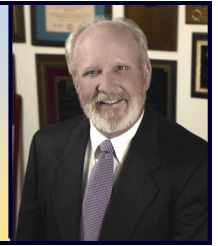




# Northeast Newsletter



Tarrant County - Precinct 3  
"Working together for a better tomorrow"



April 2014

Volume 7, Issue 2

## Coffee with the Commissioner

Friday, April 11th  
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.



Start your day with us!

**SOUTHLAKE TOWN HALL**

1400 Main Street, #410  
Southlake, TX 76092



## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Spring time is here, and we are busy! The *5th Annual Northeast Tarrant Transportation Summit* was a great success with over 500 attendees and excellent presentations. The seminars included *Surviving Road Construction* with Allan Weegar, Bruno Rumbelow, Mark Hindman, and Marty Wieder; *Future Funding of Transportation Infrastructure* with Judge Glen Whitley, Senator Kelly Hancock, Vic Suhm, and Russell Laughlin; and *Texas as a Leader in Private Sector Funding* presented by Robert Eckels. Our Keynote Speaker was Congressman Roger Williams. A special thank you to our sponsors, chambers, cities, and volunteers who made this Summit the best!

April is designated as **Donate Life Month**. Six years ago, I underwent a liver transplant due to complications from a disease that was discovered five years prior. On Saturday, May 17, I, along with friends, family, and you, will celebrate the gift of life at the *Donate Live Texas 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Run*. Plan to join us! The run will take place in the Fort Worth Stockyards, which is a different location from last year.

*Team Fickes* registration is online only. More information on joining can be found on page 4. Today, over 120,000 men, women and children are waiting for organ transplants in the United States. For information on becoming an organ donor, visit:

[www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net).

The Northeast Courthouse is going up. It can be seen as you drive down Grapevine Highway. Over the next several months, we will be completing the exterior and adding final touches to the interior. The new Courthouse will be customer friendly by providing many county services through our tax office, county clerk, credit union, Constables, Justice of the Peace, and Commissioner Office along with the addition of the District Clerk office. The expanded community rooms will be a wonderful way for citizens to be accommodated for voting, meetings, and events. The projected move in date is by the first of the year. We look forward to your seeing the new Courthouse.

**Empowering Seniors 2014** is already in the works! The event will be held on Friday, October 3 at Campus West (same location as last year). Speakers, health screenings, entertainment, food, workshops – all FREE to anyone who attends.

Friday, April 11, **Coffee with the Commissioner** will be hosted at our office in Southlake from 7:30 – 9:00 am. Come join us for coffee, conversation, and great networking. Along with the donuts, healthy snack items will be available. We are located in Southlake Town Hall at 1400 Main Street, Suite 410.

Look forward to seeing you there!

*Gary Fickes*

## SAVE THE DATE!

- LifeGift Run May 17
- Empowering Seniors Oct 3
- United Way Fundraiser Oct 31

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## Question of the Month

**Question:** Why does Texas have that northern panhandle? And since it does have that panhandle, how come it stops short of Kansas, creating an even smaller panhandle in Oklahoma?

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## JPS Health Network

### Know Your Public Healthcare System



JPS Health Network is the \$800 million tax-supported health system that provides compassionate and comprehensive care to Tarrant County residents.

With more than 6,000 team members, JPS is the fifth largest employer in the county. The network's more than 13.2 million square feet of facility space includes a 537-bed acute care hospital, 30 primary and specialty care health centers and 19 school-based health centers.

JPS has primary care centers and pharmacies in Bedford and Watauga as well as three school-based centers in North-east Tarrant County – Euless, Grapevine/ Colleyville and North Richland Hills.

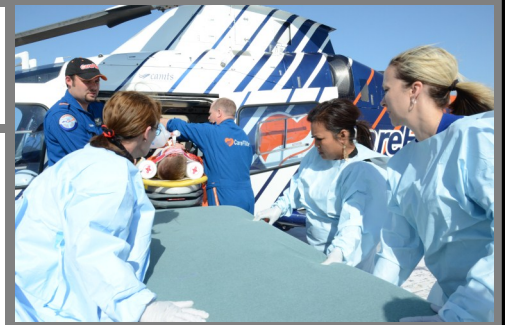
Information on the specific locations and hours of operation is available at [www.jpshealthnet.org](http://www.jpshealthnet.org).

In fiscal year 2013, JPS had more than 1.1 million patient encounters that included more than 110,000 emergency visits at John Peter Smith Hospital. The hospital is home to Tarrant County's only Level 1 Trauma Center, which is ready 24/7 to handle the most complicated emergency cases.



John Peter Smith Hospital also has Tarrant County's only psychiatric emergency services.

Many county residents don't realize that JPS Health Network operates nine medical residency programs, training more than 200 of tomorrow's doctors every year. The family medicine residency program is the largest hospital-based program in the nation. And JPS is proud to report that



more than 70 percent of the family medicine graduates choose to remain in North Texas to set up their practices.

JPS puts its mission of transforming healthcare delivery for the communities it serves into practice every day. Part of raising the bar for improving the health of Tarrant County residents includes an aggressive quality program that is training leadership in the Lean/Six Sigma techniques of efficiency, waste reduction and improved outcomes. JPS team members are using their training to change lives. For example, one Six Sigma Green Belt project for reducing sepsis, a serious medical condition in which the body has a severe response to bacteria or other germs, has saved 20 lives and \$1.7 million.

*Article courtesy of JR Labbe*



After twenty-three years in the Tarrant County community, Samaritan House stands as a refuge for individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS, homelessness, and other special needs. As the only organization of its kind in the county, core services are built around the residents' comprehensive needs of shelter, nutrition, and counseling. Through the support of the community, Samaritan House changes lives, offers hope, and improves the future of those who seek housing at their facilities. Samaritan House's services are vital to Tarrant County and the surrounding area as those services transition individuals and families from homelessness to hope and

independence.

A majority of Samaritan House's residents are medically fragile and working to overcome barriers that impede their quality of life.

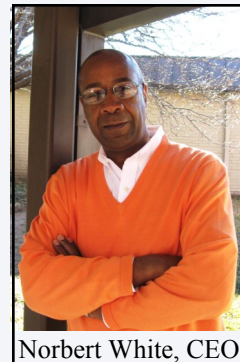
In 2013:

- 375 individuals, including 92 children, received housing and supportive services through Samaritan House
- Samaritan House provided 116,765 nights of housing to residents
- Samaritan House served over 24,475 meals to residents
- Once supported by Samaritan House, ninety percent (90%) of Samaritan House's residents stay in stable living situations for at least one year

As the needs for Samaritan House's services have changed over time, the agency has begun embarking upon

"Samaritan House is a lifesaver. It was like I was drowning in the ocean, and Samaritan House threw me a life preserver. I would not be here today without them."

A Samaritan House resident



Norbert White, CEO

innovative approaches to the services they provide to individuals in Fort Worth and the surrounding area.

In the past year, Samaritan House has established new collaborative partnerships that will advance the agency and assist the organization in serving a larger number of displaced individuals and families – moving them toward self-sufficiency. Samaritan House accepts the responsibility to remain responsive to the needs of its community and to alter its service offerings to meet the community's needs.

**Samaritan House**  
**817-332-6410**

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

*Article courtesy of Christie Mosley-Eckler*



# Northeast Tarrant County

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**Northeast Sub-Courthouse** *(Temporary Locations)*  
201 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas 76021

## NEW Northeast Courthouse Construction Update

- Standing seam metal roofing and wall panels are now coving the tower roofs.
- As drywall is installed, rooms and spaces are becoming recognizable.
- Oncor has set the electrical transformer on its pad and the main switchgear panel has been installed in the electrical room.
- Brick is expanding around to the north face of the building.
- Exterior stone and window installation should begin next week with exterior sun shades to follow.



**BYRNE**  
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Tarrant County  
Northeast Courthouse

Print #140401823  
Date: 04/01/14  
Lat/Lon: 32.861196 -97.178409  
Aerial Photography, Inc. 954-688-0484

## Northeast Courthouse Temporary Locations:

[http://www.tarrantcounty.com/e commissioner/lib/e commissioner/Temporary\\_Locations.pdf](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/e commissioner/lib/e commissioner/Temporary_Locations.pdf)

## Question of the Month

**Question:** Why does Texas have that northern panhandle? And since it does have that panhandle, how come it stops short of Kansas, creating an even smaller panhandle in Oklahoma?

**Answer:** Since, in the Republic of Texas, slavery was legal, the U.S. state of Texas had to comply with the Missouri Compromise of 1820 if it wished to remain a slave state. This agreement prohibited slavery north of 36°30'. Texas therefore relinquished to the United States all of its land north of that latitude. This is why what would become the Texas panhandle is sliced off where it is, forming the northernmost border of Texas.





# EMPOWERING Seniors

6th Annual  
AGES 50 PLUS



Tarrant County Commissioner Gary Fickes

FBCE Campus West, 205 N. Industrial, Bedford Texas

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Friday, October 3, 2014

### 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



www.EmpoweringSeniors.com

# LifeGift Second Chance Run

## Saturday, May 17th, 2014



Fort Worth Stockyards, 130 East Exchange Avenue  
(Packers Avenue and 23rd Street—Lot 914)  
**1 Mile Fun Run - 8:00 a.m. / 5K - 8:30 a.m.**



As an organ recipient, Commissioner Fickes has great appreciation for those who are organ donors, he considers their families as heroes.

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 121,725 people are currently waiting for an organ, 18 people will die each day waiting for an organ and one organ donor can save up to 8 lives.

Commissioner Fickes was able to have a new lease on life after he received the vital organ needed for his survival from the difficult decision of one's family.

The LifeGift 2nd Chance 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk helps bring awareness and raise money for LifeGift, a not-for-profit procurement organization that recovers organs and tissue for individuals needing transplants in 109 Texas counties.



*For more information call 817-581-3600*

# Join Team Fickes!

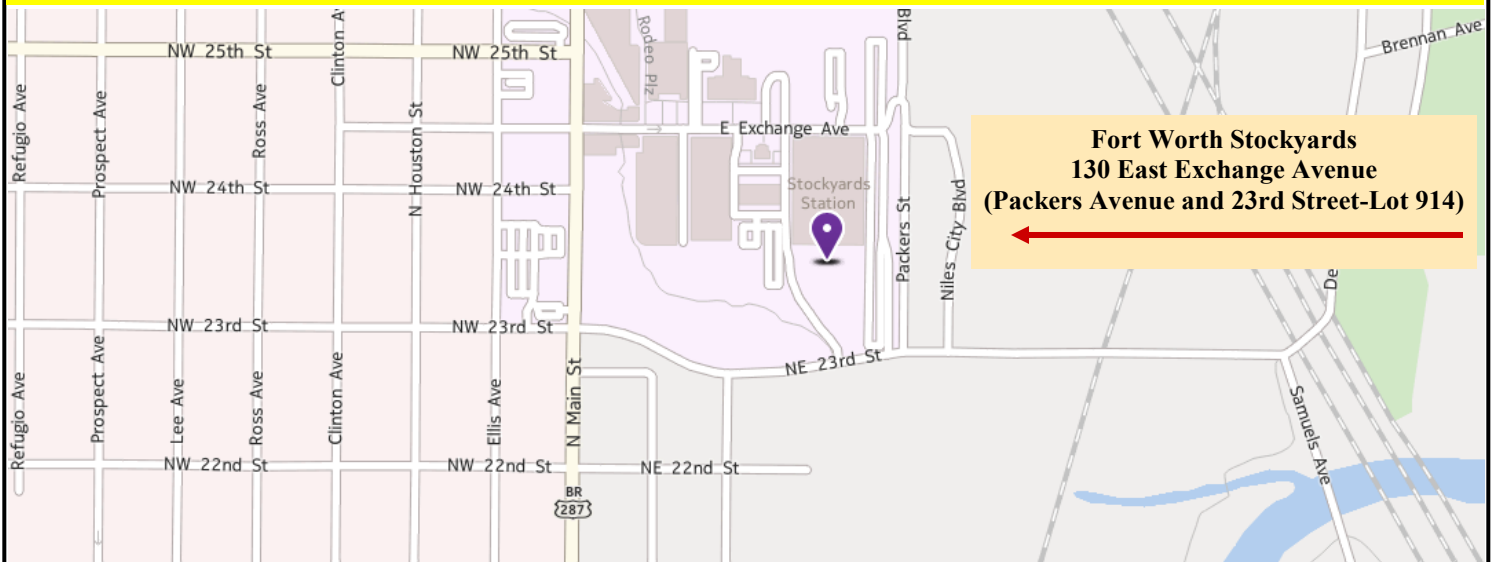
## Register online now!



<https://endurancecui.active.com/event-reg/select-race?e=6824354&i=7e7192d6-2e68-4cab-8901-22e688f327ae>

New user > Select Participant > Enter Information, T-shirt size and sign waiver > Review cart & check out.  
(Please note, if you say yes to protect your registration fees, you will be charged an additional \$7 per registration.) Once you checkout, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a couple of special offers from Active. If you are not interested, just click on "no thanks" at the bottom of the page and you're done.

**Please stop by the "Team Fickes Tent" on race day for your packet!**





The Colleyville Area Chamber started 2014 with the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Sterling Awards honoring the many volunteers and business partners in our area for all of their achievements in the past year. We immediately jumped into planning for our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual City Slickers which will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. at the Grapevine Convention Center, attendees from all over the region will gather to bid on hundreds of items from area businesses – everything from scotch & cigar parties to exotic vacations. There will be much to see and do including a VIP Room sponsored by Mac’s Steaks and Seafood as

well as enjoying the live entertainment of Rocky Gribble and Yellow Rose Productions. Worthington National Bank is our presenting sponsor. Gold Sponsors include, Allen Samuels, Frost Bank and Mac’s Steaks and Seafood. The attire is Western Chic for the dining, bidding and music extravaganza. Don’t forget to come hungry to sample the delicacies from area restaurants including Boi Na Braza, Citrus Bistro, Ruggeri’s and many more. Coca-Cola and Republic Beverage are providing liquid refreshments. Details and ticket information are available at: [www.colleyvillechamber.org](http://www.colleyvillechamber.org) or by calling 817.488.7148.



For those of you familiar with the Chamber’s *Local Link* magazine, be looking for a change. *Connect to Colleyville* magazine is in the works and is a new and improved version of the familiar. *Connect to Colleyville* includes informative columns on Biz Matters, Q&A with Chamber Members, restaurant reviews in Bite and a look at who is being Scene around town. *Connect to Colleyville* is delivered to every Chamber member and to every postal address in Colleyville. Get your free copy at the Chamber. The first issue of 2014 will be available the first week of April.



The Colleyville Area Chamber is proud to serve the Northeast Tarrant County area and is committed to our vision of Connecting Community to Commerce.”

Article courtesy of Jenna Waters



## Texas Master Gardener

Beginning in 2014, the Master Gardener Association has 396 committed local individuals volunteering throughout Tarrant County.



Whether manning a one-on-one garden hotline, answering e-mail or assisting walk-ins with questions, volunteers are here Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at our Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office located at 200 Taylor Street, Suite 500 in downtown Fort Worth. The contact information is 817-884-1944 or 817-884-1943 or e-mail: [tarrantmg@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:tarrantmg@ag.tamu.edu).

Master Gardeners volunteer to maintain a very active website: [www.tarrantmg.org](http://www.tarrantmg.org) with information for the public. They also maintain an active Facebook page: [Tarrant County Master Gardener Association](http://TarrantCountyMasterGardenerAssociation) for questions and answers as well as current horticulture updates from our volunteers and other Master Gardeners from different counties throughout the State of Texas.

Throughout the county there is an extensive list of programs maintained by the Master Gardeners: Fort Worth Botanical Gardens - Perennial Garden, Trial Garden, Backyard Vegetable Garden, Community Demo Garden, Fort Worth - Resource Connection, Thistle Hill, Union Gospel Mission, Samaritan House, JPS Meditation Garden, Hulen Library, Southwest Courthouse, Common Grounds Community Garden - North Richland Hills, 6Stones - Bedford, Grapevine Botanical Gardens, Southlake Liberty Gardens, Schools “Outdoor Learning Education” - Alice Carlson, Fitzgerald, Heritage, Durham, Foster.

The Master Gardeners teach continuing education classes at three of the Tarrant County College Districts’ campuses, University of Texas at Arlington and Texas Christian University.

They have a very active Speakers’ Bureau doing over 250 talks a year to garden clubs, schools, service organizations, etc.

With almost 400 trained volunteers hard at work throughout the county representing Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, our outreach has broadened to nearly two million residents of Tarrant County.



JMG Graduates taught by the Master Gardeners, Henry Cole and Bea Wilson.

Article courtesy of Steve Chaney

**Saturday, April 12, 9am - 3pm**

**Tarrant County Master Gardener**

**2014 Plant Sale**

- ❖ *Plants for North Texas:* perennials, annuals, roses, herbs, succulents, containers, native plants, grasses & more from local nurseries... plus heritage plants from Master Gardeners
- ❖ Presentations on composting, containers, and more...
- ❖ Bring gardening questions to “Ask a Master Gardener” table
- ❖ *Proceeds benefit Tarrant County Master Gardener Association, supporting community outreach and education*

**At the Tarrant County Resource Connection**

**TCMGA Community Demonstration Garden**  
1801 Circle Drive

Bring your carts & wagons!

We accept Cash, Checks, & Credit  
For purchases \$25 and more

# SOUTHLAKE TOWN SQUARE



Southlake Town Square is a 130-acre mixed use development located in Southlake Texas. The master plan is based on a visionary blueprint in the spirit of some of the world's best historic small town downtowns.

Developer Cooper & Stebbins began planning in 1995. The 250,000 square foot first phase opened in March, 1999.



Expanded in phases since that time, Southlake Town Square today comprises over 1.4 million square feet.

Cooper & Stebbins and the City of Southlake have worked together since the beginning to enhance public space in the Square whose streets, sidewalks, parks and buildings reflect the quality of the Southlake community. Tarrant County has been an important partner in the process,



joining with the city on Southlake Town Hall and being an integral part of the Tax Increment Finance District that has helped to fund portions of public buildings, parks and infrastructure.

Town Square continues to evolve. Del Frisco's Grille is the most recent building, having opened in December, 2013. A new building for Trader Joe's is under construc-



tion, and is expected to open later in 2014. The next phase of residential Brownstones will break ground in April with The Residences, a 38-unit luxury condominium building to follow in 2015.

Over the next 20 years, master planned development will integrate new buildings into Town Square, bringing additional retail, restaurant, office, residential and other uses into the thriving mixed use downtown fabric, along with new parks, plazas and public space. As planning for Town Square enters its 19<sup>th</sup> year, public and private interests continue to work closely together to enhance Town Square as a special place within the region and as a sustainable destination that can be enjoyed by all.

**COOPER  
AND  
STEBBINS**

*Article courtesy of Frank Bliss*



*Photo by Brent Hull*

Docents give guided tours of the Tarrant County Courthouse on three regularly scheduled days of the year. These include the Saturday in February that is the same day as the Stock Show Parade; the Saturday in April that is the same day as the Main Street Arts Festival; and Friday, the day after Thanksgiving and the same day as the Festival of Lights Parade.

Docents are all volunteer members of the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

## An Historic Moment in Time

### *"Tours of the Tarrant County Courthouse"*

For some tour days we are very capably assisted by costumed lawmen and their ladies. Some have adopted fictitious names, personalities and characters from the late 1800's. We have "The Kernel", "Cactus Rose", "Johnny Creed", "Madam X", and "Belladonna Winchester", among others. We haven't had any gunfights in the entry lobby yet, but all come armed.

Our tours try to explain the history of the building, its functions and how it is "the people's house" (using an ancient description). Although the building is not open 24-7 as was the case 119 years ago, it still belongs to the people. We just have to keep out the wild hogs, raccoons and "Courthouse Kitties" at night.

Planning special tours, we can take smaller groups through the building using the elevators or, if the groups are young enough, do like original County officials and take the stairs. It's all part of an excit-

ing visit to a functional, historic, and richly ornate part of our past, present and future.

In addition to our three regularly scheduled tours each year, we also give special tours to "Leadership" groups and government groups from all the municipalities in Tarrant County (and maybe Dallas, if they ask). School groups are welcome, as well as special groups of visiting professionals and regional conferences. We need at least two weeks' notice and, as volunteers are involved, request that groups be at least 12 or 15 people. The Courthouse is usually not open on weekends or holidays, and as docents and the assisting costumed wranglers and outlaws have day jobs, there are some restrictions on week day tours. Please call Arthur Weinman, Chairman of the Courthouse Tour Committee, at 817-737-0977 for more information.

*Article courtesy of Arthur Weinman*

# Grapevine Colleyville Independent School District

In 1916, Grapevine area Superintendent of Schools E.S. Farrington said his job was to “build up the schools to the highest standard, to place them second to none in the country.” Nearly 100 years later, that philosophy continues to drive our expectations for all members of the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD community.

Through our strategic plan, GCISD is redefining the definition of education to meet the needs of today’s students and better prepare them for the world that awaits them – now and in the future. College and workforce readiness is infused throughout all aspects of our education programs. Our students consistently exceed state and national scores on the ACT and SAT college placement exams. Beyond testing, participation and performance in advanced placement courses is on the rise, indicating a higher level of readiness for college-level coursework. Our most recent

graduates were accepted to more than 140 colleges and universities across the nation. In addition to having high academic expectations for our students, our desire is for every GCISD graduate to be a skilled problem solver, an effective communicator, collaborative worker, self-regulated learner and global citizen. We are accomplishing this through personalized learning plans for students, relevant and innovative use of technology for learning, programs fostering good citizenship and mutual respect, and opportunities to be positive contributors to local and global societies.



One new opportunity for students this year is the district’s virtual academy, iUniversity Prep. This tuition free, online public school is meeting the needs of students across the state of Texas who desire a top-quality education in a more flexible environment. iUniversity Prep provides rigorous academics, collaborative learning and opportunities for students to connect with instructors both online and in person. For more information, please visit [www.iuniversityprep.org](http://www.iuniversityprep.org).

In August 2014, the GCISD Early College High School (ECHS) will open in partnership with Tarrant County College Northeast. The ECHS is open to any high school freshman interested in getting a jump-start on their college career. In four years, ECHS students can graduate with a high school diploma in one hand and an associate’s degree in the other. It’s an ideal opportunity to make the dream of attending college possible for many GCISD students.

From instruction to technology to communications and facilities, LEAD 2021 is positively impacting every area of our district. Other initiatives include increased opportunities for English/ Language Arts in middle schools, expansion of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) initiative, implementation of 1:1 and Bring Your Own Device technology initiatives, growth of dual language programs, expansion of career and technology opportunities, development of a district-wide Rachel’s Challenge character program, partnerships providing additional opportunities for community involvement, and more.

This is an exciting time in GCISD and we appreciate our community’s continued support and involvement in our mission to be the B.E.S.T. by Building Excellent Schools Together! Visit us online at [www.gcisd-k12.org](http://www.gcisd-k12.org) to experience *your* GCISD!

*Article courtesy of Megan Overman*



# Congratulations!



Sammy Teals, Assistant Director of Field Operations for Precinct 3 was recognized in Commissioners Court for his 40+ years of Service for Tarrant County. Sammy retired from the county in February of this year. Pictured: Richard Schiller, Judge Glen Whitley, Donna and Sammy Teal, Commissioner Gary Fickes, Butch Truby and Ed Haidusek.



2013 Graduating Leadership Development Class recognized by Commissioners Court. Pictured: Instructor Larry Wilson, Theresa Parsons, Kelly Wigley, Kathryn Wyatt-Martinez, Jorge Sanchez, Christi Barnicle, Carol Huntley, Bradley Cunningham, and Valerie Philibert. Not pictured is Lenn Ortiz.

## SENIOR NEWS

# SENIOR ISOLATION



The very essence of being human means we exist within a social structure where we interact with others. We spend time together, talking, laughing and sometimes crying. But there are times in life where interaction becomes minimal. Everyone experiences loneliness at one time or another, and these feelings usually do not last long.

However, loneliness sometimes takes on a different role in the lives of seniors. Lack of companionship can become a way of life that has a negative impact on the overall health of the elderly, whether the loneliness is caused by the loss of a loved one, distance from family and friends, or an inactive social circle. Studies show that loneliness in the elderly raises the potential for certain health risks, including depression, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

As seniors grow older, it is important to understand the hazards of becoming socially isolated and inactive. Lack of companionship, not having anyone to lean on for emotional support, can cause seniors to internalize negative feelings instead of dealing with issues head on. Internalizing these feelings compounds the sense of loneliness and isolation, which in turn increases the risk of the senior developing health problems.

There is good news. Because isolation has been identified as a major risk factor for morbidity and mortality in older adults, extensive research has been conducted to find ways to prevent it. There are strategies proven to help elevate moods and stave off feelings of isolation and loneliness. The following are a few ideas that can help seniors combat loneliness by seeking out and forming friendships.

- ◆ **Develop an active social circle.** Take on a part-time job, volunteering at a local organization, join a book club or garden club, these opportunities offer feelings of purpose and self-worth.
- ◆ **Surf the Internet.** There are many online sites and chat rooms designed for seniors to cultivate friendships and even dating relationships. Connect with others who have the same interests. Many seniors enjoy playing games online or even enrolling in classes and educational seminars to keep busy.
- ◆ **Get together.** Having a small gathering inside the home boosts the mood of a lonely senior and provides a sense of focus. This will also make the senior feel less isolated and gives her or him something to look forward to.
- ◆ **Become a pet owner.** Studies show that owning a pet can lower blood pressure. Dogs, cats, and even fish are proven to have calming effects on their owners, and taking care of a pet is a responsibility that helps seniors feel needed. The daily routine of caring for a pet not only gives a senior something useful to do, but it also increases the attachment and affection between pet and owner, which results in a greater sense of companionship that decreases feelings of loneliness.
- ◆ **Learning something new.** Learning a new skill requires you to interact with a teacher and fellow students. Local community colleges and city senior centers offer many courses.
- ◆ **Dare to fall in love again**—at any age. Encourage seniors to have a special someone. It lifts their moods, increases levels of happiness and provides a great sense of well-being. It is hard to feel lonely when one is in a healthy, loving relationship.

Humans are social creatures who interact to support and nurture one another. For seniors, seeking companionship—whether through a friend, loved one, or pet—gives them a sense of value and purpose that provides a sense of security and happiness. This value and purpose are vital to ensuring the senior derives enjoyment in his or her daily life activities and remains physically healthy.

### Warning Signs of Senior Isolation:

- Poor hygiene or health
- No transportation
- Lack of social support
- Dirty or cluttered home
- Signs of depression
- Confusion
- Reported feelings of loneliness
- Repeated call for assistance from 911 or other service.

## Haltom City Senior Center Part of Pilot Program

The UNT Health Science Center has chosen the Haltom City Senior Citizen Center for its trial Community Based Primary Care for the Elderly Program. The program will provide:

- medical assessments, screenings, and patient management/follow-up for qualified patrons of the center
- educational opportunities to patrons, volunteers and staff
- referrals to patients to their PCP's, if available, for appropriate follow-up medical services

The pilot program will be in place from January 2014 to September 2016. The program will provide a great, cost free benefit to our Senior Center patrons.

**For information on this program please call the Senior Center at 817-834-8021.**



## Calendar

- 4/15 **Northeast Seniors Community Forum** 9:00 a.m. North Richland Hills Library
- 5/8 **Senior Synergy Expo** [www.tarrantcounty.com/seniorsynergy/site/default.asp](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/seniorsynergy/site/default.asp)
- 6/9 **Metroport MOW 23rd Annual Golf Classic** [www.metroportmow.org](http://www.metroportmow.org)
- 10/3 **Empowering Seniors** [www.EmpoweringSeniors.com](http://www.EmpoweringSeniors.com)





# Transportation

## Northeast Tarrant County

### DFW Connector Project

**Hotline: 877-411-4212**

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



**Sign up for e-alerts!**

- On the FM 2499 project, design is approximately 90 percent complete, and construction is 11 percent complete. Along the new northbound FM 2499 frontage road, utilities crews are continuing utility relocation for gas, electric and telecommunication utilities. Crews have finished asphalt paving and continue concrete paving on the northbound FM

2499 frontage road, intersections and driveways. Bridge demolition at Denton Creek is complete, and the next step will be for these crews to begin reconstruction of the new eastern portion of the bridge. The next quarterly Business Owner Task Force meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 16 at the AMC Grapevine Mills Movie Theatre.

(Pictured: Completed asphalt paving on the new northbound FM 2499 frontage road.)



### North Tarrant Express

**Hotline: 888-683-2015**

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



**Sign up for e-alerts!**

- North Tarrant Express: The NTE project is 85 completed and will open by the end of 2014 – six months ahead of schedule. Beam placement continues for the eastbound and westbound direct connects to the TEXpress managed lanes by North East Mall. Drivers will continue to see more openings than closures, including the reopening of northbound and

southbound Norwood Drive under Airport Freeway, reopening of the eastbound Norwood Drive off-ramp, and reopening of the eastbound Westpark Way on-ramp. April is National Distracted Driving Awareness month, so we encourage you to be safe and alert in the work zone and not text and drive.



### I35-W

- I-35W work continues north of I-820 on I-35W. Drivers will notice significant changes as the project team works to complete the US 81/287 bridge over I-35W.

A formal groundbreaking later this spring will officially kick off work between downtown and I-820.



### Highway 26

**TxDot - N Tarrant Office**

**817-399-4300**

[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)

- The \$11.4 million SH 26 project from Brumlow Avenue/ Pool Road to John McCain Road in Colleyville continues to progress. Ongoing work includes: the installation of concrete pavement in the new northbound lanes, bridge construction over Big Bear Creek, and driveway and drainage improvements.

The deck of Big Bear Creek has been poured and is now curing.

- Weather permitting, pavement installation for the new northbound lanes is estimated to be complete before summer. Once the concrete pavement is installed, motorists will be shifted to the new northbound lanes so that the southbound lanes can be reconstructed.
- Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during peak driving times. Due to weather and other reasons, the project is now estimated for completion in 2015. The project is widening the road to three lanes in each direction with raised curb medians and left turn bays.



### FM 1938 - Phase II

**TxDot - N Tarrant Office**

**817-399-4300**

[www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)

**Southlake 817-748-8098**

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

- The Cities of Southlake and Keller continue construction of the Water and Sanitary Sewer Relocation for FM 1938 project in preparation for the FM 1938 roadway widening. Wilson Contractor Services has completed approximately 1,600 linear feet of 12-inch waterline between Florence Road and Wildwood Way. Wilson Contractor Services

began construction on another section of 12-inch waterline. The construction begins on the west side of FM 1938 near Sprouts and terminates near the intersection of Johnson Road. The construction project is expected to be completed late Summer 2014.

- The Cities conducted a preconstruction meeting with Atmos Energy on March 17th. Atmos will relocate the gas line within the FM 1938 corridor beginning in April. The duration of the work is approximately 3 months.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 7 Southlake Chamber Shootout.....[www.southlakechamber.com](http://www.southlakechamber.com)
- Apr 10 Opening Doors Dinner.....[www.mhmrvisions.org](http://www.mhmrvisions.org)
- Apr 10 - 13 Main Street Arts Festival.....[www.mainstreetartsfest.org](http://www.mainstreetartsfest.org)
- Apr 11 - 12 Keller Fest.....[www.kellerchamber.com](http://www.kellerchamber.com)
- Apr 12 Old Courthouse Tours.....[www.fortworth.com](http://www.fortworth.com)
- Apr 12 Roses for Rescue.....[www.ci.north-richland-hills.tx.us](http://www.ci.north-richland-hills.tx.us)
- Apr 12 Wild West Fest.....[www.haslet.org](http://www.haslet.org)
- Apr 12 March for Babies.....[www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org)
- Apr 12 A Starry Night Celebration.....[www.gcisd-k12.org/foundation](http://www.gcisd-k12.org/foundation)
- Apr 13 Colleyville City Slickers.....[business.colleyvillechamber.org](http://business.colleyvillechamber.org)
- Apr 14 GCISD Ed. Found Golf Tournament.....[www.gcisd-k12.org/foundation](http://www.gcisd-k12.org/foundation)
- Apr 15 Tax Day
- Apr 17 Hometown Heroes.....[www.netarrant.org](http://www.netarrant.org)
- Apr 18 - 19 Taste of Keller.....[kellerbusinessconnections.com](http://kellerbusinessconnections.com)
- Apr 20 Easter Sunday
- Apr 24 New Beginnings Dinner.....[www.friendsofrealchoices.org](http://www.friendsofrealchoices.org)
- Apr 24 Thanks for the Memories Dinner & Auction ..[www.alz.org/northcentraltexas](http://www.alz.org/northcentraltexas)
- Apr 24 HEB Chamber Golf Classic.....[www.heb.org](http://www.heb.org)
- Apr 25 - 27 Art in the Square.....[www.artinthesquare.com](http://www.artinthesquare.com)
- Apr 26 - 27 Arbor Daze.....[www.arbordaze.org](http://www.arbordaze.org)
- Apr 26 Back to Nature Day.....[www.trophyclub.org](http://www.trophyclub.org)
- Apr 26 Prescription Drug Collection Event.....[www.nrhtx.com](http://www.nrhtx.com)
- Apr 26 Emergency Preparedness Fair.....[burgess.house.gov](http://burgess.house.gov)
- Apr 28 Byron Nelson Charity Golf Classic.....[www.christshaven.org/events](http://www.christshaven.org/events)
- May 3 NE Tarrant/Mid Cities Relay for Life.....[www.netarrant.org](http://www.netarrant.org)
- May 4 Triple Crown Affair at Lone Star Park.....[www.artscouncilnortheast.org](http://www.artscouncilnortheast.org)
- May 8 Senior Synergy.....[www.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.tarrantcounty.com)
- May 10 YEA Trade Show.....[business.grapevinechamber.org](http://business.grapevinechamber.org)
- May 10 Northwest Heritage Gala.....[www.nisdtx/nef](http://www.nisdtx/nef)
- May 11 Mothers' Day
- May 13 Stars in Recovery Luncheon.....[www.recoverycouncil.org/events](http://www.recoverycouncil.org/events)
- May 16 - 18 Grapevine Main Street Days.....[www.grapevinetexasusa.com](http://www.grapevinetexasusa.com)
- May 17 Run For Hope.....[www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org)
- May 17 LifeGift 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Run.....[endurancecui.active.com](http://endurancecui.active.com)
- May 17 Cross Timber Cyclefest.....[www.cross-timbers.org](http://www.cross-timbers.org)
- May 19 PPF Golf Classic.....[www.proplayersfoundation.net](http://www.proplayersfoundation.net)
- May 19 Rising Star Gala.....[www.kellerchamber.com](http://www.kellerchamber.com)
- May 26 Memorial Day
- Jun 9 Metroport MOW 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Classic.....[www.metroportmow.org](http://www.metroportmow.org)
- Jun 14 Healthy Hurst Dash & Splash.....[www.hursttx.gov](http://www.hursttx.gov)
- Jun 15 Fathers' Day



- Apr 12 Spring Egg Scramble.....[www.cityofkeller.com](http://www.cityofkeller.com)
- Apr 12 Easter Eggstravaganza.....[www.trophyclub.org](http://www.trophyclub.org)
- Apr 12 EGGstravaganza.....[www.hursttx.gov](http://www.hursttx.gov)
- Apr 12 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt.....[www.grapevinetexas.gov](http://www.grapevinetexas.gov)
- Apr 12 Easter in the Park.....[www.ci.north-richland-hills.tx.us](http://www.ci.north-richland-hills.tx.us)
- Apr 12 Community Easter Egg Hunt.....[www.richlandhills.com](http://www.richlandhills.com)
- Apr 12 Kidgits Egg-Stravaganza.....[www.heb.org](http://www.heb.org)
- Apr 12 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.....[business.grapevinechamber.org](http://business.grapevinechamber.org)
- Apr 18 Easter in the Park.....[www.cityofsouthlake.com](http://www.cityofsouthlake.com)
- Apr 19 Annual Easter Egg Hunt.....[www.haslet.org](http://www.haslet.org)
- Apr 20 Easter Brunch.....[www.eulesstx.gov](http://www.eulesstx.gov)

## County Closed - Holidays

- April 18 - Good Friday ..... **COUNTY HOLIDAY**
- May 26 - Memorial Day ..... **COUNTY HOLIDAY**
- July 4 - Independence Day..... **COUNTY HOLIDAY**

## John Peter Smith Hospital Clinics Northeast Tarrant County

### Health Clinics

**Gertrude Tarpley JPS Health Center** ..... 817-514-5036  
6601 Watauga Road, Watauga 76148

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

### School-Based Clinics

**Birdville** ..... 817-547-3046  
8200 O'Brian Way, N. Richland Hills, 76180

**Grapevine/Colleyville** ..... 817-251-5751  
3050 Timberline Drive, Grapevine, 76051

**Birdville** ..... 817-759-2035  
2807 Layton Avenue, Haltom City, 76117

**HEB** ..... 817- 399-3500  
3115 W. Pipeline Road #B, Euless, TX 76040

**Georgia Kidwell - HEB** ..... 817-399-3366  
3115 W. Pipeline Road #D, Euless, TX 76040

For a complete list of Health Clinics and School-Based Clinics log onto: [www.jpshealthnet.org](http://www.jpshealthnet.org)

## Northeast Social Service Agencies

- 6 Stones Mission Network .....[www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org)
- Child Abuse Hotline .....800-252-5400
- Community Enrichment Center.....[www.thecec.org](http://www.thecec.org)
- GRACE.....[www.gracegrapevine.org](http://www.gracegrapevine.org)
- Community Storehouse [www.communitystorehouse.org](http://www.communitystorehouse.org)
- United Way of Tarrant County .....2 - 1 - 1

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