Each June I am reminded how blessed I am. On the third Sunday of the month, I get to celebrate Father’s Day with my terrific children. There's hardly a better day for me on the annual calendar. The importance of a father in a child's life cannot be underestimated. And it is a responsibility I believe all of us fathers need to take very seriously. Unfortunately, in this day and age, too many fathers are not present in their children's lives. So at the halfway point of the year, I think it would be great for us to make a "Mid-Year Resolution." We constantly do resolutions to start off the year in January. Why not do a mid-year resolution? Those of us that are fathers can use every June to recommit ourselves to be the best we can be for our families. Because remember, any male can be a father. It takes work and time to be a Dad.

Happy Father's Day!

Matt Krause

Your voice in the Texas State House of Representatives
Spotlight Interview:
City of Fort Worth Mayor, Betsy Price
by Ernest Dominick

Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price shared the importance of education, diversity, and community involvement in an office interview last month.

Price said she was very proud to be the mayor of the sixteenth largest city in the U.S. but that her sights weren’t always set on politics. She started her college career at Texas Tech and graduated from UTA with a degree in Biology.

“My goal was to go to VET school but love called, and I answered,” she said. Shortly after college, she moved with her husband to Beaumont, Texas; and got a job teaching middle school earth science and biology. Having been on both sides of the classroom, she shared her views on the power of education and how it helped develop the U.S. into what it is today.

“I believe this country was built on solid public education and has made America strong,” she said. “Completing an education (whether primary or extended) allows people to pursue their passions.”

After teaching, she became a business owner. Her company, Price Carnelius Car Title, made her a frequent visitor of the city tax office. Frustrated with the office’s inefficiency and lack of organization, she said things needed to change. And when the position of Tarrant County Tax Assessor opened up, she was given an opportunity to make that change. Price held the position until 2011, when she ran and was elected the 44th Mayor of Fort Worth.

Some may seek office for notoriety or influence, but Price said her motivation was never fueled by dollars.

“It is very flattering to be recognized for all the hard work I put into this city,” she said.

“But it’s not about the pay.”

As the second female elected into her position, Price recognized the gender gap in politics; but encouraged everyone to get involved in creating a more inclusive world.

“We need a very diverse population to vote and be engaged,” she said.

“I see no reason why we have to focus on one group more than another when we could all just work together to level the playing field.”

Price said her current focus was on increasing civic engagement, healthy living, and interconnectedness in Fort Worth.

“We must achieve these things if we want to keep Fort Worth strong and vibrant,” she said. As a native of Fort Worth, Price said her daily commitment is to be a catalyst for change.

“I was born here, and they'll bury me here,” she said. “And having the chance to make a difference here... that’s what gets me up every morning.”
June Calendar

Juneteenth! June 19, 1865, Union general Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston and issued General Order Number 3, which read in part, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor."

From Texas State Historical Association.

Also June 19: Father’s Day!

Help Save Lives and Prevent Injuries During National Safety Month in June

“Join NSC and thousands of organizations across the country as we work to raise awareness of what it takes to stay SafeForLife. Observed annually in June, National Safety Month focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the roads and in our homes and communities. Safety is no accident. It's a choice we need to make throughout our entire lives. Whether it's driving without passengers as a newly licensed teen, finding alternatives to prescription painkillers in middleage or fallproofing the bathroom as an older adult, we're all empowered to make safe decisions for ourselves and those we care about.”

Get free downloadable materials here.
Fort Worth: The City of Cowboys and Culture

Events

Fort Worth has it all! Whatever your interests, you can find it in Fort Worth. Check out upcoming events here and make plans for your favorite attractions, year round.

#SeeFortWorth

Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

Bass Performance Hall

Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

Museum District
West 7th District
Sundance Square
Free Things to Do

A Hat Tip to Fort Worth’s Premier Family Friendly Festival

Congratulations to the City of Fort Worth and Mayfest patrons for having given back more than $6.65 million to benefit Fort Worth and its citizens, through proceeds from the annual Mayfest festival in Fort Worth. This outdoor festival is held annually on the first weekend in May, so it came early this year, Thursday, April 28 - Sunday, May 1, 2016.

Mayfest was held at Fort Worth’s 33-acre Trinity Park, featuring four days of live music, festival food, carnival rides, performing arts, pet adoptions, USATF certified 5K, 10K, and 1K Fun Run, more than 60 Art and Gift Market vendors, free children’s activities, special attractions, and more.

Mayfest INC
Fort Worth is Continuing to Grow

With infrastructure development and construction along the IH 35N & Alliance Corridor, North Fort Worth growth offers something for everyone... individuals, families, community life, and business.

Presidio Towne Crossing
North Fort Worth NW Quadrant
IH 35 W @ North Tarrant Parkway

Business, Shops, Restaurants, Activities. Find out what retailers and more are new, or coming soon, to your area:

* WinCo Now open

Alliance Town Center
North Fort Worth NE Quadrant
IH 35 W @ Heritage Trace Parkway

Currently Open or Under Development

Along with current retail, office and medical facilities, the following additions are open or coming soon.

Thanks to Hillwood Properties’ Mark Miller for these Highlights:

* The FAA Regional Office (357,000 sf) is complete with 1,750 employees.

* The Hillwood spec office building (155,000 sf) is complete and tenants are continuing to move in.

And: http://www.officeatalliance.com/

* Marriott Courtyard (127 rooms) Open

* Chipotle Open

* Pei Wei Open

* Piada Italian Street Food is now open.

* 54th Street Restaurant and Brewhouse is now open and doing well.

* Chuy's Open

* Panera Bread is under construction.

* Independent Living (just east of Hillwood office building) 200 units now vertical.

* Cook Children's Urgent Care and Pediatric Services (immediately south of Texas Health Resources Hospital) underconstruction on a 30,000 sf ambulatory site.

* Tallgrass Village This is a 284 unit urban living project just south of the Hillwood spec office project. It is currently under construction.
HD 93 Chambers of Commerce
Upcoming Events

• Arlington: June 28, 2016 Chamber After Hours Shady Valley Country Club
• Fort Worth: June 23, 2016 Fort Worth Library Job Fair
• Fort Worth: June 23, 2016 Leaders in Business with new Dean of TCU/UNTHSC M.D. School
• Keller: every Friday in June Local Leads

Congratulations Graduating Class of 2016

Congratulations and Best Wishes, Graduates!

Approximately 1,891 high school seniors graduated in May from Amon Carter - Riverside HS in Fort Worth ISD, Central HS and Fossil Ridge HS in Keller ISD, and Lamar HS in Arlington ISD.
Join a Summer Reading Program through your local library!

Arlington Public Library “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!”
“Starting June 4th, register your whole family and begin logging your reading time to earn prizes—all you need is a library card. Our libraries also have programs for all ages throughout June and July, so check out our calendar.”

Fort Worth Library Worth Reading
“Worth Reading (#wr365) aims to get everyone in Fort Worth reading, learning and having fun—all year long. A partnership between the library and other community organizations, Worth Reading expands and enhances the traditional summer reading program, offering activities and programs at locations throughout the Metroplex.”

Haslet Public Library Summer Reading Club 2016
“Prevent the ‘summer slide’ at Haslet Public Library! The "summer slide" can keep students back a full 2 years behind in their education if they don’t exercise their brain muscles. SRC 2016, or Summer Reading Club, can help. We have fun events for the whole family! Children of all ages can read book titles or for 30 minute increments for prizes! The fun never ends. Registration starts Friday, June 3rd.”

Haltom City Library “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!”
“There are two ways to get involved with this year’s Summer Reading Program:
1. Read for fun and for prizes by signing up to join the Summer Reading Program. This is for all ages, and you can read anywhere, anytime, anything! Then turn in your log & win prizes...it’s that easy.
2. Attend one of the many events throughout the week sponsored by the Summer Reading Program. No registration is required to attend any of the weekly events.

Keller Public Library Summer Reading Club 2016
“Starting June 6th, visit keller.beanstack.org to register, track your reading, and learn more about our awesome prizes!”

Saginaw Public Library
“On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!”
“For more information about the 2016 Summer Reading Club, Click here to download the brochure, email us, or call us at 817-230-0300 ext. 8.”
Q: What is the legislative process?

A: In Texas, as in the Congress and most other states, the lawmaking process involves four major stages: introduction, committee action, floor action, and enrollment. In a bicameral legislature like Texas', with both a house and a senate, the first three stages must occur in each of the houses consecutively. After the house in which the bill is introduced completes action on the measure, the bill is sent to the second house, where the process is repeated through the three stages. The fourth stage, enrollment, occurs in the originating house after both houses have agreed on the final form of the proposal. See How a Bill Becomes a Law.

Dallas Cowboys 2016 NFL Draft Results

Welcome Ezekiel Elliott, Jaylon Smith, Maliek Collins, Charles Tapper, Dak Prescott, Anthony Brown, Kavon Frazier, Darius Jackson, Rico Gathers!

HD 93 congratulates our own Dallas Cowboys in acquiring these talented players for the 2016/17 season.

All the best to the Cowboys!

TOURISM, SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT

HD93 cities Arlington, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Haslet, Keller, and Saginaw offer constituents a plethora of summer entertainment for all ages! Click on your city to discover just a taste of your district's recreation and relaxation.
Upcoming Events:

Keller Farmers Market
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Market is scheduled to be open champion these Saturdays from May - October. Fresh Food, Fun, Music, and a Chance to Fly Away on Southwest Airlines.
Located in front of Keller Town Hall at 1100 Bear Creek Pkwy, Keller, TX 76248.

Events Being Scheduled:

Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts Free Music Under the Stars Summer Concert Series began May 27. 100 W. Abram St., Arlington, TX 76010. See their website for information about uploading the APP. Stay apprised of updates for acts and times.

Arts Council NE Masterworks Concerts “Haltom City will once again be hosting Arts Council Northeast Masterworks concert series this June. On the 24th, children's entertainer ‘Mr. Blue Shoes’ will take the stage at the Haltom City Public Library from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. This concert is free and open to everyone!”

People Reaching People in District 93
The needs of food and shelter continue on during the summer months. A few of our local initiatives needs:

Tarrant Area Food Bank
TAFB is the primary source of donated food for hunger-relief charities and feeding programs in 13 North Texas counties. It serves more than 50,000 individuals in a typical week and more than 53,000 households in a typical month. In one year, 146,000 households are served. To find a pantry near you, and assistance with food items for your household, please refer to the map at http://tafb.org/find-food/.

www.ArlingtonLifeShelter.org

All Children Need Summer Fun:
This non-profit organization provides the kids living at the Shelter a wonderful, fun filled and educational summer. Kids discover life and celebrate the spirit of childhood during the summer. Growth, understanding, acceptance, friendship, laughter, and the feeling of endless possibilities are gifts that change a life and last a lifetime. Every child is valued.

www.ArlingtonLifeShelter.org
Public Works and Roadways

Bridge Closure / Arlington - Johnson Creek Bridge on Abrams St.

I35W Construction Activities and Closures

“Upcoming construction activities to watch for:

• Traffic shifts to new, permanent location of southbound I35W in the area of Basswood Blvd. and Western Center Blvd., precipitating closures of southbound I35W exit to Western Center Blvd., on ramp to southbound I35W at Western Center Blvd., and southbound I35 W exit to westbound I820 (May 2016)
• Closure of northbound I35W main lanes as contractors paint bridge structures in area of US 81/287 interchange (May 2016)
• Closure of all lanes of northbound I35W at 28th Street and all lanes of eastbound and westbound 28th Street (May 2016)
• Traffic shifts to new, permanent pavement south of Meacham Blvd.; near Papurt Drive; and near the Trinity River (Summer 2016)
• Opening of the new direct connector from northbound I35W to westbound I820 (Summer 2016)”

Find more info and updates here.

Coming up in the next HD 93 Newsletter:
The Third in our series on the six HD 93 Mayors - Mayor David Averitt of Haltom City.