



# News and Tidbits

## September 2015

### President's Message:



Hello all! A big thank you to Aimee Nemer (City Secretary, City of Richardson) who hosted our August business meeting. Attendance was great!

We were so excited to have Sherry Mashburn, TMCA President, City Secretary for the City of College Station, join us for our August meeting.

Sherry spoke to the Chapter about Servant Leadership and what that means to us. She explained five very important points for us to remember as public servants. 1) Be conscious of the offerings we've received; 2) Serve to express gratitude; 3) Serve to transform yourself; 4) Honor our profound interconnection; and 5) Serve to align with a natural unfolding. She stated it is important for us to be there for one another, our chapter, the TMCA chapter, our communities, and any other organizations we may be involved in.



**Mary Supino, Diane Callahan, Sherry Mashburn  
August Meeting**

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### Time to Celebrate



### Diane Callahan's Retirement Reception

September 22, 2015  
5:00 p.m.

Highland Village  
City Council Chambers

1000 Highland Village Rd  
Highland Village, TX 75077

And, our members were thrilled to have Loretta Green, Regional Supervisor at TABC, come to talk to our group about liquor licenses. Processing liquor licenses and permits can be confusing at times. Loretta was able to provide the group with some detailed information related to the general TABC application process, the significance of the "BG" permit, and explaining to us what a "growler" is. She also provided an update on recent legislation related to liquor permits.



**Loretta Green, Regional Supervisor at TABC  
August 2015 Speaker**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Diane Callahan for her service as Vice-President on our Board this year. She jumped right in and did an outstanding job! It was such a pleasure to get to know her this year and she will be missed. Most of you know that Diane will be retiring at the end of September. We wish her all the best in her retirement and we know that she will continue to join us for meetings here and there, which is fabulous! Thank you, thank you Diane!

**WE NEED YOU!!** I have received very few applications for FY 2016 Committees. Please show your support for our Chapter by volunteering to serve on a Committee this upcoming year. Please complete an [application](#) and return to me as soon as possible: [Mary.Supino@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Mary.Supino@arlingtontx.gov).

We are all looking forward to seeing Jon Stigliano at our September business meeting on September 16th in Haltom City, which will be our last meeting for FY 2015. We will also be administering the oaths of office for our incoming Board members and will be approving our FY 2016 Budget. In October, we will be kicking off FY 2016 in Coppell. Hope to see you all soon!

### Upcoming Meetings

<b>September 16</b>	Haltom City
<b>October 21</b>	Coppell
<b>November 18</b>	TBD
<b>December 9 - Holiday Luncheon</b>	Lewisville
<b>January 13</b>	Crowley

### NTMCA September Meeting

**Wednesday, September 16, 2015  
Haltom City Public Library**

**Speaker: Jon Stigliano,**  
President and Founder of Strategic  
Solutions Group

**Topic:  
Creating a Cadence of Personal  
and Professional Success**

There is an old saying that reads "in the absence of a clearly define goal, people will resort to activity and become a slave to the activity". From as far back as I can remember, we are told we need to have goals however rarely does anyone teach us how to set them or how to track towards them.

This session will focus on and provide an outline for the achievement of your personal and professional goals. Practical and implementable steps will be discussed and outlined.

Registration is open until Friday, September 11, 2015. Please click [here](#) to register.



**August 2015 Luncheon Attendees  
Richardson**

**Mary Supino, President**

### **Upcoming Training Opportunity**

#### **NCTCOG Open Records & Open Meetings Training**

Please join us for this informational session provided by staff from the Texas Attorney General's Office. Staff Attorneys from both the Open Records Division and the Opinion Office will be present to give an overview of current laws and practices, as well as to answer questions and provide guidance.

\$75 per person  
Monday, Sept. 14  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
Click here to register!

<http://csrtc.nctcog.org/p-6433-ooro.aspx>

### **Looking for Volunteers!**

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Mary Supino, President

### **Proposed Bylaws Revisions**

The NTMCA Bylaws have been reviewed and suggested changes have been noted. Thank you to the 2015 Bylaw Review Committee (**Ron Gonzales**, Chair, **Jennifer Phillips**, **Zolaina Reyes** and Board Liaison



### **Save the Date**

**NTMCA Holiday Luncheon  
December 9, 2015**

Save the date for our annual holiday luncheon. All are guaranteed to have a fun time and we look forward to seeing you in Lewisville for the inaugural City Secretary Olympics.

The selected charity this year is [Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County \(CACDC\)](#). This wonderful 501(c) 3 non-profit organization provides justice and healing for abused children. Our chapter will be collecting contributions to present to CACDC at our luncheon. A listing of preferred donations will be provided in the September newsletter.

You will also have the chance of taking home a few goodies if you are the winning bidder at the Alyce Deering Scholarship Silent Auction. The Alyce Deering Scholarship assists clerks in their profession by providing funds to offset costs associated with travel and registration costs for sponsored TMCA/TMCCP seminars. The committee is **seeking donations** to raise funds for the Alyce Deering fund. If you have a talent (arts/crafts, photography, etc.) please consider donating an item. If you know a vendor that may be interested in donating an item, please reach out to him/her. Please contact Monica

- **Diane Callahan**) for their hard work during this process.

The membership will vote on accepting the changes at the September meeting. To view the suggested changes, please click on the following link:

[http://www.ntmca.org/yahoo\\_site\\_admin/assets/docs/NTMCA-Bylaws\\_Submitted\\_to\\_Chapter\\_Members\\_for\\_Review.190102840.pdf](http://www.ntmca.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/NTMCA-Bylaws_Submitted_to_Chapter_Members_for_Review.190102840.pdf)

If you have any questions, please email Ron Gonzales at [Ronald.Gonzales@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:Ronald.Gonzales@fortworthtexas.gov).

## New NTMCA Officers for 2015 - 2016

Introducing the **FY 2015-2016 Slate of Officers:**

### **Mary Supino - President**

Mary has served as President, Treasurer and Vice President during her board service. She is the City Secretary for the City of Arlington. Mary received her TRMC certification in January 2014 and is currently working on her first recertification. She has also served NTMCA on the Professional Seminar, Technology, and Legislative Committees.

### **Carol Ann Borges - Vice President**

Carol has served as Treasurer, Historian and Secretary on the board. She is the City Secretary for the City of Westworth Village. Carol received her TRMC certification in January 2015 and is currently working on her first recertification. She has also served NTMCA on the Technology and Clerk of the Year Committees.

### **Sheila Morales - Treasurer**

Sheila has served as Secretary and Historian on the board. She is the Town Secretary for the Town of Copper Canyon. Sheila is currently working on her certification. She has also served NTMCA on the Clerk of the Year Committee.

### **Amy Shelley - Secretary**

Amy has served as Historian on the board. She is the City Secretary for the City of Colleyville. Amy received her TRMC in January 2014 and is currently working on her first recertification. She has also served NTMCA on the Professional Seminar Committee.

### **Laura Bell - Historian**

Laura will serve as Historian. She is the City Secretary for the City of Addison. Laura received her TRMC in 2009 and is working on her 2nd recertification. She has served on the Holiday Committee, Professional Seminar Committee and Nominating Committee.

**Submitted by Nominating Committee,  
Diane Cockrell and Aimee Nemer**

Solko at 817-427-6062 or [msolko@nrhtx.com](mailto:msolko@nrhtx.com) for additional information.

**Submitted by Monica Solko  
North Richland Hills**

**TMCCP Scholarships -  
Still available through  
TMCA!**

Very few people have taken advantage of the [TMCCP Seminar Registration Fee Scholarships](#) or [TMCCP Seminar Travel Stipends](#) so far this year.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, apply and let TMCA pay for your TMCCP seminar or your travel/lodging expenses for a TMCCP seminar this year!

Please apply no later than 10 business days prior to the desired seminar.

**Submitted by  
Mary Supino,  
NTMCA President**

## Meeting Reservations

Members we need your assistance. In order to be able to provide food for all that attend our monthly meetings, we need to know who will be attending, so please let us know your intentions by the RSVP date. Deadlines are included in the invitation and on the meeting webpage.

The best way to take care of this is to plan to attend all of the meetings and RSVP when you receive the invite!

**Thank you for your cooperation!  
Mary Supino, President**

## FY 2014-2015 Board Officers

### **President:**

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Diane A. Callahan, Highland Village

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**Treasurer:**

Carol Borges, Westworth Village  
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**Secretary:**

Sheila B. Morales, Copper Canyon  
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**Historian:**

Amy Shelley, Colleyville  
[ashelley@colleyville.com](mailto:ashelley@colleyville.com)  
817-503-1133

**Future Newsletters**

We are always looking for topics of interest for newsletters. If there is a subject you would like to see addressed or if you would like to contribute an article, please let any of the Board members know, or submit it by e-mail to [Sheila B. Morales](mailto:Sheila B. Morales).

**Quick Links**

[NTMCA Website](#)

[FY 2015 Membership Application](#)

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## Historical and Interesting Tid-Bits - Azle

The area in and near Azle was initially settled by a group of pioneers from Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, and Kentucky. Records are not clear on when the first settlers came, however, Dr. J.G. Reynolds was one of Azle's first settlers and he first came to the area in 1846. The community was first known as Elizabeth Town but was later changed to Mooresville after the owner of the only store in town. There was at that time no post office and there were only 664 settlers in all of Tarrant County.

As time went on, more settlers came and more homes were built. In 1891, a man by the name of O'Bar came to the area and was instrumental in getting the first post office established in the community and the settlement's name was changed to O'Bar. Dr. James Azle Steward, one of the few doctors in the area, owned much of the land where Azle now stands. Dr. Steward was a great benefactor of the community. He donated land for a variety of purposes that served the local settlers, including land for businesses, schools, and churches. Dr. Steward deeded enough land for a town site and the name was changed from O'Bar to Azle.

Interesting facts highlight Azle's rich history. The first plank home in Azle was built of lumber hauled 280 miles from Houston, Texas in an ox-drawn wagon. Also, the Ash Creek Baptist Church, organized in 1872, was the first church to be organized in Azle. It is said that one of the early ministers of the church "preached with a six-shooter on each side of his Bible" while the men in the congregation "rested their rifles across their knees as a precaution against a surprise attack from the Comanche Indians" whose last raid in the area took place in 1873.

While nearby Fort Worth grew rapidly in population and commerce, becoming the largest stagecoach terminal in the southwest between 1856 and 1880, Azle's population remained virtually static. For many years Azle continued as a sleepy village, its population growing very slowly. Growth has occurred in rapid spurts in some years but has typically been slow and steady over time.

The damming of the West Fork of the Trinity River and the creation of Eagle Mountain Lake in 1932 was a boon to Azle. The town is proudly known as the "Gateway to Eagle Mountain Lake." Azle is one of the many great

communities in the 12th District. The damming of the West Fork of the Trinity River and the creation of Eagle Mountain Lake in 1932 was a boon to Azle. Azle became an incorporated city in April of 1957 as a general law community. In 1969, the population of the city reached 5,000 and was then eligible to become a home rule city, which allows the city to have more control over its own affairs. At that time, the Council-Manager form of government was adopted. The current City Charter was adopted in 1971 and has been amended over the years to meet the changing needs of the city.

Today, Azle is a suburban community with a rural quality of life. Azle is just 14 miles northwest of Fort Worth, which provides the conveniences of the big city without losing the appeal of a small town. The city is 25 miles from Alliance Airport and 35 miles from the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. The city encompasses 8.2 square miles and has an estimated 11,040 residents.

As a bedroom community within the DFW Metroplex, Azle is attracting new families daily, with over 100 new home permits issued this fiscal year. To better serve our residents and the 129,000 people that reside in the Azle primary trade area, the Economic Development Department is actively recruiting developers to build shopping centers to house restaurants and retail shops as well as hotels and Class A multi-family housing. In addition, the City of Azle is evaluating the potential benefits of establishing a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone ("TIRZ") intended to help attract development and fund improvements to infrastructure on Main Street as well as other projects within the TIRZ. Infrastructure improvements such as new sidewalks, street lights, and landscaping will foster an environment to improve pedestrian traffic and commerce in the Central Business District. Residents and visitors will be able to interact with one another while enjoying amenities such as Azle Central Park, established in 2008, Azle Memorial Library, established in 2009, Azle Music in the Park, Azle Movies in the Park, Sting Fling and numerous other community activities.

With such a small population, it is unique that Azle is a full-service city. Azle is proud to have its own professional police and fire departments and the ability to provide water and sewer services to its citizens. The recently completed improvements to the wastewater treatment plant and water treatment plant were intended to improve safety, efficiency and capacity. The City of Azle has made strategic investments into infrastructure that will have a very serious impact on development. We are prepared and excited to welcome new residents and businesses to our charming lakeside community.

**Submitted by Norma Zenk,  
City Secretary - Azle**

We are an awesome Chapter! Let's lead and be a model for our sister Chapters.