

Area Newspapers

ARLINGTON STAR-TELEGRAM
1111 WEST ABRAMS
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76013
817-548-5459
HTTP://LEGACY.COM/DFW/CELEBRATIONS.ASP

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
508 YOUNG STREET
DALLAS, TEXAS 75202
214-977-8405
WWW.DALLASNEWS.COM/CELEBRATIONS
CELEBRATIONS@DALLASNEWS.COM

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
817-390-7178
HTTP://LEGACY.COM/DFW/CELEBRATIONS.ASP

PARK CITIES PEOPLE
6116 NORTH CENTRAL, #230
DALLAS, TEXAS 75206
214-739-2244
WWW.PARKCITIESPEOPLE.COM

PLANO STAR COURIER
624 KRONA DRIVE, SUITE 170
PLANO, TEXAS 75074
972-424-6565
WWW.PLANOSTAR.COM

County Clerks' Offices

COLLIN COUNTY MCKINNEY

COLLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE
200 SOUTH McDONALD STREET, #120
MCKINNEY, TEXAS 75069
972-424-1460 X 4185

PLANO

COLLIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
900 EAST PARK, SUITE 140
PLANO, TEXAS 75074
972-424-1460 X 3025

DALLAS COUNTY DOWNTOWN DALLAS

RECORDS BUILDING
509 MAIN STREET, SUITE 120
214-653-7559

EAST DALLAS

EAST DALLAS GOVERNMENT CENTER
3443 ST. FRANCIS AVENUE
214-321-3182

NORTH DALLAS

COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
10056 MARSH LANE, SUITE 137
214-904-3032

DENTON COUNTY

1029 W. ROSEMEADE PKWY.
CARROLLTON, TX 75007-6251
972-434-7170

1400 FM 424
CROSS ROADS, TEXAS 76227-7284
940-349-4400

PARKER COUNTY

1112 SANTA FE DRIVE
WEATHERFORD, TX 76086
817-594-7461

ROCKWALL COUNTY

1101 RIDGE ROAD
ROCKWALL, TX 75087
972-722-1855

TARRANT COUNTY

ARLINGTON
724 EAST BORDER
817-548-3928

DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH

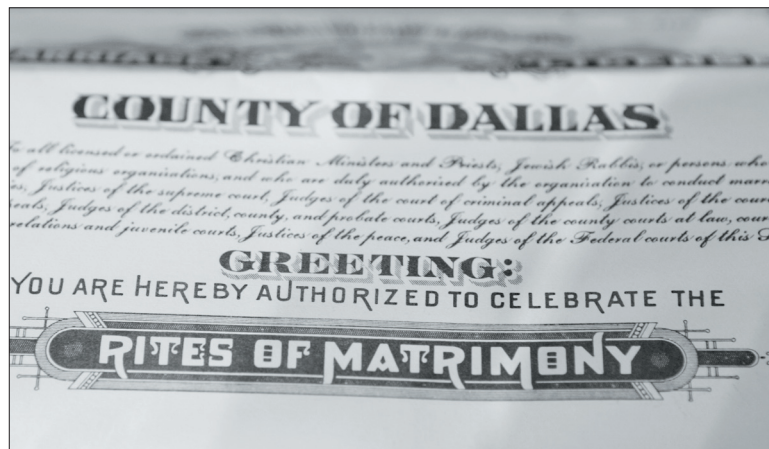
100 WEST WEATHERFORD, ROOM 180
817-884-1195

HURST

645 GRAPEVINE HIGHWAY
817-581-3625

Wedding Papers

The big announcement! Here's how to get your big news in the papers and get that all important document — your marriage license!



Placing wedding and engagement announcements is a piece of cake. Simply call the paper(s) of your choice and request an announcement form, e-mail them, fill it out online, or stop by in person. Complete the form and return it with a photograph (some papers print the bride's picture only). Most newspapers prefer black-and-white glossies or high resolution photos e-mailed to them.

Engagement announcements are usually short, listing only the names of the prospective bride and groom, their parents' names and the wedding date. Pictures are sometimes published with engagement announcements.

Wedding announcements go into more detail, featuring the couple's names, parents' names and their city and state if they're from out of town. Also listed are the church, wedding date and members of the wedding party. A photograph may be included at this time.

Information deadlines vary by publication. Engagement information may be required up to seven weeks in advance, while wedding announcements might be accepted up to a month or two after the celebration. The dailies have more rigid deadlines. Call each newspaper for specific deadlines.

THE MARRIAGE LICENSE YOU CAN'T BE WED WITHOUT IT!

The hard part is almost over — the bridal gown has been bought, the invitations are in the mail, and the caterer is cooking. Getting your marriage license is one of the last tasks before you can say, "I do."

The procedure for obtaining your license is basically the same all over Texas. Together, the prospective bride and groom must visit the office of the county clerk.

Bring a valid form of identification — a driver's license, certified copy of your original birth certificate, US passport, or military ID. Also be sure to bring your Social Security Card. Cost for the license — \$71, cash. They don't take checks.

There's one important detail you must not forget: a 72-hour waiting period is required after the license is issued. Your license is good 30 days from that date. Good news — blood tests are not required in the tri-county area.

Most county clerks' offices are open Monday through Friday. In downtown Dallas, hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The other Dallas, Collin, and Tarrant County offices are open longer, until 4:30 p.m. Some sub-counties in Tarrant County may close for lunch. Call ahead to make sure they're open before you make the trip.