

Denton County Commissioner Precinct 3 Bobbie Mitchell

Tributes honor Denton County veterans

In November, we pay tribute to the veterans across Denton County who have served on our behalf.

On Nov. 3, the Denton County Veterans Coalition collaborates with the City of Highland Village to raise funds to advocate for veterans and their families. The free festival at Unity Park includes music from “Warehouse,” a Dave Mathews Tribute Band, artisan displays, craft and food vendors, carnival games, face painting, pony rides and more. The event begins at 10 a.m. and continues through 2 p.m.

The annual “Salute our Veterans” luncheon is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 785 State Highway 121 in Lewisville. The luncheon, sponsored by U.S. Congressman Michael C. Burgess, honors veterans for their dedication and service. The luncheon is free to all veterans and \$20 for non-veterans.

A special Veterans Day ceremony on the Courthouse on the Square is a collaborative event to recognize veterans. The Denton County Veteran Service Office, TWU, UNT and a host of military organizations organize the ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon on Nov. 12.

We hope you will join us in paying tribute to the men and women who have dedicated their lives in service to our country.

Run for fun and for the Lake Cities Spirit of Christmas

On Nov. 3, you can bring the family for the Lake Cities Spirit of Christmas Fun Run at Hickory Creek Sycamore Park. The 1-mile walk/race and 5k brings families together for a good cause.

All proceeds will go to the Lake Cities Spirit of Christmas, an organization that provides Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas to over 400 children in the Lake Cities communities of Corinth, Hickory Creek, Lake Dallas and Shady Shores.

Community Resource Expo to inform residents

The first ever Community Resource Expo will bring county, city and nonprofit organizations together in one location to help local residents become more aware of available resources.

Blood pressure and glucose-level checks will be available to attendees as well as free haircuts. Information about transportation, counseling, mental health services, family assistance and more will be available through the joint efforts of the Together Lewisville Coalition and Next Steps Center.

The free expo begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Next Steps Center at 1305 State Highway 121 Business and continues until noon with light refreshments.

Organizations providing information at the expo include the following: Camp Summit, Christian Community Action, Communities in Schools North Texas, DCTA, Denton County Friends of the Family, Denton County MHMR Center, Grace Compassion Home Health Agency, Habitat for Humanity of Denton County, Health Services of North Texas, Journey to Dream, Military Veteran Peer Network, New Hope Learning Center, RSVP: Serving Denton County, Salvation Army, WTF – Winning The Fight and Youth and Family Counseling.

The coalition of government entities, social service agencies, businesses and others was created to expand the reach of local community support networks while syncing efforts and creating connection to better benefit residents.

Join the Tri-Town Amazing Race

An inaugural Tri-Town Amazing Race will take teams through Flower Mound, Highland Village and Lewisville packed with mental and physical challenges.

Teams of two to four people will complete challenges at 10 pit stops through the three communities. The event begins at Doubletree Ranch Park in Highland Village beginning at 8 a.m. on Nov. 10.

The top three teams will receive prizes. A cost of \$15 per person includes a light breakfast, lunch and a swag gift. Call 972-874-6281 or email shelby.griffin@flower-mound.com for more information.

Get to know your new Lewisville police chief

Lewisville Police Chief Kevin Deaver and Farmers Insurance invite residents to stop by the Leo C. Stuver Auditorium at Lewisville High School, 1098 W. Main St., for the “Coffee with Cops” from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 7.

The gathering gives the community a chance to build relationships with officers and enjoy free coffee.

Fire and police face each other in 16th annual Battle of the Badge

If you thought you’d missed it, you’re in luck. Officials rescheduled the 16th annual Battle of the Badge softball tournament, originally scheduled for Oct. 20, to Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park.

Starting at 7:30 a.m., the Lewisville Fire Department will compete against the Lewisville Police Department for top honors. Teams from neighboring communities, such as Garland and Arlington, also compete. Spectators are welcome, free of charge, to watch the competitions. Activities for children will also be available.

The tournament benefits the Lewisville Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (LCPAAA), which hosts the event each year, in its mission to enhance relations between the community and the Lewisville Police Department.

A portion of the proceeds also goes to the Children’s Advocacy Center for Denton County, which provides justice and healing for abused children.

This year’s fundraising goal is \$10,000. To find out more about the Battle of the Badge or to be a donor, visit LCPAAA.org or call LCPAAA president Heather Goodwin at 214-563-7413.

New Fall Fashion Fest set for Nov. 17 in Old Town Lewisville

The City of Lewisville is planning a new Fall Fashion Fest to highlight fashions to wear and for the home. The Nov. 17 festival in Old Town Lewisville will include live music, children’s activities and pop-up or rolling boutiques with trendy fashions.

Vendors will offer everything from cosmetics to jewelry and clothing to interior designs. Live music will include PriMadonna, the Original Madonna Tribute Band, among others.

Mark your calendar for the Old Town Holiday Stroll

Before you know it, Dec. 1 will be here and so will the annual Old Town Holiday Stroll & Huffines Auto Dealerships Lewisville Christmas Parade.

Be sure to set a reminder for the day of activities that start with the Lewisville Morning Rotary Pancake Breakfast and the Motorcycle Toy Run to the Christmas parade at noon. A petting zoo, pony rides, story time with Mrs. Claus, performances, live music and more will be available all afternoon as parents shop at Old Town Lewisville stores.

The Lewisville Lights! Tree Lighting Ceremony at Wayne Ferguson Plaza will be at 6:15 p.m. followed by a movie in the plaza and hay rides through Old Town Lewisville.

The free event begins 8 a.m. with the breakfast and ends at 9 p.m. with the last hayride.

It is a holiday experience for the whole family!

(For more details, visit www.cityoflewisville.com.)

Bring the family for Flower Mound's annual Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony

With a theme of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," this year's annual Flower Mound Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony will delight all ages.

The nighttime parade on Saturday, Dec. 8, features lighted floats along Spinks Road to Gerault Park where families can gather for a tree lighting ceremony with performances by local choirs.

Families can enjoy photos with Santa, kid's activities, food trucks, local vendors and much more.

Be sure to dress warmly for the free outdoor event from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

(For details, visit www.flower-mound.com.)

Road construction continues at Turbeville/Point Vista roads

Point Vista Road, south of the Turbeville Road intersection in Hickory Creek, was closed beginning Oct. 11 for construction.

The first phase of the project involves storm drainage improvements, utility relocations and the reconstruction of the Point Vista/Turbeville road intersection. A \$1.19 million project with GRod Construction was awarded.

The second phase will involve reconstruction of Point Vista Road from Turbeville Road to Stamford Road.

A time to say ‘Thank you’

At this time of giving thanks for family and friends, we want to offer our thanks to all of you and to wish you and yours a most bountiful of Thanksgivings this year.

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