



# Northeast Newsletter

Tarrant County - Precinct 3

"Working together for a better tomorrow"



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## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

A BIG thanks to all who attended our Northeast Tarrant County Transportation Summit in Grapevine in February. Over 450 were in attendance to hear about the two major highway projects in our area: the DFW Connector, and the North Tarrant Express. These projects are going to provide great benefits to NETC. They will reduce our roadway congestion, and keep our area moving for decades to come. Our challenge will be maintaining mobility during the 4+ years of construction. This construction period will affect the average commuter, business owner, employees and customers. Our goal of the Summit was to provide information concerning both projects and help you better understand the effect that each project will have in your area.

We had a great group of speakers that included William (Bill) Meadows, Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission; Bob Brown, TxDOT CDA Project Director; Rob Anderson, NorthGate Constructors; Robert Hinkle, NTE Partners; Russell Laughlin, Hillwood Development Co.; Oscar Trevino, Mayor, North Richland Hills; and Glen Whitley, Tarrant County

Judge. Also, thanks to the following Chambers of Commerce for their great effort selling tickets for the event: Colleyville, Grapevine, HEB, Fort Worth Hispanic, Keller, Northeast Tarrant, Northwest Metroport, and Southlake. Special thanks to our sponsors of the event: NorthGate Constructors--Rob Anderson, NTE Partners--Robert Hinkle, and the City of Grapevine--Mayor Bill Tate. Plan to join us next year for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northeast Tarrant County Transportation Summit.

An invitation to all of you who would like to participate in an event that I hold very close to my heart (I should say liver): LifeGift's "Second Chance Run". Join with "Team Fickes" on May 15<sup>th</sup> for this very special event. Many of you know that I have been blessed to be an organ recipient. Organ Donor awareness is key to saving thousands of lives a year. This is an easy 5K run/walk at Trinity Park in Fort Worth. Please join with us on this special day. Contact Mary Ann Rike for further information at [mrike@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:mrike@tarrantcounty.com).

*Gary Fickes*



Commissioner Gary Fickes

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### Commissioner's Coffee Shop



### Friday, April 9th ~7:30 to 8:30am COFFEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER



Please join me for coffee and donuts!  
Northeast Sub-Courthouse  
645 Grapevine Highway, Ste.6  
Hurst, Texas 76054

### Pictures from Feb. 12th Coffee



### Question of the Month

Speaking of Transportation, do you know how many miles of the following:

- Paved highways and roads in the U.S. (Federal, State, local)?
- Operating miles of railroad track?
- Operating miles of inland waterways (river & canal) in U.S.?

(Answer found on page 7)

# Employee Spotlight

## Tarrant County



**Nizam Peerwani,  
Chief Medical Examiner**



Nizam Peerwani was raised in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, a sleepy East African town on the coast of Indian Ocean. He studied in Lausanne, Switzerland and Beirut, Lebanon and is a graduate of the American University of Beirut (MD '76). He completed his residency in pathology at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, and is board certified in clinical, anatomic and forensic pathology.

Nizam serves as the chief medical examiner for the counties of Tarrant, Parker, Denton and Johnson in the State of Texas, a position he has held since September 1979. Academically, he served as an Associate Professor of Pathology at UNTHSC in Fort Worth and is currently a distinguished adjunct Professor at Texas Wesleyan University. Locally, he is probably best known for his role in the David Koresh–Mount Carmel incident in Waco,

Texas and in the trial of Chante Jawan Mallard.

His work with organizations like Physicians for Human Rights has taken him to numerous countries around the world where his skills as a forensic pathologist give voice to those who died unjustly. Among his work includes the evaluation of genocide and human rights violations within Rwanda. He testified to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda regarding the forensic team's findings. He was also an advance team member in the evaluation of genocide within Bosnia-Herzegovina and he testified at The Inter-American Court of Human Rights against the Peruvian National Police for the brutal slaughter of inmates in Miguel Castro Castro Prison in Lima, Peru. Although these are examples of his high profile work, his travel and investigations throughout the world, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Cyprus, Occupied West Bank and Gaza, Guatemala and more, provides essential service to those who need it most. He was honored in October 2006 by Physicians for Human Rights for his human rights work.

He has previously served on the State Child Fatality Committee as a forensic

expert and currently serves as a Commissioner on the Governor's State Forensic Science Commission.

Nizam has three children, including son Ziad, who is currently completing his fellowship in hematopathology at the Cleveland Clinics, Leila, an elementary Math-Science teacher and Sarah, a second year law student at Texas Wesleyan Law School in Fort Worth. He and his wife Fadia are proud grandparents of three grandchildren.

**On a more personal note ~**

**What do you do for fun?** *Read*

**Favorite Movie?** *"Dr. Zhivago"*

**Favorite Restaurant?** *The Mansion on the Turtle Creek*

**Favorite Book?** *"Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson*

**Favorite vacation spot?** *Snowmass, Colorado*

**People would be surprised to know...**

*"I come to work in pajamas."*

For more information about the Medical Examiner's Office:

[www.tarrantcounty.com/eMedicalExaminer/site/default.asp](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/eMedicalExaminer/site/default.asp)

## Precinct 3 Maintenance News 817-514-5000



Our Maintenance team recently was faced with an incident that required quick action. One of our employees was injured on the job. Our staff is made up of people from all walks of life who bring different backgrounds, training, and special skills to the workplace. Fortunately, an employee

with training he received through participation in his local volunteer fire department immediately stepped up and took preventive action until the ambulance arrived. The right person was there at the right time and our injured staff member has fully recovered.



Precinct 3 crew clearing the parking lot at the Northeast Sub-Courthouse.

This winter has proved to be very challenging with rain, snow, and ice that has made it more difficult to maintain our roads and keep to our project schedule. We have had crews assigned to sand trucks and snow



Providing assistance to our cities with limb cleanup after the storm.

removal throughout our area of the County to make sure our roads remained safe.

As we go into Spring, we will again continue the road projects with our cities.

**Neal Welch, Director of Field Operations**



Commissioner Gary Fickes thanks Charlie Smith for his heroic efforts in assisting co-worker, Tracy Farmer.

**Cinco de Mayo  
May 5th**



# Northeast Tarrant County Transportation Summit

## February 17, 2010



### *Mobility for the 21st Century*

Over 450 attended the first  
NE Tarrant County  
Transportation Summit!



#### Thank you to our wonderful speakers!

- Mayor William D. Tate, City of Grapevine
- William (Bill) Meadows, Commissioner-Texas Transportation Commission
- Bob Brown, TxDot - Project Overview
- Rob Anderson, NorthGate Constructors - DFW Connector
- Robert Hinkle, NTE Partners - North Tarrant Express
- Russell Laughlin, Hillwood - I35 & 820 Interchange
- Mayor Oscar Trevino, City of N Richland Hills - Major Local Projects
- Dan Kessler, NCTCOG - NCTCOG 2030 Plan
- Judge Glen Whitley, Tarrant County - The Challenges and Opportunities Ahead
- Tony Pack, Five Star Ford
- Doug Lawson, Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine
- Daniel Beltran, Chick-Fil-A, North Richland Hills



William (Bill) Meadows, Commissioner  
Texas Transportation Commission



Mayor of North Richland  
Hills- Oscar Trevino



Citizens viewing the DFW  
Connector display



Kathryn Wilemon, Dan Kessler, Commissioner Gary Fickes,  
Judge Glen Whitley, and Vic Suhm

*Photos provided by "Photos by Walt"*

Check out our website for the Summit presentation and contact information at:

<http://tcweb.tarrantcounty.com/ecommissioner/cwp/view.asp?a=708&q=458419>

**We look forward to your attending the NE Tarrant Transportation Summit in 2011!**

#### Thank you to our Sponsors



## 6 Stones Mission Network

Scott Sheppard  
Executive Director



**6 Stones Mission Network is a place where families can get help and find hope.**

We work with a coalition of churches, businesses, nonprofit agencies and a multitude of volunteers to meet needs of Hurst, Euless and Bedford residents. We are located at 209 N. Industrial in Bedford on the SW corner of Hwy 183 and Hwy 157.

**NEW HOPE CENTER** compassion ministry provided food, clothing and some furniture to 10,000 HEB residents in 2009

**New Hope Center Hours:**

Mondays 10 a.m. – 530 p.m.

Tuesdays 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**EULESS REVITALIZATION** – collaborated with the City of Euless to renovate 20 homes for those who were unable to complete repairs on their own. We hope to work with other cities in 2010 to expand this work.

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** – benefiting Euless Revitalization June 15

**CLUBHOUSE KIDS** – summer apartment ministry

**BACK - TO - SCHOOL FESTIVAL** – worked with HEB ISD to provide backpacks and school supplies to 1300 children

**NIGHT OF WONDER** – worked with HEB ISD and hundreds of adopters to provide Christmas meals and presents for 1180 children during parties at ten HEB elementary schools.



**Working together, we can make 2010 even better. We'd love to partner with you!**

Is your business, community group or organization known as a leader in community service? Would you like to be? Whether you or your organization plan a service day, sponsor a food or clothing drive, volunteer in another area, donate supplies or make a contribution, *you can make a difference in the lives of HEB residents by partnering with 6 Stones Mission*

**Network!** Contact us via email at [info@6stones.org](mailto:info@6stones.org). Visit us at [www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org). Become a fan at [www.facebook.com/6stones](http://www.facebook.com/6stones). We look forward to hearing from you.



A lot of smiling faces at the Back-To-School Festival.

**6 Stones Mission Network**  
209 N Industrial Suite 241, Bedford, TX 76021  
817-868-7400 [www.6Stones.org](http://www.6Stones.org)

## North Richland Hills' Youth Advisory Committee

In February, the City of North Richland Hills' Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) worked through the City's Neighborhood Initiative Program to help an elderly NRH resident with needed yard work. YAC members raked leaves, weeded planting beds and cleaned up storm debris. Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes and North Richland Hills Mayor Oscar Trevino were on hand to talk to the YAC members about the importance of volunteer work and giving back to the community.

Paige Burroughs, YAC Chair, commented, "The YAC service project was a great way for us to really give back to the community. We could really see how by giving our time brightened someone else's day. It was incredibly rewarding and we had a lot of fun in the process."

The North Richland Hills Neighborhood Initiative Program was created in 2004 to help the elderly, single parents and persons with disabilities with minor exterior home repairs and yard work. Thanks to the generous support of volunteers such as the Youth Advisory Committee, nearly 400 residents have been helped through this program over the past 6 years. The program is being expanded this year to include larger exterior and interior home repairs for qualified residents. If you would like to volunteer your time or resources to the North Richland Hills Neighborhood Initiative program, please call 817-427-6650.



## Euless Revitalization Project



To volunteer: [www.eulesstx.gov/er](http://www.eulesstx.gov/er)

643 Volunteers, including Commissioner Gary Fickes and staff members, Rebecca Barksdale and Mary Ann Rike, worked on 15 houses March 12th and 13th as part of the Euless Revitalization Project.

### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO COUNTY SERVICES

Texas Association of Counties recently has a website focused specifically on Texas County government and how to get county services. Check out [www.texascounties4u.org](http://www.texascounties4u.org) to view a series of "how to" videos.

 **Flag Day ~ June 14th**

# Tarrant County Veterans Service Office

"PROUD TO SERVE AMERICA'S VETERANS"



Office staff pictured from left to right: Diana Terry, Mamie Glover, Vincent Williams, Peggy McCray, and Chester Slaughter, Director of Tarrant County Veteran Services.

Tarrant County veterans and their survivors may not be aware of a free benefit that was created just for them that they should take advantage of, the Tarrant County Veteran Service Office located in south Fort Worth. They are an advocate agency established to assist veterans and/or their survivors obtain entitled benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and the State of Texas, **FREE OF CHARGE!** Their office is a part of and funded by Tarrant County and is not associated with the DVA in any way. This means they work for Tarrant County veterans and their survivors. They have trained counselors who assist veterans and survivors mainly with the submission of disability compensation claims, non-service connected pension claims (for low income, disabled, war-time veter-

ans only), widows pension claims (for widows of deceased, low income, war-time veterans only), and aid and attendance claims. The pension and aid and attendance claims, if approved by the DVA, may be especially beneficial for veterans and widows who are in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. The Tarrant County Veterans Service Office will complete all of the claim forms, assist with obtaining necessary documents needed for the claims, and mail the claims to the DVA's office in Waco, all free of charge. They also offer assistance with other types of DVA and State of Texas benefits as well.

They are located at 1200 Circle Drive, Ste 300, Ft Worth, TX 76119 and can be reached by phone at (817) 531-5645 Mon - Fri between the hours of 8:00 to noon and 1:00pm to 4:30pm. More information about their office can be viewed



The Tarrant County Veteran Services "Wall of Honor" was erected in 2007 as a way to honor veterans, living and deceased. To add someone to the wall, please contact their office at 817-531-5645.

on their webpage at [www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com), click Departments, then Veteran Services or follow this direct link:

[www.tarrantcounty.com/eVeterans/site/default.asp](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/eVeterans/site/default.asp)

**Mother's Day**  
May 9th

**FATHER'S DAY**  
JUNE 20TH

Summer heat is just around the corner...

Handle with care...

## Tarrant County Graphics, Printing & Photographic Services Divisions

In most instances, there are people behind the scenes who make presentations look great, and do so without recognition. Our Graphics Department is one group that doesn't offer a service directly to the public although what they do is seen by the public on a daily basis. Recently, Commissioner Fickes' office had the opportunity to work with the Graphics Department for our "Empowering Seniors '09" event and our Transportation Summit. They provided professional flyers, posters, programs, and signage for both events. We would like to thank and acknowledge the outstanding job our Graphics, Printing, and Photographic Services Divisions do in producing the quality products we need to make these events successful—and often with very short notice.

Thanks, guys and gals, for a job very well done!



**Graphics,  
Printing &  
Photographic  
Services  
Division  
Staff**

Kneeling: Caren Beck, Charlie Cole. Standing: Dustin Hall, Steve Elleby, Carla Savage, Rick Lasater, Susan Strange, Dwayne McDowell, Judy Lusk, Danny Trujillo, Sandy Taylor



# Transportation

## Northeast Tarrant County

### DFW Connector Project: Connecting Northeast Tarrant County

After years of anticipation, construction has finally begun on the \$1.02 billion design-build DFW Connector project. The DFW Connector will reconstruct eight miles of state highways 114 and 121 and adjacent roadways located north of DFW Airport. New direct connections – including those from northbound SH 121 to westbound SH 114 and eastbound SH 114 to southbound SH 121 – will create safer roadways, bring much needed congestion relief to the area and improve air quality in *only four years*. Although some of the original configuration remains unfunded, work is being carried out to provide as much access and capacity within the available funding.

February 17, 2010 was a significant day for the DFW Connector, the project officially broke ground. At the peak of construction, the DFW Connector will create over 600 local jobs, and many more will be generated that are directly and indirectly linked to the construction.

That same day, the DFW Connector team held a public open house at the Grapevine Convention Center. Attendees were given the opportunity to meet with subject matter experts on project schedule, maintenance of traffic, right of way, environmental issues and aesthetics. Rob Anderson, Deputy Project Manager for NorthGate Constructors (the project contractor), gave an overview presentation on the project and how to stay informed during construction. More than 700 members of the commuting public, local businesses and stakeholders showed overwhelming support for the DFW Connector by attending the open house.



**DFW Connector Groundbreaking**



**DFW Connector Public Open House**

In the coming months, commuters will begin to see significant construction activities. Detour paving will be put in place on eastbound and westbound SH 114 between International Parkway and Main Street. Construction on several bridges north of the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport will begin within the month. On the west end of the job, removal of one half of Main Street Bridge will begin mid-April. Construction crews will begin work on the west side of the bridge, while traffic will be shifted to the east side of the bridge.

To stay informed on lane closures, visit [www.dfwconnector.com](http://www.dfwconnector.com) or call toll-free 1-877-411-4212

### DFW Connector Communication Tools

- Information hotline:  
Toll-Free 1-877-411-4212
- Web Site:  
[www.dfwconnector.com](http://www.dfwconnector.com)
- Project fact sheets
- E-alerts
- SMS



**This article provided by NorthGate Constructors**

# HALTOM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER



The Haltom City Senior Center is operated by the City of Haltom City and contracts with Senior Citizens Services of Greater Tarrant County to provide our congregate meal program.

The center is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To be eligible for our meal program you must be 60 years of age or older unless you are the spouse of someone who is 60 years of age or older.

If you are not 60 years of age, but would like to participate in the congregate meal program, the cost is \$6.00 and you must have a receipt for payment of that fee before you are served. A staff member is available to assist you.

Our meal time is 12:00 noon. Reservations for lunch can be made anytime, but must be made no later than 1:00 p.m. the day before.

We offer snacks each day from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Coffee and cold drinks are available in the beverage area for a small fee.

All new members are given a "guest meal coupon" to be used for the first meal eaten at the center.



Staff pictured left to right: Bertha Roden; Bobbi Arthur, Supervisor; Kiana Henry; and Georgene Jackson.

A suggested donation of \$2.00 per meal is requested thereafter.

In addition to our meal program we offer a full calendar of activities for you.

We offer craft, ceramic, art, and exercise classes, Wii bowling, quilting, bingo, gospel singing, billiards, and our newest class, experience the drum, (drumming circle) to name a few.

In addition to weekly scheduled programs we offer special events and parties

celebrating holidays throughout the year with live entertainment.

We have a computer room that allows you internet access as well as the opportunity to play several different games.

The center's Red Hatters "The Haltom Sweethearts" go on monthly outings

The first Wednesday and is open to anyone who would like to join them.

Our center is a partner agency with the Tarrant Area Food Bank and each Wednesday after eating lunch you are invited to take home a bag of groceries.

Door to door transportation service is available for eligible riders through the Red Cross. Check with a staff member if you would like more information on this service.

Our bus service is also available for the center's Wednesday grocery shopping trip.

The center sponsors several trips throughout the year. Please call for the available updated list.

Haltom Senior Citizens Center  
5000 Bernice St., Haltom City, TX 76117

817-834-8021

[www.haltomcitytx.com](http://www.haltomcitytx.com)

## Answer to Question of the Month

**Question:** Speaking of Transportation, do you know how many miles of the following: Paved highways and roads in the U.S. (Federal, State, local)? Operating miles of railroad track? Operating miles of inland waterways (river & canal) in U.S.?

**Answer:** - Paved Highways and roads: 2,734,000 miles  
- Operating miles of Railroad track: 140,000 miles  
- Operating miles of inland waterways: 25,000 miles

Please join **"TEAM FICKES"** in the **LifeGift 2nd Chance Run** Saturday, May 15th



**Fun Run/Walk 8:00 A.M. ~ 5K Run 8:30 A.M.**

This LifeGift annual run heightens awareness of the need for organ donation. Every day about 77 people get the "Gift of Life" while nearly 20 die because a donor was not available. There are over 100,000 people on an organ waiting list.

Join "Team Fickes" in this LifeGift Run and help give those in need a second chance.

If you would like to join **"TEAM FICKES"** please contact Mary Ann at 817 581-3600 or e-mail [mrrike@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:mrrike@tarrantcounty.com)

If you had the ability to save someone's life... would you?



For more information please visit: [www.donatelifetexas.org](http://www.donatelifetexas.org)

## NE Tarrant County Events

### APRIL



<p><b>MAIN ST's Fort Worth Arts Festival</b> April 8-11 <a href="http://www.mainstreetartsfest.org">www.mainstreetartsfest.org</a></p>	<p><b>VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE WALK/RUN</b> Sat, Apr 10 ~ 8am <a href="http://www.womenscenterctc.org">www.womenscenterctc.org</a></p>	<p><b>ART IN THE SQUARE</b> Southlake, Texas April 23rd-25th <a href="http://www.artinthesquare.com">www.artinthesquare.com</a></p>
<p>Grapevine-Colleyville Chamber Women's Division The Great Taste of Grapevine Thur Apr 8 ~ 5:30-8:30pm <a href="http://www.grapevinechamber-womensdiv.com">www.grapevinechamber-womensdiv.com</a></p>	<p>Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Education Foundation Dinner &amp; Golf Tournament April 18 &amp; 19 <a href="http://www.gcisd-k12.org">www.gcisd-k12.org</a></p>	<p>Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Join the Tarrant Co. Team Apr 24 <a href="http://www.komentarrant.org">www.komentarrant.org</a></p>
<p>American Red Cross Chisholm Trail Chapter Stars At Night Gala April 23 <a href="http://www.chisholmtrailredcross.org">www.chisholmtrailredcross.org</a></p>	<p>Arbor Daze 2010 The Ultimate Family Festival Apr 24 &amp; 25 <a href="http://www.arbordaze.org">www.arbordaze.org</a></p>	

### MAY



<p><b>City Slickers</b> Sun, May 16th 5-9pm <a href="http://www.colleyvillechamber.org">www.colleyvillechamber.org</a></p>	<p>Grapevine's 26th Annual Main Street Outdoor Adventure May 21, 22 &amp; 23 <a href="http://www.grapevinetexasusa.com">www.grapevinetexasusa.com</a></p>	<p>"Stars in Recovery" Luncheon with Lou Gossett, Jr. Thur, May 27 ~ for info e-mail: <a href="mailto:c.cuellar@recoverycouncil.org">c.cuellar@recoverycouncil.org</a></p>
<p><b>Kellerfest</b> May 28-30th <a href="http://www.kellerfest.com">www.kellerfest.com</a></p>	<p>30th Anniversary Celebration Metroport Meals on Wheels Dinner Tee-Off Dinner &amp; Auction Sat, Jun 12 ~ 6pm <a href="http://www.metroportnow.org">www.metroportnow.org</a></p>	<p>Special Olympics Texas presents Steaks and Stetsons 2010 Sat, Jun 19 ~ 6pm to 12am <a href="http://www.sotx.org">www.sotx.org</a></p>

### JUNE



# WESTLAKE ACADEMY



Westlake Academy is a community owned International Baccalaureate (IB) public charter school, serving grades K-12, with 485 students. Its mission is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Students are encouraged to achieve academic excellence while becoming active, compassionate and life-long learners. By promoting independent thinkers, the IB curriculum helps students see how the world around them works, preparing them to become active participants as well as agents of positive change.

Founded in 2003, Westlake Academy is the first and only municipality in Texas to receive a charter designation. It is one of

only six schools in the United States – and the only public school – to offer the full IB curriculum for grades K-12 and the only one that does not charge tuition or require an entrance exam.

The Academy has received an ‘Exemplary’ rating from TEA for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests three times, most recently in 2009. The highly successful school newspaper *The Black Cow* has won more than 135 awards in national and state competitions.



Excelling in academics, fine arts and sports, the school has successfully competed in the Odyssey of the Mind, state math, science and history programs, Destination Imagination, Model United Nations

as well as art, music and drama productions; and for the 2009-2010 school year, won its first state titles in cross country, boys and girls varsity teams; and in basketball, varsity girls. The varsity boys basketball team made it to the first round of state playoffs. In its first year, the varsity soccer team made it to the final four in the state tournament, and the 6-Man junior high football team won the district and regional championships, capping a perfect 13-0 season with a win in the East-West Showdown Bowl game.

Westlake Academy will graduate its first senior class on May 23. The class of 24 students has collectively received almost \$2 million in scholarship offers to date.

The Academy is located at 2600 Ottinger Rd., Westlake, TX 76262. Call 817-490-5757, visit [www.westlakeacademy.org](http://www.westlakeacademy.org) or email [info@westlakeacademy.org](mailto:info@westlakeacademy.org).




Speaker of the House, Joe Strauss, pictured with Commissioner Gary Fickes at the Northeast Leadership Forum Luncheon in January.



Commissioners Court recognized Metroport Meals On Wheels on the occasion of their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. At Court to receive the Resolution were: Mary King, Executive Director, Kelly Bradley, Founding Member and Advisory Board Member, Vertalee Coleman, 30-year MMOW Volunteer, Comm. Fickes, and Mary Pat Black, President of MMOW.

## Benefit Calculator

### Social Security Quick Calculator

Benefit estimates depend on your date of birth and on your earnings history. For security, the "Quick Calculator" can *not* access your earnings record; instead, it will [estimate your earnings](#) based on information you provide. So benefit estimates made by the Quick Calculator are rough and may [not match those provided by your Social Security Statement](#).

You must be at least [age 22](#) to use this form.

Please note: lack of a substantial earnings history will cause retirement benefit estimates to be unreliable.

<http://www.ssa.gov/OACT/quickcalc/>

ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROFESSIONALS DAY

APR 21



Think Green!





# BULLETIN BOARD

**Tarrant County  
Offices Closed on:**

**Memorial Day May 31**

**Vote ~ Vote ~ Vote  
City and  
School Elections  
May 8**

**Texas AgriLife Bookstore**  
[www.texasagrilifebookstore.org](http://www.texasagrilifebookstore.org)

**Tarrant County AgriLife  
Master Gardeners Staff**

**Horticulture Hotline**  
817-884-1944

**Monday - Friday**  
8:30 to 4:30

[www.agrilifeextension.org](http://www.agrilifeextension.org)

**National Census Day**

**April 1**

**Return your completed  
2010 Census**

**Questions:**

[www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov)



**PRIMARY RUNOFF  
ELECTION  
April 13**

[www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com)

**VOTE**



**Tax Day  
Apr 15**

**Toll Tags**

Toll tags are now available for purchase online. After purchase has been completed you may pick up your tags at any of eight Tarrant County Tax Assessor Offices. We will hold the completed transactions in our office for 7 business days.

[www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com)

**PASSPORTS**

Passports can be obtained through the Tarrant County District Clerk's office located at Southlake Town Hall, 1400 Main St., Southlake TX.

[www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com)

**Tarrant County  
Commissioners Court**

**Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.**

**100 E Weatherford  
Fort Worth, TX**

**Unless otherwise stated**

[www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com)

**Northeast Tarrant County  
JPS Clinics**

**Gertrude Tarpley  
JPS Health Center at Watauga  
6601 Watauga Road, Watauga TX 76148  
817-702-6600**

**JPS Health Center Northeast  
837 Brown Trail, Bedford, TX 76022  
817-920-6400**

[www.jpshealthnet.org](http://www.jpshealthnet.org)

## Transportation

- DFW Connector..... [www.dfwconnector.com](http://www.dfwconnector.com)
- North Tarrant Express (NTE)..... [www.northtarrantexpress.com](http://www.northtarrantexpress.com)
- Tarrant County Transportation Department .....[www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com)
- Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition ..... [www.trtcmobility.org](http://www.trtcmobility.org)
- Fort Worth Transportation Authority .....[www.the-t.com](http://www.the-t.com)
- North Central Texas Council of Governments .....[www.nctcog.org](http://www.nctcog.org)
- North Texas Tollway Authority ..... [www.ntta.org](http://www.ntta.org)
- Texas Department of Transportation .....[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)
- Texas High Speed Rail Transportation Corporation.....[www.thsrct.com](http://www.thsrct.com)

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Hurst TX 76054  
817-581-3600

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Southlake TX 76092  
817-481-8234

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	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 - Public 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

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