

News & Events

Schedule for trash, recycling reverted

As of Jan. 11, **Republic Waste Services** resumed its original collection schedule in which residential trash is collected in the mornings and recycling in the afternoon. Republic had been running collection trucks in the opposite order since Dec. 30 as part of logistical changes necessary to account for a fire which shut down its recycling facility last month. Click [here](#) for more or call 972-624-3131.

Roberts Drive update

Roberts Drive between Blair Oaks and John Yates drives was recently reconstructed as part of the city's **Phase V Street Reconstruction Project**. The contractor has begun follow-up work expected to last approximately two weeks. Residents are asked not to park out front on the street while this work continues so the roadway does not become blocked, preventing thru-traffic or emergency vehicle access.

Monthly closures announced for 2017

The monthly closure schedule for the Customer Service counters at City Hall and the Municipal Court is available online [here](#).

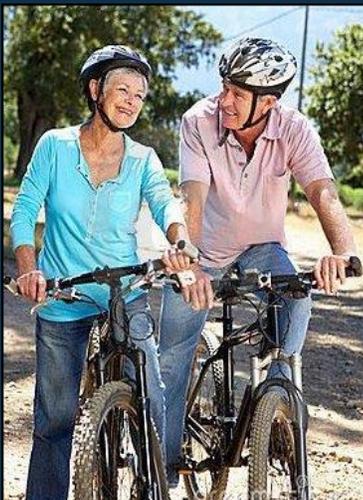
Happy anniversary!



City Council, city staff, and residents celebrated 40 "groovy" years in The Colony during a reception at City Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and a video looking back at the [city's history](#) as well as news and culture from the late 70s. The Colony was officially incorporated on Jan. 24, 1977. Click [here](#) for more photos. Pictured at right are City Councilmen **Brian Wade, Richard Boyer, Mayor Joe McCourry, David Terre, and Perry Schrag.**



Introducing the Fun Time Bike Riders



The Colony Community Center hosted an introductory meeting for the **Fun Time Bike Riders** earlier this month. The new social riding group is for ages 50-plus. Members share information about safe places to ride in The Colony and go on short, leisurely rides together. Both new and experienced riders are encouraged to take part.

The group will be gathering for rides at 9 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Community Center, 5151 North Colony Blvd. The first one will be Feb. 14. A **bike check and practice ride is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21**. For more info, call the Community Center at 972-624-2246.

A morning with McCourry



The Colony Mayor **Joe McCourry** spoke to the crowd at **The Colony Chamber of Commerce**

Breakfast & Business event hosted by **Hard Eight Barbecue** on Jan. 4. McCourry talked about FM 423 construction and economic development while also taking questions from the audience.

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- **recognized Parks and Recreation volunteers** Todd Benston, Kathy Braby, Kevin Braby, Billie Hill, Dave Hicinbothem, Don Beckel, Tom Tvardzik and Pete Ornelas for their contributions to the city's annual Christmas Spectacular Light Show;

- tabled discussion, vote on proposed amendment to the city's zoning ordinance regarding the **definition of "single family;"**

- approved an ordinance amending Planned Development 14 to allow for "**Automobile Garage (Inside)**" land use at 4173 Main St., west side of Main between Cougar Alley and Memorial;

- approved a zoning change allowing an **upscale townhouse development** at Westport Drive and Main Street; and,

- approved changes to the city's **Building Use Policy** to allow alcohol use in certain city facilities (excluding the Recreation Center). Use would require a \$200 security deposit and be allowed by event permit only.

Click [here](#) for the City Council agenda archives and meeting minutes on the city's website.

TCPD contracts for false alarm services

After a thorough evaluation, the City of The Colony has awarded an alarm management contract to **PM AM Corp.**, a national false alarm reduction and billing management service provider. Previously, The Colony's **alarm program** was operated internally by the Police Department and its staff.

By shifting the administrative responsibility to PM AM Corp., **Chief David Coulon** is confident the city can realize a greater reduction in the number of false alarms calls, increase cost recovery monies, identify the real number of alarm systems within the city, and regain the 20 administrative hours currently being spent managing the program. Click [here](#) for more info.



Main Street Widening Update

Current closures associated with the **Main Street Widening Project** includes:

- alternate lane closures in the **various lanes of northbound and southbound FM 423** from Stewarts Creek Road to State Highway 121 for restriping and traffic switches (Jan. 3-27); and;
- **full closure of Hetherington Drive** at the intersection with northbound FM 423 for paving work (Jan. 23-27).

For the latest information on the **Main Street Widening Project**, keep checking back to our **Construction Updates** page. As always, please observe construction signage and be safe on the roads, *especially in terms of your speed.*



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