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Civic Affairs	Joy in Our Town #707	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	7/14/2014 7/15/2014 7/18/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Charlie Parker, councilmember. Arlington needs to define itself instead of being defined by others. We have a new logo. More of an action figure that depicts a city in movement. Below the logo it says "The American Dream city". Heartbeat of city is entertainment district, unparalleled in state of TX. Some venues are world-wide venues. We had the Super Bowl, final Four, will have first BCS bowl when it happens, as well as other iconic sports events like the Cotton Bowl at AT&T stadium. City of 375,000 people, had over 6 million visitors last year just in that area alone. We need a destination hotel, we have been in negotiations, and in the next month we will secure the finances (45 stories and 1000 rooms) for the convention center hotel. Challenge: increase the per capital wage of our citizens. We encourage employers to hire Arlington residents. Largest housing project in US right in North Arlington. 15,000 people just poured million dollar slabs. Location, location, location, and education. We sit right in the middle of the metroplex. You can go from kindergarten to PhD without ever leaving Arlington. School of nursing has 9000 students (about the size of TCU). Engineering dept. doubles every couple years, also TCC campus and AISD's progressive school board and superintendent, it's phenomenal. Logo consultant came in, took over 6 months for him to get vibe and energy of city and residents. Transportation: High speed rail will come from Houston to Dallas, the cities to the West are trying to get it extended to Arlington and Fort Worth. We will enjoy that in future. We have started a bus route called the Max and teamed with DART and T to see if it can be utilized as much as we think it can be. Have remarkable police department. Part of our job as a city is to keep our citizens safe. Buzz is our water czar and he is very innovative, and we team up with Fort Worth to get our water. Our water system right now is always being renewed, planned, and thought about to provide in the future because we expect major growth. Electric providers change often, so the council is progressive in purchasing power for the city. Approved new UCD code violation and tried to upgrade it and make it more user friendly for the builder and the developer and easier on the environment.

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Civic Affairs	Joy in Our Town #714	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	9/5/2014 9/6/2014	12:00PM 3:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Mayor Harry LaRosiliere – Plano. Plano named healthiest city in America. Safest city in America for three straight years. School district graduates 98% of our kids. Plano is built out, but that's an incomplete statement. Built out from stand point of single family detached, but commercially we have a lot of availability. Major car company coming to our area. We have a proposal for first condo tower in Plano coming up and residential homes that are lofts and townhomes for our younger folks. Senior population is one of the faster growing segments but only at 10%. 40% of Plano is under the age of 32. We are the cool kids of Collin County. We want to provide a live-work-play environment. Live well, work hard, play hard. During the day we have 150,000 people working in the city. We are an economic work center and we want to maintain that. 4000 acres of parkland, 82 parks, 200 soccer fields, 60 tennis courts, 8 pools. There are many things to do in our city. Very family friendly place. But also accommodating things that the young folks need. 700 places to eat in Plano. Brand: "City of Excellence." Excellence is not a tagline, but our culture and attitude. Whatever activity we engage in will be the best we can be (public safety, accredited EMS and ISO1 fire department, 12 accredited departments-learn best practices). It's important to be visionary and project forward. Behave today like the person you want to be in the future. 50% of tax revenue comes from businesses. They require the same city services that residents do. This helps us keep the tax rate low. So it's important to maintain a business-focused opportunity. We have revamped website to make it much more user friendly and increased our social media presence. You can tweet directly with the mayor. Fix It Plano - app available. If you are in your neighborhoods, pull over, take photo of cracks in sidewalk or potholes. Tell us where it is, we will confirm that we received it and show the work order. This way our residents can be our eyes and help us.

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Civic Affairs	Joy in Our Town #716	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	9/15/2014 9/16/2014 9/20/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 3:00AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Mayor Tom Hayden - Flower Mound. 75,000 people - bedroom community where people have lived and raised families. But transportation has been a problem. The lake makes a funnel as people get out of town. Many investments in infrastructure have been made and hundreds of millions of dollars are in the works to help bypass the traffic around Grapevine mall. Recently lowered tax rate. Town is growing by leaps and bounds. Added 1500 jobs and hope to do the same this year as well. Two great projects: River Walk in the center of town like San Antonio's - 1.5 mile-long river with shops and restaurants bordering it. Will be a great place to hang out. Close to Lake Grapevine. One million square feet of commercial restaurants overlooking Lake Grapevine. Will have valuations of a billion dollars. 25-30 restaurants are opening in the city. 35 square miles is the shore of Lake Grapevine. Main road will connect to I-35 and is being widened to 6 lanes. We always win awards for our schools and named safest place in TX. Long-term planning has been very helpful. A master plan was stuck with over time. Only 60% built out town. We've recently added two new fire stations, and will add more in the western part of town as our population migrates to the west. We are putting more police officers on bicycles to police our neighborhoods. Police Chief wants to promote community policing where police get to know the people in the neighborhoods and not just a car handing out speeding tickets. We have extensive trail system. We want to be out there with our residents. Have 25-30 officers to discourage bad things from happening with just their presence. Our community is 75% post-secondary education holders. High median income for city size. So we aren't fighting crime, but maintaining a safe feel for our citizens. Average age is late 30s, couples raising kids. I can't make everyone happy, but I try to stay visible and talk to people. We hold Morning with the Mayor one Saturday per month. Problem, complaint, questions? Come and let's talk for a couple of hours. We have taken a progressive effort in social media. We don't want to be all concrete, we want a balance with parks and recreational opportunities and balance that will encourage economic opportunities. Town just celebrated 50th birthday. Refer to ourselves as "Town" of Flower Mound. More tight-knit than a "city."

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Environment	Joy in Our Town #711	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	8/11/2014 8/12/2014 8/15/2014 8/16/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM 3:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Matt Grubisich, TX Trees Foundation. 30+ year old nonprofit in the Dallas area. We create healthy communities through tree planting and advocacy. We work with municipalities and corporations and teach people about the importance of urban forestry. We breathe out carbon dioxide and they breathe our oxygen. We have a symbiotic relationship. How can we be more like trees? Program: Tree North Texas: ambitious goal to plant 3 million trees over the next 10 years. This fall, go buy a tree, and go onto our website and share your photos and stories of your tree planting. 8th worst air pollution in DFW, most number of red days, third fastest growing heat island, which means more concrete is going down and we are warming faster. If we don't address issues today, it's only going to get worse. If we plant trees right now in the right way, we can help to clean our air and water and reduce the heat island effect. Heat island: as we lay down concrete and asphalt, energy just bounces off, but trees absorb and use that energy to grow. How do we know what tree to plant and where to plant it? Being TX tree smart, can find good tree sources around here on the website. Consult with an arborist or landscape architect to look at your site to know you can get the right number of trees on your lot. What we need to realize, trees in the larger sense don't utilize a lot of water. A typical family uses 8,000 gallons a month for their house. To get a tree established, you only need about 2000 gallons a year. Could plant four trees for the amount of water you are using in one month. 3000 gallons are needed to keep your lawn alive per month (80,000) a year. We do have water issues, but a tree's return on the investment will be much higher than the water used. Lots of tree varieties do well around here that are drought tolerant. Oaks, Mexican buckeye, redbuds, desert wells, smaller trees that do very well here. Don't underestimate smaller trees for shading your home. Even crepe myrtles can be great in tree form and are very drought resistant. Let them grow. Soil is where you start - it's the building block to know what can grow. Know what your water source and restrictions are (test well water). Fruit trees are becoming a big thing during the urban agricultural movement. For info and tips on large shade trees (for swings or tree houses) just call us. We'll help you make the right choice.

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Environment	Joy in Our Town #712	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	8/18/2014 8/19/2014 8/22/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Freddie Ortiz, Dallas Office of Environmental Quality. We are the city's internal environmental consultants. We were formed because in 2003, the EPA discovered we were letting petroleum products go into our storm sewer system. It contaminates the water supply and it may affect the health of fish, it's unsightly, and causes a domino effect for the environment. We have about 30 buildings that are LEED certified which means they were built, designed and maintained with certain water conservation and electricity conservation aspects as well as managed storm water. Continental Bridge used to carry cars, but now you can play in playground and a splash park and have a picnic. 50% of the electricity that the city buys is from renewable sources. Litter is unsightly and negatively impacts our ability to attract economic growth to our area. Over 90% of home owners says it affects their decision to buy a house in a neighborhood. 1/3 of business looking to relocate use litter to make that decision. 4 million dollars is spent on clean up and education about litter. 20,000 complaints per year the city receives regarding litter. We now impose a 5 cent fee on bags that don't meet the reusable bag definition (plastic bag that has thickness greater than 4 mils, or paper bag with handles made from 40% recycled content or reusable cloth bag). You can still get single-use bags from the grocery store. Reuse bags you get at trade shows or National Night Outs. You can take your items to your car and then bag them out there if you forget to bring the bags inside. Air quality: affects the metroplex and is a global issue. The WHO said 1 in 8 people die of air pollution every year. Many people have respiratory problems or heart conditions (7% in the metroplex do) so when we have a bad ozone day it affects how they breathe. They shouldn't be outside on those days at all. Start with small things and work your way up: buy a power strip and plug in TV, DVD player, and stereo. Even though they are off, they are drawing electricity because they are waiting for the remote signal to turn back on. Click the power strip off when at night or when you leave. Same at work for your speakers, monitors, etc. It may save you a few dollars a year. Buy greener office supplies, reduce waste in manufacturing (disposal waste could be cheaper with greener waste). Can reuse paper. Don't print presentations; just project it on the screen. Home: Can make game of recycling (reuse, reduce, and recycle), can make bird feeder from milk carton, make challenge with kids to see who can turn off lights when they leave. Go to website for newsletter, info, ideas, tips for gardening, activities you can attend, and a speaker request form and we can come talk to your organization.

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Environment	Joy in Our Town #713	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	8/25/2014 8/26/2014 8/29/2014 8/30/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM 3:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Helen Dulac, Dallas Water Utilities. We help people properly dispose of or properly recycle cooking grease. What harm could it do? Oil and water don't mix, so when they go down the drain, they don't stay on the water surface, they would rather attach to the pipes. So over time, they build up and you will get a grease clog. Huge inconvenience to call plumber and have backed up sink. We want to prevent this from happening. It not only backs up your home pipes, but also our city pipes then we have to block off a lane of traffic and make traffic worse, break up concrete, dig 6-8 feet under the ground, fix it, repair and put it all back. Think of the tax dollars spent to fix something that's preventable. Use some sort of scraper and scrape the dish clean before you wash it. Remove food particles, sauces, greasy things into the trash or compost, then wash your dishes. If you have grease or oil, soak it up with paper towel, and then collect larger portions in a container and recycle it. Let the oils and greases cool. Collect in any sort of sealable container. For fry oils and vegetables oils, let the oil cool, use original bottle or any jug to collect it and seal it up. These oils make it to the waste water treatment plant and can damage equipment we use to treat that water. Collect grease and use to cook other foods. You can often fry with oil more than once. Filter out solids or seasonings and use it to fry again. Small amount can be put in bag and put in trash. Larger amounts, we can recycle. Collect them in sealable containers and we have 25 drop off locations around the city of Dallas where you can leave your container inside and we turn it into electricity. Mainly in Dallas, also have one in Irving at Northlake College and Farmers Branch. Most Dallas county colleges have collection points.

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Environment	Joy in Our Town #716	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	9/15/2014 9/16/2014 9/20/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 3:00AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Melinda Haggerty - Plano Sustainability Marketing and Media. Don't use your water hose and push grass clippings down into the storm drain. Bag grass or tree trimmings and put them out on your yard trimming trash collection day. Many cities put those toward a compost operation. They go to a huge compost facility and it's turned into Texas Pure products. Perfectly fine to drain your pool into the alley as long as you've let your pool sit with eh pump turned off for at least a day. You don't want all those chemicals going into the water supply. Turn off pool pump, let it sit, drain it and can refill pool. If your city is under water restrictions, check with your city to see if it's okay to refill a pool. It's great to use your city or HOA pool since they can take care of it and maintain only one water hole. If you can recycle a chemical, take it to your city's recycle center. Plano: if a resident calls with old turkey oil, Plano will come pick it up. Same with paint or pool chemicals, bug spray, as long as it's in its original container and it's labeled. Then we recycle these things and offer them back to people at our center for free. Paint is sorted by color and kind, and when enough of each is gotten, we mix it up and make conservation colors - we have one gallon or five gallon cans. If someone wants it, they can come get it. We have been the standard bearer of how to live green. Recycle Right Plano: looking for all-star recyclers. Individual families who do a great job are acknowledged by giving them recognition right on the recycle cart. This way it makes it a competition. Final goal: get recycling rate up to 50%. Everything we can divert from the landfill saves the residents money. Can get another recycle cart for free, so you can get a smaller trash can and save money each month. Importance of conserving water: many lake levels still remain low. Lake Lavon is still about 50%. Biggest use of water right now (40-50%) is irrigation right into our lawns and flower beds. So look at ways you can conserve at home such as drip irrigation (90% efficient), go around and check toilets for leaks and repair them or replace them (Plano has high efficiency toilet rebate available for citizens). Just ask your city about their programs. Low flow toilets can improve water use drastically. Faucet aerators are also great and don't require any sacrifice.

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Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Elayna Fernandez - Positive Mom. Balance is making life work for you, not necessarily having it all. It's about integration, and harmony and alignment. Be unquestionably clear about your passions. Do what makes you alive and gives you joy. Once clear, you can make decisions to pursue your ultimate purpose. Purpose Priority Process. If a choice doesn't align with your passion, then say no to it. Am I going to feel guilty or joyful? Yes or no should be clear at that point. Free e-book (action book) where you start to take action to be in alignment with your passion and start to follow your dreams. Gives examples of priority process: helps you get clear to know in advance how a decision will make you feel, so you don't feel regretful or guilty or burdened in life. To Be List: instead of listing what To Do, list what you choose To Be (patient, joyful, empowered) so it doesn't matter what you do, but what you choose to do aligns with who you want to be. If you know some person or place or thing that drains you, you can learn to avoid those things so you are more joyful in life. We go towards the things we love and know we will be in a better state. When you feel like you're drowning, it's not about falling in the water, but it's about staying there and not getting back up. So visualize that and see yourself getting out of that situation to freedom. I saw that if I didn't feel happy and energetic, I couldn't be a good mom. So love yourself F.I.R.S.T: Feeling, Interaction, Rest, Self-Care, and Time alone. If we do these first, then we will be a great mom to our kids. It's not selfish. Being a mom isn't about sacrifice, it's about love. The best gift you can give the people in your life is you. They feel happy when I'm happy and drained when I'm drained. So we need to put our family first and that includes ourselves. That makes true balance.

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Family	Joy in Our Town #710	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	8/4/2014 8/5/2014 8/8/2014 8/9/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM 3:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Amy Spawn, with The Warren Center. We have holistic approach. We not only treat the child but also work with the family. We have early childhood intervention programs for children up to 3 years old in their homes and we do speech and physical therapy. We teach the parents what they can implement in their homes day to day. We do parent workshops and provide other resources you can connect with in the community. We call the family and get background information, will set up evaluation in their home. Other programs for ages 3-5 they will come to clinic and get tested and we'll make recommendations based on their needs. We have two centers and have free childcare there for certain programs. Medical diagnosis at birth or trouble feeding could be reasons that people are recommended to us. Being able to speak with parents on the same level makes a huge difference and they don't feel alone. We try to let the children feel like any other child. We help the family feel normal. Brand new program: Friends of The Warren Center- helps put on huge family fun days. Take it little steps at a time. When something happens, just take a breath, relax, and know everything will be okay. It's important to have an early start. It's already challenging as a parent without a kid with disabilities. We provide respite so parents can go on date nights. We are advocates for parents and children. Check out the calendar online for things to get involved in or parties to go to.

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Family	Joy in Our Town #713	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	8/25/2014 8/26/2014 8/29/2014 8/30/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM 3:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Sarah Morris, This Side UP! Family Center. Nonprofit family strengthening center. Opened in Plano about 3 years ago. Move families from surviving to thriving. Have family connection nights, parenting classes, and resources center. We have 4 programs: free family connection opportunities - every 2nd and 4th Saturday - free family connection night to the community. Magician, bingo, theater acts. Families stay together, and we give them tools to work on through the month. Single parent support - monthly support group for single parents to get tips to thrive, and two single parents clothing giveaways. About 100 families coming and get blessed by donations from the community. Also offer marriage enrichment, parents can go out to dinner with donated gift cards and talking points to more deeply connect while we watch the kids and have fun with them. Also parenting education where parents can get skills and training to maneuver through the things parents face. Families have gotten too busy - kids spend 40% less time with parents than just a generation ago. That may be because of busyness or too many technical gadgets. That has huge implications in society. Success comes from children who spend time at home. Otherwise, poor grades, teen sex, drugs, etc. when there is a lack of family connection. Couples needs to focus on keeping their relationships strong and be relational thinking with their kids. We service families of all income levels and demographics. Low income to high income, single parents, grandparent lead, and more. 2200 families served last year. Success story: single grandma in full-time care of 4 grandchildren under the age of 6. She didn't have the financial or emotional strength to do this. She joined Single Side Up, received budget help, had job interview, now back in work force and comes to family connection nights. She received hope. A couple expressed deep gratitude that conversation was brought back to their marriage. There was a teen daughter that wasn't into it, but at the end of the night was more connected with her mom and wanted to come back. As a family, decide on a tech-free time together. Such as the dinner table (no one including mom and dad can look at phones even if texts come in). Have personal eye to eye time. Be intentional. Plan family nights and family dinners. Serve together. So many opportunities for service in the community. It's a huge connector to serve together. It can start really young. We offer Brownie Box Challenge. Make a box of brownies as a family and write a thank you note and take it to someone as a family. Check out our calendar to see all the events taking place at our center.

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Family	Joy in Our Town #715	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	9/8/2014 9/9/2014 9/11/2014 9/13/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 11:00AM 3:00AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Murphey Sears - Genesis Women's Shelter - it has been around for 30 years. Intimate partner violence - 1 in 4 women will be affected by domestic violence. Across all socio-economic boundaries. It knows no boundaries. It's an equal opportunity epidemic. Not always bruises and broken bones. (Physical, emotional, verbal, sexual). There are lots of red flags that denote physical violence -jealously, manipulation, intimidation. If he has hit her once, he will hit her again, and it will increase in frequency. We know why she stays - she loves him or has children with him or can't work outside the home so she has no money, maybe been isolated from family and friends so they have nowhere to go. But a better question is why does he do that? We are a society that does not present harsh enough consequence for abusers. We idolize and glamorize violence, and we are desensitized and it becomes the new norm. What we want to focus on is the safety, shelter, hope and trauma recovery and services for the children to break the chain of domestic violence. Domestic violence will cause a 3 billion dollar loss in productivity in the corporate world. The most innocent victims are children. Child abuse is 1500 times more likely to occur in a domestic violence home. Children have witnessed unspeakable trauma, so at the women's shelter we provide play therapy resources. We see more children than women. We want them to understand what a normal, safe, healthy relationship is like. For those who want to help: allow her to come back to your house over and over. If she's not ready to identify the behavior she is not ready to leave the relationship. If she is strangled, that is the closest he will get to killing her. But when she leaves, they become more dangerous because they have lost all control. Genesis Women's Shelter is located at an undisclosed location so they can't hunt her down there. Hotline for those needing to leave immediately or those that aren't certain if their relationship is dangerous. We can provide safety planning tools. Gather documents, grab clothes, what she should say to husband when she leaves. Our trained counselors can provide all that info and resources. We can provide all the resource she needs for her family - case management, legal aid, job training, onsite school so kids remain safe and on campus. Everything we do is free and confidential. We want to support them in every way so there is no reason for the women to not seek us. Parenting classes, recovery, domestic violence 101 for future relationships. Provide self-sufficiency. 3 facilities: 6-week stay at emergency shelter, transitional housing facility, woman must be employed or employable and stay for up to a year rent free with 30% of paycheck put in money market account so she has money when she leaves. Also have outreach facility that provides everything the shelter does, just without housing. Case managers decides which is best.

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Family	700 Club NewsWatch #08012014	1:00:00	5:00	REC	PA/0/E	8/1/2014	2:00PM

CBN News Tracy Winborn and Jennifer Wishon Reported: Washington - It's a decision all moms face and for some it's a heartbreaking one: Do you stay home or go to work and look for childcare? That question has led to the so-called "mommy wars." Some say motherhood is the toughest job in the world. And if raising children isn't enough, there's the added pressure of deciding whether to leave them with someone else to work outside the home. Just go to Google and search stay-at-home moms versus working moms. You'll quickly see a range of heated discussions. Some of the moms CBN News talked to said the decision to work or stay home is not always an easy one, and they just wish other moms could be a little more understanding. A 2012 study of government data by the Pew Research Center shows the number of stay-at-home moms rose to 29 percent, reversing a long-term decline over the last three decades.

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Homelessness	Joy in Our Town #706	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	7/07/2014 7/08/2014 7/11/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Sonja Parkhill, of Promise House. There has been an increase in homeless youth. We take in young people from all walks of life, such as in custody of child protective service, or it may be family problems at home or drug use, but not always because of something they have done. The youth come via word of mouth, and we also go into the streets and share with them what we can provide. Programs available: we teach them how to interview, and resume building, job search, banking skills, etc. We have trained staff and case managers. Been around since 1984: served 70,000 teens to this date. Any given night there are 1,291 youth on the street that have no place to go. We serve ages 10-17, and if come from CPS and sibling group we take them under age 10 so they can stay together, but we don't otherwise mix the high and low ages. Over 18 year olds also taken in to help them to not be chronically homeless. Some kids are sent to Job Corps. If they finish high school, we suggest going into military, though that's not for everyone. We also have a transitional living program: ages 17-20, males separate from females - live with house parent, must save 80% of money. 18 month program, and we give them that money at the end so they can start off in an apartment. They are supposed to finish school and we have a scholarship fund. We have a school on site with two DISD teachers. Challenges: some kids come from broken homes and may have run away or were kicked out. They may not have an ID or birth certificate or SS card. They just want someone to love them unconditionally. Kids come in with mental health problems and we perform psych evaluations on them. We also have a med van that does physicals and a dental van, it's like a one-stop shop. All services are free, no cost for up to age 24. We have parenting classes that are free, the shelter services, the pregnant teen services are all free of charge. Check out HereForYouth.com. We do clothes drives, and proms. Always in need of socks, clothes, food that people can interview in. Also have food pantry, so anyone in need of food can come by and get food, no need to be part of our shelter program. Also part of youth task force where other agencies get together and figure out how to best help these young people before they become chronically homeless. We do an intake, ask questions, we don't refuse anyone, even those with substance abuse problems. We feed them first, so they can think straight.

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Homelessness	Joy in Our Town #709	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	8/1/2014 8/2/2014	12:00PM 3:30PM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Bruce Frankel, Day Resource Center. We are a night time shelter, day resource center, and more, available to those homeless in DFW. Chronically homeless: homeless for a year or more, more than 3 times a year. Many have significant addiction or mental health problems. These are folks with disabilities that make it harder to reenter society without assistance. How they get homeless: something happens and they don't have a family safety net. 30% have a debilitating mental health issue. Without family they can easily become homeless. Some are homeless because of healthcare disabilities like chronic diabetes or injuries at work and have exhausted savings. Others are decent people working hard but just can't make it on minimum wage, and the next thing they know they can't afford a car or rent. 1 out of 5 people know someone who is homeless or affected by it. There is a lot of affordable housing in Fort Worth, but it still is not affordable for those on minimum wage or those who can't work at all. Big focus in Tarrant County is how can we rapidly transition people out of homelessness and back into the community. General resource center open 7 days a week (showers, Laundromat, shelter) also have case managers and help people as quickly as possible get back into housing. Place many people a year back into housing and get back with family if they are estranged. The city of Fort Worth is looking for new strategies to develop more and more affordable housing. We have contracts with Tarrant County and the city of Fort Worth and they pay for some of our counselors. We provide victims assistance for those who are victims of crime. We also have programs that go into other areas of Tarrant County and not just Fort Worth. Most funding is gov't funding - the other 65% is through private donations, and events. Transition several hundred people out of homelessness every year. We get people housed before they become chronically homeless. We give them that little extra resource right before they fall into being homeless to prevent that from happening. About 1/3 of the non-chronically homeless spontaneously transition out of homelessness. There have been more resources provided towards healthcare for the homeless. Behavioral care is continually provided. Some can cost as much \$60,000 a year while they are homeless. For those same people if we put them in housing and pay for housing and utilities and healthcare, it's only \$9-12,000 a year. It's significantly less expensive to get them in homes than to let them stay chronically homeless. It strengthens our community for these people to get back into society. During inclement weather months congregations volunteer their buildings to let people come in and spend the day or night. The homeless love it. They say it gives them dignity when they are treated like human beings.

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Homelessness	Joy in Our Town #718	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	9/29/2014	10:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Toby Owen, Presbyterian Night Shelter. We are a homeless shelter that can house 670 people. Last night we had 647 men, women, and children with us. Largest in DFW. Last year in 2013 it was the coldest winter in a long time. But back in the 80s we had a very cold winter also, when someone actually froze to death in his car. Our founders felt for the least of these. Celebrating 30 years this year. There has been a small increase in the homeless population over the past couple of years in the metroplex, there is beginning to be a crisis for affordable housing for people who are in poverty. 11 months old and younger is the most likely time someone will be homeless. 1-5 years old is the second highest time. Primarily domestic violence is the main reason single mothers become homeless. Just the other day we had 7 infants in our shelter. We strive to be a safe place for people to come and stay. We don't want to end there. We want people to move out and be independent. Yesterday, a report said last month in August, we had 50 people move out, 17 moms and 33 children who are now living independently. There is always hope. The world is not over because you are homeless. You can get up and with hard work and persistence, you will have a better life. Homeless shelters are always in need of assistance such as volunteers, pack n plays, diapers, baby wipes, and high chairs. When you pass a homeless person, look at them in the eye and give them a smile. Treat them as a normal person. They are just like you and I, but have fallen on hard times. They deserve respect and help along the way. Tells story of Vietnam veteran who was homeless for many years. People told him he needed a job, but no one wanted to hire a homeless person. Often times they have a skill and can make a difference. We helped 13 people get a job last year because a business owner took the challenge of helping people get back on their feet.

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Housing	Joy in Our Town #707	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	7/14/2014 7/15/2014 7/18/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Jesse Banda, East Dallas Community Organization. We screen people and see where they are in the process of home buying, and provide financial counseling, home buying counseling, and see what their goals are. Offer home buyer education courses once a month for free. We help them from day one up until pre-approval, selecting realtor, driving around looking for home of their dreams. Long process, but it's what we do. Foreclosures: fortunate in city of Dallas that we have not had as much as other parts of the country. There is a lot of new construction. A few years back, we had an inventory of foreclosed homes, and even though we are a HUD approved, non-profit organization, we are also home builders, and help with the rehab of existing homes. We offer energy efficient long lasting homes that are at a reasonable price, and we offer grant money to help with down payments and closing costs. We talk about how much you can really afford, needs vs. wants, based on income, credit and family size recommendations. Affordability is a big issue in home buying. In home buying classes, we cover how much do you really need and based on income and debt how much you can really afford. We don't want to put people in homes that will stretch their income to their limit and not be able to afford mortgage payment. Financial management is very important. Owning is totally different than renting. We haven't had any foreclosures in our organizations in the last 10 years (100 homes). Have multiple organizations that build all over Dallas. We meet periodically to see state of housing industry and to help each other. Home Buyer club: established by collaborative. Noticed throughout the years we had many people come that had many issues with credit and would get discouraged and overwhelmed. Credit is the number one issue, have steady income, low debt, and decent credit - this decides the kind of interest rate you'll get. The club is there for at least 1-1.5 years of counseling, and do hands-on credit repair. Before you know it, they are ready to buy. Banks see home buyers as risk factors. If you have signs that you haven't changed, they won't be pleased. So we bring them down to earth and teach them and take them by the hand and help through the process, so they start cleaning up their credit. HUD program: money coming through the city through non-profits, directly to client who gets 100% of designated money for low to moderate income families. We can assist up to \$20,000 to clear the down payment and closing costs, which sometimes are higher than a down payment. They do need to come to the table with some funds, and we make sure they are putting money away so they can have some initiative and some skin in the game. It's not just a freebie.

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Housing	Joy in Our Town #711	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	8/11/2014 8/12/2014 8/15/2014 8/16/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM 3:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Dr. Cynthia Mickens Ross. It's raining outside a lot today. Path-Way to Purpose provides safe housing for moms and kids no matter what the weather. If you're homeless where do you go? The numbers in Dallas County: over 5000 mothers with small children who need a place to live (are homeless with their children). Not enough housing for them all. So we are honored to help. We provide love and encouragement and an arm to hold onto in days of desperation. We provide much more than housing, but it's the core of what we provide. We always get more out of it than what we put in. We have parenting classes and financial classes. I was a teenage mom and my mom passed away when I was only 4 years old. Some need that additional training and support system to say 'this is how you do this'. Our volunteers are available to provide these service to these young mothers. Our goal is to transform lives. We learn about personalities and how to approach each person differently but still fulfill the goals of the program. It's been a challenge, but we just adjust because we want to help them become the best they can be. We partner with universities in our area, so education can be obtained; we also send the girls to programs to get their GED. Several young women come from pregnancy programs (referrals) and we interview them and see if they are ready to commit to our program. We work with about 5 other agencies. There is no alcohol or drugs allowed, there is an interview process and assessment. We welcome everyone to apply and we assess if they are a good fit for us. If you need a safe place to live with your children, please contact us. Even if you don't fit into our program we can refer you to other programs. Age ranges: We focus on young women with small children 11 or younger because they share rooms. We take moms with up to two children under the age of 12. There are so many reasons a mother would find herself in this situation. That's why we need each other. Sometimes it's not their fault to end up where they are. The reasons are really not that important. Don't feel shame. Know there are people who still love and accept you and help you be the person you want to be.

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Housing	Joy in Our Town #712	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	8/18/2014 8/19/2014 8/22/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Todd Mark, CCCS. Cheri is a first time home buyer. There are so many questions and details. It is a great housing market right now. There is new fear that interest rates are starting to go up and the Federal Reserve is going to raise interest rates, and yet property values have not skyrocketed up. Why North Texas? Several cities in the top ten of fastest growing in the country (Frisco and McKinney). Very large corporations are moving here, property values are stable so we protect our investment, and quality of life is abundant. Great schools, these are all reasons people are flocking to North Texas. We are the largest HUD housing counseling agency in Dallas. Anybody looking to buy a house, we offer free 8 hour home buying workshop includes lunch. Some lenders will even give you discounts if you take these classes. What are your goals to begin with? Environment, community, square footage, essential details such as kitchen and closet space. What are all the factors? Todd needed fenced in backyard for his dogs. Also wanted a neighborhood with a pool, and we liked the HOA (to keep the neighborhood looking good). Prioritize your needs and wants like you're making a budget. Figure out your affordability margin. We have a high rate of foreclosure because people got into mortgages and homes they didn't understand or couldn't afford. Also think about the costs of maintaining, furnishing, and decorating it. Take into account insurance, taxes, landscaping, decorating, etc. and not just your monthly payment. Come to a free homebuyer's class. Next big mistake: what is your credit and why does it matter? I recommend you get your free credit report 3 times a year from the different agencies, but you should also go past that and buy a full credit history and your FICO score from Annual Credit Report.com so you know exactly where you stand. Do this 6 months in advance. Time and good behaviors will improve your credit. Don't open up other credit cards or taking out loans prior to getting a house. This is generally the largest purchase you'll ever make. Look at where you are paying the most money (higher interest rates). You must remedy collections against you. A credit counselor can help you settle derogatory marks to look as clean as possible so there are no hold-ups. It's not just carried balances they care about. Credit report and score show your character, and they also look at income, current monthly expenses, and see if you can handle it with the rest of your budget. Will also look at assets, capital, and collateral. However some lenders are going below 600 credit scores since the recession is ending.

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Housing	Joy in Our Town #717	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	9/22/2014 9/23/2014 9/26/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Debra Sheppard, Interfaith Housing Coalition. We are a transitional housing facility. Provide housing for our families. Our target population is working poor: people just like you and I who have fallen on hard times and who were not prepared with savings or family members to help out. Most of us are a paycheck away from being homeless. Single parents of two or three children, earning a low wage. Your money is just enough to pay for needs. What happens when your car breaks down or children get sick or you're off work for a period of time? You have to take money from somewhere to pay these other bills, but if you haven't saved, then it's a trickle-down effect. If earning low wage, and you've got childcare, housing, and other bills that are important, and are one person, it's a big issue. If single with two kids, need to make at least \$19 an hour to maintain a basic standard of living. Many jobs do not provide such high wages, so there is a need for affordable housing so people are not forced to be homeless. We provide them with fully furnished apartments first. We stabilize the families, and provide staple food items for the first few weeks they are there. This provides self-worth. If they aren't working we provide career services training. Have partnerships with employment partners, volunteers come in and help with interview skills and resume writing. Vocational assessment, what do you like to do? We have budgeting sessions and case management to help walk them through the process. Our goal is to get you on the road to self-sufficiency to take care of yourself. We have to start with changing the mindset, and give a sense of pride that they can do something. We have to be careful with judging, because it's by the grace of God we are not in that situation ourselves. Some families had jobs, but both parents got laid off, they saved money, but spent it all as they were jobless, and then became homeless. Lots of housing options in Dallas metroplex, but many are only for single people. So single families, single father or mother or entire household can be eligible to come into interfaith and receive help. If you have children, childcare can be very expensive. We help provide free childcare or help apply for CCMS.

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Substance Abuse	Joy in Our Town #706	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	7/07/2014 7/08/2014 7/11/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Anika Cooper, with Simply Grace. We offer a recovery residence: sober living home where women coming out of drug rehab program can learn to live without the use of drugs and learn life skills, in a place where there can be no using alcohol or drugs, and we help them get back into society. Sober living: when you get out of drug rehab, all you've known is having a substance to just live on a daily basis, so at sober living they're held accountable, and we do random drug tests and alcohol breathalyzers. They learn how to write resumes, how to look for jobs, go to meetings and find a sponsor. They learn to love themselves and to not have to use drugs anymore, and empower them to find their purpose. They have a curfew, and don't need to be out at all hours of the night. Have chores-living in clean community and taking care of the space you're in, and being part of a team and helping others. Must attend 12 step meetings and have sponsors, get and keep a job. Some people don't know how to clean up and do those things - they've been out of life for so long. We have a master social worker that meets with them an hour each week. We have a lot of support from the community. Different orgs help with the life skills. A manager actually lives there and helps keep the women accountable. All the women hold all the other women accountable. Support is the most important thing. Have morning meditations. How to tell someone is addicted: Normal habits are changing, they are sleeping more, or acting intoxicated (from simple prescription drugs such as Vicodin). If they have children and are no longer as involved, and they miss lots of commitments, go missing for a long time, and lying (big one). They are trying to figure out how to get the next prescription. They got it legally after a surgery, but it took over their life because it makes them feel so good. Please be careful and watch your loved ones and don't be afraid to speak up for yourself or your loved ones. She lets doctors know immediately she is a recovering addict (20 years) but it's still in her that one could trigger and lead to more. If you can't get your loved one to get help because they refuse, get help yourself. Talk to someone who has been through the same thing. Pray that they get help, and do not enable, and you may possibly stop the cycle and they may follow along. It's a family disease. The whole family needs to get help.

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Substance Abuse	Joy in Our Town #710	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	8/4/2014 8/5/2014 8/8/2014 8/9/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM 3:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Dawn Granger, Miracle House. 501c3 - We assist women with substance abuse disorders, and provide life skills for reentry back into society. Healthy living atmosphere, non-judgmental, loving environment, peer support. Employment programs also. An addict may have low self-esteem and may be shunned by society. We get them back on the right track. We build it back up with baby steps (work on recovery and stay sober). Substance abuse is a terrible disease. We remind ourselves and them that "you can do this". It becomes a new way of life. Triggers: the smallest of things can be an excuse to go back to that drug of choice. So we can help them recognize the triggers and get through the moment. Sometimes the disease is about feelings and getting through that feeling. Systems can be used (call someone, say a prayer, other coping skills). How drug abuse affects the community as a whole: high crime, interactions of drug sales or deals happening by schools. We try to be the best house on the block by picking up trash, being productive citizens in and out of the homes. The house: morning meditation at 8am, by 9 if not employed are out on active job search, home chores, can process at the end of the day. Have schedule to maintain, have dinner together, in a nice home environment with peer support. We have them volunteer in the community - 10 hours a week while on active job search. Helper therapy principle: helps them as they help others. That builds self-esteem and puts it at a level where they feel they can go back into society and feel they can conquer any situation. Substance abuse signs to look for: many times the addict doesn't see it: loss of job, kicked out of house, not showing up for family, borrowing money, isolation, pupils dilated. And sometimes people die from this disease.

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Substance Abuse	Joy in Our Town #714	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	9/5/2014 9/6/2014	12:00PM 3:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Stacey Davis, The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Been around for over 68 years. Started off working in addressing alcoholism, but over time it's not just that, but there are many other drugs that youth are involved in and citizens are - marijuana, underage drinking, gateway drugs like tobacco, and prescription drug abuse has been on the rise recently. The access to prescription drugs is more prevalent - everyone goes to dentist or doctor and keep medicines in medicine cabinet. But these are not properly disposed of and youth can access them. The council has several community groups and coalitions that come together and do events. Drug take back - Sept 26 - anyone can bring unused prescription drugs and properly dispose of them. We partner with agencies and law enforcement so they are properly disposed of. Many stories on news about synthetic drugs with different names - K2 or Spice, Black Mamba - synthetic marijuana - herb substance made by people who spray on THC (main component on marijuana) on these plant-like substances. This mimics marijuana, but it's more potent because other ingredients are added. It's also highly addictive and dangerous. Suggests for parents to have that conversation with your child about drugs - what are you hearing at school? We also have access to parenting classes and training on how to talk to your kids about alcohol and drugs. We have youth prevention programs and do activities with kids as early as 7 years old. Youth program: we are in several school districts in metroplex. Evidence-based curriculum is very interactive and age appropriate. We talk about them making healthy choices. We give them education about the dangers of drugs and alcohol in a fun way (games, skits, role-play). The key is to educate the community so they can educate each other. Parents: we do health fairs, parenting groups, PTA meetings, mental health issues, etc. Parents can just call us and tell us they are interested in a presenter in small group setting and we would specifically tailor it to that group. We can bring data about school districts, what's prevalent, and always have Q&A sessions. We have many programs and definitely help. Parents can boil it down to "is that a healthy choice?" for little kids that don't need all the details. Also have the Alliance of Underage Drinking - services youth and young adults. Annual event-invite 11 and 12 graders in high school who will sign a pledge to be drug and alcohol free on prom night. In turn, they can be leaders, and we give them education classes, and free prom dress or tuxedo. Very popular and lots of positive feedback. We also have speakers who come and share their own experiences and it's inspiring to the youth.

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Substance Abuse	Joy in Our Town #715	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	9/8/2014 9/9/2014 9/11/2014 9/13/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 11:00AM 3:00AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Becca Crowell Executive Director, Nexus Recovery Center. Founded in 1971 by women in the AA community who realized there was no safe place just for women. Most treatment centers were male dominated. This allows us to develop programs just for women's needs in recovery. We've worked hard to overcome barriers. Money isn't a barrier at Nexus. We have all kinds of funding to serve women in need or low-income or no insurance. We want to be the right place for women addicted to drugs or alcohol and are ready to make a change. Age doesn't matter. Have program for teenage girls and adult women, and women who are pregnant or have children. Biggest factor is the client's motivation. They have to be serious and be ready to do things differently and make some changes. There is a lot of structure and support in treatment, but also a lot of demands. Where they live, who they hang out with, where they get their support, how they parent their children all changes. This can be very scary. Denial is hallmark of addiction and have gotten used to the way they are living and don't realize how out of whack it is. We provide a lot of structure. Then they come into the residential treatment, there is sometimes a digging in of heels, but if what you were doing worked you wouldn't be here, so stay open. There is also a lot of peer support and role modeling. The real focus of drug treatment is how you think, work, and interact with kids and peers, structure in your life, etc. Because there is only so much treatment you can do. It's really a life change. Coping skills: therapy (root cause of unhappiness or trauma or underlying drug use). What pain and where did it come from? Group and individual therapy, skill building (what are other ways you can handle these emotions?) We try to have fun, too. Our campus was a Bible college in the 60's so it feels like a college campus, and we have childcare on site and fun activities. Important interaction with others in the same position. 125 beds for primary clients plus their accompanying children. We are able to point them in the right direction for resources they need for the next step of self-support. We have school buses to take their kids to school. Our focus is helping them get a solid recovery in place so they can take advantage of next step resources. Addiction is lifelong, but recoveries can be lifelong as well. It's a hopeful message. We encourage them to join a church, AA, any kind of surrounding of others in recovery, because we can't do it all by ourselves. We contact the clients two months after their last level of care with us. We make sure they have a permanent place to live, statistical data can be gathered this way. We encourage the client to stay connected to Nexus for as long as it's beneficial to them.

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Transportation	Joy in Our Town #708	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	7/21/2014 7/22/2014 7/25/2014 7/26/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM 3:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Karla Weaver, NCTCOG. The Cog is a regional planning agency with plan Mobility 2035. 12 counties in the planning area, planning aviation, bike trails, etc. Our planning area is the size of the state of Connecticut. Under our sustainable development program is a web of 1700 miles of bike trails planned for the metroplex. We take city and county plans put them in one place and make them talk to each other. We call it the spaghetti bowl of terminology because often we don't use the same terms (trail, greenway, etc.). Current project: Fort Worth, Arlington, Dallas, Grand Prairie, and Irving. 64 miles if you wanted to bike from one side of the metroplex to the other. These trails connect to the TRE and other Light Rail stations. Over 30 miles already exist. Have applied for federal grant, and all cities have put money on the table. These are places that businesses want to locate. Dallas to Denton and Dallas to Plano are in the works, since we already have Fort Worth to Dallas. A lot of analysis goes into Heat Maps (crash data in our region -fatalities, and bike crashes). What causes those, what areas are more prone to them? Special treatments can be placed in these places. Community input and lighting are also important. We have an educational safety program, we coordinate with TXDOT and will partner with the DMV. Grant received \$700,000 to do education and training (media, bus wraps, websites, schools, and drivers). Will be developing that in the fall. We now have 74 train stations, and we have the largest light rail in the country. We have DART, DCTA, and The T. Orange line will be opening up to the airport, which is huge. We work with cities (120 million) given to support private development (street lights, bike racks, etc.). If you can give people alternatives to their cars, you can encourage development. You can get on Dart to go to Fair Park for state fair, or AA center. DCTA is helping UNT students get around the metroplex. DART will help you create schedules and you can call people to help you understand if you're using it right. Many companies working on rideshare programs, and provide dedicated rides back if need to stay late or leave early.

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Transportation	Joy in Our Town #709	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	7/28/2014 7/29/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Michelle Releford, TXDOT. 1000 people are moving to Texas every day. Major corporations are moving here and bringing their employees with them. Our roadways are showing their wear and tear. With this comes a lot of construction. Check out Drive Texas.org for seven days in advance of lane closures and other construction changes to plan your trip. There are a lot of projects -KeepItMovingTexas. Website to find out what's happening in your area. Can call our office, we reach out to the public via media and HOAs so people can know what's going on in their areas. We also have a state-wide Facebook page and Twitter handle that we tell people what's going on in immediate situations such a bad wreck. Most major roads in the area were all built in the 50s and 60s so they are all needing to be updated at the same time, so there is indeed a lot of construction going on. We inspect bridges every two years on a regular basis, they are super reinforced, they are built for redundancy, so if one system fails, another one is there to keep it safe. Your bridge is safe unless there are cones blocking it off. Goals: try to control congestion as much possible, but safety is our first priority. Construction can cause congestion, congestion can be a contributor to an accident. Construction zones are marked with orange signs. Pay attention in these zones. Picking up cell phones is crazy, just like when you can't use it in school zones. It's very distracting, and there are already enough distractions in these zones. In general you want to slow down in construction zones. Biggest complaints: when we take a lane down and the taper is there and signs have told you the lane is closing. Don't be the last person to get over because you make everyone mad and you back up traffic. In an emergency call 911, pull over, put flashers on. Always stay in the car. You are much safer in the vehicle with your seatbelt on than outside the car. Get out toward the median, do not get out of your car in a traffic lane. Just coast as far as possible to get out of harm's way. The summer is full of anti-drinking campaigns, Talk-Text-Crash. We give talks at festivals and other public events. We are trying to influence driver behavior. The message right now is to put down the phone. Weather issues: Ice storms: have a game plan ready beforehand, talk to supervisor, school, babysitter, etc. If not an emergency, stay home and that leaves space for emergency vehicles who do need to be out there. If you can't tell how deep that water is, don't drive into it.

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Transportation	Joy in Our Town #717	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	9/22/2014 9/23/2014 9/26/2014	10:30AM 4:30AM 12:00PM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Cheri intros Phil Cobb, co-founder MATA. Had quite elaborate street car system in the late 1800's up to 1956 when the last Dallas street car ran. Went dormant for over 35 years. In 1979, we got money to peel back the street of McKinney Avenue and uncovered the trolley tracks that were left intact. So we just brought it back. It grew from one car to a four car fleet in 1989. Average car is 75-80 years old. Each car has four story boards inside the car to see the history of each car. We will be five car fleet maybe this weekend. 3 of 5 cars were original cars that ran the streets of Dallas. One was a car I went to get in Portugal, and other is from Australia. Car Rosie holds 22 passengers. Only one not air conditioned. Matilda is biggest car and seats about 60 people. We used to charge for trips for about 10 years, and our ridership was around 45,000 riders a year. About 8 years ago, DART became a major funder, as well as Uptown and Downtown Dallas Inc. They required them to be free, and ridership shot up to 250,000 range. Increases by double digits every year. Last year 433,000 riders, and that included being shut down for two months during track work on an extension. This year we expect to carry about 500,000 riders. We have a printed schedule and close to a dart station in uptown area, about 50% of people during the week are using us to get to and from work, and not just as a tourist attraction. Opening of Klyde Warren Deck Park also increased ridership because we stop at the southern point. On weekend our ridership has gone up 42% since they opened the park. We run north-south and McKinney Avenue is the spine that goes through the center of uptown. We go through West Village, connected to underground DART station, and wind around West Village. Then a left on St. Paul (one-way street) with a dedicated curb lane that can take us to downtown. We are double-ended cars, so we don't have to turn around. About to change at the end of this year dramatically. One mile loop addition that will continue on St. Paul, into downtown, by large Baptist church, then to Olive Street to rail line that's already built there and right through the middle of Klyde Warren Deck Park. The deck park doesn't have much parking, so park in the uptown area and hop in the trolley. Operate 7 days a week, weekdays at 7 am and Sat-Sun 10 am. We go to midnight on the weekends with two cars, other days we stop at 10pm. We operate on Christmas, New Year's, etc. We have many volunteers, and during weekends, most operators are volunteers who are doctors and airline pilots and more. What's different about uptown? Character. Like the trolley.

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Transportation	Joy in Our Town #718	29:30	14:00	LOCAL	PA/0	9/29/2014	10:30AM

Our host Cheri Duckworth introduces our guest today, Morgan Lyons, DART rep. 150,000 people a year move to DFW. 4th largest metro area in US. These people come but don't bring highways and transit systems with them. So the DART can help with expanded service. Airport station is now opened. DFW airport connects us to the world. It's the third busiest airport in the world. It's a major hub. Now you can connect to the airport without the hassle of parking. About 60,000 jobs in and around DFW airport. Can now live wherever you want and have easy access to a good job. More and more people are doing quick day trips for work across the US. Skip a cab or rental car, and in 40 minutes you're in downtown Dallas. Common around the world, but LAX doesn't have rail connection. Dulles is working on one. So this helps DFW be more competitive as an airport. They are always looking to expand. Continuing to upgrade our fleet. Always maintaining AC system, have on board cameras for safety and security of drivers and passengers. We use natural gas so they run cleaner. Continue to evaluate bus service and rail service interconnections. Talks about south Dallas planned rail in the long-term future, but pretty much built up at this point. Mobile ticketing application just developed. Go Pass - first multi modal, multi agency ticket app available with DCTA, and TRE, and DART. Can buy up to 60 days in advance. Activate it when you are ready to get on the train. Technology makes it more convenient and inviting to use our service.

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Transportation	700 Club NewsWatch #07112014	1:00:00	5:00	REC	PA/0/E	7/11/2014	2:00PM

CBN News Reporter Caitlin Burke Reports: In major cities across the country, a popular alternative to the traditional taxicab is on the move. It's called Uber. The fast-growing technology company connects passengers to drivers through a smartphone app. It's typically cheaper and more convenient than a taxi, and sends cars directly to the customer. Uber currently operates in 128 cities worldwide and its value stands at \$17 billion. But as Uber grows, legal challenges are expanding with it. But Taxicab companies argue it's Uber that needs to adapt. Robert Werth, president of the National Taxicab Association, said if Uber wants to operate in a specific state it needs to follow the established law. Still, despite court orders, injunctions and even impounded cars, Uber continues to operate supported by consumers who are happy to have the freedom of choice. The power of public opinion is forcing regulators to look seriously at the law and forcing taxicab companies to compete for customers. Cab companies say they're aware that technology is changing the game, and they're working to change with it. In the end, it's likely that some laws will be adjusted, and Uber will work with the cities it operates in. But for now, the battle continues.