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Let's Get This House Party Started

The holiday decorations are officially packed away, but the good vibes for 2026 are definitely here! Now that the tinsel dust has settled, January feels like the perfect time to just enjoy the cozy comfort of home.

Did you make any resolutions about finally getting a dedicated craft space, or maybe just dreaming of a different view? Whatever your plans, I'm wishing you a year full of happiness, great moments, and maybe a little home improvement project or two.

Enjoy the slow pace of the new year!

REAL ESTATE IN THE NEWS



Why So Many People Are Thankful They Bought A Home *This* Year

Homebuyers are weighing their options right now, and they certainly have a lot on their minds. But here's what many recent buyers would tell you: even with all that, making a move is worth it. Life doesn't wait for better market conditions. So, your decision shouldn't be about trying to time the market perfectly...

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Dallas County Happenings



Knox Street Announces Impressive Lineup of New Retailers Coming in 2026

Knox Street announced that they will welcome four coveted retail tenants — DÔEN, STAUD, TOTEME, and TWP — to their mixed-use development that is anchored by the highly-anticipated The Knox Hotel and Residences, Auberge Collection. The development will feature more than 100,000 SF of restaurant and retail space.

Courtesy of Paper City

Dallas City Council Approves Zoning Request, Opening the Way to the First H-E-B store in the City Limits

Dallas is one step closer to having an H-E-B of its own, as the Dallas City Council overwhelmingly approved a zoning request in December. H-E-B has a number of stores in the metroplex, but this would be the first one in Dallas itself.

Courtesy of WFAA

Collin County Happenings



10 Major Projects And Events Defining North Texas In 2026

From billion-dollar developments to world-class events, 2026 is shaping up to be one of the region's biggest years yet. Frisco, McKinney, Plano and beyond have major projects underway, such as the new Universal Kids Resort, the Sunset Amphitheater, 2026 FIFA World Cup, and The McKinney Airport Commercial Terminal.

Courtesy of Local Profile

Celina Sets Sights On Tourism And Economic Growth

The Celina Economic Development Corporation is taking a major step in promoting the city's profile by officially joining Destinations Texas, an organization focused on supporting and educating destination marketing organizations. Through this membership, Celina aims to strengthen tourism, provide new opportunities for local businesses, and position the city as a standout destination in North Texas.

Courtesy of Local Profile

Tarrant County Happenings



The Most Anticipated New Fort Worth Restaurants Opening In 2026

2025 saw no shortage of buzzy new Fort Worth restaurant openings, and 2026 promises to be another standout year for Cowtown's dining scene. From a chef-driven Vietnamese spot to an upscale Mexican restaurant opening downtown, these are the Most Anticipated New Fort Worth Restaurants Opening In 2026.

Courtesy of Paper City

Hope Farm Launches \$4M Push to Expand North Texas Job Training, Add School

Hope Farm runs afterschool programs in Fort Worth and Dallas with the goal of breaking generational cycles of poverty and setting up local boys for future success. Hope Farm raised over \$4M in a fundraising campaign and plan to use that money to establish a new elementary school as well as a new vocational training center.

Courtesy of Fort Worth Report

Denton County Happenings



UNT and TWU Launch Ambitious Centers to Redefine Workforce Readiness in 2026

The University of North Texas and Texas Women's University have each launched their own programs to help students prepare for post-graduate work. For UNT, that's the Texas Talent Accelerator and for TWU, it's the Center for Leadership Research and Workforce Development. Both projects aim to collaborate with employers to identify what they need in workers and implement those findings into course curriculums.

Courtesy of Denton Record-Chronicle

Denton-Based US Aviation Lands \$835M Contract to Train Air Force Officers

US Aviation, a flight training and aircraft maintenance instruction company based in Denton, has landed an \$835 million contract to train Air Force flight officers over the next decade. The aviation company expects to invest more money in the community to benefit the contract in 2026.

Courtesy of Denton Record-Chronicle

LIFESTYLE TIPS AND TRICKS



How To Stretch Your Options, Not Your Budget

One of the biggest homebuying advantages you can give yourself today is surprisingly simple: a flexible wish list.

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Most Popular Housing Styles of 2025

Pantone 2026 Color of the Year

The world's leading color authority, Pantone, just announced that its 2026 Color of the Year is 11-4201 Cloud Dancer.

The results are in. These are most searched home styles of 2025 — and we're breaking down what makes each one so popular.

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People have plenty to say about a white — any white — being the new year's crowning color!

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