



NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS PERMIT TECH CHAPTER

LAKE DALLAS—WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN

Just north of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex is the new bridge linking Lake Dallas and Little Elm and the North Dallas Tollway and a revitalized downtown area are attracting attention from developers, business owners and residents alike. But neither concept is completely new. A bridge over Lewisville Lake once provided a vital transportation link between Lake Dallas and Little Elm. That bridge was removed decades ago to make way for an expanded lake project.

A new toll bridge to be built by the North TX Tollway Authority will cross the northwestern arm of Lewisville Lake. The bridge will connect Swisher Road in Lake Dallas with Garza Lane in Little Elm. When complete, motorists will be able to get from 1-35E to the Dallas North Tollway and

vise versa. The project will once again provide a vital transportation link between Lake Dallas and Little Elm. The conceptual design of the project entails eight sections that, together, total 13 miles.

For more history visit the city website at http://www.lakedallas.com/our_story.html.

4th of July Celebration

North Texas Nissan presents the Lake Cities 4th of July Celebration! Lake Dallas City Park (101 W. Hundley Dr.) hosts the celebration from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The park is filled with **FREE** 4th of July festivities!

The festivities include an old-



fashioned parade, kid's games, a giant water slide, inflatables, contests for CASH prizes, great food, art/craft booths and live entertainment. This year we will have our 3rd Annual Lake Cities Idol Competition! Eleven Hundred Springs is back for the 3rd consecutive year as the headlining entertainment and after they finish the evening is topped off with the biggest, most spectacular fireworks show the Lake Cities has ever experienced!

Other city celebrations are continued on page 3.

GREEN CITIES

40 of the largest cities in the U.S. are actively engaged in reducing their carbon footprints, says the report "Green Cities." The report is based on conversations with leading thinkers and practitioners, says the non-profit, [Living Cities](http://www.livingcities.org), which produced it. "Green Cities" looks at what cities have accomplished and identifies areas in which efforts are falling short. The cities that participated in the survey are: New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix, Philadelphia, San Antonio, San Diego, Dallas, San Jose, Detroit, Jacksonville, San Francisco, Indianapolis,



Columbus, Austin, Fort Worth, Memphis, Charlotte, Baltimore, Boston, El Paso, Milwaukee, Seattle, Nashville, Denver, Washington, D.C., Las Vegas, Louisville, Portland, Oklahoma City, Tucson, Albuquerque, Atlanta, Miami, Oakland, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, Saint Paul, and Cleveland.

The most concrete municipal commitment is the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. As of April, 935 mayors representing more than 83.5 million citizens pledged to reduce greenhouse gases

7% from 1990 levels by 2012.

Where are cities excelling? An increasing number of cities are using green strategies to advance economic recovery efforts and create jobs. **Where are cities falling short?** They aren't yet connecting low-income people and under-invested urban communities to their greening efforts, which would allow them to build stronger communities for the long term. They are still focused on "top level" initiatives and need to start drilling down.

For more information on Living Cities go to <http://www.livingcities.org>.

NEWSLETTER DATE
JULY 2009

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Meeting Schedules

- July 15, 2009
- September 16, 2009
- November 18, 2009

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DALLAS COWBOY STADIUM

On Wednesday, May 27, 2009, the official "Ribbon Cutting" for the new Dallas Cowboy Stadium in Arlington finally happened. I feel privileged to have been a part of this project and to have been invited to attend its "unveiling". Bureau Veritas started back in 2005 to perform the plan review and building inspections for the City of Arlington on the Stadium project. It has been quite an undertaking, but under the supervision of Dave Stephens and Joe Hysell, hundreds of rolls of plans were reviewed and re-reviewed for every detail of the Stadium. And then, under the supervision of David Ramage, Stadium Project Manager for BV, and many other BV building inspectors, everything was inspected, sometimes working 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, to make sure that everything met the Building Codes and also stayed on schedule for its June, 2009 Grand Opening with the George Strait concert. It was wonderful to see everything

finally come to fruition on May 27, and we are all still in awe that all those hundreds of building plans represented the stunning building that stands there today. At the opening ceremony, Jerry Jones thanked everyone involved to make it happen to the 500 guests that were invited, that included Michael Irvin, Bob Lilly, Walt Garrison, Moose Johnson, Jay Novacek, Wade Phillips, Greg Abbott, Texas Attorney General, and just about every Mayor from the DFW Metroplex area. Everyone was also introduced to the new Dallas Cowboy Dancers. The ceremony ended with fireworks, and then they opened the huge front doors and allowed everyone in for the reception.

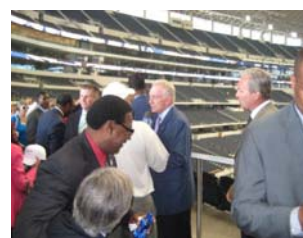


Some interesting facts about the new Stadium:

- World's largest free span structural steel building
- 2-1/2 Million square feet
- World's largest sliding endzone doors
- World's largest high definition scoreboard

It was an awesome experience and I was proud to be a part of it.

Helen Mapplebeck



Go Cowboys!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Providing decent affordable housing for deserving families.

This organization is a non-profit, Christian housing ministry. Habitat For Humanity International seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelters a matter of conscience and action.

Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need.

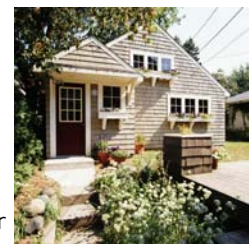
Habitat has built more than 200,000 houses around the world, providing more than 750,000 people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter.

The local chapters goal is to provide

100 homes for deserving hard-working families in our community.

Volunteer your time, contribute materials and donate money.

Visit the website at www.habitat-scc.org or PO Box 868117—Plano, TX 75086-8117 or 972-398-0634.



METROCREST SOCIAL SERVICES

Metrocrest Social Services benefits families in Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Addison, and Coppell. There are four ways to donate.

- Food Drive
Canned, boxed and non-perishable items.
- Hygiene Drive/Household Cleaners
Toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, razors, powered laundry detergent, Lysol, scrubbing brushes, and sponges.

- Coat Drive
New and/or gently used
- School Supplies
Paper, crayons, pens, pencils, rulers, backpacks, erasers, and glue.

Information for donating can be found at www.metrocrestsocialservices.org or The Gravelly Center—1111 W Belt Line Rd., #100—Carrollton, TX 75006—972-446-2100.

Energy and persistence conquer all things.

[Benjamin Franklin](#)

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CITY OF ARLINGTON

Light Up Arlington is July 3 Fireworks Show Moves to the Downtown/University District

This year, Arlington's annual Light Up the Lake Independence Day celebration moves to the Downtown/University District with a new name. Light Up Arlington is Friday, July 3. City organizers say the move will help accommodate larger crowds and provide quality staging areas for live musical performances, children's activities, vendors and fireworks. Light Up Arlington begins at 5 p.m. Fireworks will begin at 9:45 p.m. from atop the

eight-story Municipal Office Tower. Celebrations continue in Arlington on July 4 with the 44th Annual Independence Day Parade, which features about 150 decorative floats, marching bands and more than 3,000 participants. The event attracts more than 50,000 spectators. The parade begins at 9 a.m. This year's theme is "Commemorating Our National Monuments and Memorials."

Following the Texas Rangers' home games against Tampa Bay on July 3 and 4, residents can also enjoy fireworks at the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.



MANSFIELD

More music, more food and more fun. The second Rockin' Fourth of July fireworks spectacular Saturday, July 4 at Big League Dreams Mansfield Sports Park, is all about an even bigger celebration than last year's successful inaugural event.

Admission to the park is free. There is

live entertainment, bounce houses and other attractions for families. Both Big League Dreams stadium club restaurants will be open selling food and beverages.

This year's live entertainment will be featured on two fields and includes Grammy-award nominated Brave

CITY OF SOUTHLAKE

Fireworks will be launched from the West Garage rooftop in Southlake Town Square on July 3rd.

Rustin Park Entertainment:

5:00 PM- 6:30 PM Southlake Swing Band

6:30 PM- 8:00 PM Domino Effect

8:00 PM- 9:30 PM Southlake Community Band

9:30 PM- 10:00 PM Fireworks

Show with synchronized music

Frank Cornish Park Entertainment

5:00 PM- 6:30 PM Kyle Hunt Band

7:30 PM- 9:30 PM King Creole

9:30 PM- 10:00 PM Fireworks Show with synchronized music

Fireworks will begin at 9:30 PM

Synchronized music to Fireworks

Show can be heard at

Rustin Park area and Frank Cornish Park Area

NRH, HALTOM CITY, RICHLAND HILLS, HEB AND GRAPEVINE

Family 4th Fireworks Show

Celebrate our country's most patriotic holiday at the 5th Annual Quad Cities Family 4th Fireworks Show. The Cities of North Richland Hills, Haltom City, Richland Hills and the Quad Cities DFW Foundation are presenting this year's spectacular event, along with title sponsor Chesapeake Energy. The

show will start at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 and will include 20 minutes of dazzling and stunning pyrotechnics. Event located at Birdville Stadium—9100 Mid-Cities Blvd.



GRAPEVINE

July 4 - 26th Annual Fireworks Ex-

travaganza – 9:30 p.m. – Grapevine Lake. On July 4 at 9:30 p.m., find your spot and stake a claim near Lake Grapevine. Be prepared to be astonished by the fireworks spectacular, which can be viewed from any lakeside location as well as several other spots throughout Grapevine. Admission is free.

HASLET



Friday, July 3, 2009

Fireworks display will start at sunset and will be followed by the second film in the Movies in the Park Summer Series - Sandlot July 4th Parade to take place at 10:00 AM on Saturday

The Haslet Parks & Recreation Board, together with the Haslet Fire Department Support Group, is hosting its 8th Annual City of Haslet 4th of July Celebration Saturday, July 4th, 2009.

10:00 – 10:45 FREE Parade

10:45 – 11:00 FREE Independence Day Program—Songs and presentations by local talents.

11:00 – 1:00 FREE Food, Fun, and Games—Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Pizza, Ice Cream, Dunk Tank, Snow Cones, Balloons, and much more.

11:00 – 1:00 FREE Concert by Texas Weather Band

TDLR TRAINING OPPURTUNITY

Town Hall meetings on September 9, 2009

Jerry Daniel
Electrical Occupations & Code Specialist
Compliance Division

Subject: Electrical Law, Requirements, and Administrative Rules.

Address: McKinney Performing Art Center
(Old Downtown Court House)
111 N. Tennessee St.
McKinney, Texas 75070



Time: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
RSVP: Douglas Lichnovsky
City of McKinney
Building Inspection Department
972-547-7478
dlichnovsky@mckinneytexas.org

PERMIT TECHNICIANS CERTIFICATION TESTING CHANGES

The Board for International Professionals Standards (BIPS) met April 21, 2009 and the request to add a second level to the Permit Technician Exam was discussed. This action was not approved. At this time they viewed a second level to the Residential Plans Examiner certification and do not see a need for it.

For those preparing to take the Permit Technician Exam, please be aware that the code books will change. Beginning January 2010, the exam will cover the 2009 IBC and the 2009 IZC. The Basic Code Enforcement and Legal Aspects will stay the same at this time.

From other discussions, the ICC Permit Technician Exam Development Committee has also reviewed issues regarding the types of questions in the exam. Some of the questions we felt were above the level of Permit Technicians responsibilities and some of those questions will be removed from the exam.

If you have already become Certified in Permit Technician you can achieve other goals with many of ICC's Certifications. Please visit their website for more details. www.iccsafe.org.

ICC CODES

ICC has made their codes available on line for free.

You may select any of the following editions 2000, 2003, 2006 or 2009 and then select which code book you want (IBC, IRC, IFC and so on)

Go to www.ecodes.biz



Click on FREE CODES green box in the left column. Select the edition of codes you want. (you can come back later and sign up for other

editions).

Fill in the form with name and address information (first time only) then click on the SUBMIT button.

Then click on returning user button. (next time you click on returning user button without having to reregister.) Follow prompts.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Applications for college scholarships are available on the NCTPTC website.

www.nctptc.org

Applications will be accepted for the 2009/2010 Fall Semester until August 2009.



ICC TRAINING

These scheduled events allow you to log in and learn. Each Webinar features a live instructor viewable on your computer monitor, a downloadable handout that you use throughout the event and can refer to later, and a live question-and-answer session.

eTraining Webinar

- June 30, 2009—Green Bldg Safety
- July 13, 2009—2006 IBC Solving Means of Egress
- July 22, 2009—2009 IRC Update
- August 13, 2009—2009 IFC Update
- September 16, 2009—2009 IZC Update
- September 29, 2009—Inspection Concerns: Gathering Evidence & Right of Entry

Classroom Training

- September 21-25, 2009—ICC Residential Inspection Institute in Austin, TX

<http://www.iccsafe.org/training/seminars>