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# PRECINCT ONE NEWS

BRINGING YOU THE LATEST IN COUNTY NEWS!

Precinct One is excited to reinstate the Precinct One Newsletter as a resource for citizens throughout Tarrant County. We will be pleased to share any community news you have in future editions. Thank you for making Precinct One and Tarrant County a great place to live and work.

## MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER ROY CHARLES BROOKS

Friends and neighbors,

It has been a privilege for me to serve you for the past eleven years as your Tarrant County Commissioner, Precinct One. Your support of my efforts is a great encouragement and source of strength. I will continue my focus on the causes of healthcare, education, criminal justice and economic development for the citizens of Precinct One and Tarrant County in a way that makes you proud.

My executive team is passionate about serving the needs of our community and together, we continue to stand ready to assist you.

Sincerely,

Roy Charles Brooks



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*Commissioner Brooks speaking to event attendees at Moncrief Cancer Institute.*

## HEALTHY LIVES MATTER: PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING EVENT

Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks is pleased to announce another successful Healthy Lives Matter: Precinct One Prostate Cancer Screening Event. The event was held Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 9am to 1pm at the Moncrief Cancer Institute. The purpose of the annual event is to provide men FREE prostate cancer screenings, as well as provide men and their families educational support through increased awareness. Through the help and support of our partners and sponsors the event hosted over 120 attendees with 110 men tested!!!

Commissioner Brooks' goal is for men to obtain an increased awareness about prostate cancer and their PSA status. Screenings are recommended for Men over 45 who are high risk, which includes Men of Color and Men who have a relative diagnosed with prostate cancer. Men of color have the highest rate of cancer and are twice as likely to die from the disease; therefore early detection is key!

### SAVE THE DATE:

HLM Prostate Cancer Screening Event  
Saturday, February 11, 2017

## HLM: INAUGURAL ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION SERIES

Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks has been on the forefront of addressing health disparities across Tarrant County as well as on a national level. He has been an advocate for health-related issues that not only focus on the body but on the mind as well. In addition to the Healthy Lives Matter initiative that was established in 2014 with a primary focus on prostate cancer, Commissioner Brooks will unveil the Inaugural Healthy Lives Matter Alzheimer's Education Series later this year. This new initiative will provide participants with educational sessions, health services and resources which will increase awareness and become a trail-blazer to new and improved service outlets.

### SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, August 20, 2016



## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WOMEN'S CENTER?

Located near John Peter Smith Hospital, The Women's Center was founded in 1979 to offer hope to Tarrant County women, men and children for a better tomorrow.

The center's mission is to inspire, teach and empower women and families to overcome violence, crisis and poverty. The center offers rape crisis and victim services, violence prevention and education, employment solutions and general counseling.

In 2014 alone, the center served 110,084 women, men and children, 89% of clients with employment needs who successfully found jobs were still employed after one year and 2,430 people in crisis had their problems solved by calling the center's helpline.

If you would like to find out more information or need help click [HERE](#) to be directed to their website or call (817) 927-4040.

**THE WOMEN'S CENTER**  
Victory Over Violence 5K/1K  
\*\*\* 20 YEARS \*\*\*

**Saturday, April 9, 2016**  
1K Fun Run 8:00 am • 5K Walk/Run 8:30 am  
Trinity Park Duck Pond in Fort Worth

Register online - No additional fee  
[vovfw.org](http://vovfw.org) • #vovfw

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Questions? (817) 927-4006 or [vovfw.org](http://vovfw.org)  
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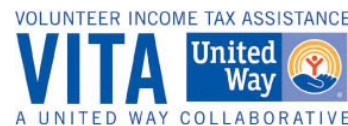
## NEED HELP WITH YOUR 2015 TAXES???

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is a free income tax preparation program for low-to-moderate income individuals and or families. Volunteers work to assist clients with filing their yearly tax return but also help to ensure tax credits are reported such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit.

VITA volunteers work each tax season from mid-January to the end of April and can be found year-long at Catholic Charities Fort Worth.

Locate a site near you by calling the United Way Helpline at 2-1-1 or by visiting <http://www.freetaxdfw.com>

Other Locations: AARP offers tax assistance at other locations within Tarrant County. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



## COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH, IDD COUNCIL

The Intellectual and Developmental Disability Council of Tarrant County board of directors and members attended County Commissioners Court in March to accept a proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

The IDD Council, a nonprofit organization, brings stakeholders together to transform the County into an inclusive community where persons of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities can thrive. Families, self-advocates and agency representatives meet at least monthly to talk about issues and services for people with disabilities. Anyone is invited to join for their monthly meeting discussions, which are the first Thursday of each month, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

The IDD Council will also hold their first Family "FUNd" night this Thursday, April 7. Be sure to take hungry family and friends to Rosa's Café on Overton Ridge, as 15% of total net sales (with flyer available on their website) will be donated to the organization. Funds raised provides training and education sessions for families of a person with an Intellectual Developmental Disability (IDD) diagnosis and agencies that serve the IDD population, and future opportunities to create awareness and inclusion.

Visit [IDDCouncil.org](http://IDDCouncil.org) to learn more.

### Upcoming Events:

For details click [HERE](#) or call The IDD Council at (817) 569-4852



## EXPUNCTION & NON-DISCLOSURE CLINIC TAKES PLACE IN THE HEART OF STOP SIX

On March 15th, Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks in collaboration with District Attorney Sharen Wilson and Commissioners Court successfully reduced District Clerk filing fees for expunctions and non-disclosures from \$72 to a mere \$2.

On March 26th the 1st Annual Expunction and Non-Disclosure Clinic organized by the L. Clifford Davis Legal Association and the Historic Stop Six Initiative was held at Dunbar High School in an effort to assist citizens in Tarrant County with free or reduced legal services for past records. This effort will enable people to move forward with their lives and have doors that were once closed to them opened.

The event hosted over 450 attendees with just under 100 cases beginning the legal process.

## TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

In March, the Regional Transportation Council, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the North Texas region, approved the thirteen county twenty-year transportation plan, called Mobility 2040. This document contains a number of expected improvements for Tarrant County Precinct 1.

Because of additional funding measures approved by the citizens of Texas (Proposition 1 in 2014 and Proposition 7 in 2015), within the next twenty years, planned improvements to Precinct 1 include:

- Expansion and improvements to I-35W from I-20 south to the Johnson County line
- Operational improvements to I-20 across Tarrant County
- Operational improvements to I-30 from Parker County line to I-35W
- Expansion and reconstruction of the I-820/I-20/US 287 interchanges
- Improvements to US 377 and FM 1187
- Expansion of the southern portion of the Chisholm Trail Parkway
- Expansion of rapid bus service across the precinct
- Expansion of regional rail options including the expansion of TEX-Rail



Commissioner Brooks, Judge Glen Whitley, and Commissioner J.D. Johnson have also been working for the past year on the Western Tarrant Transportation Initiative (WTTI). The WTTI seeks to meet the needs of the expected population growth of Tarrant County, especially in the western half of the county, and ensure the mobility infrastructure is in place to guarantee the citizens of the county a high quality of life.

While the development of none of these projects is guaranteed, Commissioner Brooks and the Tarrant County Commissioners' Court strives to work with regional, state and federal partners to find funding, increase mobility, and improve safety across the county.

## ZIKA UPDATE

If you have been keeping up with the news and recent events, you are now aware that there is a new mosquito virus to look out for this year. It is known as the Zika virus which originated from southern countries near Mexico and South America. Tarrant County has seen a total number of three positive cases.

As the warm weather approaches, please ensure that you and your families wear protective clothing and use mosquito repellent when outside be it day or night. The virus is spread primarily through mosquito bites but it can also be transmitted sexually. Symptoms include fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis (red eyes) that last no more than seven days.

Residents are encouraged to maintain their properties to reduce mosquito breeding sites. You should:



- Routinely dump standing water on your property
- Overturn all small containers
- Dispose of any trash or debris that can contain small amounts of water

County residents can also call the health department's Zika Hotline (817) 248-6299, if they have questions about this disease. For more information on Zika virus and for other useful tips, visit our [Zika Virus webpage](#).

TCPH has produced a video to help residents [Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Sites](#).



# LOOKING BACK



Photo by Rachel DeLiza



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Road  
Burleson, TX 76028  
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**Stay Connected:**



- April 7.....TCHC’s Bubbles and Bras, click [HERE](#)
- April 7.....South Tarrant Chamber Scholarship Awards Banquet click [HERE](#)
- April 8.....Crowley Spring Concert Series, click [HERE](#)
- April 9.....Literacy Carnival, click [HERE](#)
- April 9.....African American Health Expo, click [HERE](#)
- April 9.....The Women’s Center, Victory Over Violence 5K/1K click [HERE](#)
- April 9.....Movie Night, Central Library, *HOOT*, click [HERE](#)
- April 14-17.....Main Street Arts Festival, DT FTW, click [HERE](#)
- April 15.....Last Day to File Taxes**
- April 16.....Benbrook Electronic Waste/Document Shredding Event click [HERE](#)
- April 21.....MHMR Opening Doors Dinner, click [HERE](#)
- April 22.....Earth Day, One Stop Drop Electronics Recycling Event  
City of Fort Worth/Cowboys Santa Event, click [HERE](#)
- April 26.....Hispanic Wellness Coalition Kick Off Reception, click [HERE](#)
- April 28-May 1.....May Fest, click [HERE](#)
- April 29.....Alzheimer’s Association Memory Gala, click [HERE](#)
- May 8.....Mother’s Day
- May 5.....Senior Synergy, click [HERE](#)
- May 5.....Cinco de Mayo Hiring Fair, NS Workforce Center, 2315 N Main St, Fort Worth, 9am-2pm
- May 7.....All Saints Catholic Church’s Cinco de Mayo Parade  
10am at Central Avenue between N Main St and Clinton Avenue
- May 11.....Girls Scouts Women of Distinction Eventclick [HERE](#)
- June 19.....Father’s Day
- June 19.....Juneteenth
- July 4.....W.H. Wilburn Lake Como Day Parade, 9am at Como Community Center
- July 4.....Fort Worth’s Fourth, click [HERE](#)

## OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**Cathy Young Junior**  
Executive Administrator of  
Administrative and Constituent Services

**Roderick Miles, Jr.**  
Executive Administrator of  
Programs and Outreach

**Amanda Applon**  
Community Outreach Coordinator

**Jeanette Martinez**  
Assistant Precinct Administrator