



PRECINCT ONE NEWS

Roy Charles Brooks
Tarrant County Commissioner

MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER ROY CHARLES BROOKS

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to embrace a new school year. Each year brings positive change and it is reflected through your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

Also, like many others in our community, we are heartbroken by the impacts of the recent hurricane devastation to our neighbors here at home and abroad. Please know that we pray for them now. We send our best wishes for the safety of your loved ones, homes, and businesses.

Finally, your continued support of our activities in Tarrant County Precinct One is greatly appreciated. I am truly honored to have the opportunity to represent you. It has been said that the greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. Remember, in every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. And, in every heart, there is the power to do it.

If you are interested in submitting an article, please email pct1@tarrantcounty.com. We would love to share your event or news with our readers.

As always, may God continue to bless the work of your hands.

Sincerely,

Roy Charles Brooks

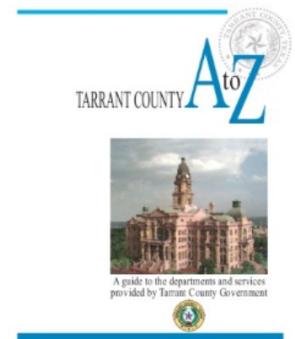
"The highest of distinctions is service to others."

-King George VI



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LEARN WHAT COUNTY
GOVERNMENT DOES

4TH ANNUAL HEALTHY LIVES MATTER ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION SEMINAR

The 4th Annual Healthy Lives Matter Alzheimer's Education Seminar was held on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Tarrant County College Trinity River Campus. Over 300 participants, healthcare professionals and volunteers were in attendance with 37 vendors providing dementia support services and other essential resources.

Sessions included a focus on sibling relationships, mental health and the aging population, the future of prevention, cost of care, brain health in women, and enhancing care through communication and activity. Dementia Live, a high-impact dementia simulation experience immersed participants into life with dementia, resulting in a deeper understanding of what it's like to live with cognitive impairment and sensory change. Commissioner Brooks shared his own personal story as a caregiver and how this devastating disease not only impacts a family or a community, but an entire nation.

The event was made possible and offered free of charge by the generous support of our partners and sponsors: Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter, Tarrant County College Trinity River Campus, United Way Area Agency on Aging, Amerigroup, and the University of North Texas Health Science Center Fort Worth.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR 4TH ANNUAL EVENT A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!



CELEBRATE RED RIBBON WEEK



While the primary function of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is to enforce the nation's federal drug laws, we understand that law enforcement alone

cannot solve America's drug problem. DEA's primary mission is to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States. It also is committed to reducing the demand for drugs through prevention and education activities. DEA's Community Outreach and Prevention Support Section collaborates with its partners at the federal, national, state, and local levels to provide prevention information to schools and communities on drug trends and the dangers of using illicit drugs.

Celebrate a Hero's Life

Enrique (Kiki) Camarena's death created a worldwide rallying cry against drug abuse. Kidnapped,

tortured, and brutally murdered by Mexican drug traffickers in 1985, Kiki's death mobilized the public and raised awareness about drug use and prevention. Today, decades after Kiki Camarena's death, the meaning of his sacrifice continues to galvanize communities through Red Ribbon Week, celebrated annually **October 23-31**. Red Ribbon Week highlights the importance of living a drug-free life. It presents an opportunity for parents, educators, and communities to reinforce the drug-free messages they share with their children throughout the year. During Red Ribbon Week, increase your knowledge by learning more about the destructive effects of drug abuse and prescription drug misuse. Take a stand and wear a red ribbon to show your intolerance for drug abuse. Spread the word and encourage everyone you know to live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. For more information please visit: <https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/get-involved/red-ribbon-week-patch-program>

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY



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The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, **6 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs**. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. The DEA's Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths. Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 10am to 2pm will be the next collection visit <https://takebackday.dea.gov/> for more information.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Tarrant County Precinct One Field Operations maintains over 190 miles of unincorporated roads and partners with our seven municipalities and three school districts through Interlocal Agreements to repair the city streets.

SNAPSHOT OF 2018/2019 Year to Date

October 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

County Roads

Actively working on 7.73 miles of road maintenance.

Interlocal Agreements (ILA)

Seven (7) ILAs scheduled to be completed in the 2018/2019 FY.

1,148,573 square feet of Project Roadways and Parking lots.

To date, Four ILA's completed, Three ILA's currently working.

Culvert and Drainage

Completed 82 Installations

Crack sealing

Completed 41 Projects

Right of Way (ROW) Mowing

190 Miles of Unincorporated Road, completing 721 Tasks

Signs

Maintenance and oversight of 2,369 Signs (329 Installed and repaired signs and 149 supports)

Administrative Team:

Responsible for our record keeping and reporting requirements.

Completed over 4,918 Tasks

Equipment Maintenance

Responsible for the maintenance of our equipment.

Complex Maintenance

Responsible for the building and ground maintenance

The Precinct One Field Operations take great pride in serving our Community.





VITA

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

EXTENDED SEASON UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 2019

United Way of Tarrant County is proud to provide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), a free tax preparation assistance for individuals and households with an annual income of \$56,000 or less.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FORT WORTH

249 Thornhill Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76115

(817) 706 - 9117

*APPOINTMENT ONLY

BE SURE YOU BRING:

- Photo ID
- Original Social Security card or ITIN for each person listed on the tax return
- Copy of last year's tax return
- All W-2 wage statements for 2018
- 1099 SSA, 1099-R and 1099-G
- Cash income amount and work expenses
- 1095 Health coverage form
- Direct deposit information

Tax preparation assistance available for tax years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

*Amendments of returns are only prepared at VITA tax centers.



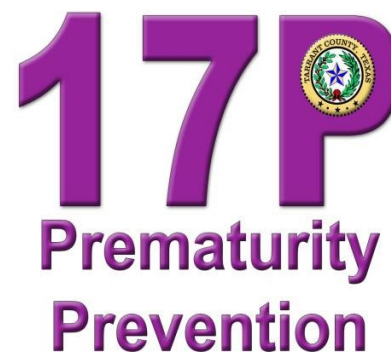
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FOR TARRANT COUNTY



TARRANT COUNTY 17P PREMATURITY PREVENTION PROGRAM

WHAT IS PRETERM BIRTH?

Preterm birth is a birth that takes place more than three weeks before the baby's estimated due date. In other words, it is a birth that occurs before the start of the 37th week of pregnancy. Premature babies often are at an increased risk for medical problems.



Risk factors:

1. The greatest risk for giving birth to a baby too soon is if you have already had a baby that was premature
2. African American babies are at a high risk of being born early although preterm birth affects babies of all races and ethnicities

The 17P Program

17P is an injection of progesterone (a naturally occurring hormone) medication that can help delay having your baby too soon.

You may be eligible for the 17P medication if:

1. You have been diagnosed with a history of a singleton premature birth for non-medical reasons between 20 and 36 weeks gestation, AND
2. You are currently pregnant with one baby

If this criteria applies to you, **contact us!**

Program participants will be contacted by phone every 2 weeks until delivery. If participants receive progesterone therapy (17P), they will receive a \$25 gift card after they give birth.

For additional information, please contact Tarrant County Public Health's Prematurity Prevention staff at:

(817) 321-5995
536 W. Randol Mill Road
Arlington, TX 76011



Tarrant County Public Health
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Cowboy Santas

Together, bringing more smiles!



What's New in 2019

New Partnership with Salvation Army

Cowboy Santas is partnering with the Salvation Army Angel Tree to continue to provide toys and clothing to low-income families in Tarrant County.



- Intakes begin **September 30, 2019**
- Ask about applications at select Fort Worth Independent Schools
- Apply at a Community Action Partners site
- Serves children 14 years and younger
- Gift pick up location will be assigned during appointment

Call 817-392-5790 to make Saturday appointments

Where to Apply

Thursdays

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Andrew "Doc" Session
201 S. Sylvania Ave.
Fort Worth, 76111

North Tri-Ethnic
2950 Roosevelt Ave.
Fort Worth, 76106

Como
4900 Horne St.
Fort Worth, 76107

Southside
959 E. Rosedale St.
Fort Worth, 76104

Martin Luther King Jr.
5565 Truman Dr.
Fort Worth, 76112

Worth Heights
3551 New York Ave.
Fort Worth, 76110

Northside
1100 NW 18th St.
Fort Worth, 76164

Arlington
401 W Sanford St.
Suite 2700
Arlington, 76011

Applications are not available online.

Who Qualifies

If you have children 14 years and younger, live in Tarrant County and meet Income Guidelines, you may qualify to receive gifts for your children during the holiday season.

What to Bring

Photo ID of applicant - must be age 18 and older.

Proof of **ALL INCOME** for EVERYONE in the household (benefit letters/pay stubs/income tax/TANF document, etc.) for the past 30 days is required.

Proof of Tarrant County residence.

Provide Household expenses (rent/mortgage/water/light/gas, etc.)

Proof of age for children 14 and younger (birth certificates, shot records, etc.)

We cannot process you without these documents.

More Information

Visit www.CowboySantas.org for details

CentralMarket
**FEAST
OF SHARING**
—★—★—★—
FORT WORTH

8TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019
3 - 7 PM**

**WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL CENTER
AMON CARTER EXHIBIT HALL
3401 WEST LANCASTER AVENUE, FORT WORTH, TX 76107**

**FREE
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

Please join us as we give thanks for all of life's blessings.
Our invitation is open to everyone, the dinner is free, and
the memories are truly everlasting.

**SERVING HOLIDAY MEMORIES
ONE PLATE AT A TIME**

**Kid's Zone • Live Entertainment • Meet Santa
Health and Family Services • Face Painting • And More**



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Sep 18.....[First Annual North Texas Health Fair and Caregiver Resource Expo](#)
- Sep 24.....[National Voter Registration Day](#)
- Sep 26.....[Raising of Fort Worth: Building the Best Place for Kids!](#)
- Sep 28.....[Making Connections Disability Resources For All Ages West Tarrant](#)
- Sep 28.....[Convoy of Hope Community Event](#)
- **Oct 1**.....**National Night Out**
- Oct 4-5.....[10th Annual Harambee Festival](#)
- Oct 4.....[Empowering Seniors](#)
- Oct 5.....[NAMIWALKS Tarrant County](#)
- Oct 5.....[Carnaval de Salud](#)
- Oct 8[Remembrance Event in Honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)
- Oct 11.....[Compassion Fatigue Symposium](#)
- Oct 12.....[Care 2 Fight Health and Wellness Fair](#)
- Oct 12[Handley Fest 2019](#)
- Oct 15[4th Annual DFW Business Opportunity Fair](#)
- Oct 19-20.....[Burleson Far Out Family Camp Out & Fishing Adventure](#)
- Oct 19.....[Arts Goggle](#)
- Oct 22.....[Fort Worth Hispanic of Chamber, Build FW–Session Two](#)
- Oct 25.....[MLK Community Center Fall Festival](#)
- Oct 26.....[Walk to End Alzheimer's](#)
- Nov 1.....[Fort Worth Farmer's Market](#)
- Nov 23[10th Annual Funky Finds Holiday Shopping Experience](#)
- **Nov 28**.....**Thanksgiving Day**
- Nov 28.....[YMCA Turkey Trot](#)



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 Precinct One

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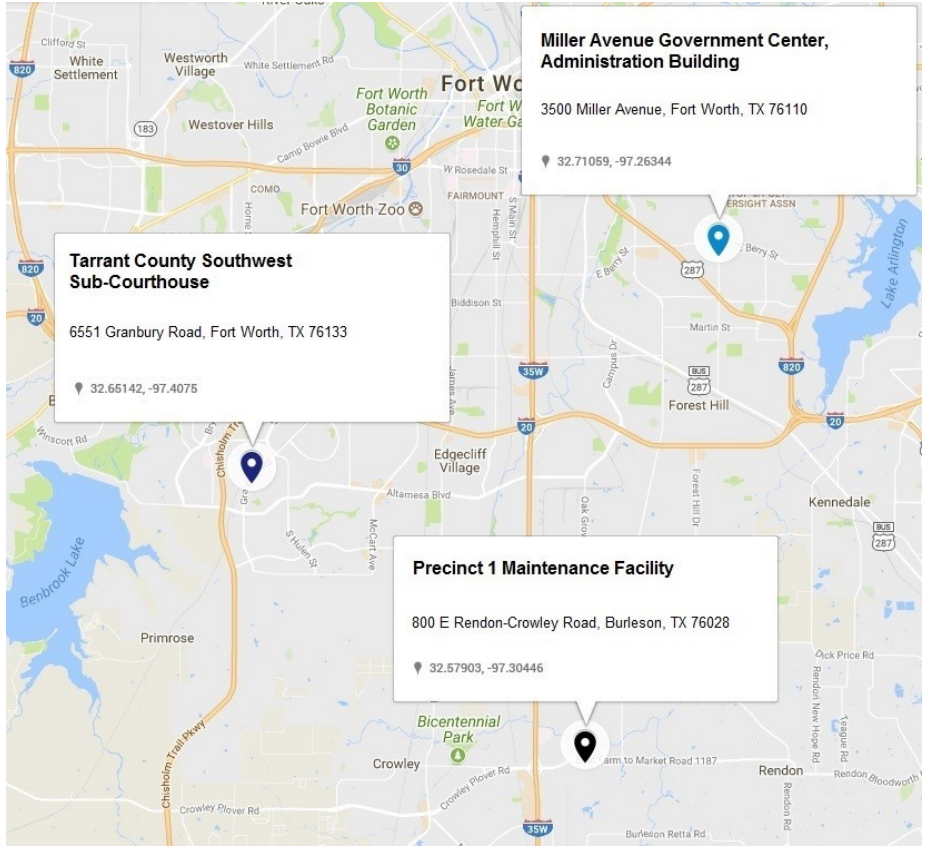
Southwest Sub-Courthouse
 6551 Granbury Road
 Fort Worth, TX 76133
 Phone: (817) 370-4500

Maintenance Facility
Catherine Young-Junior
 Director of Field Operations
 800 E Rendon-Crowley Road
 Burleson, TX 76028
 Phone: (817) 615-4050

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STAY CONNECTED



OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Roderick Miles, Jr.
 Executive Administrator of Programs and Outreach

Jeanette Martinez
 Executive Administrator of Administrative and Constituent Services

Amanda Applon
 Community Outreach Coordinator

Leon Polk
 Assistant Precinct Administrator

Stephanie D. Thompson
 Office Administrator

Michelle Polemeni
 Office Administrator

