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Grapevine officials stick to development game plan

Despite recession, city continues to see major projects go up

By Rachel Slade

While communities across the nation have struggled to attract new residential and commercial development in recent years, construction has continued to be an important piece of everyday life in Grapevine. It may be the perfect location in the Metroplex, the proximity to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport or the attractive demographics that work as a siren call for business minds, but ask city officials and they will tell you it is all a part of the Grapevine development playbook written decades ago.

"We've always been active in recruitment and we stick to our target industries," Economic Development Manager Dan Truex said. "We're looking at entertainment, hospitality, retail and tourism."

Recent additions

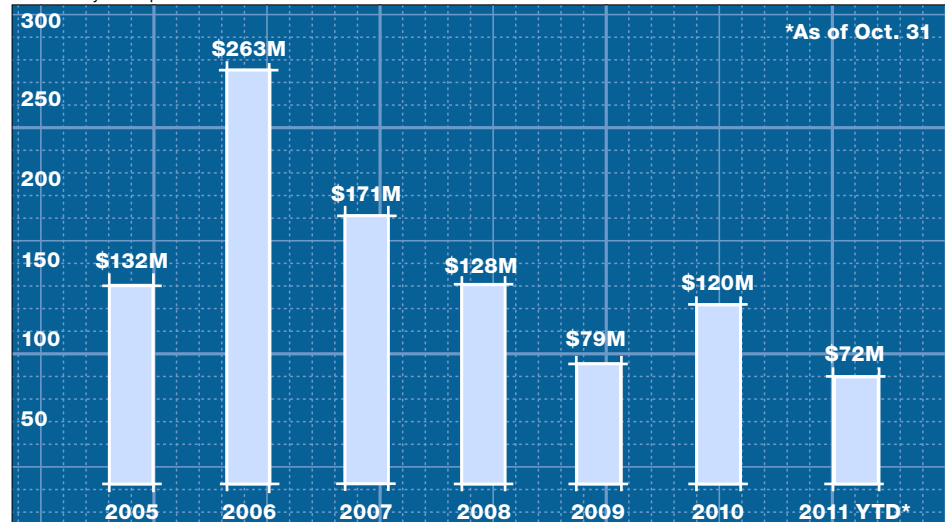
In the last year alone, the city has seen

tens of millions in construction and much of the projects fit directly into its primary development categories. At Grapevine Mills mall, a \$2.8 million renovation converted 13 screens at the AMC 30 into dine-in theaters. Along historic Main Street, two new restaurant concepts opened this summer in the Grapevine Epicentre development: Winewood, an American grill, and Mi Dia, a Santa Fe-style Mexican restaurant, both with price tags of more than \$1 million. And the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center added a roughly \$9.5 million water park to its facility off Northwest Highway at the start of the summer.

Merlin Entertainments Group, one of the world's largest visitor attraction companies, also completed both a Legoland Discovery Center and Sea Life Aquarium this year at the mall. Legoland, which opened at the end of March, cost roughly \$12 million. Its all-ages companion attraction, Sea Life,

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opened in mid-July at a cost of roughly \$15 million. And nearby on Texan Trail, Park Place Motorcars opened a \$20 million Mercedes Benz show room and service center.

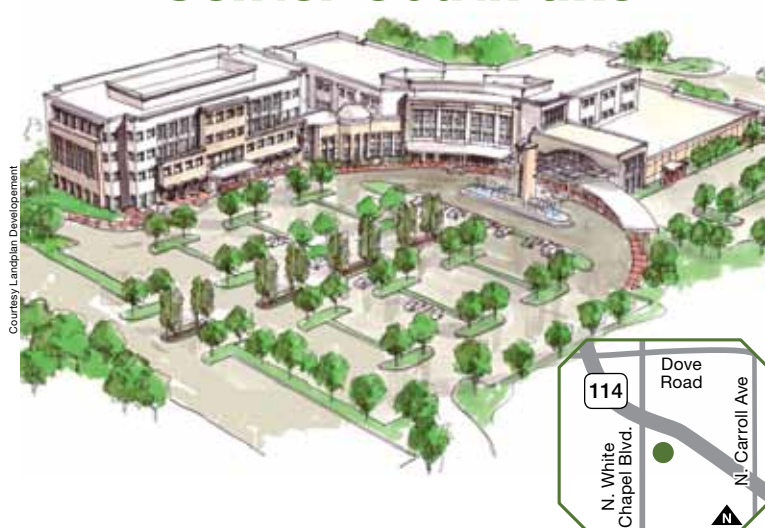
"We like to stay connected and true to the things that have worked for us, and hospitality, retail and entertainment have worked for us. That is why we've weathered the storm," City Manager Bruno Rumbelow

said. "Our task going forward is to stay true to the game plan."

The game plan

That game plan was crafted by city leadership decades ago, officials say, and has tempered every staff and City Council decision since. The opening of Lake
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Forest Park Medical Center Southlake



Luxury hospital makes plans for Southlake

Developers hope to bring surgical services, tax revenue and jobs

By Rachel Slade

The developers of a small, physician-owned surgical hospital chain have turned their eyes toward the corner of Hwy. 114 and North White Chapel Boulevard in Southlake. If the project receives approval from the City Council in December, Forest Park Medical Center Southlake could see its first patients as early as 2013.

"We're trying to really create a

high-end quality, hotel-like atmosphere for the patient, so much of the construction is designed around creating a healing atmosphere to the extent that we even have rooftop gardens," said Reed Williams, director of medical development for LandPlan Development. "The goal is for patients to feel very comfortable as soon as they come through the doors and want to compliment the facility when they leave."

Hospital switch

LandPlan Development and Neal Richards Group, who have

developed four other physician-owned hospitals and five medical office buildings in the Metroplex, were scheduled to go before members of the Southlake Planning & Zoning Commission on Thursday, and are expected to make their pitch to the City Council on Dec. 6.

The Forest Park project is a replacement for the previously approved Southlake Regional Medical Center, which was proposed at the same location when it passed muster with the City Council two years ago.

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Market Editor's Note



I'm not sure if it's the bounty of comfort food, the cheery nature of strangers or the excuse to wear my fiancée's New England Patriots sweatpants around the house, but November, December and January have always been my three favorite months.

When I moved here and found out that Grapevine was the official Christmas Capital of Texas (Page 21), I reacted like a kid in a candy store because, to me, the holidays are magical.

The air itself seems to tingle with excitement, the calendar fills with opportunities for families to come together and have fun (Page 6) and the new year brings with it a newfound determination to succeed a little more in every area of life.

Whether personal success in 2012 means spending more time with family, getting

ahead at work, setting aside time for the gym or shedding pesky habits, the Community Impact team wishes you luck.

And in the interest of helping you make the best decisions for yourself and your family in the coming year, this issue not only features our usual stories on local businesses and area transportation, but also our first Health Care Guide.

On Page 11, you will find a directory of the hospitals, private practices and walk-in clinics that grace our three cities and provide incredible care to the tens of thousands who call Northeast Tarrant County home. We hope that you find it useful as you endeavor to make 2012 even healthier and happier than 2011.

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Area schools prep for STAAR's challenges

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September employment trends

Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington unemployment—**8.3%**
Down from 8.4% in August

State unemployment—**8.5%***, **
No change from August

National unemployment—**9.1%***
No change from August

In the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington area, the government sector added 13,100 jobs; professional and business services added 6,100 jobs; and mining, logging and construction lost 1,400 jobs.**

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Texas Workforce Commission

*Seasonally adjusted numbers **Preliminary data

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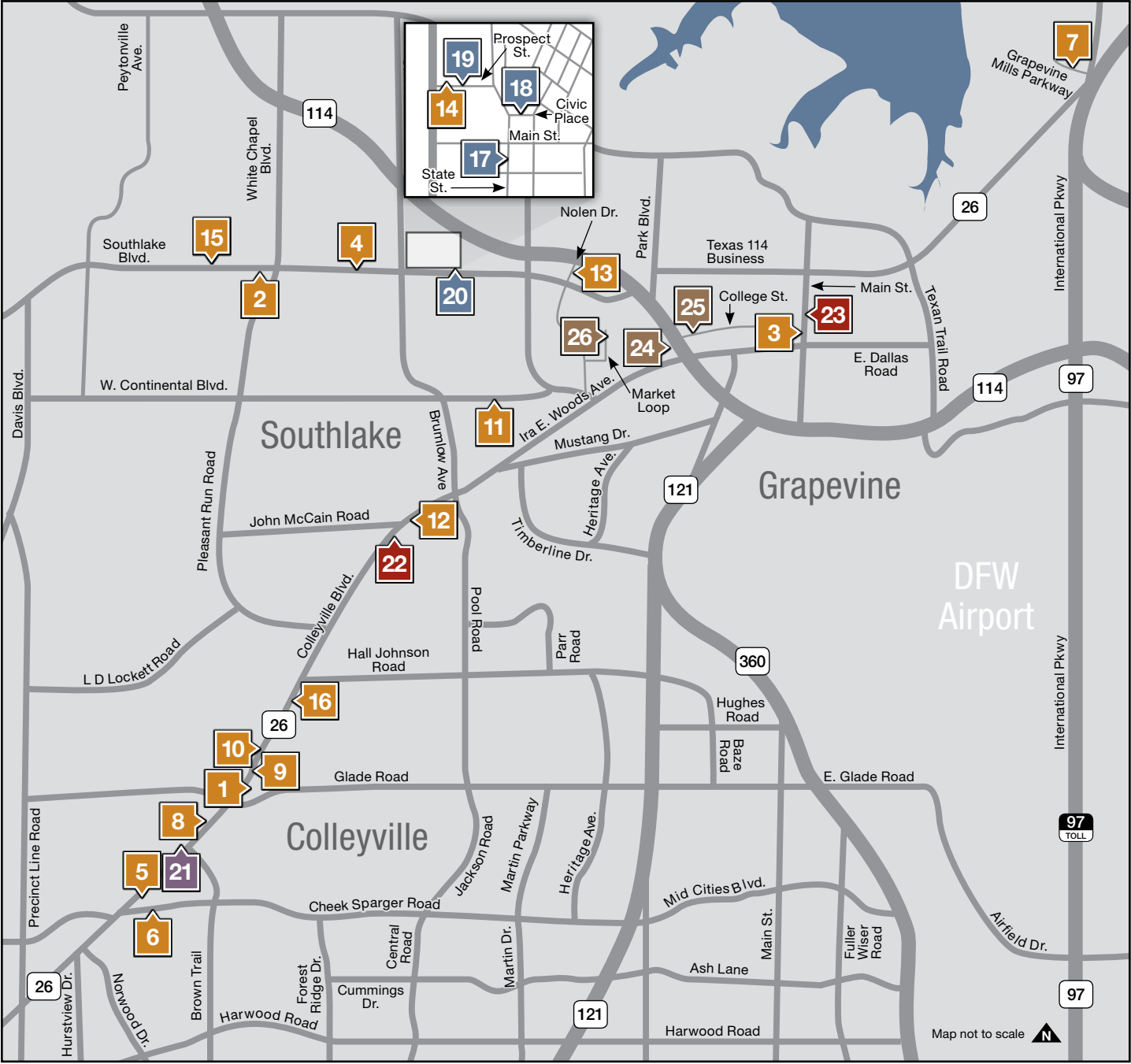
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Now Open

1 Chef Ying Aikens opened her new venture, **Next Wood-fired Bistro and Vino Bar**, in October. The restaurant at 5003 Colleyville Blvd. in Colleyville has a large menu featuring a variety of flavors and dozens of wines from around the world. 682-325-4046, www.nextwoodfiredbistro.com

2 **180 Wellness** recently opened at 321 W. Southlake Blvd., Ste. 100 in Southlake. The business offers chiropractic services meant to relieve pain, assist with pediatric development and fine-tune athletic performance. 817-488-4186, www.my180wellness.com

3 **Grapevine Gold & Silver Exchange**

opened in October at 818 S. Main St., Ste. 100. The business buys all precious metals, including jewelry, cutlery, broken pieces and more. 817-310-1088

4 Offering assistance with the treatment of memory, attention, anxiety, and post traumatic stress disorders as well as insomnia, autism, depression, panic attacks and more, **Cognitive Behavior**

Disorder Center opened in late September at 910 E. Southlake Blvd., Ste. 165 in Southlake. 817-500-4863, www.cognitivebehaviordisorderscenter.com

5 **Vintage Junky's, LLC**, a shop featuring vintage furniture, funky retro finds, hip household goods and more, opened this month at 4201 Colleyville Blvd. 817-253-4200, 469-471-4187

6 Colleyville native Rob George Jr. will soon open a private art studio named **Rob Jr. Art** at 101 Cheek Sparger Road, Ste. 4. 817-851-7916, www.robjrtart.com

7 **Ross Dress for Less** opened in October at Grapevine Mills mall, 3000 Grapevine Mills Pkwy, Ste. 125. The new anchor store offers men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories, home decor and gift items. www.rossstores.com

8 A second location of **Body Focus Medical Spa & Wellness Center** recently opened at 4620 Colleyville Blvd, Ste. 102 in Colleyville. The business offers beauty enhancements and non-surgical treatments, including Mesotherapy, fat reduction shots, chemical peels, Botox, laser hair removal and more. 817-427-3700, www.bodyfocusspa.com

9 **Vintage Tex**, a clothing store offering only real vintage clothing bought mostly from thrift stores, garage sales and estate sales, opened in late October at 5005 Colleyville Blvd., Ste. 120 in Colleyville. 817-381-8839, www.vintagetex.com

10 **Beam Realty & Mortgage**, the owners of 5200 Colleyville Blvd., recently occupied Ste. A. 817-520-5335

11 **DFW ServiceMasters LLC**, which offers plumbing, cooling and electric services, opened in October at 1857 E. Continental Blvd., Ste. B in Southlake. 855-227-3086, www.dfwservicemasters.com

12 The Longwood Plaza Shopping Center, Colleyville's last retail site near its border with Grapevine, recently welcomed its



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first tenant. **Chateau Pedi Spa** at 7171 Colleyville Blvd., Ste. 100 offers a variety of pedicures and manicures as well as facials and waxing. 817-442-9779

13 Sunless Studios, an airbrush salon offering airbrush tanning and spa treatments, recently opened at 151 N. Nolen Drive, Ste. 160, Rm. 12 (inside Sola Salon Studios). 817-749-0111, www.sunlessstudios.com

14 The Christmas Shoppe, which offers a variety of Thanksgiving and Christmas decor as well as personal shopping and full-service decorating, recently opened at 1228 Prospect Ave. in Southlake. 817-251-1JOY, www.classicchristmasjoy.com

15 A new office of **RE/MAX Heritage** opened this month at 2301 W. Southlake Blvd., Ste. 500. The business offers help in residential and commercial real estate purchases and leasing. 817-697-2300, www.remaxheritage.net

16 Urgent Care for Kids opened this month at 5611 Colleyville Blvd. The business offers walk-in pediatric care on nights and weekends. 817-485-6000, www.urgentcarekids.com

Coming Soon

17 A **Brookstone** Holiday Store is expected to open this month at 234 State St. in Southlake Town Square. www.brookstone.com

18 An office of **Briggs Freeman Sotheby's International Realty**, which offers mortgage and inspection assistance as well as property management coordination in addition to new home sales and more is expected to open this month at 1400 Civic Place, Ste. 234 in Southlake. 1-800-530-HOME, www.briggsfreeman.com

19 Pure Health Cafe is expected to open at 1244 Prospect Ave. in Southlake Town Square this December. The business offers a menu of nutritious sandwiches, wraps and salads as well as juice drinks, and frozen yogurt. www.purehealthbar.com

20 The Hair Bar, a salon offering affordable sessions that include a shampoo, blow out and style, is expected to open in December at 1522 E. Southlake Blvd. in Southlake Town Square. www.dropinblowout.com

Closed

As planned, both **Halloween City** in Grapevine and **Spirit Halloween** in Colleyville have closed.

Relocation

21 Kountry Klippers has moved into a larger space at 4404 Colleyville Blvd. The



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Chiropractic doctors Jerrod Wright (left) and Wade Parkhill recently opened **180 Wellness** on West Southlake Boulevard.



Grapevine Gold & Silver Exchange buys and sells a variety of items, from jewelry to coins.



Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations are now on sale at **The Christmas Shoppe** in Southlake.



Brian White (left) and Kevin Pearce recently opened **Urgent Care for Kids** in Colleyville.



Bear Creek Spirits & Wine has added **Molto Formaggio**, a small cheese shop, to its offerings.

business offers a variety of pet grooming services, including cuts, baths, nail trims, ear cleaning and gland expression. 817-281-0264, www.kountryklippers.com

Expansions

22 Bear Creek Spirits & Wine, 7101 Colleyville Blvd., has added a small gourmet cheese shop, **Molto Formaggio**, to its property. It offers a variety of cheese trays, paninis, desserts and giftware as well as wine and cheese classes. 817-251-8789, www.bearcreekspirits.com

23 Patty Cakes Bakery at 417 S. Main St. in Grapevine is now offering holiday classes. Upcoming sessions at the Grapevine Activities Center include a Christmas baking class and a gingerbread class offering tips for building and decorating. Sign up through the center. 682-223-1471, www.chefpattycakes.com

In the News

24 Building renovations were approved in October for **Texas Nissan** at 1401 W. Hwy. 114, Ste. A in Grapevine. 817-601-3600, www.nissanusa.com

25 The Grapevine City Council in October approved **Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine's** \$100.5 million plans to expand the hospital. The groundbreaking ceremony at 1650 W. College St. in Grapevine was held earlier this month.

26 TLC Electrical, 2812 Market Loop in Southlake, will donate \$5 to GRACE for each service call through the end of the year. 817-424-2684, www.tlcelectrical.com

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18 ICE!

The Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center's popular ICE! Attraction, running through Jan. 1, takes on a Shrek the Halls theme this year. More than 2 million pounds of ice create an interactive world of colorful ice sculptures carved into Shrek, Fiona, Donkey and more. Lone Star Christmas at the Gaylord also includes more than 1.5 million holiday lights, a 52-foot rotating Christmas tree, a life-sized gingerbread house and more. Closed-toed shoes and pants required for ICE!; hooded coats provided; hats and gloves recommended • 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Friday and Saturday • Tickets \$11.95–\$26.95 depending on age and time of visit • Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, 1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine • 817-778-1000 www.gaylordtexantickets.com

Festival of Trees Tinsel Gala

The Greater Southlake Women's Society, in a partnership with Park Place Motorcars Grapevine, sponsors a formal evening of dining and dancing complete with live and silent auctions, a wine pull and more. All proceeds support area charities. • 6:30–11:30 p.m. • \$125 • Hilton Town Square, 1400 Plaza Place, Southlake www.greatersouthlakewomenssociety.com

21 13th Annual Joey Wilkins Foundation Golf Tournament and Auction

The Joey Wilkins Foundation, which provides assistance to people with catastrophic spinal cord injuries, hosts its biggest fundraiser of the year at Bear Creek Golf Club and Delaney Vineyards. Sponsorships still available. Tournament shotgun start, noon at Bear Creek; dinner, reception and auction, 5:30 p.m. at Delaney Vineyards • \$95 per player, \$25 auction admission • Bear Creek Golf Club, 3500 Bear Creek Court, Dallas; Delaney Vineyards, 2000 Champagne Blvd., Grapevine www.joeywilkinsfoundation.org



25 North Pole Express kickoff

The Grapevine Vintage Railroad offers a North Pole Express experience on select days through Dec. 21. Activities include a pre-boarding holiday stage show, Christmas tree maze, caroling on board, free hot chocolate for children 12 and under, a visit from Santa and commemorative gifts for children. Event area includes free ornament making and a North Pole Express General Store offering food and beverages for purchase. Children encouraged to wear their pajamas. • Times vary • \$18 (age 2 and up) • Grapevine Depot, 705 Main St., Grapevine www.grapevinetexasusa.com

'Scrooge: The Musical'

Grapevine's Runway Theatre offers 12 performances of "Scrooge: The Musical" on weekends Nov. 25 through Dec. 18. Friday and Saturday night shows start at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees start at 3 p.m. • \$12 (students and seniors), \$15 (adults) • Runway Theatre, 215 N. Dooley St., Grapevine 817-488-4842 • www.runwaytheatre.com

26–27 Canton in the City Holiday Gift Market

The 9th annual holiday gift market at the Grapevine Convention Center features hundreds of vendors offering Christmas gift ideas. • Nov. 26, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Nov. 27, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. \$5 (adults), \$1 (students), free (11 and younger) • Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine • 972-471-0601 www.cantoninthecity.com

December

1 Parade of Lights

Grapevine, the Christmas Capital of Texas, hosts North Texas' largest lighted Christmas parade. This year's theme is Toyland Comes to Grapevine, and the parade will feature more than 100 colorfully lighted floats passing through Historic Downtown Grapevine to the holiday tunes of marching bands. Parade starts at Main and Hanover streets and heads north to Main and Wall streets • 7 p.m. Free • Historic Downtown Grapevine www.grapevinetexasusa.com/christmas

2 Holly Colley Holiday

The City of Colleyville celebrates the season with a tree lighting, visits with Santa, arts and crafts, live performances by local entertainment and dance troupes, a petting zoo, a pony wheel, holiday carriage rides and more. • 4–8 p.m. • Free • The Village at Colleyville, 100 Main St., Colleyville www.colleyville.com

Worth the Trip

3 The Nutcracker

North Central Ballet offers two performances of Tchaikovsky's holiday favorite in which a young girl's toys come to life on Christmas Eve. • 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 and 2 p.m. Dec. 4 \$30 (adult), \$25 (children 12 and under/seniors 55 and older), 1 free child's ticket with the purchase of two adult tickets • Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium, 3401 W. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth • 817-500-2658 www.nutcrackertickets.com

Breakfast with Santa

The Colleyville Lions Club hosts its 16th annual breakfast with Santa featuring pancakes and trimmings, live holiday music and photos. Proceeds benefit the Colleyville Lions Club Scholars and other charities. 7-11 a.m. • \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door for the whole family • Colleyville Center, 5301 Riverwalk Drive, Colleyville www.colleyvillelions.com

Santa's Workshop

Southlake Parks and Recreation staff offer holiday fun for children age 3-5. Children will enjoy four hours of games, arts and crafts, pizza, juice boxes and more. Pre-registration is required. Parents are not required to attend. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • \$35 • Durham Elementary/Intermediate cafeteria, 801 Shady Oaks, Southlake • 817-748-8019 www.southlakeparksandrec.com

Victorian Christmas

Nash Farm celebrates the traditions of Christmas on the farm. Activities include making traditional ornaments like cotton-ball angels, paper chains, wrapped peanuts and popcorn strings. • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Nash Farm, 626 Ball St., Grapevine • 817-410-3185

Worth the Trip

Christmas in the Stockyards

The Fort Worth Stockyards hosts a variety of Christmas festivities including a tree lighting,

Home for the Holidays Tree Lighting



The buildings of Southlake Town Square, including Southlake Town Hall (above), will be lit for the holidays Nov. 19.

Nov. 19

The City of Southlake and Southlake Town Square welcome the holiday season with a grand tree lighting, photos with Santa, carriage rides, holiday crafts, holiday refreshments and live entertainment the night of Nov. 19. Festivities run from 5:30–8:30 p.m. at Southlake Town Square, with the tree lighting at 6:30 p.m. Join the fun at 1400 Main St. in Southlake. Can't make it on the 19th? Santa will appear in his village at Rustin Pavilion through Dec. 24 and carriage rides through the Square run through Jan. 1. For more information, visit www.southlakehomefortheholidays.com

holiday parade, pony rides, chicken roping, caroling, a petting zoo, a cowboy Santa and more. • 2–6 p.m. • Free • Fort Worth Stockyards, along East Exchange Avenue in Fort Worth • 817-625-9715

The Palace Presents Christmas

The Palace Theatre hosts several screenings of classic Christmas movies in December starting Dec. 3, including the 1954 "White Christmas," the 1946 "It's a Wonderful Life," the 1983 "A Christmas Story" and animated double features of "Frosty the Snowman" and "A Garfield Christmas Special." • See website for various showtimes • \$5 each • The Palace Theatre, 300 S. Main St., Grapevine • 817-410-3100 • www.grapevinetexasusa.com



4 27th Annual Holiday Home Tour

The Colleyville Woman's Club hosts its 27th annual home tour featuring houses decorated for the season. Proceeds benefit area charities. • 11 a.m.–5 p.m. • \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Raffle tickets \$5 or five for \$20 • 817-358-1805 • www.c-w-c.org

15 Ho Ho Hoe-Down

The Grapevine Chamber of Commerce Women's Division sponsors a night of Western-themed dancing, eating and fundraising. Proceeds benefit the Christmas Spirit Fund. • \$45 • Willhoite's Restaurant, 432 S. Main St., Grapevine www.grapevinechamber-womensdiv.com

7 Christmas at the Movies

Texas Family Musicals performs 12 shows over two weekends of Christmas at the Movies, which brings favorite Christmas movie scenes to life on stage. Dec. 7–9 and Dec. 11; Dec. 14–16 and Dec. 18 • Wednesday, Thursday and Friday showtimes at 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday matinees at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 4 p.m. • Ticket prices vary • The Palace Theatre, 300 S. Main St., Grapevine • 817-573-9191, www.texasfamilymusicals.com

8 Christmas Wine Trains

The Grapevine Vintage Railroad offers three wine trains for the holidays Dec. 8, 15 and 22. Evening kicks off with a live music reception and complimentary beverage in a souvenir glass, and boarding starts at 7:30 p.m. Appetizers served on board, wines available at cash bars and winery staff on hand for education • 7–9:30 p.m. • \$36 • Grapevine Depot, 709 S. Main St., Grapevine www.grapevinetexasusa.com/christmas

10 Breakfast with Santa

Southlake Parks and Recreation staff invite Santa to Southlake Town Hall for a children's breakfast. Event includes food, holiday crafts and pictures with Santa. Pre-registration required. • 9–10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–noon \$8 (adults), \$4 (children age 2 and up) Third floor of Southlake Town Hall, 1400 Main St., Southlake • 817-748-8019 www.southlakeparksandrec.com

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Grapevine



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CVB leader honored with top state award

Paul W. McCallum, executive director of the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau since 1987, was awarded the highest honor in the Texas travel and tourism industry this fall: the Tall in Texas Award from the Texas Travel Industry Association.

During McCallum's tenure with the city, he has helped bring a variety of important projects to Grapevine, including Grapevine Mills mall, Bass Pro Outdoor World, Legoland Discovery Center, SeaLife Grapevine Aquarium, the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center, the Great Wolf Lodge and 14 other hotels. He has also developed more than a dozen festivals and events with a combined attendance of more than 1 million residents and visitors, and initiated a public art program for the city that has resulted in more than \$2 million worth of public art throughout Grapevine.

"I am pleased to share this award with the entire Grapevine tourism industry, and I look forward to many years of continuing our mission," McCallum said in a city news release.

Nominations being accepted for Woman of the Year

The Women's Division of the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations from the public for the 2011 Grapevine Woman of the Year.

This prestigious honor recognizes a woman who has distinguished herself through outstanding involvement benefiting the community of Grapevine.

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Nominations must be received by Dec. 9, and the winner will be introduced at the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Banquet on Jan. 19, 2012. For more information, visit www.grapevinechamber-womensdiv.com.

Colleyville

City searches for new volunteer advisers

Colleyville will be accepting applications through Nov. 30 for the following boards, commissions and committees:

- Architectural Review Commission
- Colleyville Center Advisory Committee
- Events Steering Committee
- Trails and Sidewalks Committee
- Historical Preservation Committee
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Hwy. 26 Advisory Committee
- Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Information about the city's openings as well as a downloadable application can be found online at www.colleyville.com.

Meetings

▶ Colleyville City Council

100 Main St., Colleyville
817-503-1000

Dec. 6 & 13, 7:30 p.m.

Meetings broadcast live on city cable channel 16. Replays air at 6 p.m. on the Thursdays and Sundays of meeting weeks. www.colleyville.com

▶ Grapevine City Council

200 S. Main St., Grapevine
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Dec. 6 & 20, 7:30 p.m.

Audio recordings available on the city's website by noon the following day. www.grapevinetexas.gov

▶ Southlake City Council

1400 Main St., Southlake
817-748-8400

Dec. 6 & 20, 5:30 p.m.

Public work sessions begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a private executive session and public forum. Forum times vary. Meetings are broadcast live on city cable channels 27 and 34. Live streams and recordings also available on the city's website. www.ci.southlake.tx.us

▶ Tarrant County Commissioners Court

100 E. Weatherford St., Fort Worth
817-884-1111, www.tarrantcounty.com

Meetings are Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Southlake

Southlake association offers tips for student stress

The Southlake Association for Gifted and Talented will host a discussion on dealing with student stress just before the winter break.

The evening will feature internationally renowned author, educator and speaker Carolyn Coil.

She works with teachers, parents and students offering strategies for raising student achievement, differentiating curriculum, implementing a variety of assessment strategies, and dealing with the problems and challenges associated with preparing children for living and working in the 21st century.

The session will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 at Carroll Middle School, 1800 E. Kirkwood Blvd. Admission is free for all SAGT members as well as for Carroll ISD teachers. Non-member admission is \$5 per person.



Courtesy, City of Southlake

New police chief starts at the end of the month

The Southlake Police Department will soon welcome Stephen Mylett, most recently assistant chief of police for the Corpus Christi Police Department, as its new leader. He is scheduled to start with the city in late November if he

completes several pre-employment tests and screenings.

Mylett began his policing career in the U.S. Air Force and has been with the Corpus Christi PD for more than 21 years, moving up from a patrol officer to the assistant chief of police for operations during his tenure.

Southlake officials said he was chosen for his commitment to honor and integrity in both his personal and professional life, and that he matched a profile of the ideal chief developed by officers with the Southlake Police Department.

A graduate of Midwestern State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, Mylett is scheduled to graduate with his master's degree in criminal justice leadership and management next spring. Mylett succeeds Chief Robert Finn, who retired in June after 24 years with the department.

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TRANSPORTATION

NorthGate Constructors to celebrate Main Street bridge completion

Work on 1709 will cause a major traffic switch for Southlake

By Rachel Slade

In the past two weekends, NorthGate Constructors has opened the first expanded side of the William D. Tate bridge and demolished the second.

In the next three weeks, the DFW Connector project's construction company will put the finishing touches on Main Street bridge and celebrate the progress that has been made since its Feb. 2010 ground-breaking.

"We've only been constructing about a year and a half and we're more than 50 percent complete," NorthGate spokeswoman Kristen Schropp said. "We think that's something to celebrate."

Main Street

The Texas U-turns that will wrap around both sides of the bridge have yet to be constructed, but with its eight-lane configuration, Main Street is the first of the project's major bridge reconstructions to be completed. And it offers a glimpse at what William D. Tate, Texan Trail and the new 1709 bridge will look like when they are finished.

What Main has not offered a good example of, Schropp said, is how long construction on the other bridges will take. The number of utilities that needed to be relocated around the Main Street intersection significantly slowed construction, and additional utility work on the north side of the bridge will keep NorthGate from opening Main Street to full capacity until 2012. Still, Schropp said, it is an important milestone.

"It's so exciting we'll be able to celebrate the completion of the Main Street bridge because we know it's so important to the local cities, and especially to the Main Street businesses," she said.

Moving into Southlake

Just after Christmas, NorthGate will

begin major work on the Southlake end of the project for the first time.

Crews have kept busy working on the sub-structure of the new bridge directly connecting 1709/Southlake Boulevard with Northwest Highway/Hwy. 114 Business in recent months without much affect on drivers, but major construction over the next year will require a major, long-term traffic switch for drivers.

"Drivers will only be able to go west on the Northwest Highway bridge and east on the FM 1709 bridge," Schropp said. "Until the new bridge and surrounding intersection is finished, traffic will be in this pattern."

Completion is tentatively scheduled for early 2013. And as planned, once the new bridge opens, the two bridges that currently form a triangle with Hwy. 114 will be demolished.

Adding to the project

An additional \$32 million worth of improvements was approved by the Texas Transportation Commission this fall. The final design has not been completed, but NorthGate officials say the additional work will not make the project take longer. Additions include:

- Additional frontage road reconstruction on both sides of the highway between William D. Tate and Main Street that will rebuild, not expand, existing lanes
- A reconfiguration of the southbound Hwy. 121 ramps at FM 2499 to make them less confusing
- A new entrance ramp from the northbound Hwy. 121 frontage road to northbound Hwy. 121/eastbound Hwy. 114 at Mustang Drive (the current entrance ramp will be demolished as part of constructing a new off-ramp for Main Street)
- And a Main Street bypass that will take drivers from the westbound Hwy. 114 frontage road to the new westbound

Grapevine/Southlake border traffic switch

Heads up, area drivers:

Once NorthGate's construction moves northward into Southlake and work begins on the new bridge connecting Southlake Boulevard/FM 1709 directly with Northwest Highway/Business 114, the two bridges now in place will become one way.

Drivers headed eastbound on Southlake Boulevard will use Park Boulevard to connect with eastbound lanes of Northwest Highway. Those traveling westbound on Northwest Highway will continue on to Gateway Drive to connect with westbound lanes on Southlake Boulevard. This configuration will remain in place until the bridge is finished in early 2013.

Hwy. 114 frontage and southbound Hwy. 121 mainlane bridge by passing beneath the new Main Street bridge

"This is awesome because it will let people go from the westbound frontage road to southbound Hwy. 121 without going through the light at Main Street," Schropp said.

The configuration is expected to especially ease truck traffic coming from businesses around Texan Trail and the north entrance of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Important dates

In honor of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, there will be no lane closures in the DFW Connector between noon Nov. 22 and 8 p.m. Nov 28, or between noon Dec. 22 and 8 p.m. Dec. 27.

A private ceremony celebrating the completion of Main Street bridge is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12. The bridge will be closed for about an hour during the ceremony, so motorists are encouraged to plan their drive accordingly.

Development

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Grapevine in 1952 and the airport about 20 years later helped make Grapevine the place to be for leisure and travel. And strategic planning furthered the agenda as city staff sought out attractive business concepts and aggressively pursued them. That model has not changed.

“Anyone that’s on our radar, we’ll go to if we need to — fly by and knock on their door,” Truex said. “We’ll also fully engage with brokers, etcetera, provide whatever support we can to make a deal work.”

Grapevine has a lot going for it that makes it attractive to business owners and developers. Grapevine’s population sits at about 50,000 and the average household income is more than \$97,000, but its location and highway access create a customer base that far exceeds those who call the city home.

“Our population increases during the day to about 110,000,” Truex said. “About 85 percent of retail sales are from non-residents and that offers a double benefit to our citizens: other people pay for things that benefit their community, and at the same time their property taxes are held down.”

An economic presentation given to the City Council in January listed more than 675,000 people living within 10 miles of Grapevine’s city limits and about 6.2 million within the 50-mile radius likely to visit Grapevine as part of a day trip. More than 21 million people live within 250 miles, a distance designated as most likely to visit Grapevine for a weekend.

All told, the city is visited 18 million to 19 million times annually, and a slew of projects set for completion in 2012 are likely to

boost that figure.

Going up

Construction has already begun on a Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen at the intersection of Hwy. 114 and William D. Tate Avenue, the old Luby’s building at the same intersection is being reconstructed into EatZi’s, a gourmet to-go eatery and boutique grocery store set to open next year, and an In-N-Out Burger and Jimmy John’s will join them in the coming months.

At the mall, Merlin Entertainment has announced a \$1 million expansion to Legoland that will add an indoor/outdoor race track for children to the attraction, and downtown, city officials are looking forward to the completion of 520 Main, a project that is set to add nine new retail and restaurant spaces to the stretch between College and Franklin streets by the end of the year.

Still on hold

Despite the progress, a few projects remain on hold, including plans for the two largest tracts of undeveloped commercial space in Grapevine.

Silver Lake Crossing, a 52-acre mixed-use development planned for Northwest Highway near the Hilton DFW Lakes hotel, is set to eventually feature at least one hotel in addition to retail, office and entertainment spaces.

That project has hit a number of snags in recent years as lending practices tightened up in the wake of the Great Recession, but as the economy strengthens, Truex has high hopes for the site.

“It’s well situated; it’s right in the destination area,” he said. “When this economy recovers, they will be well positioned to start ramping up again.”

Along FM 2499 just north of the mall, a 160-acre site — the

city’s largest awaiting construction — is in limbo.

The land belongs to Raphael Palmeiro, who had hoped to create another mixed-use mecca for the city near its border with Flower Mound. The recession appears to have killed those hopes, though, city officials said, and the property is now in bankruptcy court.

“The recession combined with the size of the site combined with difficulty in developers getting new lending hit that pretty hard,” Truex said. “We’re having to play a waiting game now until it comes out of bankruptcy.”

Coming soon

The details of a few more major economic development projects will be hashed out in the coming months.

The Gaylord Texan is expected to soon announce an expansion of the Paradise Springs water park completed this summer and the Grapevine City Council expects to soon hear plans for a significant renovation effort at Grapevine Mills mall.

“I think economic development and community development are the same thing. ... Even when things were at their best or highest in the ’90s and the national economy was really cooking, we still worked hard to continue to find leads,” Truex said. “Even once all the property in the community is developed, we will still have redevelopment projects, and we will still be working to keep the buildings full.”

Editor’s Note: This is the second in a three-part series. See our October issue for an overview of recent Colleyville development efforts and look forward to an overview of Southlake projects in December.

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BIG PLANS FOR 2012

Three Grapevine destinations that opened or completed renovations this year have more in store for next year:



1. Grapevine Mills mall is expected to move forward with plans for a massive renovation in the coming months.
2. The Gaylord Texan finished its Paradise Springs water park this summer and is looking at options to expand it further.
3. Legoland Discovery Center, which opened in March, is set to build a \$1 million expansion in the coming months. The indoor/outdoor race track will open next spring.

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Hospital

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That project “died its own death,” Williams said, and although the new facility is being proposed for the same piece of property and still includes LandPlan on the development team, this project includes a new operator — Dallas-based Vibrant Healthcare — and new physician investors. “Southlake Regional Medical Center’s approval was an indicator to Vibrant Healthcare and Forest Park that there was an appetite for wanting a physician-owned hospital up here,” said Alan Beauchamp, a managing partner for Vibrant Healthcare. “That was the No. 1 reason for coming here.”

The second reason was a matter of geography, he said. Developers plan to keep their Forest Park facilities about 30 miles apart, and with facilities in Dallas and Frisco, Southlake was a natural corner of the triangle.

Two-phase plan

Plans for the first phase of the physician-owned hospital include a three-story, 140,000-square-foot acute care hospital and a four-story, 400-car parking garage. The hospital would feature 12 operating rooms, two procedure rooms and about 50 patient rooms, including VIP suites. Emergency facilities would not accept trauma cases, but they would include six Intensive Care Unit beds.

“We’re going to be a surgical hospital only,” Beauchamp explained, “doing all procedures except hearts and delivering babies.”

A second phase of the project would feature an 80,000-square-foot medical office building that would house the eventual 400 physicians expected to work at the facility, and future expansions could add an additional 1 million square feet of medical uses to the 30-acre campus.

Mayor John Terrell, who had the opportunity to tour the developers’ flagship facility on North Central Expressway in Dallas, said the project would not only bring jobs and additional health care options to Southlake but also strengthen the tax base and set a new bar for future medical developments.

“It’s an incredible project,” he said. “This

is a state-of-the-art, luxury hospital like nothing you’ve ever seen. Very impressive.”

The physician-owned model

The effect on the tax base is a product of being physician-owned, and it would not be the first physician-owned facility in the city.

Harris Methodist Southlake Center for Diagnostics & Surgery — called Texas Health Harris Methodist Southlake since 2009 — had 40 physician investors when it opened in November 2004. Though the hospital is partnered with Texas Health Resources, a nonprofit, it does not work like a nonprofit hospital.

“Joint ventures with physicians are structured as for-profit organizations, and they pay property and other taxes like other businesses,” said Laura Fuquay, a spokeswoman for Texas Health Harris Methodist Southlake. “Texas Health Resources reinvests its share of any joint venture profits into the community-focused, nonprofit mission of the health system. The community benefits from both the tax revenue and the reinvestment in the community’s health care needs.”

Recent health care reforms and regulations were expected to strike a blow to the physician-owned model, as they bar physician investors from referring Medicare patients to their own facilities, but Beauchamp says the luxury, boutique Forest Park model is the wave of the future.

“These are physicians who have the opportunity to have direct influence on how health care is delivered in the community and how the health care in their hospital is delivered,” he said. “We call it physician-owned, physician-driven.”

The results are better outcomes, shorter stays and increased patient satisfaction, Beauchamp added.


If the project receives the green light from council members in December, construction on Forest Park Medical Center Southlake would kick off around the first of the year and the first phase would open in early 2013.

Between 200 and 250 employees would staff the facility from day one and more than 200 physicians are expected to be on staff when it opens.

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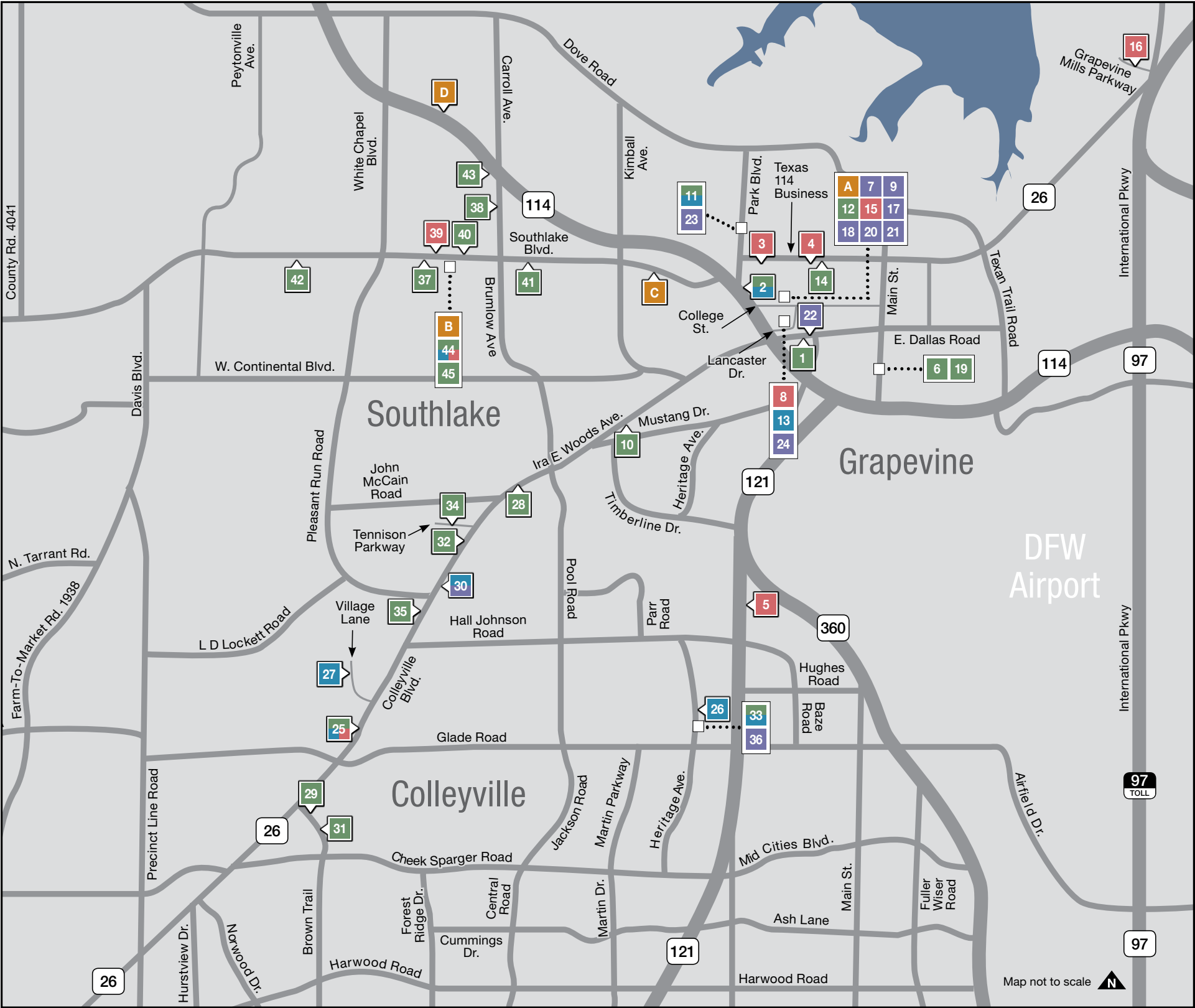


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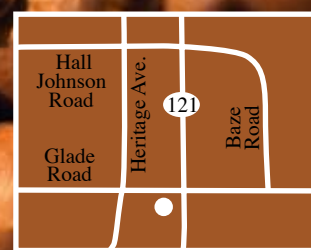
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Buon Giorno Coffee House owner David Clarke prepares coffee and espresso for his customers.

BUSINESS

Buon Giorno Coffee House

Business whips up community atmosphere

By Abigail Allen

Buon giorno, Principessa. That line from “Life Is Beautiful” inspired the name of Buon Giorno Coffee, a Grapevine business that celebrated its fifth anniversary Nov. 13.

Instead of advertising or marketing his business, David Clarke, the café’s owner, has relied on word of mouth from his customers to attract new patrons.

“The vast majority of our customers come here because it’s been recommended by others or people brought their friends along or whatever, so it’s just grown that way, organically,” he said.

That strategy has made not only his Grapevine shop successful but also led to about 30 to 40 percent growth at a second location in Fort Worth.

Clarke started the business in 2006 to fulfill a dream he had since he was an 18-year-old traveling through Europe with a friend. When they visited Italy and sampled espressos, Clarke’s love of coffee was born.

“In Italy, they live and breathe espresso, so it doesn’t really matter where you go, you could easily get a very good espresso in a gas station or in a café or wherever you went,” he said.

Realizing the dream took 31 years, however. Clarke worked as a nurse, a bank employee and a member of management in IT for retail companies. His work took him, his wife, Leyna, and their three sons from England to Dubai to the U.S. He said his experiences in the corporate world helped prepare him for owning his own café at age 49.

“I’ve never been happier, despite having

to work harder than I’ve ever had to work,” Clarke said.

Family support also helps. Leyna does a lot of necessary, unattractive behind-the-scenes work, such as washing the cleaning cloths and running errands for the business. Their son Josiah helps roast coffee beans using the Diedrich Drum Roaster in which the company’s coffee is prepared. He is pursuing a master’s degree at Texas Christian University, and his wife, Erin, works as the assistant manager of the Grapevine location.

“It’s really fulfilling,” Erin Clarke said about working with her in-laws. “We ... got married and decided to move here so we could help them out and let them go on vacation, and we ended up staying here for two and a half years because we love it so much.”

Clarke and his staff pride themselves on creating a homey, family-like atmosphere for their customers. He created the café with the goal of replicating the feel of community common in English pubs and European coffee houses.

The community that Clarke has built is visible as soon as you walk through the door. People in suits and sweatshirts, jeans and slacks, boots and flip-flops all sit around the café, sipping and munching away at Clarke’s extensive menu.

That environment inspired one of his customers, Joshua Moore, to become an employee there about a year and a half ago.

“So many different people can come together, and somehow, whenever you’re in these confines of these walls ... they might be a stranger to me, but here, even if I don’t know them or I’ve never seen them, that person suddenly becomes like a friend,” Moore said.

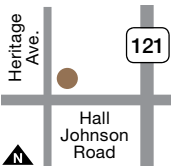
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BUSINESS

Sunshine Glaze

Shop helps visitors produce art, memories

By Abigail Allen

Shana Bridges' love of pottery began because of her mother.

"My father had passed away when I was young, and my mother needed a second income," Bridges said. "So she bought a kiln and put it in our garage and she started painting and selling pieces, so of course my little sister and I got to paint with her."

Twenty-two years later, Bridges used that love to create Sunshine Glaze, a Southlake business that allowed her to leave what she called the "corporate rat race" of sales to care for her daughter, Farah Mavrakis. Farah was born in April 2001, and Sunshine Glaze opened that June.

The shop, located in Southlake Town Square, offers ceramic or canvas painting, glass working and mosaic tiling.

"If you don't feel comfortable painting, you can do mosaics or glass, which have nothing to do

with painting," Bridges said. "Or if you come in with someone and they want to paint, you can do a different medium."

The shop offers classes for customers as young as toddlers and deals for certain days or activities. Sunshine Glaze can also either host parties for different occasions or go off-site for corporate events or to house parties.

"Have pottery, will travel," Bridges said.

The staff is willing to help or stand back and let you do your own thing, said Stephanie Minnis, a Sunshine Glaze customer since early 2009.

Minnis first went to the store with her sister-in-law to paint their own The Twelve Days of Christmas plates.

"I'm on my second set now, because I have two daughters and they each need a set," she said.

She has also painted bowls, plates and a food bowl for her

dog. Minnis enjoys going back, she said.

That's Bridges' and her staff's goal, employee Carissa Jones said: ensure that customers have a happy experience.

"It's supposed to be a place to have fun, period," Jones said. "You're not allowed to get stressed out, everything is fixable."

That goes for delivering a piece if it isn't ready when a customer has traveled to get it, she said, working with them to make sure a handprint or footprint piece comes out great, and having patience with customers to ensure a good outcome. It all pays off in the end, Bridges says.

"My favorite thing about the store is the memories that people make," she said. "I see a dad painting with his daughter or I see a mom doing a handprint of a child that has cancer ... So I'm blessed because I get to see so many memories being made."

Sunshine Glaze owner Shana Bridges learned her skills from her mother. ▶



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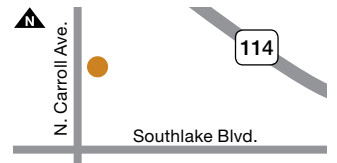
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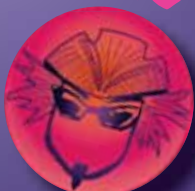
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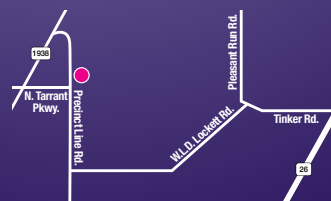
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DINING

Coco's Tea Room and Bistro

'This is not your grandma's tea room'

By Rachel Slade

Claudia Graham will never forget the date March 2, 2009, for it was the day that two "Cocos" were brought to life — her first grandchild, Corrinne, and her first business, Coco's Tea Room and Bistro.

The tea room space tucked into a front corner of the Vineyards Antique Mall in Colleyville had seen a rotating door of owners over the years, but nearly three years after diving head-first into her first venture, Graham says she is here to stay.

"I think it was just meant to be," she said. "This was new for me, but I love a challenge and I love cooking and entertaining."

Graham has no formal training in cooking or baking. She spent more than 30 years in the hospitality industry, though, and serving others has been a treasured hobby since childhood.

"My mother and both my grandmothers were really good cooks, and I baked my first chocolate cake when I was 6 years old," she said.

Since then, connecting with others through food has become Graham's joy. So although she and her husband, Steve, had built a home in Haslet and moved to the country to retire before hearing about the tea room for sale, it was an opportunity she could not pass up.

"I wanted to provide the people in this area and surrounding areas with something unique," she said.

Patty Flores, a tea room aficionado, boasts having tasted most of the Coco's menu. But she does not hesitate when asked about her favorites.

"The cranberry walnut chicken salad," she said. "And they have the best pies here. If you ever just want to get a dessert with coffee, this is a good place to come."

A resident of Fort Worth, Flores typically eats at Coco's with members of her Colleyville quilting group. Earlier this

month, though, she enticed her neighbor — "muffaletta connoisseur" Shirley Hambeck — to join her.

"I was worried it would be too frou-frou, but it's not," Hambeck said, "and the food is so good."

Graham said the lack of "frou-frou" was a conscious decision. She had only visited a couple of tea rooms in her life before opening Coco's, and although she liked the idea of providing an elegant eatery that pampered its guests, she did not like the image that "tea room" produced.

"When I think of tea rooms, all I think of is egg salad sandwiches," she said. "This is not your grandma's tea room."

When she bought it, she changed the decor and the menu and expanded the business to target parties in the 60-seat private dining room and offer catering, homemade to-go and tea parties for adults and children (complete with princess themes and dress-up).

When it came to the menu, Graham went for a variety of from-scratch sandwiches, quiches, salads and sides. She also offers a soup of the day and a daily hot entree that ranges from meat dishes to pastas.

Then there is the tea. Options spread across the back of the Coco's menu range from hot teas in a variety of flavors to flavored coffees and two different kinds of hot chocolate. As for dessert, well —

"The dessert menu is separate because I couldn't fit them all on the menu," Graham said. "I really focused on old-time desserts that I have revised a little."

Options include key lime pie, butter pecan caramel bundt cake, cinnamon apple cheesecake, peach cobbler, and bread pudding accented with baked cinnamon apples and white chocolate.

"The best reward you can have is making your customers happy," Graham said, "so we try to do that in all that we do."



The owner of Coco's Tea Room and Bistro, Claudia Graham, offers tea parties for adults and children.



Customers' favorite Trio Plate includes a double serving of the Cranberry Walnut Chicken Salad.



The signature sandwich at Coco's Tea Room and Bistro is the Monte Cristo.

Owner's favorites:

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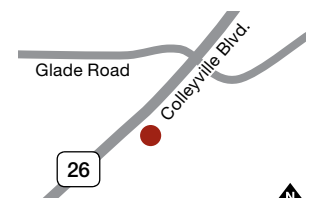
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PEOPLE

Lou Brewer

Public leader helps keep Tarrant County healthy

By Rachel Slade

Public health and public service run in Lou Brewer's family. Her mother worked as a nurse, her father kept busy with health-related nonprofit work, and when it came time for Brewer to head to college, it only made sense to blend the two.

"It was really the chance to work in the community, making a difference in an important way and working on preventing disease and injury," she said. "That's been of paramount importance to me my whole career."

Brewer made her way through nursing school, and after a couple of years in hospital work, she ventured out into the community. It was there that she thought, "there's a better way to do this." And after being asked to supervise her first team of nurses in her early 20s, she earned her master's in public health and started a journey that brought her to the office of Tarrant County health director 11 years ago.

Here, Brewer oversees the public health department, working with every community in the county through countless programs and 20 individual office locations.



Katherine Frye

How healthy is Tarrant County?

In general, if you compare us to other urban areas in Texas and in the nation, we come out pretty much in the middle. Chronic diseases are the leading causes of death here just like everywhere else, but quality of life indicators like infant mortality rates have been a concern for a number of years.

Is there anything that the public health department handles that might surprise readers?

You've used our services if you've eaten in a restaurant that has been inspected or

gone to a swimming pool. And something we do on a regional basis is that we have a lab that conducts milk and dairy testing — and water testing — for a 33-county region. One of our more creative places is our travel health clinic, which gives people information on where they're going in the world and what immunizations they need.

Tarrant County continues to grow dramatically. How has that affected the public health department?

It's exciting on the one hand. However ... with everyone tightening up on budgets, of course we've had to do the same thing. The

national average per capita expenditures for public health in a community over 1 million people is \$74 per capita and ours is \$25 and change. We never had any room to spare and now every year that goes by we're getting a bigger and bigger disparity in the population and how much we're investing in public health.

How has the public health care field changed during your tenure in the industry?

It's really taken on a role of a first responder as public health issues have emerged over the years. And then the

trend is that as more knowledge is gained on issues, the private sector may step in or another branch of government might be formed to deal with the issue. Examples are home health services, water — at the turn of the last century, inner-city health departments were creating the policy around clean water and around septic and sewage — and certainly years ago our biggest concern was around communicable diseases.

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HISTORY

Christmas in Grapevine

City has been an official holiday capital since 2009

By Leigh Lyons

With more than 1,400 Christmas events in 40-plus days, Grapevine relishes the holiday season in true Santa spirit.

The city will soon be transformed by millions of lights, enormous decorations, animated characters and more, but how did Grapevine, with its lights, events and festive holiday atmosphere become the Christmas Capital of Texas?

For decades, Grapevine has been a hub of Christmas celebrations. Christmas on Main, an annual celebration in Historic Downtown Grapevine featuring Santa on stilts and many other activities, brought many visitors to Grapevine.

And the North Pole Express — a special event hosted by the Grapevine Vintage Railroad that invites pajama-wearing youngsters to take an evening ride complete with hot chocolate and visits from Santa — began nearly 15 years ago under the name Whistle Stop Christmas.

Santa and his elves could be seen throughout the city at special events and ICE! — with its 2 million pounds of pristine ice sculptures and indoor snow tubing hills — began soon after the opening of

the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in 2004.

Because there were so many events and things to do, visitors and locals alike began to use the term “Christmas Capital of Texas” several years ago. It was a name that stuck, and in 2007, the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau began working to incorporate this branding into all of the Grapevine Christmas materials.

Once the official branding began, community leaders, local residents, and scores of volunteers worked together to build and expand the Christmas offerings. They added special events, movie screenings, musicals, holiday tours and more to the calendar, filling it with carols, lights and holiday cheer.

The Christmas Capital of Texas was a hit, and to continue its success, longtime Councilwoman Sharron Spencer and Paul W. McCallum, executive director of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, went to work on making the nickname an official title. The pair worked with State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, to have Grapevine officially designated the Christmas Capital of Texas. And Senate Resolution



Children will have a number of chances to don their pajamas and board the North Pole Express this holiday season.

SCR40, filed during the 81st Legislative Session in 2009, made things official. Grapevine has since trademarked its Christmas Capital of Texas branding.

Events such as the ICE! attractions at the Gaylord Texan, daily snow showers in the lobby of Great Wolf Lodge and a life-sized gingerbread house on display there, the North Pole Express, the Light Show Spectacular, Christmas on Main, Parade of Lights, Carol of Lights, and a host of movies and special performances at the Palace Theatre will help make the City of Grapevine the place to be this season.

The city also plans to add the North Pole Express Ice Rink to this year's festivities. The temporary ice skating rink of more than 1,600 square feet will attract visitors near Main Street's Cotton Belt District throughout the season.

For more information about Grapevine's Christmas events and attractions, call 817-410-8136 or visit www.grapevinetexasusa.com/christmas.

Editor's Note: Leigh Lyons is the communication manager of the Grapevine Convention & Visitor's Bureau.



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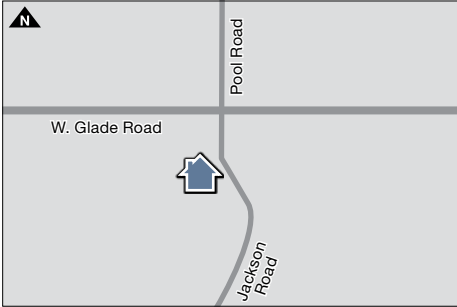
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Colleyville, TX 76034

On the market (As of Nov. 7, 2011)

No. of homes for sale	No. of homes under contract	Avg. days on the market	No. of homes sold in the last year	Square footage Low/High	Selling price Low/High
7	0	165	5	4,832/8,944	\$510,000/\$1,495,000

Featured homes



4707 Lakeside Dr. **\$520,000**
4 Bedroom / 4 Bath
Agent: Melissa Roe
817-690-9941
4,134 sq. ft.



4508 Meandering Way **\$659,000**
5 Bedroom / 4.2 Bath
Agent: Fran Hoover
817-366-5978
5,483 sq. ft.



4600 Cresthaven Dr. **\$1,085,000**
5 Bedroom / 5.1 Bath
Agent: Linda Peterson
817-829-3000
3,604 sq. ft.



4723 Meandering Way **\$1,495,000**
6 Bedroom / 5.2 Bath
Agent: Barbara Pantuso
817-994-4650
4,975 sq. ft.

Market Data Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake

On the market (as of October 31th)

Price Range	Number of homes for sale			Average days on the market		
	Grapevine	Colleyville	Southlake	Grapevine	Colleyville	Southlake
Less than \$100,000	3	1	1	262	252	88
\$100,000-\$149,900	8	2	-	109	117	-
\$150,000-\$199,900	30	2	2	94	204	552
\$200,000-\$299,900	76	23	8	124	294	105
\$300,000-\$399,900	29	53	31	95	207	159
\$400,000-\$499,900	13	59	41	152	145	135
\$500,000-\$749,900	8	77	64	92	171	144
\$750,000-\$999,900	4	31	37	141	223	154
\$1 million +	-	36	58	-	185	245

Monthly home sales

Month	Number of homes sold			Average price		
	Grapevine	Colleyville	Southlake	Grapevine	Colleyville	Southlake
Oct. 2011	29	19	25	\$244,849	\$459,096	\$647,420
Sept. 2011	34	36	37	\$314,850	\$447,561	\$696,236
Aug. 2011	52	35	54	\$246,793	\$476,340	\$662,359
July 2011	23	20	30	\$277,566	\$505,587	\$637,468
June 2011	52	31	64	\$247,042	\$403,419	\$599,551
May 2011	42	41	35	\$221,741	\$535,809	\$602,333
Apr. 2011	31	31	36	\$261,410	\$427,985	\$624,989
Mar. 2011	30	22	28	\$241,611	\$530,459	\$537,293
Feb. 2011	27	12	14	\$258,766	\$452,599	\$566,736

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