



Northeast Newsletter

Tarrant County - Precinct 3

"Working together for a better tomorrow"



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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

WE HAVE GREAT NEWS! The Texas Association of Counties has recognized and presented Precinct 3 the "Best Practices Award for Innovation" for our Empowering Seniors program. A special thank you to our staff at Precinct 3 and all of our volunteers; senior centers; organizations; facilities; non-profits; vendors; sponsors; and participants who definitely assist us in making this event happen. We are so proud to be able to offer this program for health screenings, workshops, lunch, vendor booths, and fun entertainment to our guests at no cost to them. Mark your calendars for **Empowering Seniors 2012** which will be held on **October 5th** at FBCE Campus West, 209 N. Industrial in Bedford.

Thanks to all of the great friends who participated with Team Fickes in the LifeGift 2nd Chance Run on May 19th. This was our 5th year to participate in the run that promotes Organ Donation Awareness. LifeGift had over 900 participants this year and Team Fickes with over 150 participants won the Largest 5K Team Award for the 4th consecutive year. **Great job TEAM FICKES!**

Commissioners Court is busy working on the 2012-2013 Budget. We're currently working on all of the county department budgets including Precinct 3

Maintenance Center and our Office Budget.

The Republican and Democratic Primary Election, the election that we thought would never end has partially ended for some of us. Congratulations to all of you! There is a Primary Runoff Election with early voting July 23rd – 27th. Early voting will be held here at the Northeast Sub-Courthouse and at the Southlake Town Hall. Additional early voting locations are available on page 2. The Texas Primary Runoff Election is July 31st.

We also have Municipal Runoff Elections with early voting from June 11th -19th. Please see page 2 for a link to early voting locations. The Municipal Runoff Election is June 23rd.

This month we're starting a new segment in our newsletter called NE Community Leader Spotlight with our first spotlight on Dr. Larry Darlage, President of Tarrant County Community College, NE Campus.

Our Historic piece focuses on an area I'm sure you all are familiar with - Sundance Square. Not mentioned in the article is what's new with Sundance Square. It was a great day for downtown Fort Worth and all of Tarrant County on May 10th, 2012. We had a ground breaking for the new Plaza at Sundance Square that will include a

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COMMISSIONER GARY FICKES

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Commissioner's Coffee Shop



COFFEE WITH THE COMMISSIONER

Friday, Jun 8th
7:30 to 9:00am

Please join me for coffee and donuts!

Northeast Sub-Courthouse
645 Grapevine Hwy., #6, Hurst, TX



Question of the Month

Question: In the 1800's, Texas ranchers used four major cattle trails to drive their cattle to rail-heads so they could be shipped to market in the East.

What were the names of these four trails?

Answer on page 7

SAVE THE DATE!

- **Empowering Seniors**
Oct. 5, 2012 (see page 3)
- **Pct. 3 United Way Fundraiser**
Oct. 31, 2012
- **NE Transportation Summit**
Feb. 15, 2013
- **LifeGift Run**
May 2013

NE Community Leader Spotlight



**Larry Darlage, President
Tarrant County
Community College**

Larry Darlage was born and raised in a farming community in southern Indiana. He developed a love for science early in his life when he heard the announcement about Sputnik in October, 1957. He built and launched model rockets which influenced his decision to major in chemistry when he attended college. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Indianapolis in 1967. He obtained teaching and research fellowships at Iowa State University where he completed a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry in 1971.

After a two-year postdoctoral appointment at the University of Florida where Larry studied the liquefaction and desulfurization of coal, he began his career in teaching and education at Pikeville College, a small, four-year liberal arts college located in eastern Kentucky. While he taught chemistry at Pikeville, he received several grants to continue his

research of coal as a clean energy source.

In 1978, Larry moved to Dallas to help start up Brookhaven College. He served as Division Chair of Science and Mathematics for nine years and then was promoted to be the Vice-President of Instruction. During his tenure at Brookhaven, he was instrumental in starting technical programs in Nursing and Robotics. He also served as the interim president of the college for a period of six months.

In 1996, Larry was hired by Tarrant County College to serve as the president of the Northeast Campus in Hurst. In the sixteen years that he has been at TCC Northeast, he has provided the leadership to help the campus grow from about 9,000 students to more than 17,000. Pharmacy Technology and Long-term Care programs were added to complement the many Allied Health programs already at the campus. He also had the opportunity to serve as the interim chancellor of the TCC District in early 1997.

In the community, Larry serves on the following boards: The Colleyville Area Chamber of Commerce (past chairman), the HEB Chamber (past chairman), the Northeast Tarrant Chamber (past chairman), the Northeast Leadership Forum (past chairman), the Arts Council Northeast (past chairman), the Harris Methodist HEB Hospital, the HEB ISD

Education Foundation (past chairman), the North Texas Consortium of Colleges (past chairman), the American Cancer Society, and the Northeast Leadership Forum Foundation. He is a founder and the past chairman of the Colleyville Executive Organization and currently chairs the Heart of North Texas Business Conference Committee. He is active in the Southlake Executive Forum, and the Metroport Rotary Club, where he is president-elect. He is also a very active member of the Crown of Life Lutheran Church where he serves as elder and small group facilitator and is a past chairman of the Board of the Crown of Life School.

This year, he and his wife Mary Linn will celebrate 45 years of marriage, and they reside in Southlake, Texas.

On a more personal note -

What do you do for fun? *Play with my great nieces and nephew.*

Favorite Restaurant? *"Italianni's" in Hurst.*

Favorite Movie? *"October Sky"*

Last book read? *"Safe Haven" by Nicholas Sparks*

Favorite vacation spot? *"New Smyrna Beach" in Florida*

People would be surprised to know... *"That I danced in a performance on the stage in Bass Hall!"*



Commissioner J.D. Johnson, Pct. 4; Commissioner Andy Nguyen, Pct. 2, Commissioner Gary Fickes, Pct. 3; Dee Kelly, Sr., Chair of the Advisory Committee; Commissioner Roy Brooks, Pct. 1; Tarrant County Judge B. Glen Whitley.

Groundbreaking for the new Tarrant County Civil Courts Building

Groundbreaking for the new Civil Courts Building took place Tuesday, May 29th on Weatherford Street, between Jones and Calhoun Streets.

The 231,934 square foot, seven-floor building will include 12 civil district courtrooms and one large courtroom for complex cases as well as offices for Jury Services and the District Clerk. About 32,000 square feet will be left as a shell on the sixth floor for future expansion.

The construction cost is estimated at \$57 million. It will be completed by the winter of 2014-15.

Tarrant County Runoff Elections

Municipal runoffs on June 23rd:

Municipal early voting from June 11-19:

⇒ schedule can be found at: http://tcweb.tarrantcounty.com/evote/lib/evote/2012/jun23/ev_sched.pdf

Sample ballots for Municipalities here: <http://tcweb.tarrantcounty.com/evote/cwp/view.asp?a=770&q=483136>

Primary runoffs on July 31st

Primary runoffs early voting from July 23-27:

⇒ schedule can be found at: http://tcweb.tarrantcounty.com/evote/lib/evote/2012/jul31/ev_schedule.pdf

Additional information will be available at: www.tarrantcounty.com/elections



TEAM FICKES Largest 5K Team



What an awesome turnout for LifeGift's 2nd Chance Run that was held on Saturday, May 19th! This year's LifeGift Run had over 900 runners, and Team Fickes was a big part of that having over 150 participants, earning them the 5K Largest Team Award! **Way to go TEAM FICKES!** Thank you for helping to bring awareness to this vital need for organ donations.

We look forward to seeing you again next year!!!

Make a difference . . . save a life!
For organ donation information,
please visit: www.donatelifetexas.org



Thank you Tarrant County Credit Union
for your sponsorship of "Team Fickes"!

www.tarrantcu.org
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EMPOWERING SENIORS 2012

a Health and Lifestyle EXPO for Boomers & Seniors



Commissioner Gary Fickes • Tarrant County, Precinct 3

FBCE Campus West, 205 N. Industrial, Bedford Texas 76021 (Northwest Corner of Hwy. 183 and N. Industrial)

Friday, October 5, 2012



- Workshops
- Health Screenings
- Vendor Booths
- Great Entertainment
- Wonderful Door Prizes



Information available soon at:

www.EmpoweringSeniors.com

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER *Continued...*

spectacular gathering place, three Class A buildings with plenty of space for office, retail, and restaurants. Construction is now underway, with openings in 2012 and 2014.

Have a great summer and please drop by our Hurst or Southlake office and visit. We'll be having **Coffee with the Commissioner** **this Friday, June 8th** at the NE Sub-Courthouse from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Come see us!

Gary Fickes

Precinct 3 Receives "Best Practices Award for Innovation"



From the Commissioner's office pictured left to right: Devin Wenske, Roselee Kerr, Carolyn Sims, Commissioner Gary Fickes, Theresa Parsons, Rebecca Barksdale, and with Texas Association of Counties, Marc Hamlin.

The Texas Association of Counties recognized Tarrant County Precinct 3 Commissioner Gary Fickes and his staff with their innovative program developed to provide direct assistance to seniors and aging baby boomers with health, transportation, financial and other issues.

The Association presented Fickes and his "Empowering Seniors" program with their "Best Practices Award for Innovation"

"I set up a task force to see if we could directly address some of the issues our older generation is now facing," said Fickes. "We identified six major issues that we needed to focus on - isolation, transportation, health care, financial security, identity theft and employment."

"Empowering Seniors" is an annual, one-stop resource for Northeast Tarrant seniors and caregivers to meet their most pressing needs. Businesses sponsor this event so that no taxpayers' dollars are used, and it is free for all attendees.

The annual event brings together health care providers, financial institutions, transportation providers, employment resources, and other community partners and presents informational seminars, provides booths and exhibits, and conducts a variety of free on-site health screenings. With the Empowering Seniors program entering its fourth year, the event has grown from 300 to over 1300 participants.

"As one of the fastest growing counties in Texas, Tarrant County is dealing with an explosion of retirees," Commissioner Fickes said. "Many Northeast Tarrant County seniors have modest means and forego life saving (and taxpayer saving) medical screenings. They also have many other significant needs."

Thank you to all of our volunteers; senior centers, organizations, facilities; non-profits; vendors; sponsors; and participants who definitely assisted us in making this event happen.

Tarrant County Community Development Department

The Community Development Department of the County Administrator's office develops and administers several development and housing programs, including those funded under the following federal grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and competitive grants such as Supportive Housing Program and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS. Offered great latitude by federal funding agencies, the Division has devised several innovative and comprehensive programs to meet the County's housing and community development needs.

The Community Development Department has a strong working relationship with the individual cities throughout the county working closely with staff and the Mayors through the Mayors' Council. The CD Department works with approximately 35 cities which includes all the cities in the Northeast Tarrant County area.

Since 1974, cities within Precinct 3 have been funded approximately \$36 million in federal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for

public infrastructure projects. Water, sewer, street and drainage improvements have been made while ADA barriers are removed; new sidewalks and senior centers have been constructed. In Euless, a new senior's center was built on Midway Drive. Streets were reconstructed with new sidewalks and lighted cross ways installed around the elementary school to ensure safety and improved residential neighborhoods on Bellaire Drive in Hurst. Lastly, in cities where major projects are located, projects are completed using CDBG and city paid funds. For example, Perdido Drive in Watauga, was a four year project utilizing approximately \$325,000 in federal CDBG funds and approximately \$1 million in city funds.

HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds are used to rehabilitate qualified single family owner-occupied homes with substantial problems. The majority of HOME funds are assisted within precinct three as cities within the precinct will supply required match for this program. Other HOME funded projects include acquisition and rehabilitation of multi-family complexes for rental.

ESG funds are used to prevent homelessness and rapidly re-house homeless. As GRACE is one of a few agencies who assist homeless in Precinct 3, thus it gives Tarrant County the ability to assist GRACE and other agencies that serve the homeless outside of Fort Worth and Arlington.

Before and after photos of single family owner-occupied home rehabbed with HOME funds





Back to School Roundup to provide low-income children with school supplies

Since 2005, the Back2School Roundup (a countywide collaboration) has provided low-income children with essential school supplies, a backpack, vision and dental screenings, a fresh haircut and immunizations, if needed. Tarrant County students who will be entering Pre-K through 12th grades in the upcoming school year and who also qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program are eligible to participate in the Roundup.

A day-long event that is held before the start of each school year, the Roundup is a fun, family event that helps children prepare for and get excited about attending school. **Roundup 2012 will be held on Wednesday, August 8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Amon G. Carter Exhibit Hall in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum.** Families also will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of community resources and Tarrant County social services agencies will be available to share information.

Pre-registration is required, guaranteeing each child the supplies and enabling families to spend more time to take advantage of the wealth of opportunities and services available at the Roundup.

According to the Tarrant Area Food Bank, 1 in 5 children live in extreme poverty in Tarrant County – many families struggle just to put food on the table and are unable to provide the essential school supplies necessary to start the school year prepared to learn. In this difficult economic time, those families struggling could be your neighbor, co-worker or friend!

Last year marked a banner year for Roundup! We were able to extend our reach throughout all of Tarrant County with over 30 pre-registration events. Most importantly, Roundup distributed nearly 11,000 school supply packs, conducted over 2,500 vision screenings, and performed 1,200 dental screenings. This year we plan to ‘grow’ the number of children we serve to 12,000. Also by increasing the health and community partners at the fair we can truly make the Back to School Round Up a “one stop shop” for getting the students of Tarrant County ready for a new school year.

Donations needed

The 2012 Back to School Roundup needs individual donations to fulfill its goal to serve 12,000 children this year. **Twenty-five dollars** will provide one child with school supplies, backpack, health screenings, and a haircut. Back to School Roundup is a 501(c)3 organization and is coordinated entirely by volunteers. One hundred percent of funds raised go directly to help the children who need it most. All donations are tax-deductible.

For more information on donating, go to <http://backtoschoolroundup.org>. If you know of a family in need, you can refer them to the website or call 2-1-1 for a list of pre-registration sites.

A donation of just \$25 provides an elementary student with a free backpack, school supplies, shoes, immunizations and much more. Donate today and make a difference in a child's life.

Click here to
DONATE





A Wish with Wings grants Magical Wishes for little Texans with life-threatening conditions. Since first opening our doors in 1982, we have served over 1,170 Wish children and their families, giving the gifts of hope, happiness, joy and laughter to children facing an uncertain future.

Working closely with children's hospitals, physicians, nurses, child life specialists and parents, we are able to create a Wish of a lifetime, and in the process, create priceless memories for the Wish child and their family.

While the most frequent Wish is for a Magical family vacation to Disney World, other Wishes are as unique as the children themselves. One young Keller girl Wished to pet a baby cheetah! A young Arlington teen Wished for a tuba to play with his high school marching band. Still others Wish to meet their favorite sports hero or celebrity, or shopping sprees for toys, games, computers and electronic equipment. One 5-year old girl simply Wished to go shopping at Wal-Mart.

To be eligible for a Wish, children must meet these simple criteria:

- 1)Reside in, or be receiving treatment in, Texas.
- 2)Be between the ages of 3-17 when the Wish is received.
- 3)Have a diagnosis of a life-threatening condition.
- 4)Have not received a wish from another Wish-granting organization.

When one child life specialist was asked why she recommends a Wish with Wings over other wish-granting organizations, she replied, "Because you treat our kids like family. You stay in touch with the families and include them in events and activities throughout the years. You never just grant their wish and close the door."

The photo attached is of our Easter Egg hunt and picnic where over 100 Wish family members came to enjoy an afternoon outing, and to celebrate life and hope together. Another photos is from the Christ-

mas party which Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House hosts for more than 200 Wish families and guests to kick off the holidays with a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus, the elves, Frosty, Rudolph and a host of other holiday well-wishers. The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders join in the festivities, Santa arrives in a fire truck, and it even snows inside the restaurant!

Payden, a young teen Wish recipient summed it up this way, "A Wish with Wings is where miracles happen and dreams come true."

A Wish with Wings is located at 917 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX 76012. Telephone 817-469-9474.

www.awishwithwings.org

Email: wish@awishwithwings.org



City of Keller Public Library



The Keller Public Library, at almost 23,000 square feet, features a variety of services aimed at meeting the educational and recreational needs of our community. Included is a large children's area with



"Story Time" room, teen area, meeting space, quiet reading room, study rooms, and an outdoor veranda. The li-

brary hosts annual events which include the Summer Reading Program, Tales at Twilight and Harvest Stew as well as many special programs for all ages. Patrons have access to books, DVDs, audiobooks,

music CDs, downloadable music and books, e-books and over 60 specialized databases. Keller library card holders may also borrow from the following MetroPac consortium libraries: Fort Worth, Haltom City, Watauga, Benbrook, Richland Hills and Burleson. The Keller Public Library is a recipient of the Achievement in Excellence in Libraries Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.



KELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY OPERATING HOURS:

Monday–Wednesday...10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday–Friday...10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday–Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

640 Johnson Road, Keller, Texas
 (817) 743-4800 or

library@cityofkeller.com

Visit us on the Web at
www.cityofkeller.com

CookChildren's

Cook Children's Health Care System is a not-for-profit, nationally recognized pediatric health care organization. Based in Fort Worth, Cook Children's integrated health care system has more than 60 primary and specialty care offices throughout North Texas. Its service region includes Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties, with an additional referral area encompassing nearly half the state.

Cook Children's is home more than 600 physicians with privileges and 289 Allied Health Practitioners (nurse practitioners,



physician assistants, counselors ...). Plus, Cook Children's employees more than 280 physicians dedicated fulltime to Cook Children's. That team of experts extends throughout the area, including right in our own back yard:

Cook Children's Medical Center – if you



haven't driven by the medical center lately, you might be shocked at how much it's grown recently. As part of the largest expansion in its history, the medical center has nearly doubled in size, adding 540,000 square feet. It's home to more than 600 physicians with privileges and 289 Allied Health Practitioners (nurse practitioners, physician assistants, counselors ...). Plus, Cook Children's employees more than 280 physicians dedicated fulltime to Cook Children's. The medical center is licensed for 429 beds and employs more than 430 people.

Cook Children's Northeast Hospital is located at 6316 Precinct Line Road in Hurst, Texas and provides convenient and comprehensive care to children and adolescents in the area. The Northeast Hospital provides a full range of imaging services, urgent and emergency care, surgical services and inpatient care.

Southlake's first pediatric specialty and

urgent care center offers expert health care for your kids at 2727 E. Southlake Blvd. Services offered include:

- Neurology
- Cardiology
- Gastroenterology
- Pulmonology
- Endocrinology
- Orthopedics
- Pediatric Surgery
- Psychiatry & Psychology
- Nephrology

Learn more about all that Cook Children's offers to our community at www.cookchildrens.org.



NRH SENIOR CENTER



The new NRH Senior Center is a beautiful facility available to those 55 years or better, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is located at 6000 Hawks Avenue in North Richland Hills, Texas. The NRH Senior Center offers daily, weekly and monthly classes, activities, special events and trips.

For active seniors, the new NRH Senior Center offers a bounty of amenities and enrichment opportunities. The dedicated

Senior facility adjoins to the main concourse of the NRH Centre, and is designed as the ideal spot to gather with friends and neighbors looking for recreation, health and social activities.



The Senior Center features:

- A large living room with comfortable sitting areas
- Flat screen TVs
- Fireplace
- Kitchen & dining area
- 2 game rooms
- Outdoor patio
- Flexible meeting room for up to 100 people
- Arts and Crafts area



A wide variety of classes are offered at the NRH Senior Center such as: line dancing, woodcarving, Spanish, singing, yoga, jewelry making and educational seminars. If traveling is your interest, join us for a one day outing around the metroplex to museums, theaters, mystery dinners, Bass Hall, Ft. Worth Rodeo, Dallas Arboretum and many other locations. Week long trips are planned twice a year and include: transportation by charter

bus, meals, hotels, shows, sightseeing and much more.

Join today to take advantage of our

expanded active adult classes and activities such as Silver Sneakers. For details, call 817-427-6695 or visit

www.nrhcentre.com.

Question of the Month

Question: In the 1800's, Texas ranchers used four major cattle trails to drive their cattle to railheads so they could be shipped to market in the East. What were the names of these four trails?

Answer: Shawnee Trail, Chisholm Trail, Western Trail, and the Goodnight-Loving Trail.



An Historic Moment In Time Sundance Square



Sundance Square in downtown Fort Worth is rich in Western history and lore. During the great cattle drives of the late 1800's, Fort Worth was one of the major stops on the legendary Chisholm Trail. Cowboys on the trail would visit downtown Fort Worth for some much needed recreation. The downtown area was filled with saloons, gambling parlors, shooting galleries and dance halls, which attracted a rough mix of gamblers, cattlemen, outlaws, and lonesome doves.

The area was named for the Sundance Kid who - along with his partner Butch Cassidy - was a frequent visitor to the area, then known as Hell's Half Acre. Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, well-known



Pictured left: The famous "Wild Bunch" photograph of Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and the rest of their gang. (Photo credit: John Swartz, 1901) Pictured right: Hell's Half Acre.

participants in the "Shootout at the OK Corral," could also be spotted from time to time in Sundance Square. Most of the buildings in Sundance Square date from the turn of the 20th century, and have been beautifully restored to provide a wonderful architectural view of the past. The red brick streets and lush courtyards add to Sundance Square's authentic aura.

A few of the notable buildings in Sundance Square include the Knights of Pythias Hall (1901), the Land Title Building (1889), and the Jett Building (1907), which features the Chisholm Trail Mural painted by Richard Haas in the mid 1980s and spans the building's southern façade. The mural commemorates the Fort Worth segment of the Chisholm Trail cattle drives of 1867-1875.



Today in Sundance Square, you'll discover something for everyone, and you can enjoy a different experience each time you visit. The many restaurants appeal to all palates and range from casual to elegant atmospheres, from intimate dining perfect for two, to a family-style gathering place for as many as you can invite. Each block is lined with notable

stores like Barnes & Noble, Jos. A. Bank, Pappagallo Classiques and Leddy's Ranch at Sundance and nestled among them are locally-treasured specialty boutiques like Earthbones and Retro Cowboy.

If you're looking to be entertained, Sundance Square is home to two live theatres, several museums and art galleries, a movie theatre, a comedy club and Bass Hall, one of the world's finest concert and performance halls. Live music from area venues spills out into streets,



creating an unmatched ambience that draws patrons into the action.

Sundance Square is also a premier address for urban residential properties: it seems some people just don't want to leave once they get here.

Day or night, there's a high-energy ambience in the air in Sundance Square. A feeling of excitement, innovation and fun creates a unique experience set against a breathtaking and historic downtown backdrop.



www.sundancesquare.com

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one resource, countless solutions

Help is only a click away! Your **FREE** online resource available anytime.

- Find information on health, housing, employment, medical equipment, medications and much more
- All written in easy-to-understand language
- Popularity growing - 3,439,081 hits the first year
- Updated daily.
- Library of more than 30,000 health articles
- Personal health record for you and your family

Tarrant Cares - One of the most valuable resources at your fingertips!

Do you need to find local health or social services? Would you like more information about medications and medical tests? Then TarrantCares.org is the place for you. Almost 3.5 million people used Tarrant Cares.org in its first year to find the help and resources they needed. At any time, day or night, you can find information on topics ranging from local health and social services to housing, employment and support groups. A library of more than 30,000 articles on health, parenting and other topics also includes information on medications and medical tests – all written in everyday language.

Create your own personal health record that you can share with physicians or anyone you want. Tarrant Cares protects your records with the same security used by banks.

Specialized sections within offer information specifically related to:

- **Adult and juvenile community corrections**
- **Children and families**
- **Domestic, sexual and other violence**
- **Intellectual and developmental disabilities**
- **Mental/behavioral health**
- **Public health and healthy communities**
- **Seniors/adults with disabilities and**
- **Veterans, service members and their families**

Join the 3.5 million others who have found help on www.TarrantCares.org by checking it out today.

Making a Real Difference!



Mid-Cities Care Corps presents their M.A.R.I. Sapphire Award to Commissioner Fickes and his staff.

Pictured: Duane Buuck, Carolyn Sims, Commissioner Gary Fickes, and Rebecca Barksdale.



Transportation

Northeast Tarrant County

DFW Connector Project

Hotline: 877-411-4212

www.dfwconnector.com



Sign up for e-alerts!

•NorthGate recently switched traffic to a head-to-head traffic pattern on east and westbound SH 114 from FM 1709/Southlake Blvd. to Main Street. This traffic will allow crews to begin working on the new eastbound SH 114 mainlanes in the area.

•A traffic switch was constructed at the north end of DFW Airport, which opened up new sections of work as well as the new northbound International Parkway off-ramp to eastbound SH 114.

•The structures group opened the new westbound SH 114 off-ramp to southbound International Parkway, directly into DFW Airport.

•The DFW Connector project is currently 69 percent complete with construction to-date and plan to finish the project in mid-to-late 2013!

(Pictured: Crew prepared to pave the new northbound International Parkway off-ramp to eastbound SH 114 before opening it to the public last month.)



North Tarrant Express

Hotline: 888-683-2015

www.northtarrantexpress.com



Sign up for e-alerts!

The landscape of the North Tarrant Express corridor is literally changing every day! In April, a new pedestrian bridge was opened in Hurst and closed the Hurstview Drive bridge. Demolition of the Precinct Line bridge begins in June, with significant work on many of the other corridor overpasses. On the west side of the corridor, direct connectors from IH 35W to IH 820 are progressing, and the Iron Horse bridge has been closed. With all of the changes, STAY SAFE & ALERT IN WORK ZONES.



North Tarrant Parkway

NRH 817-427-6400

www.nrhtx.com

Keller 817-743-4080

www.cityofkeller.com

The cities of North Richland Hills and Keller are pleased to share that the North Tarrant Parkway project is nearing final completion. Now that the paving and signal improvements are in place, the contractor is in the process of planting the hundreds of trees and thousands of accompanying landscape plants to finish off this NRH / Keller / Tarrant County project. Area residents are already enjoying the miles of new sidewalk, and local motorists are commenting on improved travel along the corridor.



FM 1938

TxDot - N Tarrant Office
817-399-4300

www.txdot.gov

Westlake 817-490-5717

www.westlake-tx.org

The contractor has poured the remaining southbound concrete lanes over the last couple of weeks. Work continues at the south end of the project where crews are working on the transition area at the Randol Mill intersection. FM 1938 is anticipated to be opened up to all north and southbound traffic from SH 114 to Randol Mill mid-June. The contractor will continue to pour various sections of concrete including enhanced concrete at the Dove road, Vaquero Club Drive, and Randol Mill intersections during the next few weeks.



Golden Triangle Blvd.

TxDot - N Tarrant Office
817-399-4300

www.txdot.gov

Fort Worth 817-392-8485

www.fortworthgov.org/tpw/info/?id=39130

TxDOT's contractor, Glen Thurman, Inc., is working on the storm drains, culverts, bridge over Big Bear Creek, excavation and embankment on the south half of Golden Triangle from IH-35W to US 377.

(Pictured: Looking east at Crawford Farms Drive.)



Highway 26

TxDot - N Tarrant Office

817-399-4300

www.txdot.gov

Progress continues to be made on the SH 26 project in Grapevine. This is a \$12 million project that will improve safety and mobility for motorists traveling through the SH 26 corridor.

Brumlow Avenue/Pool Road to Kimball Avenue - Traffic continues to drive on the new northbound pavement while crews work on reconstructing the southbound lanes. Construction

includes the installation of drainage and paving.

Kimball Avenue to SH 114 - Work continues on the new SH 26 northbound main lanes. Motorists will be switched to the new pavement in June, weather permitting. Once motorists are completely shifted to the new northbound lanes, the southbound lanes can be reconstructed through the entire length of the project.

During construction, two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Completion is estimated for summer/fall 2013.

We appreciate motorists' patience while crews complete this work.





Tarrant County Commissioners Court
Meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
 (Unless otherwise stated)
100 E Weatherford, Fort Worth, TX
www.tarrantcounty.com

Tarrant County Holiday Closings
Independence Day - July 4th

Calendar of Events

- Jun 5 "6Stones Golf Tournament"www.6stones.org
- Jun 8 "Coffee with the Commissioner"817-581-3600
- Jun 11 "Metroport MOW Golf Tournament".....www.metroportmow.org
- Jun 17 "Showcase in the Square"www.southlaketownsquare.com
- Jun 23 "Casino Night 2012" www.nwtcc.org
- Jun 29 "Celebrating Women in Business"www.nwmetroportchamber.org
- Jun 29 "NET Business Showcase".....www.netarrant.org
- Jul 4 Check area cities' websites for events
- Jul 11 "The Empowered Woman"www.colleyvillechamber.org
- Aug "2012 Immunization Events"www.ictchome.org
- Aug 8 "Back 2 School Roundup"www.backtoschoolroundup.org
- Aug 11 "CONNECT Back to School"www.connectgeisd.org
- Aug 18 & 25 "HEB ISD Operation Back 2 School.....www.6stones.org
- Oct 5 "Empowering Seniors 2012"www.empoweringseniors.com
- Oct 31 "Precinct 3 United Way Fundraiser"817-581-3600

Public Health regularly posts events and activities on its web site (<http://health.tarrantcounty.com>) and on Facebook (facebook.com/tarrantcountypublichealth). Check it out and friend them today!

John Peter Smith Hospital Clinics
Northeast Tarrant County

Health Clinics

- Gertrude Tarpley JPS Health Center** 817-702-6600
 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.jpshhealthnet.org

Northeast Social Service Agencies

- 6 Stones Mission Networkwww.6stones.org
- Child Abuse Hotline800-252-5400
- Community Enrichment Center.....www.thecec.org
- GRACE.....www.gracegrapevine.org
- Community Storehouse. www.communitystorehouse.org
- United Way of Tarrant County2 - 1 - 1



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Northeast Sub-Courthouse
 645 Grapevine Highway #6
 Hurst TX 76054
 817-581-3600

Southlake Town Hall
 1400 Main St #410
 Southlake TX 76092
 817-481-8234

NE Tarrant 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 - Public Health | | 817-321-4707 |
| Tax Office | 817-581-3636 | 817-481-8141 |
| Maintenance Center | 817-514-5000 | |
| Constable Pct. 1 | 817-884-1385 | |
| Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 | 817-884-1395 | |

Public Health Centers

Watauga Public Health Ctr. 6601 Watauga Rd, Watauga, TX 76148 817-702-6600
 Tarrant County Website: www.TarrantCounty.com