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Tarrant County Judge B. Glen Whitley

## Collaboration is Strong in Tarrant County

The state of the County is strong because collaboration is strong in Tarrant County. I know that to be true because as I reflect on nearly 26 years of service to Tarrant County, I am reminded that collaboration has always been the key to regional success.

Take, for example, economic development around the County. One of the first big successes we had when I started was Southlake Town Center. Since then, we've seen the development of Globe Life Park, AT&T Stadium, Dickies Arena, Facebook Data Center, and the Texas A&M Law School, to name a few. Most recently, local leaders joined together for the groundbreaking of the National Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, a truly remarkable place to honor the distinguished service of some of our nation's bravest heroes.

We've also collaborated to make transportation in the County a success. As I like to say, if we want people to keep moving here, we need to keep them moving once they get here. We've done that



through projects like the I-30 and 360 Interchange, North Tarrant Expressway, 161 (George Bush), 121 (Sam Rayburn), and the Chisholm Trail Parkway.

Being County Judge is like being the "Mayor of the County," but the biggest difference between cities and counties is the number of County elected officials who work full time and oversee the provision of

services for their areas of responsibility. In Tarrant County we have 69 different elected officials. Working together to accomplish anything requires reaching across the aisle for the greater good.

It's not just collaboration with those 69 elected officials that's brought us this far though. Our accomplishments importantly include the many city and school leaders, businesses, hospitals, universities, nonprofit organizations, service providers, County employees, and citizens who have contributed.



With baseball season here, it seems fitting to quote one of its legends. Babe Ruth once said, "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."

I'm grateful that in Tarrant County, our team plays very well together. Tarrant County is a great place with great people who work together to improve the quality of life in our community. That's worth a whole lot.

Now, let's go Rangers!



# Tarrant County and Moncrief Cancer Institute Team Up to Expand Cancer Screening Services



Many studies over the years have identified areas within the County which have the greatest needs, including access to healthcare. Based on a 2020 survey, the areas of greatest need are in the central and south-

eastern parts of Tarrant County. In addition, COVID-19 prevented many citizens from receiving preventative healthcare services such as cancer screenings for breast, cervical, lung, colorectal and prostate cancer. It has been proven, detecting cancer early provides more options for successful treatment.

A study conducted by the Epic Health Research Network showed a dramatic decline across the country in screening rates for common cancers at the start of the pandemic. From January 2021 through October 2021, screening for breast and cervical cancer decreased 94% and there was an 86% decrease in colon cancer screenings during that same period. This equates to more than 104,000 missed screenings for breast, cervical and colon cancer alone. According to the study, these delays in cancer screenings and diagnoses could lead to increased morbidity and mortality as well as worsen the current need for access to healthcare.

In order to prevent a potential health crisis, Tarrant County Commissioners Court awarded Moncrief Cancer

Institute \$9 million over 3 years to expand their existing screening efforts for the underserved residents throughout the County using their Mobile Screening Clinic.

“With this program, we are working to avoid a post-pandemic cancer crisis by providing free cancer screening services to the most vulnerable residents in Tarrant County. The earlier we can detect cancer, the more options we have for successfully treating it. This grant allows us to serve tens of thousands in our community, and we are grateful for the opportunity to have a big impact on the health of our neighbors,” said Keith Argenbright, M.D., Director, Moncrief Cancer Institute and Professor, UT Southwestern Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center.

“The Moncrief Cancer Institute continues to be an invaluable partner in helping to ensure that residents from across the County have access to best-in-class preventative resources and care,” said Judge Whitley.

The Mobile Screening Clinic is an 18-wheeler with the latest in medical technologies, multilingual education and community outreach. The grant allows Moncrief Cancer Institute to bring essential screening services to those in our communities who are underserved or underinsured. To request a mobile screening event or an appointment, visit the Moncrief Cancer Institute website at [www.moncrief.com](http://www.moncrief.com) or call 817-288-9800.



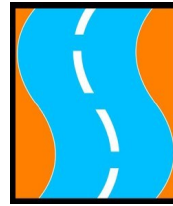
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## Child Abuse Prevention Month

# Alliance For Children

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In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are highlighting Julie Evans, CEO of Alliance For Children. Julie has dedicated her career to serving children. As Chief Executive Officer of Alliance For Children, she is an inspiration for others.

**Q:** *How did your career lead you to becoming CEO of Alliance For Children?*

**A:** I started my career in child protection in 1999 as an Investigator for Child Protective Services. For three of my years with CPS, I had the opportunity to serve in a unit housed inside the Fort Worth Alliance For Children. I fell in love with the mission and collaborative approach to serving children. In 2005, I transitioned to work directly for Alliance For Children. Then, in 2013, I was honored to be selected to follow our Founding Executive Director Nancy Hagan as the Executive Director.

**Q:** *Tell me about Alliance For Children.*

**A:** Alliance For Children is the children's advocacy center for Tarrant County. Working alongside law enforcement, Child protective Investigations, local medical partners, and the District Attorney's Office, we ensure that kids who suffer from abuse are cared for and receive justice—all completely free of charge. We also provide free education on how to prevent child abuse in your community for both adults and children.

**Q:** *What is your favorite part of working at AFC?*

**A:** I work with the best of the best! From our staff to our partners, our team is brave, coura-



*“My faith and my family continually inspire me. The children we serve inspire me, as do the professionals in our field.”*

geous, determined, and compassionate. Their drive makes me work harder daily. The children we serve are the best part of our work.

**Q:** *Tell me about someone who has influenced your decision to work with AFC.*

**A:** Nancy Hagan has been a significant inspiration for me throughout my career. She is a visionary and pioneer in our field. She dreams big things for our children and envisions a safer place for our children to grow and thrive. She has inspired me to dream bigger and greater things for Tarrant County children.

**Q:** *What might someone be surprised to know about you?*

**A:** I grew up with three older brothers, who I love dearly!

Thanks to them I can throw a football better than most, I know way too much about sports and I am fiercely loyal.

**Q:** *What do you find most challenging about working with child abuse cases?*

**A:** One of the most challenging areas of working child abuse cases are the times we want to do more, but we can't. We see situations regularly where we want to intervene differently or continue the fight, but for a specific reason we just can't. Those are the cases that keep you up at night and that we carry with us. I know that each of us could call those children by name.

**Q:** *What would you like more people to know?*

**A:** In Texas, every adult is a mandated reporter for child abuse. If you see something, say something. The hotline to report suspected abuse is 1-800-252-5400. We also would encourage the public to educate themselves through our Stewards of Children program.

**Q:** *What would you tell someone who is thinking about donating, volunteering, or wanting to enter this field?*

**A:** Alliance For Children always has a great need for volunteers and we are able to accomplish our daily work we do because of the donation of time, talent and treasures from the community. Our services are completely free of charge to the children and protective families we serve – all thanks to others' generosity. The field of child protection is wide and deep, and there are a multitude of ways you can help. Visit [allianceforchildren.org](http://allianceforchildren.org) and learn more.



# National County Government Month

Every April, counties across the country celebrate county government. During this time, counties take the opportunity to raise public awareness and understanding of services provided to the community.

Tarrant County is one of 254 counties in Texas originally set up to serve as decentralized administrative divisions providing state services and collecting state taxes. Under the Texas Constitution, a county is a legal subdivision of the State. As a result, the power and duties of a county are limited to those specifically allowed by the constitution and laws of the State. As an arm of the state government, counties must provide those services which the State mandates.

The main functions of county government include:

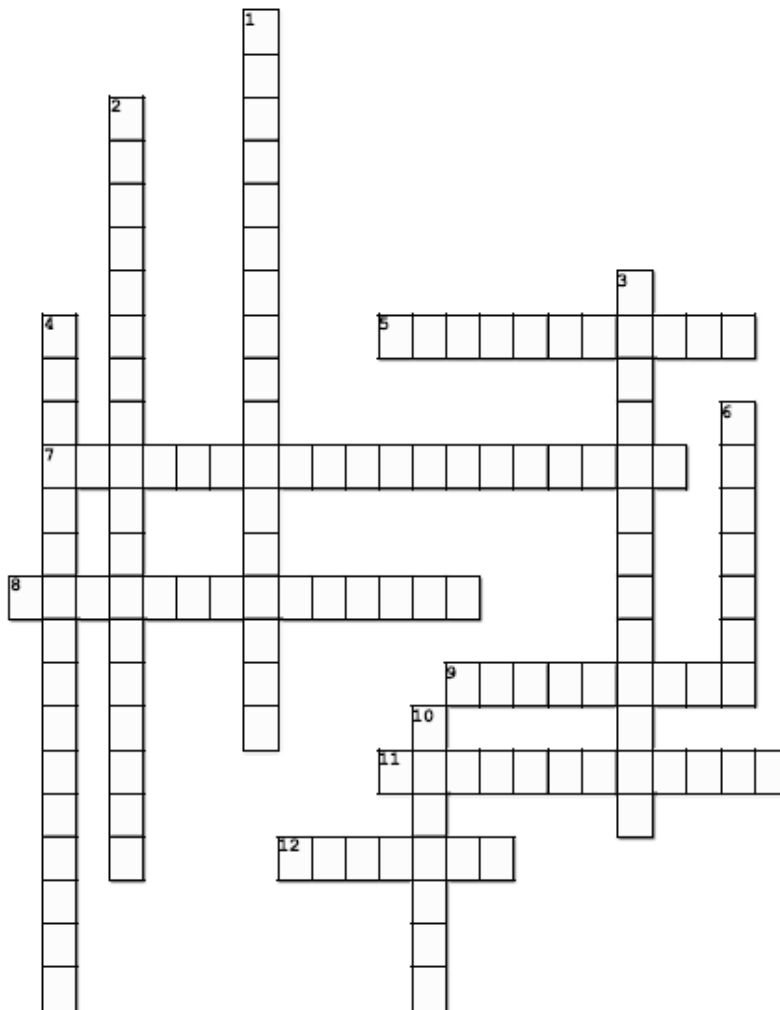
- Maintaining law and order
- Recording and maintaining public records
- Maintaining the general welfare of the county
- Administering county finance
- Administering Civil, Criminal, Family, Juvenile and Justice of the Peace courts
- Providing infrastructure
- Assessing and collecting taxes.

Four Commissioners representing individual precincts and the County Judge make up the County Commissioners Court, which has specific budgetary and administrative duties in overseeing general county

## What Your County Government Does For You

### Across

5. The presiding officer and voting member of Commissioners Court.
7. To promote growth of business and industry.
8. Fundamental facilities and systems needed to serve citizens in the county.
9. This department oversees the time when people vote in order to choose someone for political or official job.
11. This department provides services to promote, achieve and maintain a healthy standard of living.
12. The legal system, or act of applying or upholding the law.



### Down

1. Appraises property for taxing units that impose ad valorem taxes on property.
2. Governing body of the county with specific administrative, constitutional and statutory duties.
3. Provides basic economic assistance to individuals and/or families.
4. This department assists service men and women and/or their survivors in obtaining entitled benefits.
6. The County Clerk does this with birth and death certificates, and other public documents.
10. This department inspects and verifies the correctness of financial records and statements.

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# Election Integrity

Tarrant County’s elections are secure. Just as the 2020 audit found, the Texas Secretary of State required audit of the primaries found no issues. Paper ballots from specified precincts and locations were manually hand-counted to verify the machine count. Tarrant County’s results were perfect.

The Commissioners Court has called for a briefing on April 26 as part of its Court meeting that day to address specific concerns about election integrity. The briefing will include a representative from the Texas

Secretary of State’s Office and provide an overview of the elections process in Tarrant County. Citizens should submit questions ahead of the meeting by sending them to [TCAdmin@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:TCAdmin@tarrantcounty.com). The briefing will be recorded and available to view at [tarrantcounty.com](http://tarrantcounty.com).



**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

## Joint Local and Special Elections

### April 25 - May 3, 2022 Early Voting

### May 7, 2022 - Election Day for Joint Local/Special Elections

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## Primary Runoff Election

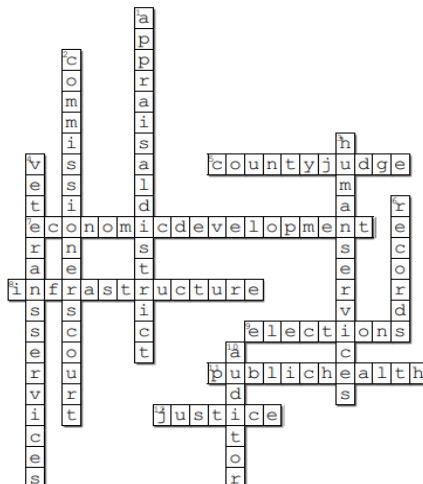
### May 16 - 20, 2022 Early Voting

### May 24, 2022 - Primary Runoff Election Day

For more information regarding Early Voting, Election Day Polling Locations, and Sample Ballots contact the Tarrant County Elections Office at 817-831-8683; email: [electionday@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:electionday@tarrantcounty.com) or visit their website at [www.tarrantcounty.com/elections](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/elections).

Across

- 5. The presiding officer and voting member of Commissioners Court. (countyjudge)
- 7. To promote growth of business and industry. (economicdevelopment)
- 8. Fundamental facilities and systems needed to serve citizens in the county. (infrastructure)
- 9. Time when people vote in order to choose someone for a political or official job (elections)
- 11. This department provides services to promote, achieve and maintain healthy standard of living. (publichealth)
- 12. The legal system, or act of applying or upholding the law. (justice)



Down

- 1. Appraises property for taxing units that impose ad valorem taxes on property. (appraisaldistrict)
- 2. Governing body of the county with specific administrative, constitutional, and statutory duties. (commissionerscourt)
- 3. This department provides basic economic assistance to individuals and/or families. (humanservices)
- 4. This department assists service men and women and/or their survivors in obtaining entitled benefits. (veteransservices)
- 6. The County Clerk does this with birth and death certificates, court case files and other public documents. (records)
- 10. This department inspects and verifies the correctness of financial records and statements. (auditor)



# Supporting Our Nation's Veterans

Tarrant County is committed to supporting our veterans every day of the year, and 2022 has already provided several unique opportunities to highlight their commitment to our country and their legacy of patriotism and sacrifice.

In early March, Judge Whitley joined Mayor Mattie Parker in welcoming President Biden to Fort Worth in support of our nation's veterans. Judge Whitley and Mayor Parker toured the President around the Fort Worth VA Clinic and the Tarrant County Resource Connection, which help ensure our veterans get the health care and help they need here at home.

On National Medal of Honor Day, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Judge Whitley attended the groundbreaking of the National Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington. Fifteen Medal of Honor recipients were present to take part in the celebration. The one-of-a-kind museum will recognize the 3,511 servicemembers who have received our nation's highest award for valor in combat as well as all who they served alongside. It is set to open in 2024.

On Memorial Day, Judge Whitley will attend the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fort Worth Memorial Day Service at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Every year for nearly a century the Memorial Day Service at Mount Olivet Cemetery has been the meeting place for citizens and leaders of Tarrant County to gather for "One Hour to Remember" the brave men and women who have died defending our nation's freedoms.

While we can never fully repay our courageous men and women for their distinguished service, we must do everything we can to honor their sacrifice.



Judge Whitley greets service members at Tarrant County Resource Connection. Photo by Rachel DeLira.



Tarrant County Judge B. Glen Whitley  
@judge\_whitley

Over my lifetime I've attended many ceremonies, absolutely none more moving & inspiring than today's groundbreaking for @MohMuseum. And a privilege to spend this #MedalOfHonorDay w/ 15 recipients. We are fortunate to have it in @CityOfArlington to honor their remarkable service.



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## Tarrant County Veteran Services

The Tarrant County Veteran Services Office is an advocate agency established to assist veterans and/or their survivors to obtain entitled benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the State of Texas.

For more information visit the Veteran Services website at [www.tarrantcounty.com/veteran-services](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/veteran-services).

To make an appointment:

Call 817-531-5645 or

Email [VeteranServices@TarrantCounty.com](mailto:VeteranServices@TarrantCounty.com)

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