

Northeast Newsletter

Tarrant County - Precinct 3

"Working together for a better tomorrow"



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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

If you haven't noticed, Election Season is upon us. Tarrant County Elections Administrator, Mr. Steve Raborn, has briefed the Commissioners Court that he and his staff are expecting one of the largest voter turnouts ever seen in Tarrant County.

Mr. Raborn expects that 50% or more of the votes will be cast during the early voting period. The main reason for mentioning this is that the Northeast Sub-Courthouse in Hurst will be a very busy place during this time (October 20-31). Traffic and parking will be a challenge, so please be patient during this period. Our regular office hours are 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily. See page 7 for [Voting Dates, Times and Locations](#)

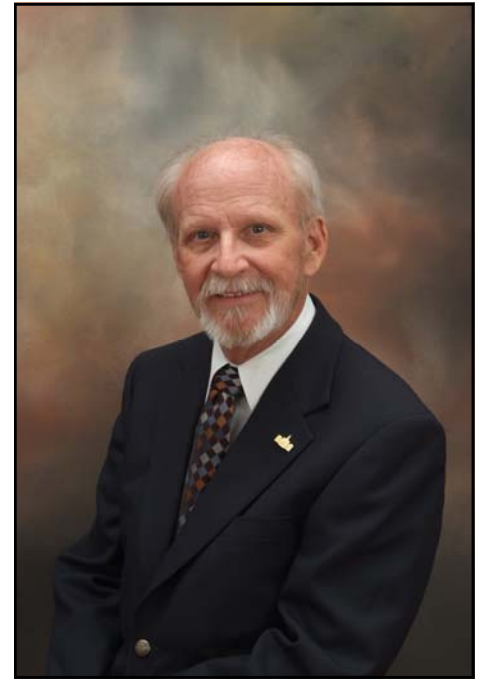
During the past two months we have been working on the County Budget. We finalized the process in mid-September. Commissioners Court approved the final budget on September 16. The total 2008-2009 County budget is \$463,039,047. The County had a substantial number of new commercial and residential construction projects completed during the previous year which are now on the tax rolls. This increase will provide the County with an

additional \$9,716,403. The majority of these funds will be used in Public Safety, Court security, Public Health and increased health care costs. Because of this increase in revenue, Commissioners Court reduced the tax rate by ¼ cent. The average homeowner will see a decrease in their County taxes.

Precinct 3 will be establishing a Senior Task Force. Our goal is to provide a forum for the ever increasing needs of our seniors. We will be looking at issues that affect all of us and the impact of retirement, employment, transportation, transit, health care, isolation and any other subjects that may be of interest or concern. We hope to bring together resources and individuals who can provide information and advice on how to live a productive, healthy lifestyle. If you would like to be part of this Senior Task Force or have interest in it, please contact our office at 817-581-3600 or email ggfickes@tarrantcounty.com for further information.

Remember to Vote!

Gary Fickes



Commissioner Gary Fickes

Question of the Month:

Who was the first native born Texan to serve as Governor of Texas?

Email your answers to: ggfickes@tarrantcounty.com

TARRANT COUNTY VOTES

See page 7 of the newsletter for a special insert on early voting dates, times and locations as well as other helpful information.



Precinct 3's United Way Fundraiser ~ September 30 to October 10th ~

Get your tickets for the gift baskets

(Women's, Men's, Children's and Entertainment) valued at \$160 to \$220 each! Drawing to be held October 10th at the NE Sub-Courthouse, 645 Grapevine Hwy. in Hurst at 1:30 p.m.

Need not be present to win.

Sack lunch will be available for a small fee.

For tickets, contact the Commissioner's Office at NE Sub-Courthouse (817-581-3600) or Southlake Town Square (817-481-8234).

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Tarrant County Tax Office



The Tarrant County Tax Offices at the Northeast and Southlake Sub-Courthouses offer a wide variety of services for the taxpayers of northeast Tarrant County. The knowledgeable staff at both locations are available to accept motor vehicle and property tax payments and to help with any motor vehicle or property tax related questions a taxpayer may have.

The Northeast and Southlake Sub-Courthouses have all applicable forms and information regarding motor vehicle registration renewals, title transfers, special plates, permits, disabled placards, and motor vehicle taxes. If a taxpayer does not have a home computer, there are kiosks

available at both locations that have accessible links from the Tarrant County homepage to pay property taxes online, obtain a necessary form, and access the listing of available employment opportunities in Tarrant County. The kiosks are also equipped with a printer if a customer needs a printed copy of their tax information.

The tax office staffs are kept apprised of all the latest changes in any motor vehicle laws, rules, and regulations that may affect the taxpayers of Tarrant County.

As the sign says when you enter the Northeast Sub-Courthouse lobby, "Enter as strangers. Leave as friends."

The Northeast locations are:

Northeast Sub-Courthouse
645 Grapevine Highway
Hurst, Texas 76054
Phone: 817-581-3635

Southlake Town Hall
1400 Main, Suite 110
Southlake, Texas 76092
Phone: 817-481-8141

Hours of operation are: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

For more information on Tax Office:
www.tarrantcounty.com

INFORMATION FROM THE TARRANT COUNTY TAX OFFICE

The Tarrant County Tax Office will begin mailing tax statements for 2008 during the first week in October.

Payment of Tarrant County property taxes is convenient. Taxes may be paid by credit card or e-Check online at www.tarrantcounty.com, or by telephone by calling 817-884-1110. If you wish to pay in person, you may pay at the downtown County Administration Building, 100 East Weatherford or at any of the seven Tarrant County sub-courthouses, two of which are in Precinct 3: in Southlake at 1400 Main, Suite 110, or in Hurst at 645 Grapevine Highway. Tax offices are open Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Tax payments may also be made by mail.

Payment options are available. If taxes are paid in full, the due date is January 31, 2009. All taxpayers may elect to pay one-half of their taxes by November 30, 2008, with the balance due by June 30, 2009 with no penalty or interest added. Taxpayers over the age of 65 or with a disability may pay property taxes on their homestead in four payments of equal amounts, with the payments due by January 31, 2009, March 31, 2009, May 31, 2009, and July 31, 2009.

Questions concerning amount of taxes owed or payments may be addressed to the Tax Office by telephone at 817-884-1100.

Questions concerning property value, exemptions, ownership, or address must be directed to the Tarrant Appraisal District at 817-284-0024.

Employee Spotlight



Roselee Kerr, Senior Support Specialist for Tarrant County in Precinct 3.

I was born in Durant, Oklahoma and moved to Smithfield, which is now North Richland Hills, in 1963. I graduated from Richland High School in 1975, and later received an Associates Degree in Computer Science from Tarrant County College.

After high school I went to work for American Airlines, during which time I married a Fort Worth Police Officer. In 1984, I went to work for a travel agency and spent six weeks travelling throughout Europe, living on a train. In 1985, my son Johnny was born and that put an end to my globetrotting!

The County has been my home since 1995. I've been assigned to Precinct 3 for almost seven years now. In addition to my work with Precinct 3, I provide computer support in Commissioners Court and Elections and also assist with early voting during election periods.

I enjoy doing stained glass projects and working in the yard. Together with a friend, we recently completed a major project of eight stained glass windows for a developer in Arlington. My favorite

vacation spot is Washington D.C., where my son works for the Secret Service assigned to the White House--not that I'm proud or anything!

On a more personal note ~

Roselee what do you like most about your job?
"Helping others make their jobs easier."

What do you do for fun? "Make stained glass windows and work in my yard."

Favorite movie? "The Wizard of Oz" and "Barnyard"

Favorite Restaurant? "Steak and Ale (When I could afford to go out to eat!)."

Vacation Spot? "Europe (in my dreams), Washington DC for now because that is where my son is."

Last Book Read? "Daily devotional and my Bible"

People would be surprised to know... "I started racing dune buggies (cross country and drag strip) at the age of 14."

Economic Development

AllianceTexas



New retail shopping center in Alliance Town Center.

AllianceTexas Generates \$33.8 Billion Economic Impact to North Texas

Despite economic woes across the nation, the 17,000-acre AllianceTexas development continues to serve as a strong economic engine for the North Texas market. According to Insight Research Corporation, the development generated a \$2.52 billion impact to the local economy in 2007, bringing its cumulative impact since 1990 to \$33.8 billion. Economic impact is

driven by capital investment in buildings, equipment, and operating and maintenance budget expenditures. It calculates the effect of new investment in the economy, including direct and indirect jobs, sales tax and property tax.

The economic forecast for the AllianceTexas development also remains positive. Current construction projects total nearly 3 million new square feet within the development, including facilities for Deloitte & Touche, Fidelity Investments, BlueCross BlueShield, Alliance Town Center and Sam Moon. These projects will bring the total square footage developed to more than 31 million square feet within the next 18 months.

More than 200 companies operate facilities within AllianceTexas. Several of these companies utilize Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) #196, an economic tool available within facilities located at Alliance. In 2007 FTZ #196 processed more foreign product than any other general purpose FTZ in the United States – another indicator of strong economic growth for AllianceTexas.

Additionally the labor pool at Alli-

anceTexas is strong. More than 28,000 employees work in over 200 companies within the development. These companies include the world's top brands, such as TD Ameritrade, Daimler Financial Services, Cardinal Health, Nestle, Mitsubishi, Volkswagen, KRAFT Foods, SC Johnson, LEGO, FedEx and more.

The future remains bright for AllianceTexas. For more information on current opportunities and available space, please contact Tony Creme, Steve Aldrich or Reid Goetz at 817.224.6000 or visit:

www.AllianceTexas.com



New speculative industrial building at AllianceTexas

Hurst Heritage District

Transforming a City: The Opportunities are Building in Hurst

The City of Hurst is transforming in a big way. With vacant land as a rare commodity, Hurst is getting creative in coming up with innovative ways to continue to develop and redevelop the City. In an effort to keep Hurst on the forefront of development in the area and provide a stable tax base for the future, the progressive Hurst City Council and staff identified three corridors of the city as areas with the potential to redevelop structured business retail and residential growth: West Pipeline Road, Hurst Town Center and the Bellaire Shopping Center. These plans include plenty of mixed-use zoning concepts and are being aggressively marketed to progressive developers. Continuing to build on tradition and planning for the future are what will keep the City of Hurst an area leader in development.

On Jan. 29 city and public officials broke ground on Heritage Village, one of three phases of the transforming initiative. Located on West Pipeline, this development will help revitalize an aging area of the city. Heritage Village is anchored by a new Senior Center and Fire Station and



Groundbreaking for Hurst's New Fire Station #2 on W. Pipeline Rd

will have the look and feel of village greens found in older communities with all the amenities of a progressive community. Features such as a nearby park, jogging trail, retail and living space and restaurants will make Heritage Village a premier location for active seniors.

Construction on Fire Station #2 is nearing completion, and is expected to open in November. Construction on the Hurst Senior Center is expected to begin in October and it is expected to open next fall. Utilities and street improvements are in the planning phase, as well as landscape design and other amenities.

Hurst Town Center is also undergoing a

transformation. Town Center, currently home to Hurst City Hall, Hurst Police Station and several miscellaneous restaurants and businesses, will undergo two phases of redevelopment. Phase one will consist of building a 50,000 sq. ft. conference and meeting facility, scheduled to open in July 2010. Phase two entails a \$300 million mixed use development including restaurant, retail, office and living space.

The City of Hurst is definitely transforming in a big way. The opportunities continue to build. For more information or to join in, call Mike Morgan at 817-788-7095.



Construction of Fire Station #2

For more information <http://www.ci.hurst.tx.us>

**Tarrant County
Precinct 3 Maintenance Center**

817-514-5000



Precinct 3 Maintenance Center staff pose for a picture with Commissioner Fickes following a quarterly gathering before the start of their day.

The Precinct Three Maintenance Facility has had a busy year. In a cooperative effort with the cities of Fort Worth, Haltom City, Richland Hills, and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T), we re-constructed a portion of Midway Road south of Highway 121 to provide clearance under The T railroad bridge. We

also constructed a small bridge for the Smithfield Cemetery on Main Street in North Richland Hills.

Interlocal Agreements are the means to share the cost of road repair and maintenance between the County and the cities. In Bedford, we completed work on three sections of Brown Trail. Projects were also completed at the request of the cities of Colleyville (Plantation Drive), Euless (Cullum Drive and Main Street), Fort Worth (Westport Parkway, Haslet Roanoke Road, South Pipeline Road), Hurst (Hurstview, Precinct Line, Road, South Pipeline Road), Keller (Elm Street, Knox Road, Melody Lane), and Southlake (a portion of Dove Road).

In the unincorporated areas of the Precinct, reconstruction work was carried out on three sections of Golden Triangle Boulevard, and asphalt overlays on several roads: Alpine, Bear Springs, Blue Sky, Elk Horn, Haslet Roanoke, Highland Springs, Mallard Springs, Singing Quail, and a section of Wagley Robertson Road. The final project for the year will be an asphalt overlay on a section of Bonds Ranch Road.

Several cities in the Precinct have submitted requests for paving projects, some asphalt overlays, and some reconstruction projects for Fiscal Year 2009 which begins October 1, 2008. It looks to be another busy year!

Question from previous issue was: Name the three elected presidents of The Republic of Texas (1836 - 1845).

Answer: Sam Houston (1836 - 1838 and again from 1841 - 1844), Mirabeau B. Lamar (1838 - 1841), and Anson Jones (1844 - 1845)

Congratulations to those who answered correctly!

Joe Deupree, David K. Hudson, Ralph Kunkel, Russell Laughlin, and Carey P. Page, M.D.



Tarrant County Historical
Commission 5th Annual Historic
Preservation Summit

October 30th ~ 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Plaza Building

**An Historical Moment In Time
County History Corner**



The Old Bedford School

The Old Bedford School is a lovingly restored historical building that has a deep and rich history. Bedford residents first sent their children to an area school which met in a log building during the early 1860's. After the Civil War, classes were held in a framed structure in the Spring Garden neighborhood. After it burned down in the early 1880's, Milton Moore, a pioneer resident of Bedford, deeded two and a half acres for the construction of Bedford College, an elementary and high school academy. In 1893, Bedford College was also destroyed by fire. Local citizens raised funds for a new elementary school nearby. It was replaced in 1915 by a 2-story brick schoolhouse which was

the first use of brick as a building material in the vicinity. When completed, the school was the largest structure in the area and dominated the local landscape for many years, as it sat on one of the highest elevations in Bedford.

In 1915, the first staff of the Bedford School consisted of a principal, who also taught classes, and four other teachers. The School served the community's needs, and consolidated with the Hurst-Euless School District in 1958, until 1969 when the Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD closed the facility due to its small size and relocated students to nearby Bell Manor Elementary.

The Old Bedford School was later used as a garage, warehouse and maintenance facility by the City of Bedford. In January of 1991, fire ravaged the building, destroying the entire roof and severely damaging the masonry walls and interior finishes. Reconstruction of the old school building began in 1993 under the guidance of the Bedford Historical Commission.

The Old Bedford School opened in the late summer of 1996 and houses a mu-

seum, visitors center, meeting areas, a 1915-style classroom and a tiered 149 seat auditorium. In 1997, the school was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior. The School is available for meetings, tours and even weddings. For more information such as rates, packages and events, such as the wildly popular Murder Mystery Dinners, please visit us online at www.oldbedfordschool.com.



Classroom



Auditorium

School-Based Clinics



HEB ISD Child Health Care Center located at 1100 Raider Drive in Euless

A difficult reality many parents will face this flu season is choosing between taking their child to the doctor and taking time off work. For some an unscheduled absence from the job can mean hours unpaid. Transportation in this area can be challenging and finding quality health care isn't easy in every neighborhood. However, each year thousands of school children walk out of a classroom and into an exam room thanks to the School-Based

Health Centers offered by JPS Health Network. In most cases the facilities are located on a school campus or within walking distance.

Commissioner Fickes and his staff have worked with JPS to open two new Northeast area School-Based Clinics in 2008. Another facility is scheduled to open in Hurst in 2009. The Northeast community currently has a total of four centers which are located in the BISD, HEB ISD, GCISD and Haltom City. These clinics are budgeted for more than 16,000 visits in the 2009 fiscal year.

Nurse practitioners provide a wide range of services at these centers, such as school physicals, treatment for asthma, sore throats and more to school children and their younger siblings.

Most children are seen for just \$5 (those with insurance or other coverage pay standard co-pays). For a complete listing of school-based health center locations log on to www.jpshhealthnet.org

HALLOWEEN TIP SHEET

Attend community festivals or local malls.

If you plan to go door to door:

- Keep kids in after dark and plan a safe route. Stay on sidewalk and look both ways before crossing the street.
- Stop only at familiar houses that have front porch lights on to welcome goblins.
- Beware of strangers. Don't talk to or accept a ride from anyone without permission.
- Don't eat unexamined treats. Let a parent or guardian look at it first.
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick or use reflective tape. Wear costumes that are fire proof, provide a good field of vision or use face paint so nothing obstructs your child's vision.
- Stay together as a group including an adult..
- Adults like to have as much fun during Halloween as the kids do! Don't drink and drive. According to NHTSA, in 2003 53 percent of all highway fatalities at Halloween were alcohol related. Local law enforcement will be out in full force the weekend prior to Halloween in an effort to reduce these numbers.
- If you are hosting or planning to attend a Halloween party, plan ahead and follow a few easy safety tips.
 - Serve creative nonalcoholic drinks.
 - Have a karaoke machine, costume contest or plan a fun party game to keep the focus off drinking.
 - Designate a driver before going out.

By Vicki Hall, RN ~ JPS Health Promotions

Down Syndrome Partnership for Tarrant County



One in every 733 children are born with Down syndrome. Commissioners Court proclaimed the month of October 2008, as Down Syndrome Awareness Month and encouraged citizens to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome and to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions.

Commissioner Fickes shakes the hand of the Ambassador for the Day for Down Syndrome Partnership for Tarrant County, Candace Moffitt. Also pictured are the President, Theresa Moffitt and Board Members, Marilyn Tolbert and Andrew Crim.

The Value of the JPS Health Clinics

Beth McClean, FNP, program director of school-based health centers, recalls a recent patient who wanted to play football. "He was overweight and had high blood pressure so we couldn't let him join the team. His mother had died. So it was just him and his father and they didn't know much about healthy food preparation," McClean said. She worked with him on his diet and nutrition and nine months later he had lost 50 pounds and is back on the team.

Justice of the Peace and Constables of Tarrant County

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know we have eight Justice of the Peace and Constable Precincts serving Tarrant County? All serve their own designated area as indicated on the map below. For instance, the Justice of the Peace and Constable for Precinct One and Three serve a portion of the cities located in Northeast Tarrant County.



Tarrant County Justice of the Peace Precincts map.

Justices of the Peace

Justices of the Peace (JPs) serve as the small claims courts for Texas. JPs are elected from eight precincts for a four-year term. Justices of the Peace also act as notaries public, hold inquests, and perform marriages.

Constables

Constables are constitutionally authorized peace officers elected by each precinct. There are eight Constables in Tarrant County. While they may perform patrol functions and make criminal investigations, the main duty of most constables is to serve as executive officer of the Justice of the Peace Courts. In that capacity, Constables serve subpoenas and other papers.

For more information: <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/eConstable/site/default.asp>
<http://www.tarrantcounty.com/eJusticePeace/site/default.asp>

BULLETIN BOARD

***** ATTENTION *****
Tarrant County Prescription Discount Card
 Save an average of 20% on your pharmacy drugs. **There is no enrollment form and no membership fee.** Call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit <https://naco.advancex.com>

FLU SHOTS - \$20.00
Tarrant County Public Health
 For information call 817-238-4448 or visit www.tarrantcounty.com

Tarrant County Veterans Services Administration Benefit Outreach
 Assistance free of charge.
 Every Tuesday - Noon to 3:30 p.m.
 Call for appointment 817-531-5645
 NE Sub-Courthouse
 645 Grapevine Hwy. Hurst TX 76054



Precinct 3 United Way Fundraiser
 Sept. 30 to Oct. 10

National Boss' Day #1
 October 16th



Election Day!
November 4th

Veterans Day
November 11th

Thanksgiving (County Holiday)
 Tarrant County Offices will be closed Nov. 27th & 28th



Christmas Holiday (County Holiday)
 Tarrant County Offices will be closed Dec. 25th & 26th



Tarrant County Commissioners Court
 Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
 100 E Weatherford Fort Worth, TX
 Unless otherwise stated

October 7, 14, 21 & 28th

November 4, 11, 18 & 25th

December 2, 9, 16, & 30th



Transportation

- Tarrant County Transportation Department www.tarrantcounty.com
- Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition www.trtcmobility.org
- Fort Worth Transportation Authority www.the-t.com
- North Central Texas Council of Governments www.nctcog.org
- North Texas Tollway Authority www.ntta.org
- Texas Department of Transportation www.txdot.gov
- Texas High Speed Rail Transportation Corporation .. www.thsrc.com

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 • Helpful links to what's going on with transportation in and around Precinct 3.

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tcparsons@tarrantcounty.com

If you do not want to receive a copy of our newsletter, please let us know and we'll take you off our list.

Please feel free to email any comments, questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you and have a great day!



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NE County Contacts

	NE Sub-Courthouse	Southlake Town Hall
Constable Pct. 3	817-581-3610	817-481-8059
County Clerk	817-581-3604	817-481-8179
Passport Office	_____	817-481-8190
Justice of the Peace Pct. 3	817-581-3625	817-481-8132
Juvenile Services	817-581-3645	_____
Travel - Pub. Health	_____	817-321-4707
Tax Office	817-581-3636	817-481-8141
Maintenance Center	817-514-5000	_____
Constable Pct. 1	817-884-1385	Serve a section of Haltom City, Hurst, Fort Worth, Richland Hills, North Richland Hills, and Watauga.
Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	817-884-1395	

Public Health Centers

NE Public Health Ctr. 813 Brown Trail #6, Bedford, TX 76022 817-285-4155
 Watauga Public Health Ctr. 6601 Watauga Rd, Watauga, TX 76148 817-702-6600

Tarrant County Website: www.tarrantcounty.com



Tarrant County Early Voting



NOVEMBER 4, 2008 ~ GENERAL ELECTION

>>>> EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE ~ DAYS, HOURS AND LOCATIONS <<<<

October 20 - 24	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 25	Saturday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 26	Sunday	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
October 27 - 31	Monday - Friday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

During the Early Voting if you are a Tarrant County Resident, you may vote at ANY of the *locations listed below.

**(Please note: Only the locations in the NE Section of Tarrant County are listed. For a complete list, please visit the Tarrant County Website.)*

Colleyville City Hall 100 Main St. Colleyville TX 76034	Grapevine Com. Activities Ctr. 1175 Municipal Way Grapevine TX 76051	Hurst Recreation Ctr. 700 Mary Dr. Hurst TX 76053	Northeast Sub-Courthouse 645 Grapevine Hwy. Hurst TX 76054	Southlake Town Hall 1400 Main St. Southlake TX 76092
Eules Public Library 201 N. Ector Dr. Eules TX 76039	Haltom City Recreation Ctr. 4839 Broadway Ave. Haltom City TX 76117	Keller Town Hall 1100 Bear Creek Pkwy. Keller TX 76248	N. Richland Hills Rec. Ctr. 6720 Northeast Loop 820 N. Richland Hills TX 76180	Summerglenn Branch Library 4205 Basswood Blvd. Fort Worth TX 76137

IMPOTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- October 20, 2008 - first day of in-person early voting.
- October 28, 2008 - last day to apply for a ballot by mail.
- October 31, 2008 - last day of in-person early voting.
- November 4, 2008 is ELECTION DAY!

Questions? 817-831-VOTE (8683)

Or visit Tarrant County Elections Website:

www.TarrantCounty.com



How to confirm my voter registration status

Q: I'm not sure if I'm registered; how can I confirm my voter registration status?

A: You can confirm your registration status on this website by going to <https://voterinfo.sos.state.tx.us/voterws/viv/faces/Introduction.jsp>, "Am I Registered" where you will select one of three methods for conducting your search. You can base your search on: 1. your Voter Unique Identifier(VUID), which appears on your voter registration certificate; 2. your Texas driver's license number, if you provided it when you applied for voter registration; or 3. your first and last name. Or, you can call the voter registrar's office in the county where you reside. To find the number, <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/votregduties.shtml>. For Tarrant County the number is 817-831-8683.

Ballot By Mail

Q: Can anybody vote early by mail (also referred to as absentee voting)?

A: Only specific reasons entitle a registered voter to vote early by mail (no longer called absentee voting). You may request a ballot by mail if you:

1. will be away from your county on Election Day and during early voting;
2. are sick or disabled;
3. are 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or
4. are confined in jail.

Q: I fall under one of the 4 reasons above. What do I do now? Are there deadlines connected with this procedure?

A: First, request an Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM) from the Early Voting Clerk in your county of registration, or from our office. Once received, read the instructions carefully, complete the ABBM form and return to the Early Voting Clerk. The dates applicable to the November 4, 2008 General Election are as follows: the first day you may submit an ABBM is **September 5, 2008**; the last day (or deadline) to submit an ABBM is **October 28, 2008**---this is NOT A POSTMARK DATE---the ABBM must be RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE EARLY VOTING CLERK by **October 28, 2008** in order for you to receive a ballot by mail.

[To learn more about the ABBM process and to request an ABBM from our office](#) (or print one directly from the web)

Contact information for your [Early Voting Clerk for State and County Elections](#) (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/earlyvoting.shtml>)



NOVEMBER 4TH ~ ELECTION DAY INFORMATION



Q: It's election day, November 4, 2008, and I'm registered and ready to vote. Where do I go? What are the hours for voting on election day?

A.: You will be able to find your precinct voting location by using our search site <https://voterinfo.sos.state.tx.us/voterws/viv/faces/Introduction.jsp> "Am I Registered?", which will be populated with voting sites well before election day. Or, you may want to contact the elections official in your county of registration <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/county.shtml>, election duties. Also, many newspapers publish election day polling locations, so you might be able to find the information there.

The hours of voting on Election day are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and you must vote at your precinct location.