

News & Events

TxDOT lowers speed limit on Main Street

In an effort to increase safety for both drivers and construction workers, the Texas Department of Transportation has lowered the speed limit on Main Street from 45 mph to 35 mph. Please drive with caution in construction zones and put down cell phones. For more information, call the Government Relations Department at 972-624-3108.

Tree recycling through Jan. 17

Residents wishing to recycle their Christmas trees may do so now through Jan. 17. 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. Mulch will be available after Jan. 25 on a first-come, first-served basis until gone. Please bring your own containers. Click [here](#) for more information or call the Environmental Services Department at 972-624-3131.

MLK Day closures

City offices, facilities, and the library will be closed Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The library will be closed Jan. 16-18.

Open-carry forum Saturday

Residents and businesses of The Colony are invited to attend and participate in an open forum at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, to discuss the implementation of House Bill 910 – Texas Open Carry Handgun License.

Representatives from [The Colony Police Department](#) will discuss when to call the police, where weapons are still prohibited and what signage businesses need to post if they desire to have their business gun-free. For businesses, the department will provide an example of the signs for duplication.

The forum will also provide an opportunity for attendees to voice their concerns and ask questions of [Police Chief David Coulon](#) and the Police Department staff. The meeting will be held in The Colony Municipal Courtroom at TCPD Headquarters, 5151 North Colony Blvd.

For more information on the forum or the [new law](#), please contact [Sgt. Jay Goodson](#) at 972-625-8273.



New firefighters learn 'The Colony Way'



Welcome aboard! [The Colony Fire Department](#) recently hired seven new candidate firefighters. In December, the new recruits completed a 40-hour in-service fire academy comprised of four 10-hour days. During this time they expanded on their training by working closely with veteran TCFD firefighters to learn "The Colony Way" on engine operation, truck operation, and general overall operations within the department. Click [here](#) for more photos.



Resolve to stay informed in 2016!

The Colony City Manager's Office and Communications Department make every effort to ensure residents in the community are kept abreast of important news and information. In addition to our website and email subscriptions, we encourage everyone to follow us on our social media accounts for the latest happenings in your city. **Click the buttons** on the right to **get connected**, and be sure to encourage your friends to do the same!



Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- approved an ordinance requiring those engaged in construction, expansion, reconstruction, removal, excavation or other work to bury cables and wires in public rights-of-way within 10 days of completing the work;

- instructed city staff to proceed with drafting a lease agreement for Metro Relief to utilize a plot of land on the back side of The Colony Government Center for a Community Garden Project;

- received presentation from city staff regarding proposed ordinance that would prohibit use of mobile devices by drivers within construction or work maintenance zones. Enforcement would require appropriate signage, much like school zones. Proposed fine amount of \$200. The purpose is to improve traffic flow, decrease accidents, and promote safe and attentive driving. City staff will proceed with drafting an ordinance for review by the City Council at a future meeting;

- approved an ordinance establishing standards for demolition of swimming pools and hot tubs; and,
- approved a development plan for Austin Waters Amenity Center in the Austin Waters subdivision on Barton Creek Boulevard.

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



Keeper of the Seal

The Colony City Secretary does a lot more than take notes at meetings. Check out the latest feature on our departmental blog to find out more about the many responsibilities of the City Secretary's Office.

Polar Open Jan. 23

The Colony Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a PDGA-sanctioned disc golf tournament on Saturday, Jan. 23, at Bill Allen Memorial Park. Reserve your spot today! For more information, please call 972-625-1106 or email Special Events Coordinator Lindsey Stansell.



Main Street Widening Update

Current roadwork associated with the Main Street Widening Project:

- alternate lane closures in the various lanes of north- and southbound FM 423 from Stewarts Creek Road to SH121 for restriping and traffic switch (Jan. 4-29).

For the latest information, keep checking back to our Construction Updates page. We will update that page as the project continues and information is provided. As always, please observe construction signage and be safe on the roads, *especially in terms of your speed*. Please be patient and maintain a safe distance and speed in construction zones.



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