



# Q COUNTY JUDGE Quarterly

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## TARRANT COUNTY: OUR NORTH TEXAS HOME



Tarrant County Judge  
B. Glen Whitley

## Actions Speak Louder Than Words

“Do as I say, and not as I do” could have easily been the theme of our state legislature this past session. The top priority of the legislature this session were property tax relief and school finance reform.

They complained that local governments were spending out of control and they would fix it by limiting local governments’ ability to raise revenue, thereby reducing local spending. The final bill limited growth for cities and counties to 3.5% and schools to 2.5% plus growth. If these entities’ budgets exceed this rate, their citizens have to approve the additional increase. Ironically, the legislature passed their own state budget which increases spending by over 11% with no requirement of the voters having to approve an excess over 3.5%. Doesn’t seem quite right does it?

Now let’s talk about transparency. It has been a priority every session for the past decade and this one was no different. The legislature has repeatedly emphasized the importance of all public business being conducted under a bright spotlight. All communications, emails, letters and texts are subject to public information requests. There are now additional restrictions between members of our governing bodies when they are not in a public meeting. Sounds like a philosophy which would be great for all state and local officials, right? Well apparently not when it comes to passing bills during the legislative session. Let me explain.

When both houses pass a bill that isn’t identical, our legislators form a conference committee to reach agreement on the differences between the two versions. These meetings are held behind closed door, completely closed to the public and are the antithesis of transparency. Why?

When the legislature passes laws, they should apply to all areas of state and local government.



Volunteer Fireman Monument on the grounds of the Texas State Capitol.





4TH ANNUAL  
HEALTHY LIVES MATTER  
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SATURDAY  
**AUG 17**  
9 AM – 2 PM

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Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks invites you to attend and participate in the **4th Annual Healthy Lives Matter Alzheimer's Education Seminar.**

The mission of the Healthy Lives Matter Alzheimer's Initiative is to provide accessibility to education which will lead to optimal care and services to individuals confronting Dementia, their caregivers and families in an on-going effort to improve quality of life.

This half-day seminar will offer peer support and resources for family caregivers and healthcare professionals. **This event is FREE; Registration is required.**

**Continental breakfast and lunch provided**

**Register @ [www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com)**  
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# Tarrant County Back To School Roundup



On July 10, 2019, Tarrant County community leaders and supporters announced the new location and pre-registration information for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Tarrant County Back to School Roundup. **This year's event will be held Thursday, August 8, 2019, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Tarrant**

**County College South Campus.** This annual event is instrumental in preparing Tarrant County children for a successful school year.

Presented by the Sid Richardson Foundation, the Back to School Roundup is a one-stop shop to prepare the whole family for the start of school. It provides students with free school supplies as well as health, dental and vision screenings, sports physicals, eye exams, immunizations, haircuts and information on education, health and social services. The event is free and open to eligible families who reside in Tarrant County.

With approximately 20,000 students and parents expected to attend Roundup, it is essential to support Tarrant County families and ensure that every child is set up to experience an exemplary school year. Approximately 10,000 school packets will be given away and elementary-aged school children will be given backpacks.

Tarrant County Back to School Roundup is laser focused on school aged children and is a collaborative effort among Tarrant County and its 20 school districts, its municipalities, public health department, state agencies, nonprofits, corporate sponsors and volunteers.

Pre-registration is highly recommended for the August 8th event. Families can register online through July 26th at <https://backtoschoolroundup.org/pre-registration/> or in person at the pre-registration events listed. Families will be able to register the day of the event with the proper documents. Additional information and required documents for onsite registration can be obtained at <https://backtoschoolroundup.org/> or by calling 2-1-1.

## Pre-Registration Events

**July 15-July 26; 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Dionne Phillips Bagsby Southwest Sub-Courthouse  
6551 Granbury Road, Fort Worth 76133

Miller Avenue Government Center  
3500 Miller Avenue, Fort Worth 76119

Arlington Sub-Courthouse  
700 E. Abram Street, Arlington 76010

Mansfield Sub-Courthouse  
1100 E. Broad Street, Mansfield 76063

Northeast Sub-Courthouse  
645 Grapevine Highway, Hurst 76054

Southlake Sub-Courthouse  
1400 Main St., Suite 110, Southlake 76092

Northwest Sub-Courthouse  
6713 Telephone Road, Lake Worth 76135

Tarrant County Administration Building  
100 E. Weatherford Street, FW 76102

**Saturday, July 20; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Tarrant County Resource Connection  
2300 Circle Dr. (Conference Center), FW 76119

**Saturday, July 27; 10 a.m. - Noon**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Parish Hall  
4100 Blue Mound Road, FW 76106



In Remembrance

# Ross Perot, Sr. 1930 - 2019



Photo courtesy of New Worth Post

On July 9, 2019, our community lost a patriot and respected business leader, Ross Perot, Sr. When you hear the name Ross Perot, Sr., most remember him running for the U.S. presidency in 1992 and 1996 becoming the most successful third-party candidate for the U.S. presidency in American history.

Ross Perot, Sr. was born in Texarkana, Texas June 27, 1930. He attended Texarkana Junior College and the U.S. Naval Academy where he met his wife, Margot. After serving for the U.S. Navy from 1953 - 1957 he and his wife returned to Texas where he began his career working for IBM. While working for IBM, he decided to begin his own company and formed Electronic Data Systems in 1962. What began as a one-person operation quickly grew into a successful business which he eventually sold to General Motors. It was then he began his next enterprise, Perot Systems, from which he retired in 2000 but remained as the company's chairman. He worked closely with his son, Ross Perot, Jr., President and CEO of Perot Systems, to create what is now known as AllianceTexas, as well as other master-planned developments in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

Besides seeing success in the business arena, Ross Perot received recognition for his public service to the community. He received the Medal for Distinguished Public Service by the Department of Defense for his efforts on behalf of prisoners of war, the Winston Churchill Award from Britain's Prince Charles and U.S. First Lady Nancy Reagan, and led a statewide commission on education reform. In honor of their parents, Perot's five children gave a \$50 million gift to the Victory Park branch of the Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas named the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. In 2011, a new species of dinosaur, *Pachyrhinosaurus perotorum*, was named after the Perot family.

While he will be greatly missed, the legacy of Ross Perot, Sr. will be remembered as a leader in the community both as a businessman and citizen.

MHMR of Tarrant County

## MHMR of Tarrant County Celebrating 50th Anniversary



On January 1, 1969, the organization Mental Health Mental Retardation (MHMR) of Tarrant County opened with a primary focus on mental health and mental retardation. In the beginning, there were 500 employees serving 38 locations throughout the county.

In order to reflect the integrated care now provided and their mission going forward, the Board of Trustees changed the name to My Health My Resources (MHMR) of Tarrant County. MHMR now employs a staff of 2,000 which includes psychiatrists, nurses, social workers, therapists, case managers, dieticians, volunteers and many others with 100 sites throughout Tarrant and surrounding counties.

MHMR serves 50,000 people each year and works in collaboration with other area agencies, such as JPS Hospital Network, local cities and school districts, to provide the best possible programs and services to the community. Services provided include mental health, intellectual & developmental disabilities, substance use, early childhood intervention, criminal justice system support, homelessness, and veterans.

MHMR of Tarrant County is a critical component to the health and success of the citizens of the community.

Congratulations to the Board of Trustees and staff on this 50th Anniversary and thank you for all you do for the citizens in our community!



## Catholic Charities Fort Worth Hires Chief Executive Officer



Michael P. Grace  
President and CEO  
Catholic Charities FW

Recently, Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) was excited to announce Michael P. Grace as its newest President and Chief Executive Officer. “Michael wants to end poverty, knows what it takes to run a business, and knows how to leverage people to meet big goals,” says Paul Boyd, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operations Officer of CCFW.

“Michael brings a deep Catholic faith and understanding of Catholic identity to this role - an important quality we were looking for in CCFW's next CEO. Though Michael has amazing experience raising capital, I have to say the thing that struck me most about Michael from the moment we met was how comfortable he made me feel. He is warm and genuine, and you can tell right away how much he loves people,” says Donna Springer, Board Chair at Catholic Charities Fort Worth.

Mr. Grace started with the organization on May 16, 2019. He is a serial entrepreneur with 25 years of experience in business development and leadership roles in industries including oil and gas, social media, music production, mining equipment and food processing. Operating under MPG Ventures, LLC, Mr. Grace is leaving as the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Gulf Shore Venture Partners, LLC, and consultant for Capra Foods, LLC and Texas Aggregate Producers, LLC. Previous startup ventures include; Z Interactive, Virallock.com, MPG Entertainment and Blue Phoenix Midstream. Michael began his career in his family's business, Grace Machinery & Fabrication, where he was Vice President of Sales and Marketing. He also served as a combat medical specialist in the U.S. Army. He has been very involved in ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) retreats for the past seven years as a team member and held various leadership roles, including Director.

“I am very pleased to welcome Michael P. Grace in his new capacity as Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW),” says Bishop Michael Olson of the Diocese of Fort Worth. “Michael P. Grace comes to CCFW having lived out his Catholic faith through servant-leadership during many years of success in the world of business. He joins

CCFW, one of the leading Catholic Charities and premier non-profit organizations in the United States committed to eradicating poverty one person at a time, bolstered by his Catholic faith and strong commitment to the common good and the preferential option for the poor. I look forward to assisting Michael in his responsibilities of oversight of Catholic Charities in achieving our goal of the eradication of poverty in North Texas and beyond.”

“I am extremely honored to be selected to serve CCFW as its next President/CEO and to be a part of an incredible team that is walking that walk with those in need. Guided by my Catholic faith, the themes of Catholic social teachings, and the mission and strategy of CCFW, I look forward to serving those in need. I would like to thank Bishop Olson, the CCFW board of directors and the entire selection committee for showing their faith in me by selecting me to fill this position,” says Grace.

Mr. Grace will be relocating his wife and two children from Plano, Texas, and looks forward to ending poverty here in Fort Worth.



Catholic  
Charities  
Fort Worth

### About Catholic Charities Fort Worth

Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) is a learning-focused nonprofit with a belief that ending poverty is possible. Our diverse services, poverty solutions, and income-generating social enterprises help tens of thousands in our 28 county diocese each year, most of whom are the working poor, some of whom are even Catholic. We strategically challenge the way poverty is addressed nationwide by scrupulously testing our own case management methods through research partnerships, exporting our known-solutions to other nonprofits, and serving as a resource for what works on Capitol Hill. We invite you to come and check out our nonprofit 2.0 approach. For more information, please visit us at [catholiccharitiesfortworth.org](http://catholiccharitiesfortworth.org).



**Senior Synergy Expo**

# 2019 Senior Synergy Expo Draws Thousands



The Senior Synergy Expo is an annual event hosted by Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley. Since the event began in 2013, the Expo has become a premier source of information for seniors, caregivers and family members in Tarrant County. Over 3,100 were in attendance for this year's event held on May 9<sup>th</sup> with over 1,500 attending for the first time.

Throughout the event attendees were entertained by dancers and singers as well as interactive workouts. The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders Alumni joined the event this year visiting with attendees, signing autographs and taking pictures. Iconic weatherman Troy Dungan was on hand again this year to visit attendees and participate in a live demonstration on healthy eating. Attendees were able to participate in a number of educational workshops, receive essential health screenings, and visit with 100 exhibitors who provide resources for seniors.

A major benefit of the Expo were free health screenings provided by Cigna, UNT Health Science Center, Texas Health Resources Fort Worth, Baylor Scott & White, JPS Health Network, Lions Club, Walgreens, Moncrief Cancer Institute, Premier Independent Physicians, Wellmed, genexe, and Soundworks. Over 1,100 attendees took advantage of checking their blood pressure, glucose level, stroke risk, hearing, vision, cancer screenings and many more. Without these screenings, most attendees would not know if they were at risk or are in need of medical treatment.

Over 450 attendees participated in workshops sponsored by Cigna, Care N'Care, Texas Health Resources Fort Worth, North Texas Investment Services Coalition, Encompass Health and Home Instead Senior Care. These workshops held throughout the day covered a wide range of topics including managing chronic conditions, getting the most out of your doctor's visit, fall and fraud prevention, and online safety.

A special thanks to all of our sponsors, exhibitors, and volunteers whose generosity makes this a successful event year after year. Mark your calendars and plan to attend next year's event on May 7, 2020!

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2019 SPONSORS**

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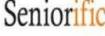
  
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**Tarrant County Public Health**

# Protecting Yourself Against Heat Injuries



The Tarrant County Public Health department safeguards the community’s health by working to prevent disease and injury and by assuring healthy and safe environments.

The department monitors the health status of the community and informs and educates people regarding health issues. It investigates health problems and hazards, mobilizes partnerships to solve community problems and evaluates the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of health services. In addition, it supports policies and plans to achieve health goals and encourages research and the application of innovative solutions to community health problems.

Public health responsibilities also include enforcing laws and regulations to protect health and safety and linking individuals to personal health services they may need.

Living in Texas means living with extreme heat during the summer months which are typically May 1st thru mid to late September. Anyone, especially seniors and children are at risk of heat injury if they stay outside too long or in areas with little or no air-conditioning on a hot day.

**Populations at greater risk of developing heat-related illnesses:**

- Children and infants
- Older adults (ages 65+)
- Households without air conditioning
- Outdoor workers
- People exercising and playing sports outdoors
- People with chronic health conditions
- Pets

Types of heat related illnesses include cramps, heat exhaustion, stroke, sunburn, and death. Tarrant County Public Health produces a Heat-Related Illness report weekly from May through September each year. To see the most recent data and prevention measures, visit their website at [www.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health).

**Precautions to avoid serious heat injuries**

- Stay hydrated.
- Be aware of weather alerts for heat advisories and heat warnings. Limit your time outside during those days.
- Plan strenuous activities for cooler times of the day.
- Take frequent breaks to cool down if you have to work outside.
- Eat lighter, balanced meals more often.
- Wear plenty of sun block if you are out in the sun, and protect your eyes.
- Do not overdress babies or bundle them in a blanket.
- Consult your doctor if you are taking certain prescription medicines to determine how sun and heat may affect you.

**Do not leave children or animals in parked vehicles!**

Children and animals left inside parked cars can be overcome with heat within minutes when the temperature outdoors is high. Place essential items behind your seat so you will notice your child before exiting the vehicle. Make sure vehicles are locked to prevent a curious child from entering and becoming trapped inside. If you see an unattended child in a vehicle call 9-1-1 immediately.



**Maintain adequate ventilation/air conditioning**



On an extremely hot day, stay in a cool place as much as possible. Neighbors, friends, and family should regularly check on the elderly when temperatures are high for a prolonged period of time.

**Watch for signs of heat injury**

Symptoms of heat injury include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. Anyone with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly, and make sure there is good ventilation. If your symptoms do not improve seek medical attention immediately.

**Air quality and high temperatures**

High temperatures also heat the air and, under certain conditions, produce ozone affecting the health of individuals with respiratory conditions. Tarrant County Public Health’s Environmental Health division has additional information to help residents **Be Air Aware**. To protect your health when ozone levels are elevated:

- Children, older adults and people with lung disease, such as asthma, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis should limit outdoor activity if ozone reaches Level Orange.
- If ozone reaches Level Red, Children, older adults and people with lung disease, such as asthma, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis, should avoid outdoor activity. All other people should limit prolonged outdoor exertion if ozone reaches Level Red.

**Learn more about heat-related illnesses and how to prevent them:**

**Tarrant County Public Health/When-its-hot-as-heck**

**Centers for Disease Control**

**Environmental Protection Agency**

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