“February is African American History Month. And I don’t know about you, but this month is always a great reminder of the incredible contributions the African American community has made to our country. I think of Crispus Attucks who was the first American casualty in the War for Independence. He lost his life in the Boston Massacre in 1770. I think of Frederick Douglass who was one of the most influential and articulate abolitionists of his day. I think of the great inventor, George Washington Carver, who introduced the country to the wonders of peanuts and other crops. And Martin Luther King Jr. inspired a nation to judge a man not ‘by the color of their skin, but the content of their character.’ This month, I would encourage you to read Dr. King’s Letter from a Birmingham Jail. The letter is filled with profound statements on human nature and the rule of law. It’s a great reminder of what makes this country special.”

Crispus Attucks  
Frederick Douglas  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

STATE

This month’s FAQ: “How can I find out how my state representative or state senator voted on a bill?

Votes by representatives are recorded in the House Journal, and votes by senators are recorded in the Senate Journal. Votes are not recorded on every bill. Check the bill history to see if a record vote (RV) was taken. Then, look up the vote in the House or Senate Journal. Journal availability is discussed in the library’s Guide to legislative intent.

More info at Legislative Reference Library.
February is African American History Month!

“Negro History Week” was first celebrated in February 1926, the same week as the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The celebration developed into African American Month 50 years later, in 1976.

Groundhog Day is February 2nd!

The Legend of the Groundhog as Weather Prognosticator

Legend has it, that upon the dawning of February 2nd when the groundhog exits his den:

*If the groundhog sees its shadow, it will return to its den to hibernate for another 6 weeks of Winter.

*If the groundhog does not see its shadow, Spring is just around the corner!

VALENTINE’S DAY IS FEBRUARY 14!

HD 93 Chambers of Commerce Events

- **Arlington:** February 14, 2017  [RIBBON CUTTING - Royal Crest Consulting, LLC](#)
- **Arlington:** February 17, 2017  [Chamber Orientation Lunch](#)
- **Fort Worth:** February 9, 2017  [Job Links Meeting - Texas Wesleyan University](#)
- **Fort Worth:** February 22, 2017  [State of the City Address](#)
- **Keller:** February 28, 2017  [Monthly Chamber Luncheon](#)
- **Northwest Metroport:** February 9, 2017  [Ambassador Meeting](#)
- **Saginaw:** February 8, 2017  [Ambassador Meeting](#)
- **Saginaw:** February 14, 2017  [Board Member Meeting](#)
- **Saginaw:** February 17, 2017  [Annual Awards Banquet](#)
What makes the House District 93 (“HD 93”) region an attractive and profitable place to live and do business? In the most simple of terms: Its Resources, Its Proximity, and Its Transportation.

HD 93 runs across the very heart of Tarrant County - from east Tarrant County to north central Tarrant County. Historically, in HD 93, the wide open spaces of North Texas and the access to water sources fostered agriculture, and eventually, the cattle and other livestock industries.

Still today, the cattle industry is the number one agri-business in Texas, with Fort Worth often referred to as “Cowtown.” When one industry flourishes, it creates opportunity in all the industry’s support services and for the people who call the area home.

Retail, medical, hospitality, leisure and all associated municipal services require construction
and maintenance of facilities and associated infrastructures. And other primary industries emerge, such as oil and gas, finance, etc.

Many of the original support and infrastructure services in HD 93 have attracted significant industries, eventually combining to have created one of the most vital business centers in the United States and beyond.

Today, HD 93 has multiple forms of transportation services and industries, including: automotive, aerospace and rail. As the crossroads of the southwest, HD 93 enjoys excellent passage from our nation’s North, South, Central and West business, economic and cultural centers. For more than a century, North Texas has been both a point of destination and an optimal hub for passage to the four corners of the contiguous United States and beyond.

Ground transportation is connected by the convergence of Interstate 35W and State Highway 360 North/South; Interstate 30 and State Highway 183 East/West; as well as the crossing of State Highway 121 Southwest to Northeast.

Primary water access is present with the Trinity River. The West Fork and Clear Fork converge in Fort Worth.

Rail systems are active throughout the Metroplex, providing the movement and connection of people and goods across the area.

Join us in the coming months as we look at our evolving economies and how HD 93 cities and communities remain vital centers for life and livelihood.

“Saginaw, Texas: In the Shadow of the Biggest Grain Elevators in Texas, Trains by the Dozen Cross Paths Daily in a Friendly Fort Worth Suburb”
HD 93 extends sincere thanks to our Dallas Cowboys for a great football season!

Ranger Spring Training

INFRASTRUCTURE

“Increased Vehicular Traffic Expected In Haslet Area Due To BNSF Staff Relocation
Haslet residents may notice an increase in vehicular traffic in the area due to BNSF’s Network Operating Center staff being relocated to a facility at 14900 John Day Road while their current facility is being renovated. BNSF anticipates there will be a noticeable increase in vehicular traffic moving to and from the new facility, particularly between the timeframes of 5:30 a.m. to 6:45 a.m.; 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., and 4:45 pm to 5:30 p.m.

In an effort to minimize commuter traffic impacts, BNSF has contacted Haslet city leaders, the Northwest ISD, and emergency responders about the increase in vehicle traffic through the area. Additionally, BNSF employees have been directed to use travel options - from the north, John Day Rd. from Hwy 114 and from the south, Main St. (or Keller Haslet Rd.) from Hwy 156. We are also encouraging carpooling with fellow employees to the extent practical.
BNSF anticipates the renovation of the NOC will be completed prior to October 1, 2017.”
Information courtesy of BNSF via Frank Valtierra

“Northwest Fort Worth Road Closure: Began Tuesday, January 17th, 2017
Willow Springs Road will be closed going north of Avondale Haslet Road between Fairway Bend and Greenway Crossing for approximately 30 days. Please plan your routes accordingly.”
Information courtesy of Frank Valtierra