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BY MIRANDA WILCOX

The cities of Grapevine, Collevville and Southlake are investing heavily in public safety in the upcoming year.

Grapevine voters on Nov. 7 approved bond funds for two new fire stations, and Colleyville and Southlake are increasing fiscal year 2017-18 public safety budgets in order to keep salaries competitive with surrounding cities after experiencing turnover within their departments.

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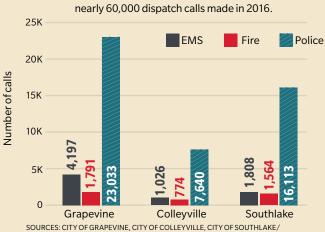
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Grapevine, Colleyville and Southlake increased their public safety budgets this year, supporting the



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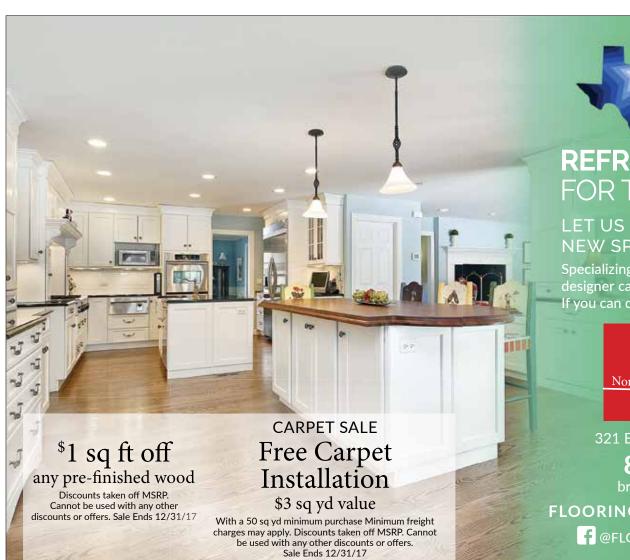
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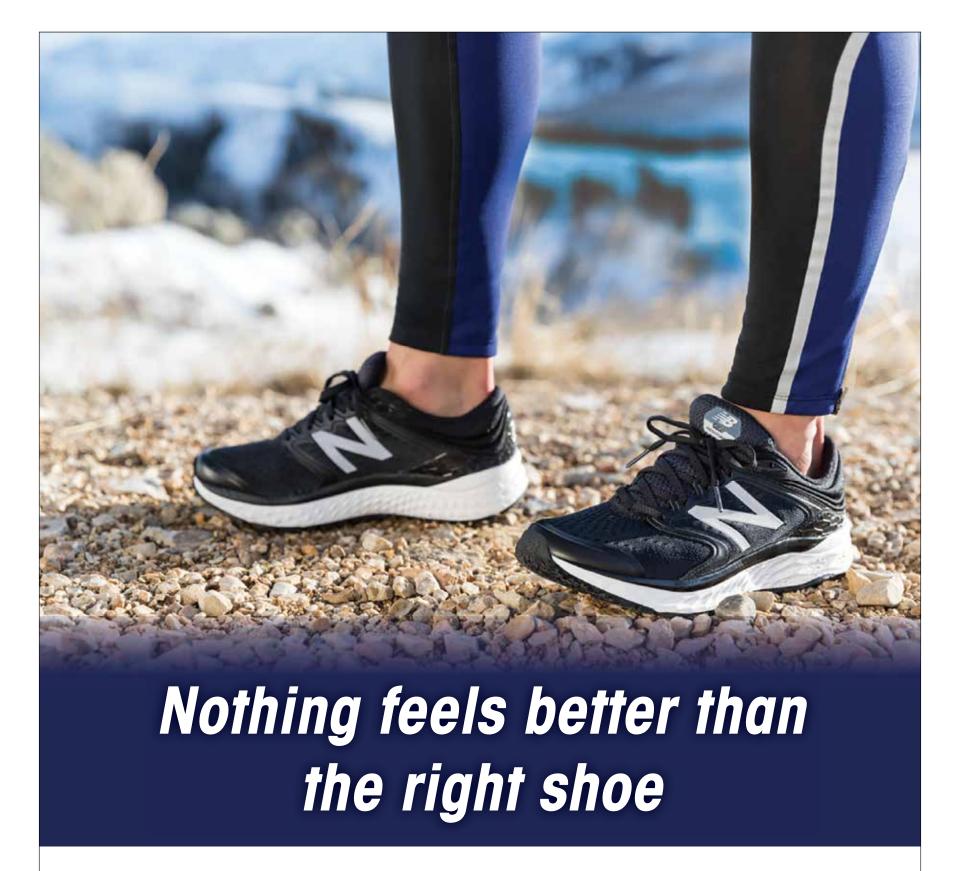
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Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday when families and friends come together to express the different ways they have been blessed this year and the things for which they are most grateful. I never want to take for granted how blessed I am to live in this country, to have a loving family, to do life with these amazing communities and to have a job that I love and that makes an impact every day.

Many of you are probably just as excited for Thanksgiving as I am, but you are also probably already thinking about December and your large to-do list, which includes buying gifts for those you are thankful for. We have put together a

holiday gift guide (see Page 20) to help you think outside the box. We hope these gifts ideas remind you of the variety of shopping opportunities right here in your own backyard.

Two other things to be thankful for are our police and fire departments and the ways they keep us safe every day. In this issue we outline the ways our cities are working to increase the budget for these departments in order to improve recruitment and facilities (see Page 24).

I am also thankful for you, our readers, and all you do to enrich the communities and support your local community newspaper.





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ASK THE EDITOR



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Do you have a guestion about how local government works or something going on in town? Send it to gcsfeedback@ communityimpact.com.

What's being done about SH 121?

The Texas Department of Transportation has plans to improve the bottleneck of traffic that is happening at Cheek-Sparger Road and SH 121 in Colleyville because of improvements being made to the north and south of this area.

Currently traffic shifts down to two lanes in both directions at this location, which makes traveling in the afternoons difficult as congestion occurs along this road.

TxDOT officials have said that the plan is to widen SH 121 at Cheek-Sparger Road. Crews will add an additional lane between SH 183 and Glade Road. The lane will be available to motorists during peak times, similar to sections of the President George Bush Turnpike. What this means is that this additional lane will act as a shoulder during non-peak driving times, and signage will be used to indicate when motorists can travel on it during peak times. This will be a permanent feature.

This project is expected to be awarded in 2019, and the estimated construction cost is \$26 million.

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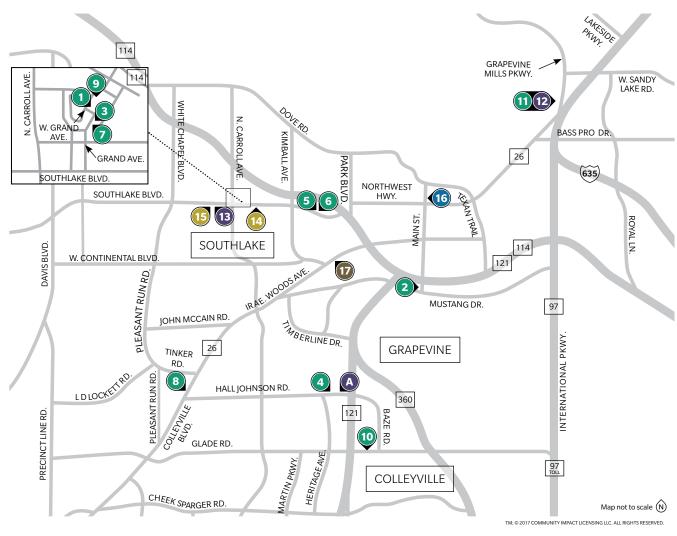
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www.evereve.com

2 Peek's Floor Co. opened a new showroom in September at 1900 S. Main St., Ste. 108, Grapevine. The business offers contract services for new hardwood, carpeting, vinyl, laminate and tile flooring; countertops; and window treatments.

817-754-1801. www.peekscarpet.com/ locations/grapevine-store

3 Madewell opened in October in Southlake Town Square across from the Apple Store at 267 Grand Ave., Southlake. The retailer sells women's denim, leather jackets, dresses, bags, shirts and shoes. 817-251-1559. www.madewell.com

4 Sushi Go opened in October at 2350 Hall-Johnson Road, Grapevine. The business serves sushi rolls, specialty sushi cones, soups, salads and other seafood in-house as well as provides takeout and delivery. 972-441-2946. www.sushigograpevine.com

5 Eat, Fit, Go opened in October at 2600 E. Southlake Blvd., Ste. 160, Southlake. The business offers fresh, high-protein meals prepared with all-natural ingredients that are low in sodium and will not cause allergic reactions. 817-912-1326. www.eatfitgo.com

6 Fresh Fit Foods opened Sept. 1 in Wyndham Plaza at 2750 E. Southlake Blvd., Ste. 120, Southlake. The business cooks healthy meals as a quick-bite meal option. 817-749-8121. www.facebook. com/freshfitfoodssouthlake

7 A **Tesla** showroom opened in September in Southlake Town Square at 257 Grand Ave., Southlake, The showroom has several Tesla vehicle models inside the premises on display and will offer test drives from the premises. Tesla is also allowed to park up to six cars behind the premises in addition to the cars that will be housed inside. Also directly behind the premises, Tesla is allowed to install Tesla-branded charging stations. A grand opening event was held on Nov. 2. 817-722-0386. www.tesla.com

8 Oscars Nails & Spa Bar opened Oct. 1 at 6100 Colleyville Blvd., Ste. 120, Colleyville. The business provides professional manicure and pedicure services and eyebrow and lip waxing. 469-360-0748. www.facebook.com/ oscarsnailsandspabar

9 After closing in January, Coach reopened Oct. 13 at the same address in Town Square at 400 W. Grand Ave., Southlake. Store management said the store has reopened with a remodeled interior and a new line of products. The store specializes in fine accessories and gifts, including handbags, business cases, luggage and travel accessories. The store also sells wallets, outerwear, eyewear, gloves, scarves and fine jewelry. 817-310-6668. www.coach.com

10 Bricks & Minifigs opened in October at 2030 Glade Road, Ste. 220, Grapevine. The store sells, buys and trades all Lego items from individual tubs of bulk products to storage unit-sized collections. The store specializes in individual minifigures, preowned sets, bulk Lego bricks, and Lego-themed parties and events, as well as accessories. 833-289-5346. www.bricks andminifigs.com/store/grapevine-texas/

11 Ice Twist opened in early November in the food court of Grapevine Mills, 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway, Grapevine. The business provides Thai-inspired rolled ice cream in a variety of flavors and with specialty toppings. 469-583-9906. www.facebook.com/icetwist

COMING SOON

12 The Dapper Doughnut will open next to Round Bowling and Cinnamonster in Grapevine Mills in early December at 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway, Grapevine.

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The business serves hot mini-doughnuts with 24 topping and sugar options to create a variety of doughnut combinations. www.thedapperdoughnut.com

Houston-based **Eye Trends** is expanding its operations and will open in late December at 1021 E. Southlake Blvd., Southlake. Eye Trends is a full-service optometrist clinic and offers complete eye exams for all ages, specialty contact lenses, medical eye exams and regular checkups. The business also provides eye glass frames, sunglass frames and lenses. 817-900-3937. www.eye-trends.com

RELOCATIONS

Sally Lynn Home relocated in October from 2120 E. Southlake Blvd., Ste. C, Southlake to 1465 E. Southlake Blvd., Ste. 601, Southlake. The business provides furniture and home decor from more than 100 manufacturers and offers a designer showroom. 817-442-0186. www.sallylynnhome.com

Family Medicine moved in September to 925 E. Southlake Blvd., Ste. 100, Southlake. The clinic treats patients of all ages and assists patients with acute disease management, such as back pain and ear infections, as well as preventive health, chronic disease management and immunizations. 817-912-8800.

www.southlakefamilymedicine.com



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ANNIVERSARIES

16 Grapevine's British Emporium,

located at 140 N. Main St., Grapevine, celebrated its 25th anniversary in November. The business is holding two events to celebrate the occasion. On Nov. 5, the business held an open house at the store with British-themed refreshments. A larger anniversary celebration is scheduled for Feb. 24 at the Palace Theatre in Grapevine. Since 1992, the store has provided British groceries and gifts to the area and hosted community-related events, such as royal celebrations, car shows, "Doctor Who" parties, and meet and greets. 817-421-2311.

www.british-emporium.com

EXPANSIONS

Teclipse Imaging and Pain Management Center expanded its services in November to include **Eclipse MedSpa** at 2401 Ira E. Woods Ave., Ste. 600, Grapevine. The spa's services will include cellulite reduction, Botox, laser hair removal and chemical peels. 817-581-4354. www.eclipsemedspa.com





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Your ultimate local guide for events, business openings, meetings and more in the months of November and December

Find more or submit events at **communityimpact.com/gcs-calendar.**

Event organizers can submit local events online to be considered for the print edition. Submitting details for consideration does not guarantee publication.

COMING UP

Nov. 14 | Grapevine's 25th annual Classic Chili Cook Off www.facebook.com/

events/343330529450461/

Nov. 15 | Final day to take Southlake citizen satisfaction survey www.cityofsouthlake.com/citizensurvey

Nov. 16 | Chamber Ballet presents "The Nutcracker: Short and Suite" www.apexartsleague.com/events

Nov. 21 | City council meetings Check city of Grapevine, Colleyville and Southlake websites for meeting agendas

Nov. 23 | Thanksgiving Grapevine, Colleyville and Southlake government offices closed NOV. 1-JAN. 16

Tower Gallery to welcome 'Merry Christmas Charlie Brown!'

Grapevine's Tower Gallery will host a traveling exhibition from the Charles M. Schulz Museum, that examines the making of the animated classic "Merry Christmas Charlie Brown!" The exhibition consists of 50 "Peanuts" daily and Sunday comic strips, more than 50 vintage "Peanuts"-themed seasonal novelties, a Santa letter-writing station and a photo opportunity for children of all ages. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Free. 636 S. Main St., Grapevine. 817-410-3189. www.grapevinetexasusa.com/things-to-do/museums/tower-gallery

NOV. 18

Santa comes to Southlake for Home for the Holidays

Southlake's Christmas tradition features several holiday-themed activities. The day includes photos with Santa, ornament and cookie decorating, snow hill tubing, snowman building, live entertainment, holiday refreshments, carriage rides and a tree-lighting ceremony. 4:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Southlake Town Square, 1560 E. Southlake Blvd., Southlake. 817-748-8019. www.visitsouthlaketexas.com/156/home-for-the-holidays

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DEC. 1

Colleyville to celebrate Christmas tree lighting

Colleyville will open its holiday season with the lighting of festive trees decorated by local community groups. The trees will remain lit during the course of the holiday season and will serve to brighten up the city and the season. The event will feature children's crafts and activities, choral group performances, photos with Santa and more. 5-8 p.m. Free. Colleyville City Hall, 100 Main St., Colleyville. 817-503-1000. www.colleyville.com/events/general/

DEC. 2

Southlake, Mrs. Claus to host breakfast and snacks with Santa

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The city of Southlake will host a full family breakfast with Mrs. Claus and her elves followed by an afternoon with sweet snacks, such as milk and cookies. Both events will have holiday crafts, and guests will have the opportunity to take photos with Santa and tell him what they want for Christmas. Children are encouraged to compile a wish list, and parents are welcome to bring their cameras. Breakfast runs from 8-11:30 a.m. and snacks will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Snacks are \$12 per person, breakfast is \$15 per person. Advanced registration is required. The Marg of Southlake, 285 Shady Oaks Drive, Southlake. 817-748-8019. www.southlakeparksandrec.com

DEC. 2

Boat parade to celebrate the holiday season

The Twinkly Light Boat Parade will take place in Grapevine with watercraft decorated in sparking lights. The route will begin at Twin Coves Marina and will travel though each marina, including Scott's Landing and Silver Lake. 6-9 p.m. Free. The parade will be visible from the shores of Lake Grapevine and the Glass Cactus Nightclub at the Gaylord Texan Resort, 1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine. 817-481-4549. www.grapevinetexasusa.com/event/twinkle-light-boat-parade/19493/

DEC. 2

Elves to be on the run

The Elves On the Run 5K and Fun Run will have food and beverages, vendors and prizes for the best elf costume. 8:30 a.m. (fun run), 9 a.m. (5K). Prices vary. Oak Grove Park Trawick Pavilion, 2700 Darren G. Medline Trail, Grapevine. 817-229-5911.

www.elvesontherun5k.com

DEC. 3

33rd Holiday Home Tour opens homes to visitors

Five homes in Colleyville and Southlake will be on display during the Colleyville Woman's Club Holiday Home Tour. Homes can be visited in any order. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$25. 817-358-1805. www.c-w-c.org/HT/cwchometour.html







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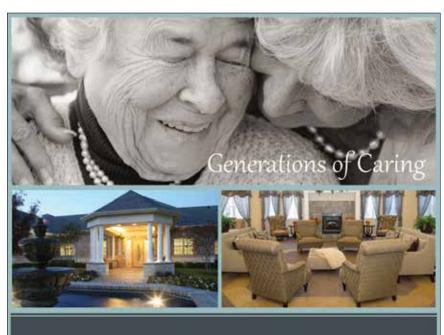


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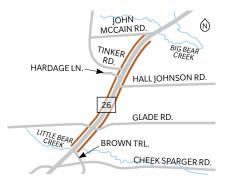
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RECENT UPDATES



SH 26 Phase 1

Crews have closed the Hardage Lane intersection, with motorists detouring to Tinker Road. City officials say the goal is to complete Phase 1 work, occurring on the southbound side of the roadway, by year's end. Motorists may see the pouring of asphalt and concrete along the roadway and at various intersections. Once this phase is complete, the next phase of construction will occur in the middle of the highway with vehicles traveling on the outside lanes.

Timeline: November 2016-2019

Cost: \$38.2 million

Funding source: Texas Department of

Transportation



White Chapel lane widening

At the Oct. 17 Southlake City Council meeting, council approved a contract for construction to begin on North White Chapel Boulevard from Highland Street to SH 114 in November to widen the lanes. The project will be done in two phases. A water line must be relocated before construction starts. The ideal time for

this work to be accomplished is when the service demand for water is at its lowest peak, which is during the winter months. Following this a roundabout will be constructed at Highland during the summer. Highland will be closed during this phase of the project. The widening of White Chapel should take about two years for completion. The final configuration of White Chapel will be a four-lane roadway divided by a landscaped median.

Timeline: November 2017-spring 2019

Cost: \$3.7 million

Funding source: city of Southlake



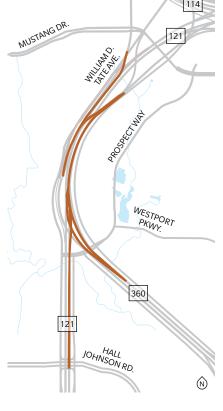
Glade Road improvements

Colleyville City Council recently approved plans for work on the roadway east of SH 26 to Pool Road to be done in one project, combining all previous phases of the project. Crews were able to complete the improvements on Glade Road west of SH 26 in November. The city is currently working on necessary right of way acquisition for the road east of SH 26. Once right of way is acquired and utilities are relocated, crews can begin construction, which may start as soon as spring 2019. The project consists of rebuilding the existing road surface, installing a drainage system and installing sidewalks and trails along both sides of Glade within the project limits.

Timeline: spring 2018-TBD

Cost: \$7.8 million

Funding source: city of Colleyville



SH 121/SH 360 interchange

Crews recently opened the new eastbound SH 114 bridge to southbound SH 121. There will be two more traffic pattern changes in the area to get both eastbound SH 114 bridges to southbound SH 121 and southbound SH 360 into their final configuration. Paving work continues on the new northbound SH 121/360 direct connectors to westbound SH 114. These new direct connectors are tentatively scheduled to open by the end of the year. Final bridge work also continues on the new northbound SH 121 and northbound SH 360 bridges to westbound SH 114. Overhead signage and various roadway activities continue throughout the area.

Timeline: Aug. 30, 2016-2018

Cost: \$61 million **Funding source:** TxDOT



HOW IT WORKS

How do poor weather conditions affect TxDOT projects?

When planning a construction timeline, the Texas Department of Transportation estimates crews will work an average of 16-17 days per month, TxDOT spokesperson Diann Hodges said. Additional days are set aside to account for unfavorable weather conditions and weekends.

According to TxDOT, construction projects are most often affected by rain. However, severe events—such as flooding or a hurricane—high winds, lightning, hail and extreme temperatures can also halt construction.

As construction crews cannot work in muddy conditions, the ground and materials must dry before construction can resume. A half-inch of rain could delay projects with a large amount of earthwork for three or more days, Hodges said.

Cold temperatures and rain can also delay concrete and hot mix asphalt projects, as the projects require warm temperatures, Hodges said. However, work often resumes the next day as the pavement dries or the weather warms.

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Let's go to the mall: 20 years later, Grapevine Mills shopping center still a destination for tourists and residents

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BY MIRANDA WILCOX

Grapevine Mills shopping center in Grapevine celebrated its 20th anniversary Oct. 27.

Since its opening in 1997, the 1.6 million-square-foot shopping center has seen several changes. It now features attractions such as Sea Life Aquarium and Legoland Discovery Center and has played host to special events and celebrity appearances. Even more changes have taken place in the recent years as its owner, Simon Property Group, invested nearly \$40 million in 2016 to renovate the mall to give it a high-end shopping atmosphere.

"What we're finding is the shopping center is really becoming the family-focused entertainment venue," said Trudy Cresswell, director of marketing and business development for Grape-

vine Mills. "... It really becomes the pulse of the community."

She said this happens when parents can come to the shopping center not just to

purchase back-to-school clothes or to look for a new handbag, but to also take their family bowling or watch their children play a basketball game, all inside the same shopping center.

This was something Bob Farley, the city of Grapevine's director of economic development, pointed out as well

He said Grapevine Mills is an important part of the city due to two driving factors—one being the amount of retail sales tax revenue it brings to the city, and two being the entertainment it offers helps cement Grapevine as a tourist destination.

"It's probably the most entertainment-heavy mall in the Simon portfolio," Farley said. "To kind of enhance the shopping experience, almost all of the larger box stores have morphed into entertainment activities. It's probably some of the best-performing space in the U.S."

He said Grapevine Mills sees about 13 million visits a year and makes up about a third of the city's sales tax revenue. The shopping center has also welcomed more than 160,000 international visitors from more than

75 countries, meaning much of this sales tax revenue is driven by people who live outside of Grapevine.

"It's a very big driver for Grapevine economically and

as a destination," Farley said. "We rely a lot on tourism in general."

In 2012 the Grapevine City Council approved \$14 million in economic development incentives for Grapevine Mills with money from the mall's tax increment financing district. At the time Council made it clear that they

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In 2016, Grapevine Mills underwent a \$40 million renovation to have a more modern look for today's shoppers.





This lobby with Great American Cookies has a more modern look after renovations.



wanted to help the mall as much as possible.

"There are two kinds of malls: malls people go to and malls people used to go to," City Manager Bruno Rumbelow said in 2012. "It is in our interest to make sure this is a mall people always go to."

Years later, the mall is still redesigning much of its interior. Many of these changes are taking place at night to avoid impact to shoppers, with the most recent example of that being Grapevine Mills' recently launching its initiative to redesign the shopping center's food court.

New eateries will be added to the court, and Cresswell said the area will be enhanced with better lighting and better seating.

"We're bringing a new and bright and elevated dining experience for our shoppers," Cresswell said.

She said what makes the world of retail interesting is that there is a natural ebb and flow of retailers that come into play.

"That gives us the opportunity to take a look at what our shoppers are really asking for and what they're wanting to see in their entire shopping experience, and we're able to accommodate that," Cresswell said.

She said most shoppers come to Grapevine Mills looking for ways to experience half a day or a full day of shopping and entertainment, and that many of the renovations that have occurred have been built around that model.

"That's how we're building and making Grapevine Mills shopping center really relevant with the shopper today," she said.

In addition to the renovations inside the shopping center, road construction has also taken place outside Grapevine Mills to make it easier for vehicles to get there. Cresswell said all of these changes have occurred coincidentally with the shopping center's 20th anniversary. She said Grapevine Mills will continue to be forward-thinking when it comes to what to offer shoppers.

"We are constantly in the process of reinventing what we're able to offer the shoppers," Cresswell said. "So coming back to Grapevine Mills on a regular basis, it's almost like seeing something new every single time."

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Council approves wall ball court in Southlake

SOUTHLAKE Southlake City Council approved a zoning change and site plan to install a wall ball court at North Park in Southlake at its Oct. 17 meeting.

The court would be placed at 100 and 200 E. Dove Road in Southlake. The court would be designed so individuals could show up and play, as long as the court is not already reserved or being used.

City staff said the goal of the wall ball court would be to increase hand-eye coordination for Southlake athletes.



Southlake City Council approved space for a wall ball court.

Grapevine voters approve all election propositions

GRAPEVINE Results from the Grapevine bond election Nov. 7 show Grapevine voters approved all three bond propositions that would create two new fire stations, renovations to the animal shelter, and renovations to the golf clubhouse and concourse.

Proposition A for the animal shelter renovations passed with a vote of 81.02 percent to 18.98 percent, with 2,843 votes for and 666 against.

The existing Grapevine animal shelter, which was built in 1992, will now be renovated and expanded. The new shelter will be more than 9,000 square feet compared with its current 2,856 feet.

"We appreciate our citizens' support of Proposition A and are grateful our community believes as we do in the importance of the animal shelter and adoption center renovation and expansion," said Amanda McNew, media manager for the Grapevine Police Department.

Proposition B for the relocation of fire stations Nos. 2 and 3 passed 87.89

percent to 12.11 percent, with 3,092 votes for and 426 against.

Fire stations Nos. 2 and 3 will be built at Dove Road and Kimball Avenue as well as at Timberline Drive, respectively. The Dove location will contain a backup dispatch center for the city, and the Timberline location will include a larger facility for life-saving equipment.

"We're looking at 30- to 40-year investments here, and we're extremely excited and thankful for the support from our citizens," Fire Chief Darrell Brown said.

Proposition C for the golf course clubhouse and concourse remodel passed 50.23 percent to 49.77 percent, with 1,757 votes for and 1,741 against.

The golf center will be made into a multipurpose facility to include a banquet hall meeting space and restaurant as well as a clubhouse.

"We are looking forward to taking the golf facility to a new level of service and experience for our guests," Director of Golf Russell Pulley said.

State constitutional amendments passed

GRAPEVINE, COLLEYVILLE, SOUTHLAKE

With 357 precincts reporting, on Nov. 7 Texas voters approved all seven of the amendments to the state's constitution on the ballot.

Proposition 1 passed 88.41 percent to 11.59 percent, with 46,685 votes for and 6,119 against.

Proposition 2 passed 71.75 percent to 28.25 percent, with 37,340 votes for and 14,704 against.

Proposition 3 passed 86.54 percent to 13.46 percent, with 45,170 votes for and 7,023 against.

Proposition 4 passed 65.94 percent to 34.06 percent, with 34,125 votes for and 17,623 against.

Proposition 5 passed 62.45 percent to 37.55 percent, with 31,661 votes for and 19,035 against.

Proposition 6 passed 86.62 percent to 13.38 percent, with 45,585 votes for and 7,042 votes against.

Proposition 7 passed 62.27 percent to 37.73 percent, with 32,218 votes for and 19,524 votes against.





A zoning application for the TEXRail station received approval from Grapevine officials.

Grapevine on track for TEXRail station; zoning for hotel and parking garage development approved

GRAPEVINE The zoning application for the development of a rail station, hotel and parking garage was approved at the Oct. 17 joint Grapevine Planning and Zoning Commission and Grapevine City Council meeting.

The decision to approve the zoning request marks one more steppingstone in the development of Grapevine's TEXRail station and transportation hub.

Craig Melde with ArchiTexas gave a presentation for the commission and Council to illustrate the look and feel of the hotel and the parking garage,

showing the hotel would be based on historic train stations.

"It will be very high-quality," Melde said. "The interior will be not overtly historic but comfortable."

The marketplace and train station itself will be accessed through a grand hall, which will have a Grand Central Station feel to it, including tile floors and a period chandelier, Melde said.

"We want it to be a memorable space for people to come to," he said. "We want them to leave with some memory of this incredible space."

Carroll ISD purchases two charter-like buses

carroll ISD At the Oct. 16 board of trustees meeting, the Carroll ISD board approved purchasing two activity buses for an amount not to exceed \$330,000. The cost will be paid using 2017 bond funds, and the buses will take students to events.

The buses purchased at the meeting will come equipped with seat belts, which is required in school district vehicles after recent legislation. The buses will hold up to 44 passengers and will be similar to a standard charter bus.



Two charter-like activity buses will be added to the Carroll ISD fleet.

CITY & SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

GRAPEVINE-COLLEYVILLE ISD The board approved renovations to the school district's Animal Science Center on Oct. 23. Work should be mostly done by June 1.

COLLEYVILLE Council tabled a request for residential zoning at 816 Shelton Dr. on Oct. 10. The site is small, and council wanted setbacks to be addressed.

MEETINGS

Colleyville City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month www.colleyville.com

Grapevine City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month www.grapevinetexas.gov

Southlake City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month www.cityofsouthlake.com

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month www.gcisd-k12.org

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Le Spa Fit

Owner's dream leads to alternative wellness

rapevine resident Daizha Petersma said she dreamed of owning a spa since the age of 16.

In 2012 that dream became a reality when she and her husband, Kelly Wood, started Le Spa Fit in Colleyville to offer users an alternative approach to beauty, health and wellness, Petersma said.

"Our goal has always been to have a human optimization studio," Petersma said. "Basically where we have all of these things that just optimize our health, our body and our lives."

The estimated 2,000-square-foot studio at 4209 Colleyville Blvd., Ste. B, offers a variety of services, including cosmetic laser treatments, strength conditioning with personal trainers, yoga classes and orthopedic massage therapies.

For customers who are short on time but still want to work out, Le Spa Fit specializes in whole-body vibration therapy utilizing equipment that allows the body to reap numerous health benefits in minutes, Wood and Petersma said.



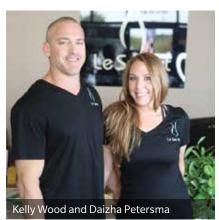
"The vibration causes our muscles to contract so it can increase the muscle activation and shorten our workouts," Petersma said. "So a 15-minute program can be equivalent to an hour to an hour and a half at the gym. It's pretty impressive."

Wood said time is of the essence in everyone's lives, and the alternative methods offered at the studio can be a solution to keeping one in optimal health while only dedicating a short amount of time.

"We both have lost 30-plus pounds and are in the best shape of our lives," Wood said. "This is what we are sharing with everyone else [at Le Spa Fit]—our lifestyle."

The duo said they love the community in which they live and work and are looking to not only expand their offerings at their current location, but to possibly open a location in Southlake in the future.

"I hope to continue to grow," Petersma said. "Everything that is in here we have utilized for ourselves or our families. It's something we truly believe in."







AERIAL YOGA

Aerial yoga classes are offered at Le Spa Fit to allow deeper postures that one may not get into with traditional yoga, instructor Daizha Petersma said.

Participants use a silk hammock hanging from the studio's ceiling to stretch,

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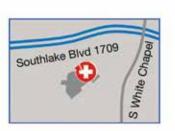




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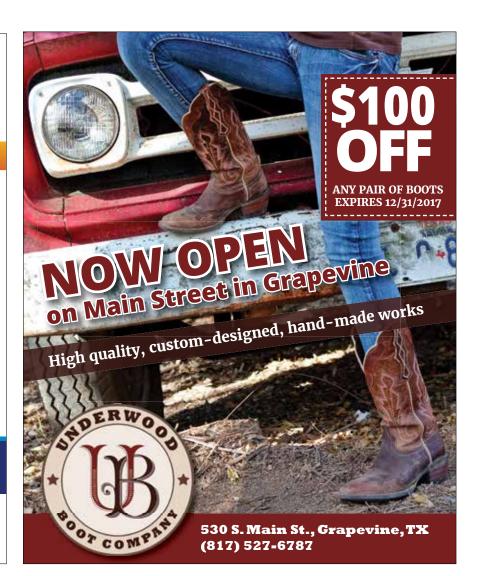
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BY ABIGAIL ALLEN

Chiloso Mexican Bistro

Southlake restaurant is family's newest location

exican food lovers in Southlake have a place to visit to eat food prepared with real peppers and spices: Chiloso Mexican Bistro.

"You notice it has nowhere in the [name] 'Tex-Mex,'" General Manager Joe Chavez said.

Chiloso got its start in Rockwall in 2005 because of the partnership of Chavez and his nephew David Balli. The recipes are all Balli's, Area Manager Miguel Mendoza said. After years of working in the restaurant industry, Mendoza said, Balli decided to open a different take on a popular concept. He started wanting to just have one successful restaurant.

"It turned out to be bigger than what [we thought]," he said. "So now he just wants to grow the brand."

The local chain opened its fifth and most recent restaurant in Southlake in September 2016. Chavez took over as the general manager there in October 2017. The location has "great potential here," he said.

"[It's] doing really [well] for the first year, and we haven't even scratched the surface," Chavez said.

Chavez has begun working on increasing Chiloso's visibility by engaging with the community and providing samples for potential customers to try.

"I think David and Joe's model is like, 'I'm not worried about the small things; I'm worried about just getting great food to the guests," Mendoza said. "That's what I want. So if [our customers] want extra corn, give them extra corn."

There are multiple ways to enjoy dining at Chiloso.

For customers who want to customize their meal, the casual eatery features a choice of tacos (\$3.95 for one, three for \$11), burritos (\$9), nachos (\$9), bowls (\$9) or salads (\$9). From there the guest can add roasted pork, traditional taco meat, rojo chicken, grilled steak, grilled chicken, barbacoa or vegetables. The only toppings that cost extra with the meat selections are avocados and guacamole.

Even the tortilla soup (\$6) is customizable. The soup comes accompanied by avocados, corn, tortilla strips, green chilies and cheese. The patron can add as much or as little of the toppings as he or she wants.

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3 Chicken tortilla soup (\$6)

The soup comes accompanied by avocados, corn, tortilla strips, green chilies and cheese.



Joe Chavez is the general manager of the Southlake location of Chiloso Mexican Bistro.

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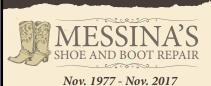
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City included in Dallas' regional proposal for Amazon site

BY MIRANDA WILCOX

The city of Grapevine has collaborated with the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport to submit a site proposal for the second North American headquarters of Amazon.com Inc.

In collaborating with the airport, Grapevine has offered a site that city officials hope will attract the online shopping and technology giant, or at the very least demonstrate that it is able to host a massive corporate headquarters. Grapevine's Economic Development Director Bob Farley said

the city's proposal was included in the Dallas Regional Chamber's response to Amazon's call for proposals.

"It's the economic chance of a lifetime,"

Grapevine Mayor William D. Tate said.

The proposed site is 800 acres of undeveloped DFW Airport land located in Grapevine city limits. It is bordered by SH 26, SH 121 and SH 114.

"If they're interested in Dallas, it has a lot of attributes."

posals, Amazon had a checklist of qualities the ideal location should haverequirements Tate said Grapevine meets. In addition, he said, if Grapevine is chosen, the entire Dallas-Fort Worth area, not just Grapevine, would reap the benefits the tech giant would bring with it.

"It is probably a long shot when you are competing with the whole world, but ... I do think Grapevine, together with the airport, can offer a site that is a strong contender," Tate said.

GRAPEVINE'S ADVANTAGES

On Oct. 24, Amazon reported 238 cities across the country submitted proposals to have what the company is calling HQ2 built in their cities. What cities were able to take into consideration was a list of stipulations Amazon said HQ2's site should have.

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ity to an international airport; they wanted proximity to a lot of highway and arterial systems, which we meet all of those," Tate said.

flights arriving and departing the airport every day.

"[Grapevine] has a public transportation piece that's pretty interesting, given that there's [TEXRail] service into that [proposed Amazon] site as well," Farley said.

Meeting these stipulations could make the city a strong contender in the region, Tate said.

"I don't think we're weak in any of these areas," Tate said. "I think a lot of cities are not going to meet all the criteria. We've got a very attractive proposal, I think, in conjunction with DFW Airport and Dallas-Fort Worth."

THE AMAZON IMPACT

Currently Amazon has warehouses located close to the proposed site the airport is offering. Tate said these structures do not create many jobs or generate much sales tax revenue.

But that could all change with HQ2.

"There is a sales tax implication," Farley said. "The exact amount of that we'd have to determine based on a couple of things, but obviously when you get that many people working in a given

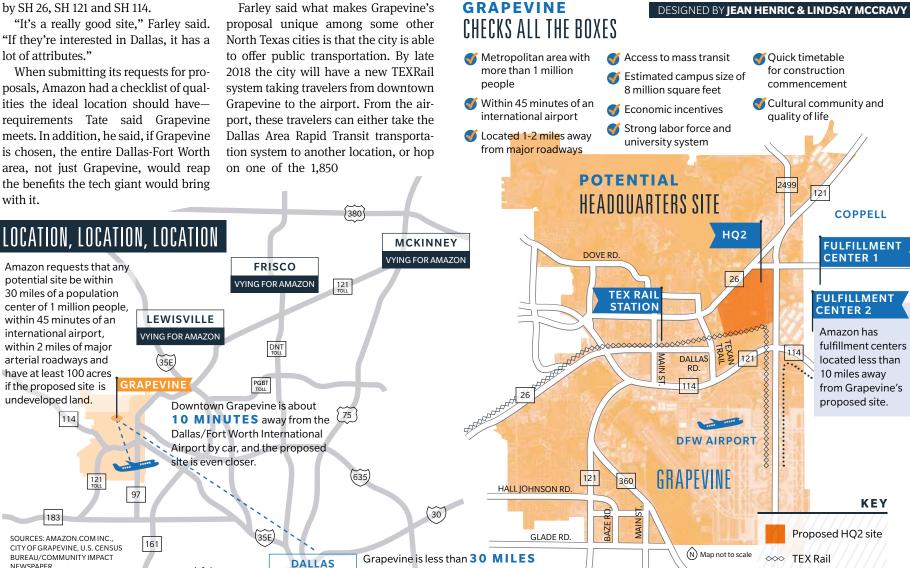
location, they are going to spend some money."

Most of that sales tax revenue would be an indirect result of Amazon, Farley said. Amazon's primary sales tax comes in from its shipments, so the city would be counting on its employees to live, work and shop in Grapevine.

In its request for proposal, Amazon said HQ2 would bring about 52,000 employees to the chosen area, which is more than the city's current population of 51,000. These employees would have an average salary of \$100,000. Farley said Grapevine could handle the increased population and traffic over time.

"I don't know that we would be able to accommodate everybody tomorrow, but ... the build-out time that they're talking about is 10-15 years, and that gives you plenty of time to absorb employees and re-gear things if you need to from a service standpoint," Farley said.

Grapevine is home to other company headquarters, such as the Kubota Tractor Corporation and GameStop Corp., and is only about 20 miles from the



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headquarters of Toyota, Cinemark Theaters, Frito-Lay and J.C. Penney Company Inc., all in Plano. It is these large developments that help give the area an international identity, Farley said.

"Any of these national headquarters, that's been a big sweet spot for the Dallas region," he said. "And obviously the more of those [headquarters] you get the more pivotal your market becomes as a business."

Darren Grubb with the Dallas Regional Chamber said these are economic benefits that would be felt if any of Grapevine's neighboring cities also pitching for Amazon are chosen. Among them are McKinney, Plano and Frisco. Although Southlake and Colleyville are not pitching individual sites to Amazon, city representatives have released statements voicing their support for HQ2 to choose the North Dallas area.

"While Southlake is not actively pursuing Amazon for their second headquarters, Northern Tarrant County is the ideal location for this expansion, and we support regional efforts to recruit them," Southlake Assistant City Manager Alison Ortowski said in a statement. "This region is thriving and is the perfect place for Amazon and its workers to call home."

Others, however, are not so convinced that Grapevine is equipped to house a major corporate headquarters like Amazon.

"I never thought I'd say I'm tired of jobs coming to Texas, but I'm starting to feel that way," Keller Williams Realtor Alan Eoff said. "I'm a Realtor, and I feel sad for my buyers who work two jobs and don't have any selection of homes to buy because they've gone up in value so much."

Grapevine resident Sabrina McCracken said she also had concerns with the number of people and traffic HQ2 would bring.

"It's likely to put a strain on an already tight housing market, which drives up prices," she said. "That could be great for people looking to sell, but for those of us who love living here, it could mean having to leave the area when it's time to grow the family."

Even if Grapevine is not chosen as Amazon's headquarters, Tate said there could still be benefits for the city. If Grapevine was named a finalist, the name recognition could put Grapevine on the radar for other major headquarter relocation opportunities.

"They can look at our site and say, 'Wow, we'd like to beat Amazon [to that site]," Tate said. "[Other corporate companies can] be looking over their

OTHER PREFERENCES FOR

AMAZON HQ2

ACCESS TO MASS TRANSIT

Grapevine is currently building a commuter rail to the airport called TEXRail. This will have short-term parking as travelers visit the airport and will connect with DART.

ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

Grapevine has allocated economic incentives to major projects, such as Kubota Tractor Corporation and Grapevine Mills mall.

STRONG LABOR FORCE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

About 30 percent of Grapevine residents have a bachelor's degree or higher, and there are multiple colleges close to Grapevine. The University of Texas at Arlington is 18 miles from Grapevine's center and Texas Christian University is 27 miles from Grapevine.

QUICK TIMETABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT

Grapevine has a reputation of being business friendly and holding city council and planning and zoning committee meetings jointly to help expedite the process for businesses to receive the necessary approval and permits for construction.

CULTURAL COMMUNITY/ QUALITY OF LIFE

Minorities make up about 25 percent of Grapevine's population. Grapevine is known for its business-friendly government and attractions, such as Legoland and Sea Life aquarium.

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If Amazon chooses the Grapevine site, Tate said the city would enter into a revenue-sharing agreement with Dallas and Fort Worth.

"The way we justify that is one-third of the revenue off this project would exceed 100 percent of the revenue off any other project," he said.

Since applications were turned in Oct. 19, Amazon has tweeted that it will "review" applications and will have an announcement regarding HQ2 in 2018.

"They're a company that's been founded and succeeded on imagination and creativity, which is something that we attribute to our own success," Tate said. "Grapevine's such a good match from that standpoint."

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service—one worth investing in.

"[Public safety employees] recognize the sacrifices that come with being in public safety, so it really has to be a passion and that's not a large pool [of people who want to be public safety employees]," Colleyville Police Chief Mike Holder said. "When [area cities are] all trying to recruit those same people, anything you can do to stand out is huge."

COLLEYVILLE FOCUSES ON COMPENSATION

Colleyville's police and fire services are having a tough time finding people to fill vacancies, city officials said.

Holder and Fire Chief Brian Riley said they lost employees who would come into the city to receive the proper training before finding jobs somewhere else that would pay more. Holder said his department turned over five people last year, and Riley said his department turned over three people last year.

To help this problem the city of Colleyville increased its general fund budget this fiscal year to allocate more than \$10 million to public safety, adding about \$657,000 to increase compensation. With these changes, the average salary for a Colleyville police officer is now \$62,503, the average salary for a Colleyville firefighter/paramedic is \$59,885 and the average salary for a Colleyville firefighter/EMT is \$55,372. This comes after the city completed a study in May to determine where its police officers and firefighters fell on the area's pay scale. Results from that study showed Colleyville's pay for public safety positions had fallen below market level.

"Our council said, 'Our firefighters aren't making what everybody else in the area is making, so we're going to make it to where they're up to that minimum amount on their salary," Riley said.

Holder said having competitive salaries will help the police department with recruiting and retention efforts as well. Although Colleyville has a community that supports public safety personnel, salary still factors into employee decision-making, he said.

SOUTHLAKE AVOIDS OVERTIME EXPENSES

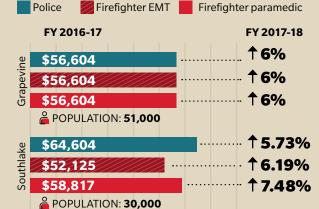
Southlake Chief Financial Officer Sharen Jackson said that in FY 2016-17 the police and fire department spent a combined \$450,000 in overtime expenses.

She said the overtime is due to vacancies stemming from turnover within the departments, which could be addressed by bringing public safety officer salaries to the 80th percentile of the market in FY 2017-18. This adjustment came with a \$272,191 price tag in the FY 2017-18 budget but was ultimately approved.

A SNEAK PEEK AT SALARIES

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Fiscal year 2018 city budgets allowed many public safety officers to receive salary raises.



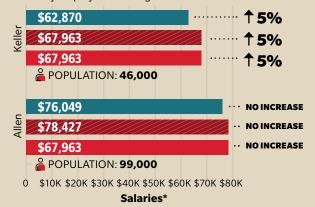
Colleyville salaries and raises for FY 2017 were not available.

0 \$10K \$20K \$30K \$40K \$50K \$60K \$70K \$80K

Salaries*

OTHER COMPETING CITIES

Southlake, Colleyville and Grapevine have identified several cities in the area competing for the same public safety employees. Among them are Keller and Allen.



*Average salaries shown vary depending on experience.

"[The fire department] had a 15 percent turnover rate last year," Fire Chief Michael Starr said. "What we're starting to notice in the police and fire field period is that there's a shortage [of employees]."



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Chief of Police James Brandon said the high turnover rate hurts the department because of the training time and expense involved with training.

The training for a firefighter lasts about 16 months before the individual can join a team full-time. Training for a police officer takes three to six months.

"It costs a lot to hire those people," Brandon said. "... We want them to stay for a very long time."

Starr said all cities in the area compete against each other for employees because there is a lack of interest in these careers.

Brandon said it is easy for officers to take their pick of departments within the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

"The culture and the quality of any police department starts with its hiring processes," Brandon said. "One of the first goals of our hiring process is to get the right people here, and to do that we have to be competitive with what they're being paid."

GRAPEVINE VOTERS SAY 'YES'

Grapevine's voter-approved Nov. 7 bond election included funds for the replacement of fire stations Nos. 2 and 3, each with a price tag of about \$7.9 million.

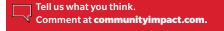
"We're very excited and thankful for the support from our citizens," Grapevine Fire Chief Darrell Brown said. "We're looking forward to the future."

Fire Station No. 2 will be constructed at the corner of Dove Road and Kimball Avenue, and No. 3 will be located on Timberline Drive. Both will contain gender-separated bathroom and shower areas, which the current stations do not have.

"The fire stations are not built for male and female firefighters," Brown said. There's only one restroom in there, and if one of our female firefighters is in there, it just creates issues with people trying to answer calls and get showered and get cleaned up."

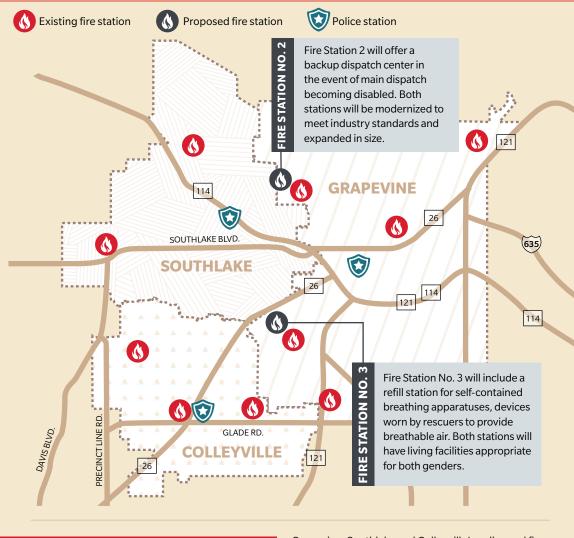
The two existing stations are identical and were built about 30 years ago. Brown said as time went on the job description of the department and equipment needs have evolved. He said that means garages and storage spaces need to be bigger to accommodate larger trucks, ambulances and life-saving equipment.

Brown said the area is also highly competitive when it comes to finding trained firefighters and paramedics. These two new facilities might help his department with recruiting, he said.



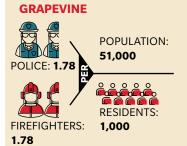


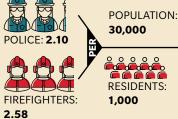
Grapevine voters approved proposals for two new fire stations that would effectively replace the existing fire stations Nos. 2 and 3 at either end of town. Officials say fire stations are placed strategically in cities and are a crucial part of the overall public safety plan.



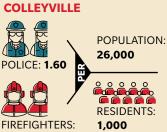
AREA POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES

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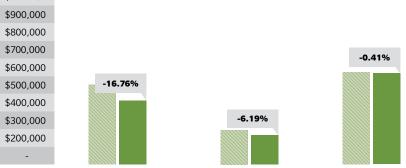


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