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Message from the Commissioner

To our Tarrant County Neighbors:

Merry Christmas!

As 2024 comes to a close, we reflect on an extraordinary year for Tarrant County. Our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to ensure our community remains the best place to live, work, and raise a family. Together, we've celebrated remarkable achievements and laid the groundwork for an even brighter future.

Priority Achievements

Here are some of the key milestones we've reached in 2024, showcasing our commitment to conservative principles of fiscal responsibility, public safety, and smart infrastructure development:

- **Upgraded Sheriff's Fleet:** We replaced over 40 vehicles for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, ensuring our deputies have safe and reliable vehicles to serve our community effectively. This investment underscores our commitment to law and order.
- **Replaced HVAC System in Jail:** We were able to complete the renovation of the Tarrant County Jail HVAC system under-budget and ahead of schedule. This allowed us to return 400 prisoners to Tarrant County from an outside facility and represented a cost savings of more than \$1 million.
- **New Law Enforcement Training Center:** Construction began on a state-of-the-art training facility to equip our law enforcement officers with world-class resources to protect and serve. This project reflects our dedication to supporting those who uphold our laws and keep our neighborhoods safe.
- **First Annual Tarrant County Salutes Veterans Event:** We were able to connect more than 1,000 Tarrant County Veterans with critical life changing services. In partnership with the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo we have committed to establishing this event for decades to come.
- **First Armored Rescue Vehicle:** For the first time in Tarrant County history, our SWAT Unit now has an Armored Rescue Vehicle, enhancing our response capabilities in critical situations and reaffirming our focus on public safety and preparedness.
- **Road and Bridge Improvements:** Our Precinct 4 Maintenance Department worked year-round, in all weather conditions, to keep our roads and bridges in top shape. Additionally, we assisted numerous partner cities with their roadway maintenance and rebuild projects, showcasing the incredible talent and dedication of our operators. These efforts ensure that we can consistently deliver the highest quality roads and bridges without the need for excessive spending.



Celebrating Growth and Progress

This year, Tarrant County experienced exceptional growth, including the successful creation of more than 1,000 new jobs. These opportunities strengthen our economy and enhance the quality of life for residents across the county. In addition to the job growth, we made significant progress in planning and funding critical infrastructure projects. We have been laser focused on making sure that our roads are planned and built before new rooftops, and we are proud to be leading that charge in Precinct 4.

Fiscal Responsibility and Tax Relief

Tarrant County's fiscal health is stronger than ever. By reducing waste, optimizing operations, and returning surplus tax revenue to our residents, we've achieved significant progress:

- Lowered taxes for the second consecutive year, setting rates below the no-new-revenue benchmark. This conservative approach ensures that taxpayers keep more of their hard-earned money.
- Focused on reducing government inefficiency while maintaining high-quality services for residents. This emphasis on lean government operations exemplifies our commitment to fiscal conservatism.
- Strategically managed resources to enhance public services without increasing the financial burden on our citizens, reinforcing our dedication to responsible governance.

Looking Ahead

As we prepare to welcome 2025, we remain steadfast in our commitment to serving you. We will continue to prioritize fiscal responsibility, public safety, and the efficient use of resources to ensure Tarrant County remains a shining example of good governance.

It is my honor to represent and advocate for the incredible residents of Tarrant County. Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas, a joyful holiday season, and a safe and prosperous New Year!

Respectfully,

Manny R. Ramirez
Commissioner
Tarrant County, Texas



Highlights from Precinct 4

Commissioner Ramirez had the privilege of presenting a resolution honoring National Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week.

Incredible teams of police officers, fire fighters, EMS, and mental health professionals are saving lives every single day all across our nation. They respond to the most challenging calls for service involving both victims and suspects experiencing mental health crisis. They keep the public safe, de-escalate situations, and provide follow up care to ensure the safety of all involved.

Tarrant County is blessed to have the best teams in the world working right here.



Commissioner Ramirez spoke with business and civic leaders at the 2024 North Texas Commission Legislative Summit. He is excited about the chance to advocate for key priorities and secure important wins for Texas this year: Lower Taxes, Safer Communities, Limited Government, and Smart Infrastructure.

Commissioner Ramirez met with the neighbors of the Bonds Ranch HOA to discuss plans to build out infrastructure in preparation for the tremendous growth in North Texas.

These roads may not be County roads, but we are leading the charge to bring together our partners from Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Fort Worth to improve the lives of all of our residents.

Critical Infrastructure must come BEFORE development, and thanks to our efforts to forge responsible public and private partnerships in Tarrant County, it will!





Precinct 4 had a fantastic time at our annual Fish Fry, raising funds for United Way of Tarrant County. It was wonderful to share a meal and connect with our amazing Tarrant County teammates. We are deeply thankful for our supportive business community, which contributes to this event year after year. And we couldn't do it without our dedicated Precinct 4 team, who work tirelessly every day to respond to our citizens concerns, plan for the future, and build the roads and bridges that help us navigate our growing county. We hope to see you next year!



Commissioner Ramirez was honored to join the incredible team at Meals On Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County to celebrate the opening of their new expanded facility in Precinct 4. Because of the partnership with Tarrant County, they will be able to serve our homebound seniors more than 1.5 million hot meals this year. Our greatest generation has served us well, it is our responsibility to serve them now.



October 6-12th, 2024 marked National 4-H Week in Tarrant County! Commissioner Ramirez was honored to recognize the thousands of dedicated mentors and volunteers who have impacted the lives of so many of our Texas youth. The Commissioners' Court was joined by several incredible students who spoke to the remarkable impact that 4-H programs have had in their lives.





Commissioner Manny Ramirez
in partnership with
The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
invites you to

Tarrant County Salutes Veterans

Monday, February 3, 2025

Registration from 9a-12p

Doors open 12p-6p

Inside the Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibit Hall
3400 Burnett Tandy Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76107

★Military/Veteran Focused Vendors ★ Career Opportunitites ★ Financial Planning ★

★Education ★ Health Resouces★

Free Lunch, Swag, Raffle Prizes & Much More!



We Salute You!



Celebrating our Veterans Bigger, Better and Stronger in 2025

Tarrant County, get ready! The Tarrant County Salutes Veterans (TCSV) event is returning in February 2025—and it's going to be bigger and better than ever! This incredible event, organized by Commissioner Manny Ramirez, honors our local veterans with a day filled with resources, entertainment, and heartfelt recognition.



The 2025 event will once again be held in conjunction with the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo's Military Appreciation Day, offering veterans free admission and access to a wide range of support services—from employment and educational opportunities to financial planning and healthcare information.

Mark your calendars for February 3, 2025 as we come together to honor those who have served our country. We're excited to welcome back special guests, including WWII Iwo Jima survivor Corporal Don Graves, and many more. This is an event you won't want to miss!

Let's make 2025 the most memorable salute to our veterans yet!



For more details, to register, or to find out how you can participate or volunteer, visit WWW.TCSALUTESVETERANS.COM.

For questions, call (817) 238-4400 or email tcsalutesveterans@tarrantcountytx.gov.



Project Spotlight

Silver Creek Azle Road Project Update

The reconstruction of Silver Creek Azle Road began the last week of August and is anticipated to be completed before the Christmas holiday.

This project encompasses over 2.5 miles of reconstructed roadway, representing a significant investment in the infrastructure of Precinct 4. By enhancing one of our major north-south thoroughfares, we aim to improve overall accessibility and safety for all residents and travelers in the area.

We acknowledge that construction may cause some temporary inconveniences for the residents nearby. However, upon completion, we believe that community members will recognize the extent of the deterioration of the previous road and will truly value the enhancements that have been made.



We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with our dedicated construction staff, who are working diligently to manage traffic flow around the site. Your patience is greatly appreciated, as they may need to direct you to detour, slow down, or change your route. Should you have any inquiries or require assistance, please do not hesitate to approach a member of the construction team.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Precinct 4 Retirement

Luke Crain - 19 Years

*Thank you Luke for your years of
service to Tarrant County.
Congratulations on your retirement!*



Upcoming Projects

Interlocal Agreements

Azle

*J.B Smith, Dennis, Dwight,
and Stewart St.
Mill/Overlay*

Azle ISD

*Hoover Elementary
New Construction
Driving Lane and Parking Lot*

Blue Mound

*Heritage Ave. and Ironside Lane
Mill/Overlay*

Fort Worth

*Columbia Street
Reconstruct*

Haltom City

*North Park Project
New Construction/Reconstruct*

River Oaks

*Long Ave, Roberts Cut-Off
Reconstruct*

Saginaw

*Arcadia Dr., Straw Rd.,
Ridge Crest Dr., S. Hampshire St.,
Pimlico Dr., McLeroy Blvd.
Mill/Overlay*

Sansom Park

*Titus St.
Reconstruct*

Westover Hills

*Westover Dr., Indian Creek, Springs Rd.,
Deepdale Dr., Shady Oaks Lane, and
Arles Court
Mill/Overlay
Deepdale Dr. and Shady Oaks
Reconstruct*

County Projects

Tinsley Lane North & South

New Construction

Estancia Way

Mill/Overlay

Big Wood Ct.	Old Decatur Rd.
Dark Leaf Ct.	Peden Rd. (East End)
Family Dr.	Ten Mile Bridge Rd.
Grants Lane	(near the dam)
Little Leaf Ct.	Wells Burnett Rd.
	Reconstruct



To place a request for non-hazardous concerns, call (817) 306-4000 to verbally express your concerns or submit a concern through our website:

pct4CitizenReq@Tarrantcountytx.gov.

This website is not an emergency reporting system. If your issue or concern involves an immediate risk to life or personal safety, call 9-1-1 immediately.

DECEMBER



LIGHTS.....

- Dec. 1- Jan. 5 Lightscape at the Botanic Gardens
- Dec. 1- Jan. 5 Gift of Lights, Texas Motor Speedway
- Dec. 1- 31 Interlochen Holiday Lights, Westwood Dr, Arlington
- Dec. 1- 31 Diamond Loch Christmas Lights Display, 6300 Diamond Loch, NRH
- Dec. 1-31 Prairie Lights, Grand Prairie
- Dec. 1- Feb. 9 The Modern Lights, Modern Art Museum of Ft Worth

CAMERA.....

- Dec. 1- 25 Santa Photos at the Shops at Clearfork , 5188 Monahans Ave, FTW
- Dec. 1- 24 Santa's Wonderland, Cabelas, 4 area locations
- Dec. 3 - 24 Hulen Mall, Photos with Santa, 4800 Hulen St. FTW
- Dec. 8 - 22 Santa Visits the Plaza, Sundance Square, FTW
- Dec. 17-24 Photos with Cowboy Santa, Stockyards 128 E. Exchange St, FTW



ACTION.....

- Dec. 1- 28 Classic Christmas Movies at the Palace theater, Grapevine
- Dec. 1- 29 Coca Cola's Classic Christmas Light Maze, Choctaw Stadium, Arlington
- Dec. 1-31 Stockyards Rodeo Rink Ice Skating- Stockyards Style
- Dec. 1- Jan. 5 Daystar Christmas, Christmas Town, Live Nativity, Bedford

merry
Christmas

and happy New Year, from our family to yours!

Comissioner Ramirez & Staff

Upcoming County Holidays

December 24 - Christmas Eve

December 25 - Christmas Day

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 17 - President's Day/ Washington's Birthday



JANUARY

Monday, January 20, 2025

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

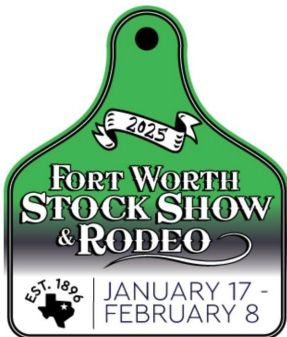
Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is a national day of service in the United States that takes place on the third Monday of January each year. The day honors the life of Martin Luther King Jr., a leader in the Civil Rights Movement, and encourages Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.



January 17 to February 8, 2025

Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

This Thing is Legendary! It's 23 days of what makes Fort Worth the greatest city in Texas! Rodeo action features the Best of the West Ranch Rodeo, Best of Mexico Celebración, Cowboys of Color Rodeo, PBR's Last Cowboy Standing and Kid Rock's Rock N Rodeo. We also have livestock and horse shows, kid-friendly activities and exhibits, live music, carnival midway, shopping, great food and much more.



FEBRUARY

February 3 Tarrant County Salutes Veterans

Hosted by Commissioner Manny Ramirez in partnership with the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, this annual military and veterans-focused event, provides resources such as health and fitness information, educational opportunities, financial planning, career opportunities and other military focused services, information, and vendors. See page 6 for more details.

February 14 Valentine's Day Heads up, lovebirds!

February 19 Presidents' Day A federal holiday also known as Washington's Birthday that is celebrated on the third Monday in February. (George Washington's actual birthday is February 22!)

February 29 Leap Day! Happening once every four years, we are given an extra day in February.





Education Station

FFA Students place at Leadership Development Events

Several Brewer High School FFA students in the White Settlement ISD, placed at the District, Tarleton State University and Weatherford College Leadership Development Events. These talented Future Farmers of America students recently competed at the District, Tarleton State University and Weatherford College Leadership Development Events (LDE), and several placed in their competitions. During LDE, members demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision-making, communication, and knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization.

Through hands-on experiences in various agricultural disciplines, FFA helps students develop essential skills applicable to both agricultural and non-agricultural careers. It promotes community involvement and enhances understanding of the agricultural industry's significance to the local economy. These organizations enrich the educational experience and strengthen Tarrant County's agricultural heritage and sustainability. We commend the Brewer HS FFA students for cultivating a sense of responsibility, teamwork, and leadership among their peers and for the hard work they all put in to accomplish their goals. These young men and women make Precinct Four and Tarrant County the best place to live.



Brewer FFA Students at Tarleton State University for Leadership Development Events

District VI LDE Winners

Advancing to Area:

Agricultural Issues Forum

2nd - Madison Callan, Elizabeth Hamor, Angel Lazaro, Kendis Martinez, Alyssa Mondragon, Isabella Ramirez, and Campbell Roe

Job Interview

2nd - Lila Strickland

Other students who placed at District:

Greenhand Skills

3rd - Bralie Stover, Taylor Rangel, Mckenzie Brady, Josiah Ochoa and Terrell Donald

Senior Creed

3rd - Ashlynn Britt,
Agricultural Advocacy
4th - Ashlynn Britt, McKinley Foster, M'Kenna Jackson, Lila Strickland, Liberty McDonald

Senior Quiz

4th - Alicia Oliver, Wendy Mejia and Ariana Ojeda,

Greenhand Quiz

5th - Mckenzie Brady, Kendis Martinez and Sara Summerville,

Senior Spanish Creed

5th - Brielle Martinez

Greenhand Creed

6th - Liberty McDonald



Development in the North West



Fort Worth City Council recently approved the purchase of nearly 200 acres for its open space conservation program, aiming to preserve natural ecosystems and protect water sources. This includes 152.5 acres of cross-timber forest and prairie near Silver Creek, and 38.2 acres in southwest Fort Worth, which features wetlands, prairie, and freshwater habitats.

The acquisitions align with Mayor Mattie Parker’s “Good Natured” initiative, which aims to preserve 10,000 acres of green space by 2028, supported by private funding and a \$15 million bond passed in 2022. Since launching the program in 2019, Fort Worth has preserved over 1,000 acres to counter rapid urban development.

Fort Worth is losing 50 acres per week of natural open space to development, and the city’s population is expected to grow by more than 270,000 people in the next 24 years. With that growth, more greenspace is needed to: protect water quality, enhance flood protection, and promote physical and mental health through recreation and opportunities to connect with the natural environment.

The City is working with Tarrant Regional Water District, Steams & Valleys, Oncor, and many other stakeholders through a 501(c)3 Conservancy to help with greenspace acquisition.

Future plans include a potential \$22.5 million bond in 2026 to fund further conservation efforts.

For more information, please visit;
www.fortworthtexas.gov/government/mayor/fw-good-natured-initiative



Community Spotlight



Texas Youth and Government

Democracy must be learned by each generation.

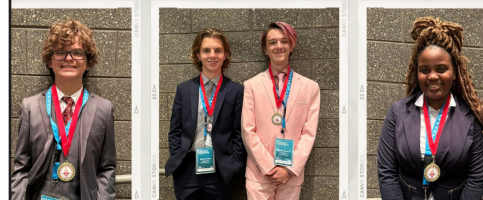
YMCA Empowering Future Leaders

We would like to highlight our community partners, the YMCA Texas Youth and Government program, and their mark on our future leaders in Tarrant County, Precinct Four. The YMCA has many programs, but one provides students with hands-on experience in government, offering opportunities to participate in mock trials, legislative debates, and committee work. The Youth and Government program originated in 1946 and simulates the legislative and judicial processes, allowing students to draft bills, debate policies, and participate in courtroom simulations. This transformative initiative is designed to engage school students in the vital workings of democracy.

One of the program's highlights is the annual Youth and Government Conference, where students showcase their knowledge and skills in front of peers, mentors, and community leaders. This event serves as an inspiring platform for participants to express their views on pressing societal issues and propose solutions, reinforcing the importance of civic engagement and responsibility.

BOSWELL HIGH SCHOOL

- SUE SIX AWARD FOR OVERALL DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE DELEGATE - ELLIOTT WALKER
- DISTINGUISHED CLERK CHAIR TEAM - ARNAIYA FRANKLIN AND CADENCE WOOTEN
- DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE DELEGATE - OLIVER OSOSKY AND AYDEN SANDER
- TRIAL COURT TEAM MADE COUNTY COURT AND QUALIFIED FOR STATE.



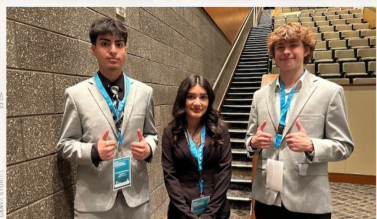
CHISHOLM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL

- ALL FOUR COMPETING STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE!
- CONGRATULATIONS WESTON FLEMING, KIPPER SWAIM, BRADY ESCAMILLA, AND BARRETT SCOTT.



EAGLE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

- DANIELA I. JOVANNI A. AND CARSON N. PASSED THEIR BILLS THROUGH COMMITTEE AND WILL PRESENT ON THE TEXAS HOUSE FLOOR AT THE CAPITOL IN FEBRUARY.
- CARSON N. RECEIVED THE YMCA DISTINGUISHED DELEGATE HONOR.



SAGINAW HIGH SCHOOL

- EARNED THE TOP 4 SPOTS INCLUDING THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP!
- ALL FIVE TEAMS ADVANCED TO THE STATE LEVEL COMPETITION



Recently, several students from Precinct Four were so successful at the District level that they are now headed to State, our State Capitol in Austin, Texas. Boswell, Saginaw, Eagle Mountain, and Chisholm Trail High School students demonstrated outstanding leadership and civic engagement. Earning top honors, they are preparing to present their work on the Texas House floor inside our State Capitol in February 2025.

As they navigate the challenges of leadership and advocacy, these students are not only preparing for future careers but also becoming informed and engaged members of society. We are grateful to the YMCA organization for running this incredible program which plays a crucial role in shaping our future lawmakers. Their commitment to youth leadership and civic engagement ensures that the next generation is well-prepared to take on the challenges of governance and advocacy.

County Resources

Precinct Four Facilities

Northwest Sub Courthouse

6713 Telephone Road
Lake Worth, TX 76135



Commissioner.....817-238-4400
Constable817-238-4410
County Clerk.....817-238-4420

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Licenses

County Clerk—Passport.....817-238-4457
Justice of the Peace.....817-238-4425
Tax Office.....817-238-4436

- Property Tax
- Vehicle Registration
- Handicap Placard

Tarrant County Credit Union.....817-884-1470

Northwest Sub Courthouse Annex

3800 Adam Grubb Road
Lake Worth, TX 76135



Community Supervision and Corrections

Department817-238-4405
Juvenile Services-Probation.....817-238-4431
Public Health.....817-238-4441
WIC Clinic.....817-238-4455
Child Protective Services.....817-237-9488

Sheriff's Department North Partol Division

6651 Lake Worth Blvd
Lake Worth, TX 76135
817-238-4200



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