. The goal is to develop policies that change the environments in the workplace, schools, faith-based organizations and other locations across Tarrant County to facilitate healthy choices and active lifestyles.



**What's for dinner?**



On Tarrant County's website, in the search, enter one or a few of the healthy items you have on hand to cook with and see a choice of recipes and other helpful information!



Want to learn more about the OPPC and how involvement may benefit your business, place of worship or community group? Visit <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/eHealth/site/default.asp> or email [arespinoza@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:arespinoza@tarrantcounty.com). You can become a part of the movement that looks toward the future and is helping to make Tarrant County a place that supports healthy lifestyles.

[www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov)



Article courtesy of Ann Salyer-Coldwell

5th Annual



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**NTTS**

**Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit**

Commissioner Gary Fickes, Tarrant County Precinct 3

**Friday, February 21, 2014 • 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**SEMINARS**

- **Road Warriors** - "Surviving Road Construction"
- **Show Me the Money** - "Future Funding of Transportation Infrastructure"
- **High Speed Rail** - "Texas as a Leader in Private Sector Funding"

**LUNCH**

**Keynote Speaker - Congressman Roger Williams**  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure



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| Bedford              | Colleyville    | Eules     | Grapevine   | Haslet  | Keller   |
| North Richland Hills | Richland Hills | Southlake | Trophy Club | Watauga | Westlake |

**Reservation required: \$25.00 per person**

Please register with one of the following chambers. (You are not required to be a member)

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|--|--|--|
| Colleyville - (817) 488-7148<br><a href="http://www.colleyvillechamber.org">www.colleyvillechamber.org</a> | Hurst-Eules-Bedford - (817) 283-1521<br><a href="http://www.heb.org">www.heb.org</a>           | Northwest Metroport - (817) 837-1000<br><a href="http://www.nwmetroportchamber.org">www.nwmetroportchamber.org</a> |
| Fort Worth Hispanic - (817) 625-5411<br><a href="http://www.fwhcc.org">www.fwhcc.org</a>                   | Keller - (817) 431-2169<br><a href="http://www.kellerchamber.com">www.kellerchamber.com</a>    | Southlake - (817) 481-8200<br><a href="http://www.southlakechamber.com">www.southlakechamber.com</a>               |
| Grapevine - (817) 481-1522<br><a href="http://www.grapevinechamber.org">www.grapevinechamber.org</a>       | Northeast Tarrant - (817) 281-9376<br><a href="http://www.netarrant.org">www.netarrant.org</a> |  |

For information, please visit our website or call 817-581-3600

[www.NETTRANSPORTATIONSUMMIT.com](http://www.NETTRANSPORTATIONSUMMIT.com)





# Northeast Tarrant County

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## Northeast Sub-Courthouse *(Temporary Locations)*

201 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas 76021

## NEW Northeast Courthouse Construction Update

- Installation of the exterior stud framing is taking place and noticeable at the corner of the building nearest Hwy. 26 as well as the south and east sides. *(Photo 1)*
- Mechanical, plumbing and electrical items continue to be installed.
- Exterior wall stud framing will continue around the building with exterior sheathing with the framing of interior walls to follow.
- Brick and stone to follow by mid-March.
- Roofing is scheduled to begin by the middle of February.
- Aerial photo taken 2/5/14. *(Photo 2)*
- Substantial Completion remains scheduled for the middle of December 2014.



**BYRNE**  
Tarrant County  
Northeast Courthouse  
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### Northeast Courthouse Temporary Locations:

[http://www.tarrantcounty.com/ecommissioner/lib/ecommissioner/Temporary\\_Locations.pdf](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/ecommissioner/lib/ecommissioner/Temporary_Locations.pdf)



**Congratulations  
Sammy Teal  
on your retirement!**  
**40+ years of dedicated  
service to Tarrant County!**

**Celebrate with us -**

**Thursday, February 27th**

**1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Northeast Maintenance Center  
7301 Precinct Line Rd., N. Richland Hills, TX**

**For more information, call 817-514-5000**

## Question of the Month

**Question:** Who was the first President of the United States to visit Fort Worth and when was he here?

**Answer:** President Theodore Roosevelt visited Fort Worth on April 8, 1905. He was scheduled to speak at the recently burned T&P Passenger Station, but his platform was moved to the front of the railroad's freight building across the street.



Photographer - C.L. Swartz

**LOCKHEED MARTIN**  **Serving the Nation and the Community**

Eddie Lynch has been on the front end of aviation technology since the 1980s when he joined Lockheed Martin's Aeronautics business in Fort Worth to work on the F-16 Fighting Falcon. Today he is still on the front end – literally – working production on the forward section of the F-35 Lighting II aircraft, the world's most advanced multi-role combat aircraft. Lynch is one of more than 12,500 employees at the company's factory adjacent to the



FWF35 factory: Lockheed Martin's F-35 Lightning II production line in Fort Worth delivered 35 aircraft in 2013, and the number will grow to more than 150 per year this decade.

Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base. The mile-long production line opened in 1943 and has served vital national security needs since then. Lynch's longevity is common among Lockheed Martin employees, and the expertise of experienced veterans will be important as Lockheed Martin prepares to add as many as 2,400 jobs by 2019 to support expanding F-35 production.

"In 2014 we expect to deliver 38 F-35s, and that number will grow to more than 150 aircraft per year by the end of the decade," said Mike Rein, director for F-35 Communications. "We are working with area schools and our unions to help that talent."

The efforts with local schools cover K-12 programs across Tarrant County with a specific emphasis on encouraging interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Through Lockheed Martin's Engineers in the Classroom, 150 volunteer employees reached more than 19,000 students in 2013 through classroom visits with hands-on exercises and factory tours to show how STEM lessons are part of everyday life and the cornerstone of innovation.

"There is a real life purpose to the math



CodeQuest: North Texas high school students work a software coding challenge during Lockheed Martin's annual Code Quest competition.

and science our students study, but it is not always apparent," said Norman Robbins, who leads the company's community outreach initiative. "Our engineers connect those dots and serve as an inspiration."

In addition to education, Lockheed Martin and its employees maintain close ties to programs addressing local community needs, ranging from hunger and homelessness to healthcare. In 2013, the company and employees provided more than \$4 million in grants and donations.

*Article courtesy of Kenneth Ross*



Tarrant County  
**CHALLENGE INC.**

Tarrant County Challenge, Inc. was established in 1984 by a group of concerned citizens to address substance abuse issues in our community. Over the last 29 years, Challenge has become synonymous with advocacy, education and program development in our community's effort to prevent and treat the disease of addiction. Our continued success is a product of our core values and vision; to identify needs, educate the community, mobilize resources, promote collaboration, and advocate for sound public policy. In 2013, Challenge made a difference in our community by;

**Education**

- Provided education and awareness regarding prevention of drug and alcohol abuse to over 30,000 Tarrant County children and young adults as well as providing education and training to over 29,000 families, adults, and professionals regarding prevention, intervention and treatment of addiction.

**Advocacy**

- Created, and published the annual Substance Abuse Information Data bank (SAID) which summarizes Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug trends in the community as tracked by 30 different data sources.

**Action**

- Provided Alcohol and Tobacco intervention classes for youth in our community.
- Implemented social norms campaigns on high school and college campuses to reduce underage drinking and binge drinking among students.

- Recognized youth from area high schools for their servant leadership and empathy towards others through the annual Leo Benavides Awards.
- Administered the Family Drug Court program, which provides intensive services to families involved in the child welfare system who are struggling with addiction.



Substance abuse is dramatically on the rise in our country and in our community, yet funding for effective prevention programming continues to dwindle. Challenge's mission is crucial for the health and well-being of our community. If you are willing to support Challenge, either financially, through volunteerism, or by sharing with others our mission, please consider contacting our office today at 817-336-6617 or via email at [john@tcchallenge.org](mailto:john@tcchallenge.org).

*Article courtesy of John Haenes*



St. John the Apostle



St. John the Apostle School has provided a challenging and engaging PK-8th grade Catholic education in North Richland Hills for 49 years! Besides the excitement of preparing for our 50th



anniversary, St. John School has adopted the motto "Academics, Community, Truth and Service" (ACTS) as our guiding principle in moving the school ahead.

In academics, we offer a "Catholic Education in the Classical Tradition". Our curriculum consists of phonics, Saxon Math, the Jr. Great Books Program, lab



(hands on) science and much more. We have an excellent computer lab and media center while implementing I-Pads into classroom learning. Our fifth grade class has a robotics team that participated in its first competition this year at the First Lego League Qualifier where they performed admirably against seventh and eighth graders from 45 other schools.



Our students are very involved in the community. They visit the nursing homes that are here in our neighborhood and work in the Food Pantry that is run by St. John Catholic Church. The students raise money for many different charities during the year also.

Finally, service to our neighbor is a key element in who we are. We are not here for ourselves. Both parents and students have community service requirements at our school.

Check us out at [www.stjs.org](http://www.stjs.org) or on Facebook! Enrollment for the 2014-15 school year begins February 1.

*Article courtesy of David Dean*



Every fall, we are reminded to 'fall back' as we adjust our clocks back an hour. We say goodbye to summer sun and hello to evenings when the sun sets way too soon. On Sunday, November 3rd, Colleyville's Citizen Historical Preservation Committee hosted "FALL BACK and REMEMBER" at Historic Webb House in Bransford Park. This event recalls a time when Colleyville was rural and the railroad ruled.

"FALL BACK and REMEMBER" featured tours of the home and caboose as well as hot dogs and hamburgers (courtesy of the Colleyville Lions Club at 1912 prices,) Cracker Jacks (a popular treat from that era,) and Oreo Cookies (introduced in 1912.)

## An Historic Moment in Time

*"FALL BACK and REMEMBER" at Webb House in Colleyville*

This historic home, one of Colleyville's oldest, was built in 1914 by John Rueben Webb. The first home was destroyed by fire in 1913 and the new house was built in a few weeks due to the generous help from neighbors and friends. The new home's design was common to the early 20th century in the region. It sits along the Cotton Belt Railroad in what was the community of Bransford, one of many small communities in the area that later became Colleyville. Mr. Webb, a Tennessee native, came to Bransford in 1897. He worked for the Railroad for 44 years and was owner of Bransford's last general store. Members of the Webb Family



**Webb family members (Webb house in the background)**

continued to live in the home until 1979 when the city purchased the home.

The area, now called Bransford Park, is located at Shelton Drive and Bransford Road. This is also home to a bright red caboose donated by Burlington Northern Santa Fe in 2003 and a Texas and Pacific Railroad antique baggage cart donated by Colleyville residents Bobby and Frances Fitzgerald. A Texas Historical Commission Marker about Bransford is located near the caboose.



*Article courtesy of Susan F. Taylor  
Source: City of Colleyville, Colleyville Then and Now*



sponsor and be part of the future of our chamber.

Our first event of the year will be our annual Gala. We will be honoring not

only individuals for their service, but celebrating businesses for their achievements in 2013. The gala will also give us an opportunity to say thank you to a community who supports and values our relationship. Our goal is to continue to be a part of the heartbeat of this community.

Our new year will bring outstanding opportunities. Our Ambassadors are growing in number and bring a positive energy to the Keller Chamber. They

continue to be the "first face" of the chamber for so many of our activities. I am grateful for their unwavering enthusiasm! They have given a whole new meaning to our theme, "Chamber UP"! If you are looking to be truly part of a team that serves and gives back to a community, join our Ambassadors.

This year will also bring a new President for the Greater Keller Chamber of Commerce. Our future is here and get ready to "Chamber Up"!

[www.kellerchamber.com](http://www.kellerchamber.com)

**Greater Keller Chamber of Commerce**  
420 Johnson Road • Keller, TX 76248  
817-431-2169

*Article courtesy of Brenda DeVore*

### Greater Keller Chamber of Commerce News

Purpose and focus are two words that come to mind as I look to 2014 for the Greater Keller Chamber of Commerce. Our goal is to serve our community and what better way to do that than to move forward with activities and events designed to showcase our community. The entire year of events are set with dates and venues! Businesses are stepping up to

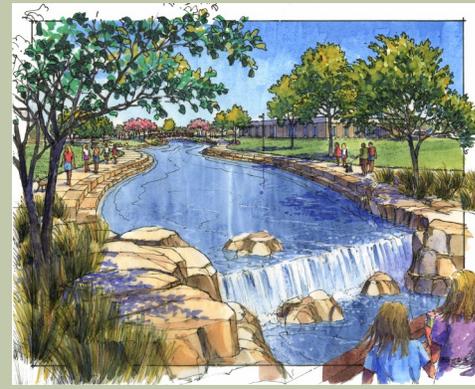
## CITY OF BEDFORD PARKS

City of Bedford officials recognize that the benefits of parks and recreation go beyond the physical, but also positively impact mental health, social function, youth development, environmental awareness, and economic growth. The parks and recreation system brings life, culture, and fun to the city and its neighborhoods.

With this in mind, the Bedford Boys Ranch Park will soon begin a transformation in the summer of 2014. On November 5, 2013, voters approved \$3.2 million for the first phase of the Boys Ranch Master Plan project. Improvements include:

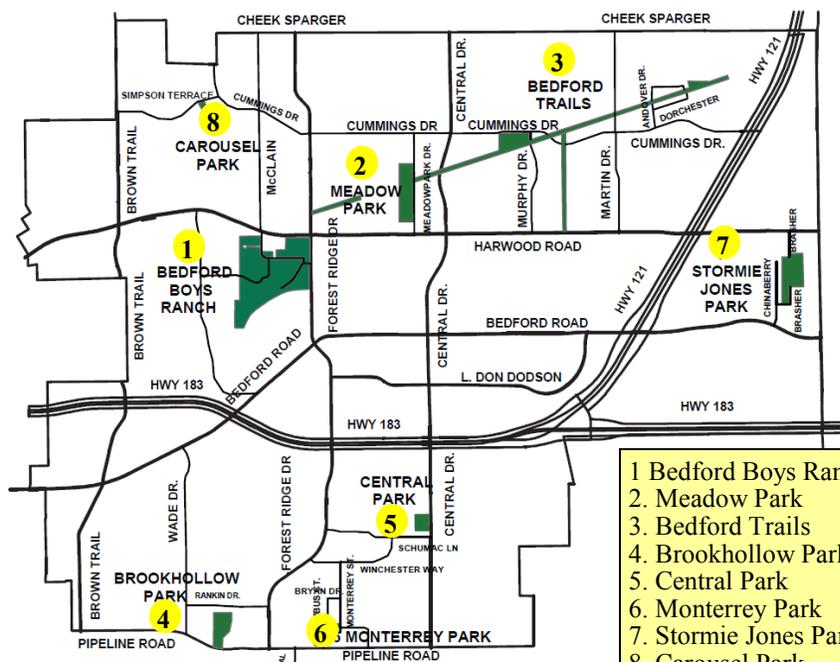
- Dredging, reshaping and improving the Boys Ranch Lake and drainage channel
- Improved trails
- New fishing pier
- Three steel bridges crossing the drainage channel allowing more access in the park
- New pavilions, playground area, and disc (Frisbee) golf course

The Bedford Boys Ranch Master Plan project is just the latest effort in the City of Bedford's continued commitment to provide its citizens with a wide array of recreational opportunities. Over the past year, citizens have witnessed other improvements within the parks and recreation system. In 2013, the City of Bedford opened its first dog park, known as the Bark Park, renovated seven exercise stations along the Bedford Trails, updated several amenities at Bedford Splash, and authorized funding to extend the trail system from Meadow Park to Forest Ridge.



Watercolor Renderings depicting how the Phase I project at the Boys Ranch Park will look when construction is completed.

*Article courtesy of the City of Bedford*



- 1 Bedford Boys Ranch
2. Meadow Park
3. Bedford Trails
4. Brookhollow Park
5. Central Park
6. Monterrey Park
7. Stormie Jones Park
8. Carousel Park

[www.bedfordtx.gov/parks](http://www.bedfordtx.gov/parks)

## SENIOR NEWS

# February is American Heart Month



February is American Heart Month, which is a perfect time to look at the foods you are eating and whether they're heart healthy. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the U.S., reports the Center for Disease Control, and about 715,000 Americans have a heart attack each year, so it pays to be aware.

## 7 Heart Healthy Shopping Tips for Seniors

Eating better is one of the American Heart Association's Simple 7 factors for improved heart health. When you maintain a healthy diet along with regular physical exercise and other good habits, you'll not only feel better, but you'll live longer! Here are some tips on what to eat, what not to eat, and how to succeed when the going gets tough.

### 1. DO Buy colorful fruits and vegetables.

Low in calories, high in vitamins, minerals, and fiber—adults should get at least 5 servings per day.

### 2. DON'T Buy high fat dairy or meat.

Look for skinless cuts of lean meat with the least amount of visible fat. Cuts that say "loin" after them, like sirloin and tenderloin, are often leaner cuts. Ground meats should have less than 20% fat, whether it's chicken, turkey, pork, or beef. Yogurt, milk, cheese, and other dairy products should also be low in fat—2% "reduced fat" or less. The one kind of fat you DO want your loved ones to get plenty of is fatty fish: 2 servings a week of salmon, trout, or other oily fish can help lower the risk of heart disease and increase the body's level of healthy omega-3s.

### 3. DO Buy plenty of nuts and high fiber foods.

Fiber can help lower blood cholesterol, and it keeps you full, which helps you maintain a healthy weight. You can find fiber in fruits, veggies, beans, and whole-grain breads and cereals, as well as in nuts. Almonds and walnuts also have plenty of other valuable nutrients and have been shown in recent studies to have a significant impact on heart health.

### 4. DON'T Buy butter.

A few easy tips to remember: try to eat less than 300 milligrams of cholesterol per day, avoid foods containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, and follow the tips above for consuming lean protein and dairy. Consider replacing butter with a more healthful spread like Smart Balance, Brummel and Brown, Benechol or Promise. Unlike butter, they have healthy fats in them and contain plant sterols which may help lower bad cholesterol.

### 5. DO Read nutrition labels.

Replacing sugary drinks like soda or fruit juice with herbal teas is a great way to eliminate some sugar from your diet, but what about sodium? It's easy for salt to sneak in, especially with prepared foods, so be sure to read the nutrition label. "Most seniors need around 500mg of sodium per meal, or 1500mg per day. A general rule of thumb is that if one serving of any particular item has more than 250 mg of sodium, you may want to search for a product that has less.

### 6. DON'T Avoid frozen or canned fruits and veggies.

Frozen fruits and vegetables are a great substitute for fresh and have most of the same vitamins and minerals in them. Canned fruits and veggies offer similar benefits, though choose unsalted or unsweetened varieties when possible.

### 7. DON'T Rush into major changes.

Eating for heart health can seem overwhelming, but don't get discouraged. Start with small steps, and soon you'll be eating better!

More helpful information from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association at: <http://mylifecheck.heart.org>



**EAT BETTER**

[View Video](#)

## Tax Preparation Assistance Available

AARP (888-687-2277) [www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/)

IRS - VITA Programs [www.irs.gov/Individuals/IRS-Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-Programs](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/IRS-Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-Programs)

### NE Tarrant County VITA Locations:

Community Enrichment Center (817-281-1164) [www.thecec.org/our-services/vita](http://www.thecec.org/our-services/vita)

Grace Grapevine (817-488-7009) [www.gracegrapevine.org/](http://www.gracegrapevine.org/)



## Calendar

2/10 Sweetheart Dance (Bedford Senior Activity Center) <http://www.bedfordtx.gov/senior/files/Calendar0214.pdf>

2/21 Senior Prom (Compass Christian Church) <http://www.colleyville.com/upcomingeventsforseniors.html>

3-15 Health & Wellness Fair (Keller Senior Activities Center) 817-743-4370

3/21 Health & Benefits Fair 2014 (Hurst Senior Citizen's Activities Center) 817-788-7710

3/23 Explore Fort Worth Scavenger Hunt (Benefiting Senior Citizen Services) [www.scstc.org](http://www.scstc.org)



# Transportation

## Northeast Tarrant County

### DFW Connector Project

Hotline: 877-411-4212

[www.dfwconnector.com](http://www.dfwconnector.com)



Sign up for e-alerts!

• The DFW Connector project, including the new project scope at FM 2499, is currently 92 percent complete! NorthGate Constructors expects to reach final completion on the original scope of the project in March 2014.

• Construction crews are currently relocating utilities, installing new drainage pipe and performing dirt work along the new northbound FM 2499 frontage road. At the end of January, bridge crews will begin work on the new FM 2499 bridge over Denton Creek at the north end of the project.

• The project held its second FM 2499 Business Owners' Task Force meeting in January. All FM 2499 business owners and their managers are encouraged to attend to get the most up-to-date information about the project's progress.



### North Tarrant Express

Hotline: 888-683-2015

[www.northtarrantexpress.com](http://www.northtarrantexpress.com)



Sign up for e-alerts!

• North Tarrant Express: Drivers will start to see more openings than closures now. In the first quarter of 2014, project engineers anticipate a number of major cross-streets being fully opened and operational, including Denton Highway 377, Haltom Road, Beach Street, Brown Trail, and Forest Ridge Drive. New off-ramps will open at Haltom

Road, Bedford Road, Westpark Way and Industrial Blvd; new on-ramps will open at Westpark Way and Industrial Blvd.



### I35-W

• I-35W: Work continues north of I-820, with extensive work at the Basswood Blvd. and Western Center Blvd. intersections, and on the direct connectors from I-35W to 287. Bridge beams are being placed across I-35W at the US 287 interchange; new bridge columns are going in near Western Center Blvd. For regular updates on construction activities, please go to [www.NorthTarrantExpress.com](http://www.NorthTarrantExpress.com); lane closures are posted on the Fort Worth page of the NTE Communities section.



### Highway 26

TxDot - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)

• The \$11.4 million SH 26 project from Brumlow Avenue/Pool Road to John McCain Road in Colleyville continues to progress. Ongoing work includes: the installation of concrete pavement in the new northbound lanes, bridge construction over Big Bear Creek and improvements to the SH 26/

Brumlow Avenue intersection.

• Weather permitting, pavement installation for the new northbound lanes is estimated to be complete before spring. Once the concrete pavement is installed, motorists will be shifted to the new northbound lanes so that the southbound lanes can be reconstructed.

• Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during peak driving times. Estimated for completion in 2014, the project is widening the road to three lanes in each direction with raised curb medians and left turn bays.



### FM 1938 - Phase II

TxDot - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)

Southlake 817-748-8098

[www.cityofsouthlake.com](http://www.cityofsouthlake.com)

• The cities of Southlake and Keller began the Water and Sanitary Sewer Relocation for FM 1938 project in January 2014 in preparation for the FM 1938 roadway widening. The contract in the amount of \$1,845,378 was awarded to Wilson Contractor Services. The work began along the west side of FM 1938 between Florence Road and Fawkes Lane

where the contractor is currently installing a 12-inch water line which will serve the residents of Keller. Thanks to the efforts of the Tarrant County staff; all the necessary right of way was obtained prior to commencing construction therefore making it possible to begin the project on schedule. The construction project is projected to be complete by Summer 2014.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 14 "Coffee with the Commissioner".....817-581-3600
- Feb 14 Valentines Day.
- Feb 15 "Keller Business Awards Gala"..... [www.kellerchamber.com](http://www.kellerchamber.com)
- Feb 21 "Fruit of the Vine Event – Kids Matter"..... 817-488-4679
- Feb 21 "NE Tarrant Transportation Summit".....[www.netransportationsummit.com](http://www.netransportationsummit.com)
- Feb 21 - 23 "Fort Worth Home & Garden Show"....[www.texashomeandgarden.com](http://www.texashomeandgarden.com)
- Feb 22 "Dancing for the Stars" .....[www.colleyvillerotaryclub.com](http://www.colleyvillerotaryclub.com)
- Feb 23 "Cowtown Marathon" .....[www.alz.org/northcentraltexas](http://www.alz.org/northcentraltexas)
- Mar 1 "Samaritan House Open Doors to Hope"..... 817-509-1696
- Mar 1 "A Run in the Park 5K" .....[dfw.altrusa.org](http://dfw.altrusa.org)
- Mar 1 "Real Choices 5K" .....[www.chooselife5k.com](http://www.chooselife5k.com)
- Mar 1 "An Evening at the Gallery" .....[www.westlakeacademyfoundation.org](http://www.westlakeacademyfoundation.org)
- Mar 1 "Tarrant County College Showcase"..... [www.tccd.edu](http://www.tccd.edu)
- Mar 2 "Fashion Forward"..... [www.nclsouthlake.org](http://www.nclsouthlake.org)
- Mar 7 "HEB Chamber Expo"..... [www.heb.org](http://www.heb.org)
- Mar 9 Daylight Savings
- Mar 10 – 14 Spring Break
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 22 "AIDS Walk 2014" ..... [www.aoc.org](http://www.aoc.org)
- Mar 22 "Hope Dinner"..... [www.communitystorehouses.org](http://www.communitystorehouses.org)
- Mar 23 "Explore Fort Worth Scavenger Hunt"..... [www.scstc.org](http://www.scstc.org)
- Mar 27 "Tarrant Area Food Bank Empty Bowls"..... [www.tafb.org](http://www.tafb.org)
- Mar 28 "CEC Golf Classic"..... [www.thecec.org](http://www.thecec.org)
- Mar 29 "Southlake Newcomers Casino Night".....[www.southlakewcomers.com](http://www.southlakewcomers.com)
- Mar 29 "Garden of Roses Fashion Show"..... [www.gkwc.org](http://www.gkwc.org)
- Mar 29 "NE Chamber Denim & Diamonds".....[www.netarrant.org](http://www.netarrant.org)
- Mar 30 "Big Taste of Fort Worth"..... [www.bbbstx.org](http://www.bbbstx.org)
- Apr 4 "Great Taste of Grapevine".....[www.grapevinechamber.org](http://www.grapevinechamber.org)
- Apr 4 "Lunch with the Girls"..... [www.c-w-c.org](http://www.c-w-c.org)
- Apr 4 & 5 "Community Powered Revitalization (CPR)"..... [www.6stones.org/cpr](http://www.6stones.org/cpr)
- Apr 7 "Southlake Chamber Shootout"..... [www.southlakechamber.com](http://www.southlakechamber.com)
- Apr 10 – 11 "Main Street Arts Festival"..... [www.mainstreetartsfest.org](http://www.mainstreetartsfest.org)
- Apr 11 & 12 "Keller Fest"..... [www.kellerchamber.com](http://www.kellerchamber.com)
- Apr 12 "Wild West Fest"..... [www.haslet.org](http://www.haslet.org)
- Apr 12 "A Starry Night Celebration".....[www.gcisd-k12.org/foundation](http://www.gcisd-k12.org/foundation)
- Apr 13 "Colleyville City Slickers"..... [business.colleyvillechamber.org](http://business.colleyvillechamber.org)
- Apr 14 "GCISD Ed. Found Golf Tournament"..... [www.gcisd-k12.org/foundation](http://www.gcisd-k12.org/foundation)
- Apr 15 Tax Day
- Apr 18-19 "Taste of Keller".....[kellerbusinessconnections.com](http://kellerbusinessconnections.com)
- Apr 20 Easter Sunday
- Apr 24 "Thanks for the Memories Dinner & Auction" [www.alz.org/northcentraltexas](http://www.alz.org/northcentraltexas)
- Apr 24 "HEB Chamber Golf Classic"..... [www.heb.org](http://www.heb.org)
- Apr 25-27 "Art in the Square"..... [www.artinthesquare.com](http://www.artinthesquare.com)
- Apr 28 "Byron Nelson Charity Golf Classic" ..... [www.christshaven.org/events](http://www.christshaven.org/events)



County	Closed - Holidays
February 17 - Presidents' Day.....	<b>COUNTY HOLIDAY</b>
March 31 - Cesar Chavez Day.....	<b>COUNTY HOLIDAY</b>
April 18 - Good Friday.....	<b>COUNTY HOLIDAY</b>

## John Peter Smith Hospital Clinics Northeast Tarrant County

### Health Clinics

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

**JPS Health Center Northeast** ..... 817-920-6400  
837 Brown Trail, Bedford 76022

### School-Based Clinics

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

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

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

**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](http://www.jpshealthnet.org)

## Northeast Social Service Agencies

- 6 Stones Mission Network .....[www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org)
- Child Abuse Hotline .....800-252-5400
- Community Enrichment Center.....[www.thecec.org](http://www.thecec.org)
- GRACE.....[www.gracegrapevine.org](http://www.gracegrapevine.org)
- Community Storehouse [www.communitystorehouse.org](http://www.communitystorehouse.org)
- United Way of Tarrant County .....2 - 1 - 1

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