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## NORTHEAST CLICK

**Nominations are open.** Eules residents are known for generously donating their time and talents to the community. Why not recognize this commitment by nominating an adult or a youth for Volunteers of the Year? Businesses that have made significant volunteer contributions are also eligible. **Betsy Deck** says nominations can be made at [www.eulesstx.gov/voy](http://www.eulesstx.gov/voy) or by calling her at 817-685-1821. They're due by Jan. 7.

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# Cheers and Jeers

**Cheers:** To the city of Euless for another wonderful Christmas parade. We appreciate the time and effort that goes into planning this each year. Jeers to those watching who left their trash along the parade route.  
— Adrienne Rider, Euless

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**Transactions**

**150 West Park Way, Etules**

The Air Line Pilots Association International has leased 3,868 square feet of office space in Westpark Centre. Beaux Riley with SCM Real Estate Services represented the landlord. Steve Wentz with Cushman Wakefield represented the tenant.

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**Harry Lee Stierwalt Jr.**

OBITUARIES



 **EULESS** — Harry Lee Stierwalt Jr., 80, beloved husband and father, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010.

**GRAVESIDE SERVICE:** Was Wednesday, Dec. 15, in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park in Colleyville.

Harry was an Army veteran and a Free Mason. He graduated from OU in 1958 with a B.S. degree in engineering. Harry retired in 1985 after 27 years as a geological engineer with Core Laboratories and then returned to work for 23 more years at Payton-Wright Ford.

**SURVIVORS:** Wife of 58 years, Zella; sons, Tracey and Craig; daughter-in-law, Barbie; grandchildren, Jessica and Vincent; great-grandchild, Trenton; brother, Kenneth Stierwalt; and sisters, Muriel Pride and Jo Rogers.

Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home  
Colleyville, 817-498-5894  
View and sign guestbook at  
[www.star-telegram.com/obituaries](http://www.star-telegram.com/obituaries)

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# Volunteer CONNECTION

## People

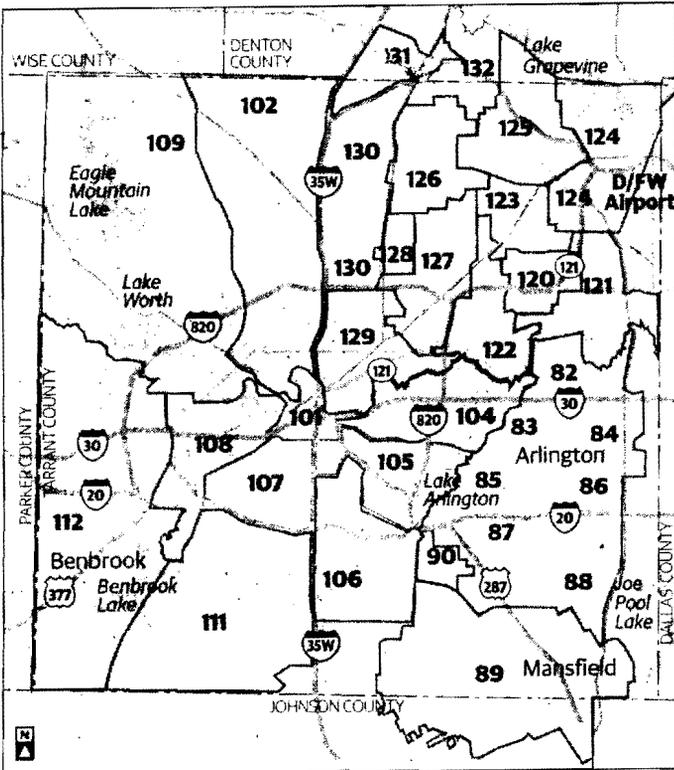
The Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition announced its 2010-2011 Executive Committee including a plethora of local government leaders. The executive committee is composed of 11 members representing ten specific geographic regions and one member that represents the business community. Members of the 2010-2011 Executive Committee include: Lake Worth Mayor **Walter Bowen**, Kennedale City Councilman **Brian Johnson**, Tarrant County Judge **Glen Whitley**, Fort Worth Mayor **Mike Moncrief**, Arlington City Councilwoman **Kathryn Wilemon**, Burleson Mayor **Ken Shetter**, Tarrant County Commissioner **Gary Fickes**, Euless Mayor **Mary Lib Saleh**, North Richland Hills Mayor **Oscar Trevino**, Johnson County Commissioner **John Matthews**, and **Russell Laughlin**, senior vice president of Hillwood Development.

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REAL ESTATE

# Existing home sales down in North Texas



Area	Sales	% change year ago	Median price	% change year ago
82 NE Arlington	20	11%	\$187,000	11%
83 Central West Arlington	20	-20%	\$116,450	-2%
84 Central East Arlington	11	-39%	\$40,250	-24%
85 Arlington, Dalworthington Gardens, Pantego	34	-11%	\$143,500	2%
86 SE Arlington	13	-7%	\$86,500	3%
87 Far SW Arlington	50	-6%	\$150,000	-8%
88 Far SE Arlington	58	-29%	\$111,250	-8%
89 Mansfield	61	0%	\$164,700	-1%
90 Kennedale	4	-20%	\$205,000	-8%
101 Downtown FW	3	-40%	\$159,900	-77%
102 Saginaw, north FW	71	-32%	\$131,000	9%
104 East FW	22	-50%	\$73,500	-8%
105 Southeast FW (Rosedale)	16	-11%	\$22,250	0%
106 South FW, Everman, Forest Hill	16	-20%	\$49,250	3%
107 Central west and southwest FW (TCU)	56	30%	\$177,950	-6%
108 Central west FW	58	53%	\$232,500	16%
109 Northwest FW, River Oaks Azle	52	-38%	\$120,000	-3%
111 South FW (south of I-20), Crowley	107	-9%	\$113,250	0%
112 Far west FW, Benbrook, White Settlement	51	9%	\$109,250	-5%
120 Bedford	34	42%	\$148,500	9%
121 Euless	23	-39%	\$192,000	31%
122 Hurst	34	10%	\$125,000	-12%
123 Colleyville	16	-45%	\$509,500	1%
124 Grapevine	29	53%	\$216,500	-23%
125 Southlake	33	27%	\$461,550	-7%
126 Keller	53	26%	\$342,500	15%
127 N. Richland Hills, Richland Hills	44	-23%	\$144,300	28%
128 Watauga	18	-51%	\$92,750	10%
129 Haltom City, Riverside	16	-33%	\$67,500	21%
130 FW Summerfields, Park Glen	80	-38%	\$145,500	-10%
131 Roanoke	9	29%	\$205,240	64%
132 Trophy Club, Westlake	19	27%	\$375,000	17%

Source: Texas A&M Real Estate Center

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**By Sandra Baker**  
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Sales of existing homes declined in North Texas in December for a seventh straight month, capping a weak year, the Texas A&M Real Estate Center reported Friday.

In December, 4,751 homes were sold in the 29-county region, down 6 percent from a year ago. But that's good news compared with declines of 25 percent in November and 30 percent in October.

"A 6 percent decline is not too bad," said Jim Gaines, an economist with the Real Estate Center. The center's reports reflect home sales recorded on the Multiple Listing Service.

December sales also give a good glimpse of what the market is really like, Gaines said. December 2009 was the first month after a tax incentive offered to first-time home buyers was originally set to expire. The tax credit

was extended in the first quarter of 2010.

In all of 2010, 63,841 existing homes were sold in North Texas, a 7 percent drop from 2009, according to the report. The pace slowed from 2009, when sales fell 11 percent compared with 2008. In 2009, 67,963 homes were sold.

"We had a year where the market was a little weaker," Gaines said. "Now we've got to watch the first six months of this year."

But sales in the first few months this year will be compared with months in 2010 when the tax incentive affected the market, he said.

"The second half of the year will show how weak or strong, or unchanged, the market really is," Gaines said.

The median sales price in December was up 7 percent, to \$149,000. At year's end, the median sales price was \$147,000, up 2 percent.

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## WORK FACES

### Honors

■ **Lori De La Cruz**, principal of Blue Marble Media LLC in North Richland Hills, has earned the Sustainability for

Leaders certificate from the The Natural Step Network's USA chapter. De La Cruz is the only environmental professional in Texas to earn this certificate.

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# Tarrant complexes bought

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Three Tarrant County apartment complexes were among nine Texas properties sold recently to a joint venture of a New York-based real estate investment fund and a Houston-based developer.

Area Property Partners and Wood Partners teamed to buy Mansions by the Vineyard, 2400 Texas 121 in Euless; Villas on the Green, 8515 Boulevard 26 in North Richland Hills; and Estates of North Richland Hills, 6250 Rosewood Drive.

The sale also included a complex each in Cop-

pell, McKinney and San Antonio, and three in Houston, the buyer said.

"This acquisition greatly expands Area's presence in a region that is generally projected to rank among the top multifamily markets in the next few years," said Lee Neibart, Area Property Partners CEO.

In all, the properties have 2,589 apartments built between 1997 and 2007.

The units average 1,100 square feet and feature clubhouses with state-of-the-art gyms, resort-style pools, business centers and concierge services.

The purchase price was not disclosed. The Tarrant County complexes were sold Dec. 29 by Western Rim Investors, deed records show.

Area Property Partners manages government and corporate pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, insurance companies, foundations, endowments, and investments of high-net-worth individuals.

Wood Partners acquires, develops, builds and manages high-density and mixed-use communities, including the T&P Lofts in Fort Worth.

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