



### COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



Can you believe that this week is our 10th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit? My office has been hosting this event for a decade now, and this year is just as exciting as the first year! Join us Friday, February 8th at the Hurst Conference Center from 7:55 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Be sure to register for this year's event themed "Texas: The Wild, Wild West of Transportation." Join over 550 attendees for morning sessions including *Connecting People to the "First and Last Mile" of Transportation*, *The Future of Air Travel for Goods and Passengers in North Texas*, an update from Texas Central Railway, and *Where Will Funding for Our Roads Come From in the Next Decade*. Our luncheon keynote speaker will be Drayton McLane, Jr., Chairman of Texas Central Railway. Visit [www.nettransportationsummit.com](http://www.nettransportationsummit.com) for more information and to register to attend. I hope to see you there!

The flu is running rampant throughout Texas, including Tarrant County, so Tarrant County Public Health urges everyone to take precautions to help stop the spread of the virus. The first and most important way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated every year. Maximum protection occurs about two weeks after receiving the shot. The latest information on influenza in Tarrant County is available at

[www.tarrantcounty.com/public-health](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/public-health)

The 86th Texas Legislature convened on January 8th and will be in session until May 27th. During this time, lawmakers will address top issues for our state including school financing, property tax reform, transportation funding, natural disaster issues that arose from Hurricane Harvey and a multitude of other topics that will be brought to the forefront by our legislators. Now is a great time to contact your representatives and voice your concerns on any issues. Visit [capitol.texas.gov](http://capitol.texas.gov) for more information on the current session.

Did you know that you can view current and past sessions of Tarrant County Commissioners Court LIVE? Commissioners Court is held every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Tarrant County Administration Building on the 5th floor. The public is welcome to attend, or you can view the session online [here](#).

Enjoy this issue of the Northeast Newsletter which includes information on Hurst Mayor Henry Wilson; Russell Schaffner, Tarrant County Assistant Administrator - Legislative Affairs; City of North Richland Hills' Economic Development; TEXRail; March of Dimes, and more. I hope you can join us this Friday, February 8th at the Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit.

*Gary Fickes*

### ATTENTION

There will be no Coffee with the Commissioner for February. However, you can **register to join us at the Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit** this Friday, February 8th. We have a great program and do have hot coffee and a light breakfast available at the event! Check-in starts at 7:00 a.m., program starts at 7:55 a.m.

Register by calling 817-581-3600 or visit [www.nettransportationsummit.com](http://www.nettransportationsummit.com) (Individual registration is \$50.00)

We hope to see you there!

**Our next official Coffee with the Commissioner is Friday, April 12th.**



[Click here for more information](#)

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### Question of the Month

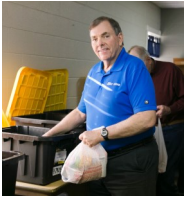
**Question:** Former Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson had a lifetime relationship that ran hot and cold. What were former President John Adams' last words on his death bed?

(Answer on page 5)

**The Quote of the Month** - "You can take the girl out of Texas but not the Texas out of the girl and ultimately not the girl out of Texas."

— Janine Turner





**Mayor Henry Wilson**



**City of Hurst**

*Pictured: Mayor Wilson prepares bags of food for children living in the Hurst area which is a church mission he heads up called Weekend Kids.*

Henry Wilson was born in Wharton, Texas and after graduating high school, he attended the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in Aerospace Engineering. Upon graduating from UT, Henry moved to Hurst in 1969 and worked at Bell Helicopter until he retired in December 2012 as Chief of Airframe Structures. He obtained his master's degrees in engineering and management during his career.

In May 2018, Henry was elected Mayor of Hurst after serving 33 years on the Hurst City Council. He believes Hurst is a great place to live, work and play. Mayor Wilson strives to provide the highest quality of life for Hurst citizens, which he firmly believes are the best citizens a mayor or councilmember could ask for.

Henry has seen Hurst grow from a town of around 25,000 to its current population of 39,000. The City of Hurst has continued to reinvent itself with a new fire station, senior activity center, aquatic parks, justice center, along with improvements to the library, and expansion of the recreation center and the wonderful Hurst Conference Center.

Mayor Wilson cares about his community and has volunteered in many community service areas such as coaching soccer, serving as assistant scoutmaster, president of the optimist club, and he currently heads a church mission called Weekend Kids, which prepares bags of food for over 100 children in the Hurst area.

His public service associated with his council position includes chairing the Regional Transportation Council, past president and current member of the Texas Municipal League, the board of directors of the National League of Cities, HEB Chamber of Commerce board member, Hurst Crime Control Board, and the Hurst Economic Development Board.

Henry enjoys playing golf and loves to woodwork. He is married to the love of his life, Gail, and they have a blended family of his son Russell and Gail's daughters, Emilie and Anna.

**On a more personal note -**

**What do you do for fun?** *I enjoy playing golf.*

**Favorite Movie?** *This is hard because I love a lot of movies. The one that really sticks in my mind is "Gone with the Wind."*

**Favorite Restaurant?** *I love to go out to eat. But, I try to eat as much as possible at locally owned restaurants. And I love a lot of different cuisines. So, for Mexican I like Pulido's on Precinct Line Road. Italian, Proper Pizza on Highway 10.*

**Favorite vacation spot?** *I love to travel and have been all over. I loved Maui but we like to go to Port Aransas for a relaxing week of watching the waves.*

**Last book read?** *"A Column of Fire" by Ken Follett. He writes historical fiction, and I have read almost all of his books. I enjoy his ability to tell a great story.*

**People would be surprised to know...**  
*Yes, this is a fun one! People would be surprised to know I was raised an Aggie and my father, who went to Texas A&M just knew I would follow in his footsteps. But I went to the University of Texas without telling him until I was actually leaving for the University of Texas! I was about to get into the car and looked at him and said "Dad, I am going to the Colorado River and not the Brazos," then got in the car and drove off before he could say a word.*



**Russell Schaffner**



Assistant County Administrator –  
Legislative Affairs



Russell Schaffner is Tarrant County's new Assistant County Administrator – Legislative Affairs. He is very familiar with the county from his previous position as Tarrant County's Mobility Coordinator.

As a representative for the Commissioners Court before the State Legislature, Russell is responsible for keeping county departments abreast of legislative actions affecting county operations. He works with community partners, cities, organizations and state agencies to find innovative solutions to Tarrant County's challenges.

With 254 counties in the State of Texas, Russell frequently collaborates with other counties to explore the feasibility of policies directed from the state to the county level.

During the current 86th Legislative

Session, which ends on May 27, 2019, he looks forward to working on key Tarrant County Commissioners Court priorities, including real property tax relief for Tarrant County citizens, creative solutions for the mental healthcare system, finding additional funding for our transportation system, to name a few. Russell is spending much of the upcoming months in Austin advocating for our citizens along with our county legislators.

Russell graduated from Midwestern State University and worked for a boutique transportation and infrastructure consulting firm before joining Tarrant County.



*Photo credit Julia Reihls / KUT*

People line up to get into the Texas State Capitol on the first day of the 86th legislative session.



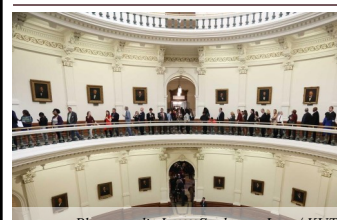
*Photo credit Jorge Sanhueza-Lyon / KUT*

Republican State Representative Dennis Bonnen of Angleton is sworn in as Speaker of the House.



*Photo credit KSAT News*

Proud family members packed the floors of the Texas House and Senate to watch their loved ones get sworn into office on the first day of the 86th Texas Legislature.



*Photo credit Jorge Sanhueza-Lyon / KUT*

Lawmakers, family members and members of the public wander around the Capitol on the opening day of the session.





# 10th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit



Commissioner Gary Fickes Tarrant County • Precinct 3

Friday, February 8, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Hurst Conference Center | 1601 Campus Drive, Hurst, Texas

## TEXAS: The Wild, Wild West of Transportation

**FEATURING**  
Drayton McLane, Jr.  
Chairman of Texas Central Railway



Individual registration is \$50.  
Register online at  
[NETransportationSummit.com/register-now](http://NETransportationSummit.com/register-now)

This Summit is one of the largest transportation events in Texas. Every year, it showcases a panel of modern-day transportation trailblazers that discuss what's on the horizon of transportation innovation in Tarrant County, the State of Texas and the United States, as a whole.

At this year's Summit, we will see and hear the good, the bad and the ugly of the next generation of transportation solutions as we gallop full-speed ahead into the wild blue yonder.

So, saddle up! This Summit promises to be the can't-miss transportation event of the year!

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

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*Agenda on page 4 of the Northeast Newsletter.*

## 2019 Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit Agenda

7:00 a.m.	Check In and Light Breakfast
7:55 a.m.	<b>WELCOME</b>
8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	<b>SESSION #1</b> <i>THE LONG (AND SHORT) RIDERS: Connecting People to the “First and Last Mile” of Transportation</i> A focus on how bikes, scooters and self-driving car systems will be used to fill the gap from public transit to a destination; helping to solve the “first-mile” and “last-mile” issue.
8:50 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	<b>SESSION #2</b> <i>THE BIG SKY: The Future of Air Travel for Goods and Passengers in North Texas</i> An overview of how automation, speed, and redesign are affecting the aviation industry and creating a new golden age of air travel; one that will revolutionize the way we travel and how products are shipped and delivered.
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<b>SESSION #3</b> <i>ONCE UPON A TEXAS TRAIN: An Update from Texas Central Railway</i> A presentation and update from Texas Central Railway to discuss their progress, footprint in Texas and overall impact, not only on the North Texas region, but the entire state.
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<b>SESSION #4</b> <i>A FISTFUL OF DOLLARS (AND WHERE DID IT ALL GO?) Where Will Funding for Our Roads Come From in the Next Decade?</i> A look at transportation’s story and why history continues to repeat itself when it comes to finding and securing funding for our roads and the future funding scenario.
11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	<b>LUNCHEON</b>
12:30 p.m.	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>HOW THE WEST WAS WON: An Insightful Look at Today’s Transportation Landscape, Beyond and Key Solutions to Our Mobility Problem</i>
1:25 p.m.	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>

### Enjoy photos from past Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summits and the 2018 NTTS Highlights Video



**Thank you to our area Chambers of Commerce for promoting our event!**





## Economic Development City of North Richland Hills



The North Richland Hills Economic Development Department is often asked why our role is an important public service. Always appreciative of the opportunity to share, we've boiled it down to five points of emphasis.

- 1. To Grow Efficiently.** We endeavor to grow and broaden the local economy to keep taxes down and business up.
- 2. Focused on Business.** We're a dedicated resource that facilitates desired development and business expansion.
- 3. Support Success.** We're the official city advocate for the business, real estate and development communities.
- 4. Experienced Staff.** We're a full-service department with an experienced staff, equipped with real-time city information, real estate data and market intelligence provided at no cost.
- 5. Problem Solved.** We identify creative solutions to connect private sector enterprise with city goals.

In 2018, the city facilitated 85 case submittals (zoning, platting, site plans), 15 more than 2017. We also processed 668 total construction permits (15% more than 2017). Within that, 174 were commercial construction permits, including a 100% increase in commercial remodels. Due to the volume of activity, the city launched an interactive map

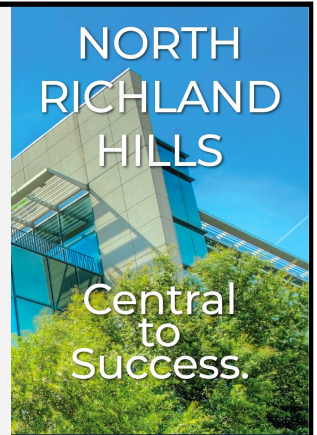
to make it easy for the public to check in on the status of construction and development projects. The site can be found at [www.nrhtx.com/map](http://www.nrhtx.com/map).

Projects attracting the most attention include the grand opening of Babe's Chicken Dinner House, the anticipated spring 2019 opening of Tarrant County's first Alamo Draffhouse Cinema, the approval of a Marriott TownePlace Suites, and the launch of TEXRail, a 27-mile commuter rail service connecting downtown Fort Worth and DFW Airport that includes two stops inside the city limits.

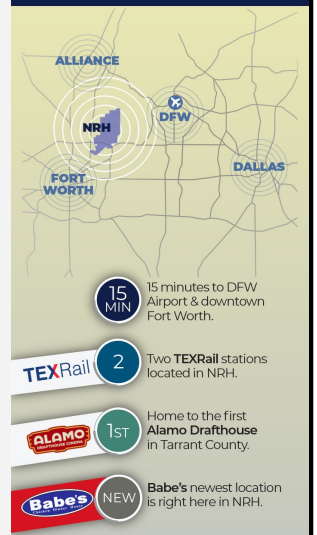


North Richland Hills is 90% developed yet continues to grow and evolve. City Council appointed committees have been hard at work reviewing the city's Comprehensive Plan and Economic Development Strategy and will propose recommendations later this year for the next decade of economic development.

*Article courtesy of Elizabeth Copeland, Economic Development Analyst*



North Richland Hills is a centrally located and attractive city that utilizes a wide range of tools to promote quality development.



**NRH**  
Economic Development  
nrhed.com 817.427.6090

## Question of the Month

**Question:** Former Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson had a lifetime relationship that ran hot and cold. What were former President John Adams' last words on his death bed?

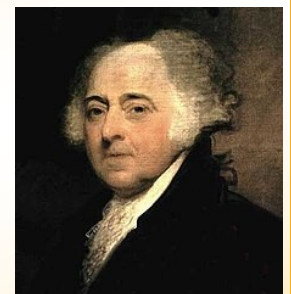
**Answer:** "Thomas Jefferson survives" — not knowing that Jefferson had died earlier that same day.

Adams preceded Jefferson as President (Adams 1797-1801 and Jefferson 1801-1809). Both former Presidents died on the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1826.

### John Adams

1st Vice President  
1789 - 1797

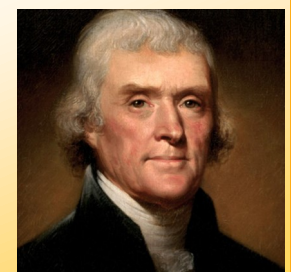
2nd President  
1797 - 1801



### Thomas Jefferson

2nd Vice President  
1797 - 1801

3rd President  
1801 - 1809



# COWTOWN WARRIORS

In January 2013, a group of local veterans was notified of a critical funding shortfall for the Wounded Warrior Regiment, an active duty Marine Unit charged with the care and rehabilitation of seriously wounded and disabled Marines and Navy Corpsman. To help raise funds for these individuals, several veteran businessmen organized the 2014 Fort Worth Wounded Warrior Ball.

The event highlighted a shortfall in monetary support and other resources for North Texas veterans who served honorably but suffer from severe physical and psychological injuries related to their service. Thus, the decision was made to set up a unique 501(c)3 nonprofit in Fort Worth, Texas known as The Cowtown Warriors.



The Cowtown Warriors' were presented with a Proclamation for their efforts and Commissioners Court proclaimed the week of November 5-9, 2018 as National Veterans Awareness Week.

Warriors.

The Cowtown Warriors is a 100% volunteer-run organization with the vision of being the premier nonprofit veteran support organization in North Texas by providing quality of life assistance to wounded and disabled veterans in need. **Every dollar received goes directly to assisting North Texas disabled veterans.**

The Cowtown Warriors' Ball is their formal fundraising event held at the Fort Worth Club each year with the goal of raising funds and awareness for disabled North Texas veterans in need. All proceeds and contributions from the Cowtown Warriors' Ball go directly toward the assistance of these fine Americans.

Since its inception, the Cowtown Warriors have held five Cowtown Warriors' Balls and several other smaller events. In all, these events have raised \$625,000, of which 100% has been used to provide much-needed support to North Texas disabled veterans with quality of life assistance. The Cowtown Warriors' Ball has generated world-class guest speakers that have included former Service Chiefs, former Secretaries of the Services, and former and current Commandant's of the Marine Corps. All are showing their support of an all-volunteer organization designed to help our wounded and disabled North Texan veterans achieve the highest possible



2018 Cowtown Warriors' board members and guests. Included is the Guest of Honor, Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Neller.

quality of life.

This year, the Cowtown Warriors' Ball will be held again at the Fort Worth Club on February 23, 2019. We look forward to having General Joe Dunford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the Guest of Honor. For more information on the annual event, the Cowtown Warriors, or how to donate, please visit our website at [www.cowtownwarriors.com](http://www.cowtownwarriors.com).

 [www.facebook.com/cowtownwarriors](http://www.facebook.com/cowtownwarriors)

 [2017 Cowtown Warriors Recipients Video](#)

*Article courtesy of Clint Ludwig, Secretary, Cowtown Warriors*

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR FOR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS

**Saturday  
March 2, 2019**

**8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Facilitated by Dr. Jeff Rees and his wife Martha, the Make Room for Marriage Workshop is unlike anything else you may have experienced before. It's not a retreat. It's not a conference. The workshop is for couples whose marriages are struggling or excelling. You will not be asked to share any personal information. This is an opportunity for growth in your relationship.



GREAT PRAISE FROM THOSE WHO'VE ATTENDED!

*"My marriage was already good. Now it's great!"*

*"It was life-transforming!"*

**REGISTER TODAY!**

[MakeRoomForMarriage.com](http://MakeRoomForMarriage.com)

Please register by February 23, 2019

**HURRY!**  
Space limited to only 30 couples

Tarrant County  
Northeast Courthouse  
Community Room

645 Grapevine Hwy.  
Hurst, TX 76054



## TEXRail Ridership Reaches 55,000 in First Two Weeks of Service



TRINITY METRO  
**TEXRail**

TEXRail Train with Fort Worth Skyline

To say TEXRail is the ride of choice may be an understatement. In the first two weeks of service, 55,000 passengers have ridden on the new commuter rail service.

“We have had a tremendous response to TEXRail,” said Trinity Metro President/CEO Paul J. Ballard. “The high number of riders reflects the region’s desire to leave the car behind and choose public transportation.”

As North Texans traveled during the holiday weekend, more than 18,000 chose to take their journey on TEXRail. The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday carried the highest number of daily riders to date with 8,287 passengers. Ridership on Saturday, January 19th, totaled 4,710 and Sunday, January 20th, ridership peaked at 5,005. The total for the three-day weekend was 18,002.

One of the eastbound trains on MLK Day picked up 247 riders at the Fort Worth Texas & Pacific Station and another 162

at the Downtown ITC/Fort Worth Station. On one of the westbound trains, 264 passengers boarded at DFW Airport Terminal B Station, and another 168 boarded at Grapevine/Main Street Station. At full capacity, a train carries 488 passengers.

“The feedback is overwhelmingly positive, and everyone loves the smooth ride,” Ballard said.

At the inaugural run of TEXRail, Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price discussed the possibility of extending TEXRail’s route to new stations in the Medical District and the TCU/Berry Street area.

“We agree that extending the TEXRail route is a viable option to pursue,” Ballard said. “The initial response indicates that the extension would be a popular option for medical employees to travel to work and for students to go to class.”



DFW Airport Terminal B Station



TEXRail Passengers Waiting to Board



TEXRail Passengers

Article courtesy of Laura Hanna,  
Director of Communications



March of Dimes is fighting for the health of moms and babies in communities like yours and across the country.

- Premature birth is the largest contributor to infant death in the United States and globally

- In this country, 1 in 10 babies is born prematurely each year

- Pregnancy-related death has more than doubled over the past 25 years

The March for Babies community bands together to fight for the health of all moms and babies. When you March for Babies, you make a statement about the world you want to live in—one in which healthy moms and strong babies are a priority for us all.

March for Babies is **Saturday, April 13** at Panther Island Pavilion. A day when more than 10,000 people will gather to:

- Hope for the day when all moms and babies are healthy
- Remember those babies we lost and honor them
- Celebrate with fun activities for the whole family, our community and across the country



Join our **2019 March for Babies Fort Worth Chair, Robert Hinkle**, Director of Corporate Affairs, NTE Mobility Partners LLC & LBJ Infrastructure Group LLC, and this year's local ambassador family, the Thompsons. Shaun and Lauren welcomed their premature twin boys in 2012.



Zad was born at 2lbs 5ozs, and Zeke was born at 2lbs 6ozs, and they were each about the length of a dinner fork.

### HOW TO HELP ?

### MARCH WITH US!

Participate in A March for Babies Fort Worth, help us fundraise, and raise awareness. Learn more at [www.marchforbabies.org/event/fortworth](http://www.marchforbabies.org/event/fortworth)

Article courtesy of Kimberly Robinson,  
Associate Executive Director



# 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. Locations are in senior centers, libraries, recreation centers, community centers and some retirement homes.

**For a complete list of what to bring, click on the link below:**  
[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](#)

AARP Tax-Aide Locations 02/01/19 to 04/16/19 (Partial List)	Telephone Number
Bedford Public Library	817-952-2350
Colleyville Senior Center	817-503-1195
Eules Public Library	817-868-7400 x115
Eules Senior Center	817-685-1671
Grapevine REC	817-410-3465
Haltom City Public Library	817-222-7786
Hurst Public Library	817-788-7300
Keller Senior Center	817-743-4372
North Richland Hills Library	817-427-6714
Richland Hills Public Library	817-616-3760
Roanoke Library	817-491-2691
Saginaw Senior Center	817-230-0593
Southlake Public Library	817-748-8247
Watauga Community Center	817-514-5892

**LOVE YOUR HEART** *What is your heart age? (video)*  
 Many people have a heart age that is greater than their actual age because of certain reasons like smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, or being diabetic to name a few. There’s no better time to learn your heart age and how to improve it.

- Start with a prescription for a younger heart!**
- ⇒ Control your high blood pressure and cholesterol.
  - ⇒ Work with your doctor on a treatment plan to manage diabetes.
  - ⇒ Don’t smoke.
  - ⇒ Eat a healthy diet, low in sodium and trans fats and high in fresh fruits and vegetables.
  - ⇒ Get 150 minutes every week of a moderate intensity exercise such as brisk walking.
  - ⇒ Maintain a healthy weight.



- More information at:
- <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/heartage/index.html>
  - [https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/american\\_heart\\_month.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/american_heart_month.htm)
  - <https://www.goredforwomen.org/>

### VITA Locations (Partial List)

**01/28/19 to 04/30/19**  
**Community Enrichment Center**  
 6250 Northeast Loop 820  
 North Richland Hills, TX 76180  
[CEC Tax Prep Information](#)

**01/28/19 to 04/15/19**  
**GRACE in Grapevine (Main Site)**  
 837 E. Walnut Street  
 Grapevine, TX 76099  
[Grace Tax Prep Information](#)

Additional information:  
<https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>

## CALENDAR



- Feb 8 Colleyville Senior Valentine's Day Celebration .....[www.colleyvilleparksandrec.com](http://www.colleyvilleparksandrec.com)
- Feb 8 Keller Senior Activities Center Valentine's Luncheon.....[www.cityofkeller.com](http://www.cityofkeller.com)
- Feb 9 Grapevine Senior Valentine’s Day Dance .....[www.gograpevine.com](http://www.gograpevine.com)
- Feb 11 Bedford Senior Center Valentine Dance.....[www.bedfordtx.gov](http://www.bedfordtx.gov)
- Feb 14 Grapevine Rotary - A Senior Valentine's Day Dance..... [www.facebook.com/grapevinerotary](http://www.facebook.com/grapevinerotary)
- Feb 14 Haltom City Senior Center “Valentine’s Celebration with Ken Nelson” ..... [www.haltomcitytx.com](http://www.haltomcitytx.com)
- Feb 14 Hurst Senior Center Valentine’s Day Dance .....[www.allevents.hurstseniorcenter.com](http://www.allevents.hurstseniorcenter.com)
- Feb 14 NRH Valentines Farkle Tournament..... [www.nrhcetnre.com](http://www.nrhcetnre.com)
- Feb 14 Southlake Women's Club Annual Valentine's Day Luncheon.....[www.southlakewomensclub.org](http://www.southlakewomensclub.org)
- Mar 8 Keller Senior Center Health Fair.....[www.kellerseniorcenter.com](http://www.kellerseniorcenter.com)
- Mar 28 Hurst Senior Center Health & Benefits Expo.....[www.hurstseniorcenter.com](http://www.hurstseniorcenter.com)
- Apr 5 Eules Family Life Senior Center Health Expo.....[www.cvent.com](http://www.cvent.com)
- Apr 6 Spring Craft Show & Market.....[www.cityofkeller.com](http://www.cityofkeller.com)

**Go Red for women**  
 American Heart Association  
 Learn and Live  
[www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org)





# Transportation

## Northeast Tarrant County

### DFW Connector Project

Hotline: 877-411-4212

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



Sign up for e-alerts!

- Utility relocations, drainage, grading, and paving work continue to take place throughout the I-635/SH 121 alignment. Crews are also switching traffic throughout the project and we encourage everyone to pay attention to new alignments and roadway signage.
- Crews are starting work on both the east and west

intersections at Bass Pro Drive. Additionally, work on the east side of Bass Pro Drive bridge will continue as crews set bridge beams the first two weekends in February.

- If you haven't already, sign up for our e-alerts or follow us on social media for all upcoming weekend work: [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)



### Highway 26 TxDOT - N Tarrant Office 817-399-4300

[sh26project.com](http://sh26project.com)

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



Sign up for e-alerts!

- Construction activity on the east side of SH 26 continues with concrete pavement placement for driveways from John McCain Road to Tinker Road. Additional concrete pavement placement from Tinker Road south to Hall-Johnson Road is also being conducted.
- Storm drains from Hall-Johnson Road

to the south of Main Street are being installed, and construction of the remaining segments of the intersections of Hall-Johnson Road and Church Street on the east side of SH 26 continues. • Construction activity on the west side of SH 26 north of Little Bear Creek bridge also continues.



### 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)

- FM 1938 construction activity on the north end of the project continues with construction of the new northbound lanes from near Brook Forest Drive north to Randol Mill Avenue. • Once that has been completed, construction activity will shift to reconstructing the remaining southbound lanes in this section which

includes the side street tie-in of Fawkes Lane. • 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 construction of the columns to be followed by panel placement.



### Global Airport of the Year



DFW

DFW joins an exclusive list of global gateway airports that have recently been honored as Air Transportation World's (ATW) Airport of the Year, including Hong Kong International Airport, London Heathrow and Singapore-Changi Airport.

Congratulations to Sean Donohue, the DFW Airport Board, and Executive Committee member Linda Valdez Thompson - along with the entire DFW team.

[Click here to read the announcement from DFW Airport.](#)

## Calendar of Events

- Feb 7 NE Tarrant Chamber Annual Awards Dinner ..... [www.netarrant.org](http://www.netarrant.org)
- Feb 8 Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit ..... [www.netransportationsummit.com](http://www.netransportationsummit.com)
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day .....
- Feb 15 HEB Chamber Annual Awards Luncheon ..... [www.heb.org](http://www.heb.org)
- Feb 15 AHA - Go Red for Women Luncheon ..... [www.ahafortworth.ejoinme.org](http://www.ahafortworth.ejoinme.org)
- Feb 16 Alliance for Children - Let's Play Bingo! ..... [www.allianceforchildren.org](http://www.allianceforchildren.org)
- Feb 18 President's Day .....
- Feb 21 Keller Chamber Fired Up Charity Dinner ..... [www.kellerchamber.com](http://www.kellerchamber.com)
- Feb 22 Kids Matter Charity Ball ..... [www.kidsmatterinternational.org](http://www.kidsmatterinternational.org)
- Feb 23 Cowtown Warriors' Ball ..... [www.cowtownwarriors.com](http://www.cowtownwarriors.com)
- Feb 23 Colleyville Rotary Club: Dancing for the Stars..... [www.colleyvillerotaryclub.org](http://www.colleyvillerotaryclub.org)
- Feb 23 Bedford Library Mardi Gras Casino Night & Gala ... [www.bedfordlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.bedfordlibraryfoundation.org)
- Feb 24 The Cowtown Marathon ..... [www.cowtownmarathon.org](http://www.cowtownmarathon.org)
- Feb 27 DFW Veterans Summit & Procurement Fair..... [www.grapevinechamber.org](http://www.grapevinechamber.org)
- Mar 1 Southlake Chamber WE Luncheon ..... [www.southlakechamber.com](http://www.southlakechamber.com)
- Mar 2 Community Storehouse Hope Dinner & Auction..... [www.hopedinner.com](http://www.hopedinner.com)
- Mar 2 Meals On Wheels of Tarrant County - Casino Night ..... [www.mealsonwheels.org](http://www.mealsonwheels.org)
- Mar 2 Westlake Academy Gallery Night ..... [www.westlakeacademy.org](http://www.westlakeacademy.org)
- Mar 6-9 Keller Lions Club Fair ..... [www.kellerlionsclub.com](http://www.kellerlionsclub.com)
- Mar 8 Alliance Development Forum ..... [www.northwestmetroportchamber.org](http://www.northwestmetroportchamber.org)
- Mar 10 Daylight Savings Day.....
- Mar 11-15 Spring Break.....
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day .....
- Mar 18 Colleyville Lions Knights of Sight Charity Golf Tournament .. [www.colleyvillelions.com](http://www.colleyvillelions.com)
- Mar 21-22 Alzheimer's Assoc. ABLAZE: Igniting Passion for a Cure ..... [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)
- Mar 23 Keller Women's Club Garden of Roses Fashion Show .... [www.gkwc.ejoinme.org](http://www.gkwc.ejoinme.org)
- Mar 23 Celebrate Southlake ..... [www.experiencesouthlaketexas.com](http://www.experiencesouthlaketexas.com)
- Mar 25 Cesar Chavez Day.....
- Mar 29 Colleyville Chamber City Slickers Casino Night ..... [www.colleyvillechamber.org](http://www.colleyvillechamber.org)
- Mar 29 A Wish With Wings: Butterfly Wishes Gala ..... [www.awww.org](http://www.awww.org)
- Mar 30 Bedford ArtsFest ..... [www.bedfordtx.gov](http://www.bedfordtx.gov)
- Mar 30 City of Watauga - Donut Dash ..... [www.quickscorx.com](http://www.quickscorx.com)
- Apr 1 Metroport Meals On Wheels Golf Classic..... [www.metroportmow.ejoinme.org](http://www.metroportmow.ejoinme.org)
- Apr 4 Community Enrichment Center Golf Classic ..... [www.cecgolfclassic.com](http://www.cecgolfclassic.com)
- Apr 4 Meals On Wheels of Tarrant County - Legends Luncheon ..... [www.mealsonwheels.org](http://www.mealsonwheels.org)
- Apr 5-6 6Stones CPR ..... [www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org)
- Apr 6 NRH Mayor's 5K Run & Walk ..... [www.raceroster.com](http://www.raceroster.com)
- Apr 7 NE Tarrant Chamber Denim & Diamonds ..... [www.netarrant.org](http://www.netarrant.org)
- Apr 11-14 Main St. Fort Worth Arts Festival ..... [www.mainstreetartsfest.org](http://www.mainstreetartsfest.org)
- Apr 12 Coffee with the Commissioner ..... 817-581-3600
- Apr 12 Southlake Chamber Annual Golf Tournament ..... [www.southlakechamber.com](http://www.southlakechamber.com)
- Apr 12 Colleyville Woman's Club - Lunch with the Girlz ..... [www.c-w-c.org](http://www.c-w-c.org)
- Apr 12 SafeHaven - Purple Party ..... [www.safehaventc.org](http://www.safehaventc.org)
- Apr 12-14 KellerFest ..... [www.kellerchamber.com](http://www.kellerchamber.com)
- Apr 13 American Heart Association - Fort Worth Heart Ball ... [www.ahafortworth.ejoinme.org](http://www.ahafortworth.ejoinme.org)
- Apr 13 Grapevine Chamber Job Fair ..... [www.grapevinechamber.org](http://www.grapevinechamber.org)
- Apr 13 March for Babies Fort Worth ..... [www.marchforbabies.org/event/fortworth](http://www.marchforbabies.org/event/fortworth)
- Apr 13 The Clubhouse for Special Needs Dinner/Auction Event ..... [www.theclubhouse.org](http://www.theclubhouse.org)
- Apr 13 The Women's Center - Victory Over Violence Walk/Run..... [www.vovfw.org](http://www.vovfw.org)
- Apr 15 Tax Day.....
- Apr 15 Grapevine AMBUCS Golf Tournament ..... [www.grapevineambucs.org](http://www.grapevineambucs.org)
- Apr 17 Arts Council Northeast Shining Stars Luncheon .... [www.artscouncilnortheast.org](http://www.artscouncilnortheast.org)
- Apr 18 The Great Taste of Grapevine ..... [www.grapevinechamber.org](http://www.grapevinechamber.org)

## Valentine's Day Events

- Feb 8 City of Watauga - Daddy Daughter Valentine's Dance..... [www.cowtx.org](http://www.cowtx.org)
- Feb 8 City of Roanoke - Valentine's Dance..... [www.roanoketexas.com](http://www.roanoketexas.com)
- Feb 8-9 City of Keller - Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance..... [www.cityofkeller.com](http://www.cityofkeller.com)
- Feb 9 City of Southlake - Sweetheart Dance..... [www.southlaketexas.com](http://www.southlaketexas.com)
- Feb 9 City of Bedford - Valentine's Day Disco..... [www.bedfordtx.gov](http://www.bedfordtx.gov)
- Feb 9 City of Hurst - Daddy & Daughter Valentine's Ball ..... [www.hursttx.gov](http://www.hursttx.gov)
- Feb 9 City of Euless - Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance..... [www.eulessstx.gov](http://www.eulessstx.gov)
- Feb 14 City of Haslet - Family Valentine's Day Party..... [www.haslet.org](http://www.haslet.org)
- Feb 15 Haltom City - Night of Romance..... [www.haltomcitytx.com](http://www.haltomcitytx.com)

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

## COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**February 18 - President's Day**

**March 25 - Cesar Chavez Day**

**April 19 - Good Friday**



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