

News & Events

Denco Area 9-1-1 introduces texting

The **Denco Area 9-1-1 District** has implemented text-to-911 service for all of Denton County and the City of Carrollton. Wireless customers whose providers have implemented the technology can now send a text (up to 140 characters) to 9-1-1 in an emergency. Text to 9-1-1 should only be used in an emergency situation and only when placing a voice call is not possible. Click [here](#) for more info.

Early voting for Nov. 8 Election

Early voting by personal appearance in The Colony is set for **Oct. 24 to Nov. 4 at the City of The Colony Annex, 6804 Main St.** Click [here](#) for polling hours and additional early voting locations in Denton County.

Make a Difference Day this weekend

Join thousands of volunteers from around the country working to improve their communities during **Make a Difference Day**, Saturday, Oct. 22. Local volunteers will meet at **8 a.m. at Lions Club Park**, 4800 Nash Drive, and work on various projects around the city. Click [here](#) to sign up or call 972-624-3142 for more information.

We've gone to the dogs!



On Oct. 8, The Colony City Council and Community Development Corp. board of directors officially opened **Pawsome Playground Dog Park** with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Above, Mayor Joe McCourry and CDC board president Steve Sohn cut the ribbon, flanked by Council members Perry Schrag, Joel Marks, Richard Boyer, Kirk Mikulec, and David Terre. CDC board members Kathy Braby, Don Beckel, and Dan Mahle, as well as Community Services Director Pam Nelson, also took part in the ceremony. The dog park is at 4800 East Lake Highlands Drive. It is open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily (closed 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays for maintenance). Click [here](#) for more photos.



Save the Date: American Heroes Nov. 5



Tanya Tucker headlines annual festival and fireworks event

The City of The Colony and American Legion Post 21 are once again proud to celebrate and honor all the men and women who are currently serving or have served our country in the Armed Forces during this all-day signature festival and fireworks event,

American Heroes: A Salute to Veterans. The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive.

Activities include a fun run/walk at Stewart Creek Park in the morning, car/bike/truck show, a carnival, family entertainment, great food, live music featuring Tanya Tucker, silent auction, Heroes Hut for kids, patriotic Veterans ceremonies, an incredible fireworks show, and more!

For more information and specific activity start times, as well as details about parking and how you can participate in ceremonies honoring the servicemen and women in your family, visit www.SaluteAmericanHeroes.com or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

IT staffer helps PD identify suspect

It's not everyday someone from the **IT Department** plays a role in helping justice be served, but that's what happened this past summer during a high-profile investigation by **The Colony Police Department**.

In the aftermath of a shooting that took place on July 23, TCPD Criminal Investigations Division was on the clock working to identify a suspect. In their possession was a DVR with, presumably, surveillance camera footage from the street where the incident occurred. They just couldn't get access to its contents and they had limited time to try. In steps **Colt Wight**, Systems Analyst for the city's IT Department. Click [here](#) for the full story.



Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- approved an agreement with Fidelity Express to **allow water utility customers to pay their bills at Fidelity Express payment locations, including Kroger Stores.** Service will be available at stores within a 30-mile radius. Customer would need to bring bill stub to scan or have their account number and know the amount needed to pay. Cash, check or money order accepted;
- approved purchase of **replacement radio equipment for The Colony Fire Department** in the amount of \$382K; and,
- approved **construction services contract with SYB Construction Co. Inc for Phase VI Residential Streets and Alleys Reconstruction Project.** Phase VI includes Hetherington from Blair Oaks to the cul-de-sac; Dooley from Independence to McAfee; Clover Valley from Blair Oaks to Bartlett; and Ragan from the alley north of North Colony to Ragan Place. Alleys include alley north of Squires, west of Taylor, and alley between Jennings and Roberts from Main Street to Joy. Total cost of the project is \$5.6M.

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

Owl & Howl Prowl Oct. 27 on the Shoreline Trail



Go on a leisurely, guided "Owl & Howl Prowl" from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, on the Shoreline Trail** to look for wildlife and their tracks and signs with Texas Master Naturalist and The Colony resident Donna Cole. Listen and learn how to identify sounds from local nocturnal animals. Click [here](#) for more information or call 972-624-3151.

Main Street Widening Update

As of Oct. 17, the Texas Department of Transportation has **closed South Colony Boulevard at the west side of the intersection with FM 423. This closure will last about 5 and a half weeks.** Officials estimate the roadway will reopen by the Thanksgiving holiday. During this timeframe, access to homes in the neighborhood around this area will be available via **Lake Ridge and Westport drives.** At the conclusion of this particular roadwork, the intersection will be fully completed and east-west traffic at that intersection will be fully opened.



For the latest information about the **Main Street Widening Project**, 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.*



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