

## News & Events

### **New order for trash, recycling collection**

A recent fire at the **Republic Waste Services** recycling facility in Plano has impacted its collection schedule for clients throughout the D-FW area. In The Colony, Republic will now be collecting recycling in the morning and then trash in the afternoon. Previously, the order was reversed. The change is necessary to allow Republic's trucks more time to empty loads at a recycling facility in Fort Worth. Click [here](#) for more or call 972-624-3131.

### **MLK Day closures**

City offices, facilities, and the library will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, for **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**. The library will be closed Jan. 14-16. Trash and recycling service will NOT be impacted.

### **Polar Open Disc Golf tourney next week**

The **Colony Parks and Recreation Department** kicks off the New Year by once again hosting the PDGA-sanctioned **Polar Open Disc Golf Tournament** Saturday, Jan. 14, at Bill Allen Memorial Park, 5900 Carroll Drive. The two-round singles tournament will run from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more, call 972-625-1106.

## **New year, still growing!**



Every time you look, there's fresh dirt turning at **Grandscape** as the development further takes shape. **Above**, work continues on the boardwalk surrounding the water feature at the northeast end along the 121 frontage road. The adjacent girders, **below left**, are where **Lava Cantina** is going up. Elsewhere, the large clearing east of the Destination Drive/Plano Parkway intersection, **below right**, is where the **Truck Yard** and **Quincy's Chicken Shack** will be located. The City Council approved development plans for those restaurants last month.



## **City launches upgrades to video services**

With the start of the New Year, the City of The Colony is proud to announce new features within its live and streaming video service for **City Council**, **Planning & Zoning**, and **Community Development Corp. board** meetings. The city has long streamed and **broadcast live** on television the meetings of those governing bodies but the end-user interface was limited, especially online. Now the meetings can be viewed live or in an archive by any browser, iPad or iPhone through the city's website.

As part of the 2016-17 FY budget, the city partnered with Granicus to add features and streamline the recording process of those meetings. The result has been not only to broaden the interface options but also to decrease the turnaround time for making archived recordings available to the public and the media. In addition, recordings for City Council meetings now include a new feature that **integrates the meeting agenda with the video**, enabling viewers to click through to specific agenda items. Click [here](#) for more details.

# Rain, roads, and erosion

While “engineering” may spring to mind images of schematics and complex mathematics, the bottom line is about ensuring safety and quality-control standards are met throughout the community. Put aside a few minutes today to absorb this [in-depth story](#) on the many responsibilities of your city’s **Engineering Department**.



## Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- announced a **City Council meet-and-greet event** with light refreshments celebrating the city’s **40th anniversary** at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at City Hall, 6800 Main St., just prior to the start of that night’s regular city council meeting. The public is invited to attend and come dressed in 1970s attire. The Colony was officially incorporated on Jan. 24, 1977. Click [here](#) for more on the city’s history;

- appointed Ted Qualls to fill a vacancy on the **Board of Adjustments**;

- appointed Maggie Heermans to fill a vacancy in Place 3 on the **Library Advisory Board**; and,

- approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a change order in the amount of \$69,000 under the Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to account for additional water and sewer relocation work discovered during construction of the **Main Street Widening Project**.

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

## Annual Christmas tree recycling underway

Residents wishing to recycle their Christmas trees may do so now through Friday, Jan. 13. The tree recycling site is at the south end of the Public Services parking lot off of East Lake Highlands Drive, across from the Animal Shelter. Signs will be posted directing residents to the site.

**Trees must have all lights, ornaments, tinsel and bases removed. No artificial or flocked trees.**

Mulch will be available after March 1 on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional mulch will be available during the spring and summer months as well. Please bring your own containers. For more information, please call the Environmental Services Department at 972-624-3131

## 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 Carr Street** at the intersection with FM 423 for excavation, utility work, and restoration of the roadway.

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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