



# Northeast Newsletter

## Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes - Precinct 3

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“Working together for a better tomorrow”

December 2023

### Join us at

### Commissioner Gary Fickes’ Annual Chili Cook-Off

Benefiting United Way of  
Tarrant County

Friday, December 15, 2023  
10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Northeast Courthouse  
645 Grapevine Hwy., Hurst  
Community Room

**Silent Auction  
and Bake Sale!**



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## SAVE THE DATE

### Tarrant Transportation Summit

Friday,  
February 9, 2024



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### COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- \* **Christmas Holidays** \*
- December 25 & 26*
- \* **New Years Day** \*
- January 1*



## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Happy Holidays! Christmas is only two weeks away ... *are you ready?* Remember to take time to make special memories with family and friends and spread joy to your neighbors and community. We must also be mindful that many folks in Tarrant County are struggling this year to afford the necessities and services. As you consider year-end giving, please think of our area agencies and organizations working so hard to help those in need.

I am excited and looking forward to our **14th Annual Tarrant Transportation Summit**, which will take place on **Friday, February 9, 2024**, at the Hurst Conference Center. This year’s theme is *Surge: Readiness for Exponential Population Growth* and will include presentations from transportation industry leaders throughout North Texas. Sponsorships are still available, and individual registration will be open soon. Please visit [www.TarrantTransportationSummit.com](http://www.TarrantTransportationSummit.com) for more information.

The flu and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) impact young children and seniors. As we spend the next several weeks with friends and family, there are several things you can do to

protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu and other viruses. Please wash your hands regularly, stay at home if sick, and consider a flu vaccination, especially if you are vulnerable to getting sick. You can view more information from Tarrant County Public Health [here](#).

Please join us this **Friday, December 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in the Northeast Courthouse Community Room for our **Annual Chili Cook-Off** benefiting the United Way of Tarrant County! We will also have a silent auction and bake sale. Visit with me, my staff, and other community stakeholders while enjoying a bowl of chili for a great cause!

Also, during the Christmas holiday, Tarrant County offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26. Offices will also be closed on Monday, January 1, in observance of New Year’s Day.

My staff and I wish you and your family a blessed Christmas season and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

*Gary Fickes*

## Donating For A Cause



Tuesday, November 28, 2023 – Commissioner Gary Fickes presented Julie Butner, President & CEO of Tarrant Area Food Bank, a \$50,000 donation for use with their Senior Home Delivery Program. In the last year, TAFB has seen a 28% increase in seniors experiencing food insecurities in our area.

If you are interested in this program, go to <https://tafb.org/senior-box-program/> or if you would like to donate, go to <https://tafb.org/> and click on their donation button.

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**\$10**  
Bowl of Chili, Cheese,  
Onions, Fritos,  
Tea/Water, and Dessert

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A very special "Thank You" to  
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**TCCU Gives Back**



**TTS** **Tarrant 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
Transportation  
Summit**  
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# SURGE

*Readiness for Exponential Population Growth*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024  
8 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.**

Hurst Conference Center  
1601 Campus Drive, Hurst, Texas

Focused on how we can collectively work together to ensure our infrastructure keeps up with the continued growth of our region, the 2024 Tarrant Transportation Summit promises to be a great event. We invite you to be a sponsor, where you'll join our longtime supporters and an audience of 600+ attendees.

Previous keynote speakers include:

- **Glenn Hegar**, Texas State Comptroller
- **Ross Perot, Jr.**, Perot Group & Hillwood Chairman
- **Roger Williams**, U.S. Congressman
- **Ron Kirk**, Attorney & Former United States Trade Representative
- **Rasheq Zarif**, Deloitte Managing Director & Future of Mobility Tech Sector
- **Dr. Ray Perryman**, President & CEO of The Perryman Group
- **Robert T. Hastings, Jr.**, Bell Executive Vice President & Chief of Staff
- **Mike Berry**, President of Hillwood Properties & Hillwood Urban
- **Phil Wilson**, Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation
- **Kent Larson**, MIT Media Lab Director of the City Science Initiative & the Changing Places
- **Victor T. Vandergriff**, Texas Transportation Commission Member
- **Robert Poole**, Director of Transportation Policy and Searle Freedom Trust Transportation Fellow, The Reason Foundation

Featured speakers and topics for the 2024 Tarrant Transportation Summit will be announced soon. To see previous Summits please visit [www.TarrantTransportationSummit.com](http://www.TarrantTransportationSummit.com)

For more information about sponsorship, please contact  
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## Area Assistance Programs



Consider contacting local assistance programs that provide food, toys, and gifts for those in need. Your contribution can make a real difference in someone's life, and it's a great way to give back to your community. Whether you donate money, goods, or your time, you can be sure that your efforts will be appreciated and put to good use. Remember, even the smallest act of kindness can go a long way in helping those in need.

Below are some area assistance programs that could use your support.

### 2-1-1 Help

[www.unitedwaytarrant.org/2-1-1](http://www.unitedwaytarrant.org/2-1-1)  
2-1-1 or 877-541-7905

### Fort Worth Hope Center

[www.fwhope.org](http://www.fwhope.org)  
817-451-6288

### SafeHaven

[www.safehaventc.org](http://www.safehaventc.org)  
1-877-701-7233

### 6Stones

[www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org)  
817-868-7400

### GRACE

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

### Samaritan House

[www.samaritanhouse.org](http://www.samaritanhouse.org)  
817-332-6410

### Catholic Charities - Fort Worth

[www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org)  
817-534-0814

### HIM Food Bank

[www.himcenter.org](http://www.himcenter.org)  
817-453-3663

### Serving Our Seniors

[www.servingourseniors.org](http://www.servingourseniors.org)  
817-282-0531

### Center for Transforming Lives

[www.transforminglives.org](http://www.transforminglives.org)  
817-332-6191

### Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County

[www.mealsonwheels.org](http://www.mealsonwheels.org)  
817-336-0912

### Tarrant Area Food Bank

[www.tafb.org](http://www.tafb.org)  
817-857-7100

### Community Action Partners

[www.fortworthtexas.gov/cap](http://www.fortworthtexas.gov/cap)  
817-392-6605

### Metroport Meals on Wheels

[www.metroportmow.org](http://www.metroportmow.org)  
817-491-1141

### Tarrant Cares

[www.tarrantcares.org](http://www.tarrantcares.org)  
211

### Community Enrichment Center

[www.cechope.org](http://www.cechope.org)  
817-281-1164

### Mission Central

[www.missioncentraltx.org](http://www.missioncentraltx.org)  
817-595-0011

### The Gatehouse

[www.gatehousegrapevine.com](http://www.gatehousegrapevine.com)  
817-912-0317

### Community Food Bank

[www.food-bank.org](http://www.food-bank.org)  
817-924-3333

### NEED

[www.needdfw.org](http://www.needdfw.org)  
817-280-0286

### The Salvation Army

[www.salvationarmydfw.org](http://www.salvationarmydfw.org)  
817-344-1800

### Community Storehouse

[www.communitystorehouse.org](http://www.communitystorehouse.org)  
817-431-3340

### North Texas SNAP

[www.ntxsnap.org](http://www.ntxsnap.org)  
817-545-9456

### Union Gospel Mission

[www.ugm-tc.org](http://www.ugm-tc.org)  
817-339-2553

# YEAR IN REVIEW

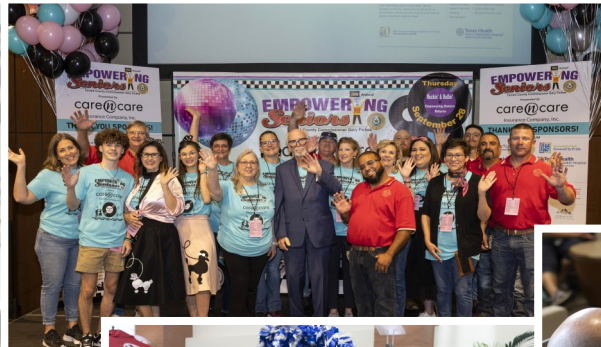
## Transportation Summit

The 13th annual Tarrant Transportation Summit (TTS) was a success, providing updated information on transportation projects in the Tarrant County area and beyond. The summit covered mobility, DFW Airport, high-speed rail, commuter rail, urban development, innovative technologies, and funding. The TTS is crucial in keeping the public informed and engaged on the latest transportation infrastructure and policy developments.



## Empowering Seniors

Our attendees enjoyed learning about essential information and resources and taking advantage of health screenings, entertainment, prizes, food, treats, and more! This event is possible thanks to our sponsors, our exhibitors' participation, and our incredible volunteers' help.



## NETC Seniors Rock Program

Touching the lives of seniors, healthcare heroes, emergency responders, veterans and more.



# Merry Christmas

A big thank you to all of our exceptional employees at Tarrant County!

Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and we are so grateful for everything you do to make our county a better place.

Whether working on the front lines or behind the scenes, your contributions are essential to our success, and we couldn't do it without you.

You've gone above and beyond to ensure that our residents receive the services and support they need, and we can't thank you enough for your unwavering commitment.

So, from my staff and I—"Thank you for being awesome!"

Keep up the great work, and let's continue positively impacting our community together.

