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Northeast area city leaders talk about the state of their communities.

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TROPHY CLUB — -- Five area mayors and one mayor pro tem spoke at the annual State of the Communities Address at a luncheon in Trophy Club on Oct. 7, using graphics, lots of facts and statistics, and even humor to get their messages across.

The speakers provided an update on the growth of their communities at the event sponsored by the Northwest Metroport Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking at the Trophy Club Country Club were Haslet Mayor Bob Golden; Northlake Mayor Peter Dewing; Westlake Mayor Laura Wheat; Justin Mayor Greg Scott; Trophy Club Mayor Nick Sanders and Roanoke Mayor Pro Tem Holly Gray-McPherson, standing in for Mayor Scooter Gierisch, who was out of town.

All were given seven minutes to speak.

Highlights of the annual event included a presentation by Wheat, who delivered her update as a poem.

She said, in part: "Once again the time has flown since I last before you stood to share the past year's happenings, almost all of which were good. So much has occurred in these last 12 months, but I've been given so little time. Thus, I can only hit the highlights in this — my annual rhyme."

She lauded recognition bestowed on Westlake Academy and its national rankings.

"And because at Westlake Academy, we had clearly outgrown our space, this year, three new buildings were quickly put in place," Wheat said. "The multipurpose hall and secondary school were the first two of the three. They were followed by the fieldhouse, named for Sam and Margaret Lee.

"Now in our 11th year, things are going fine. In June, we graduated 53 —one of whom was mine."

Sanders' presentation addressed how in August 1976 the Trophy Club area had only four families. The first residential development was in 1975.

In his Trophy Club "Then and Now" presentation, Sanders said the town had grown to 11,916 residents.

Sanders noted that Trophy Club, which was incorporated Jan. 19, 1985, will turn 30 next year. He invited everyone to help plan the celebration festivities.

He said that Trophy Club is "a great place to call home," and noted that the town's recognitions include being ranked third-healthiest community in North Texas and seventh best suburb in North Texas.

Haslet Mayor Golden said his city has more than 8,000 library cards issued.

Gray-McPherson talked about several construction projects underway. Among them is Highlands Glenn, Briarwick Addition and Fairway Ranch.

"The average new home value is \$335,000," she said.

She spoke about plans for a 20,000-square-foot skate park — slated to open in December — and for a 53,000-square-foot Cinemark, which will feature 14 screens — slated to open in the spring.

Appointed as The Unique Dining Capital of Texas by the Texas House of Representatives in 2009, Roanoke dining experiences include Babe's Chicken Dinner House, Classic Café and Twisted Root Burger Co.

Building upon the city's dining trademark, Gray-McPherson talked of upcoming businesses, including Popeye's, Panda Express and Krispy Kreme, the latter one drawing whoops of pleasure.

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