

News & Events

Movies in the Park returns this Friday

Bring the whole family to enjoy popcorn and a FREE showing of *The Jungle Book* at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks. The event also features fun games and give-aways. Blankets, chairs and refreshments welcome. Concessions will also be available for purchase. For more, contact Parks & Recreation at 972-625-1106.

Facilities, library closed Columbus Day

City offices, facilities, and the library will be closed Monday, Oct. 10, for the Columbus Day holiday. The library will be closed Oct. 8-10. Trash and recycling will NOT be impacted. The collection schedule will run as normal.

DCPH: Flu season is coming, get your shot

Denton County Public Health (DCPH) officials encourage county residents to get their flu shots. "Because flu is 'seasonal' and we discuss it every year, it's easy to forget the impact," said Dr. Matt Richardson, DCPH Director. "Flu, along with pneumonia diagnosis, is the eighth leading cause of death in the U.S., and we have a vaccine to prevent it." Click [here](#) for more info.

Making a Difference



On Saturday, Oct. 22, the **Keep The Colony Beautiful** board and the City of The Colony will join thousands of volunteers across the nation with a common mission – to improve the lives of others in our community. We invite you to join us and your neighbors in service on **Make A Difference Day**. The Make A Difference Day volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at **Lions Club Park**, 4800 Nash Drive. For more information or to volunteer, click [here](#) or send an email to [Prakash Abraham](#).

City Council approves 2016-17 budget

During its regular meeting on Sept. 20, **The Colony City Council** unanimously approved the city's FY2016-17 Municipal Budget. Click [here](#) to view the approved budget.

The budget includes a **quarter-cent reduction to the tax rate**, bringing the rate down to .6675 cents per \$100 valuation as of Jan. 1, 2016. This is the 13th out of the last 14 years that the City Council has reduced the city's property tax rate. More than \$1 million in tax revenue has been added to the budget next year as a result of new property development in the city this past fiscal year.

The budget also includes over \$20.5 million in funding for numerous capital improvements projects and service upgrades, such as street and alley repairs and emergency services equipment, and \$1.1 million in new personnel, including **six new police officers and six new firefighters**.

Also of note, the budget reflects the fourth of five annual 3-percent **increases to the city's utility rate** necessary to fund ongoing repairs and upgrades to the water and wastewater systems.

Meet the VIPS of TCPD

You may see them driving around town in the old Ford Crown Victoria police cars with the blue lettering "Citizen Patrol" on the side. These local residents are part of the new VIPS program started at **The Colony Police Department** this year. They live here, they play here, and now they volunteer here. VIPS assist the police department with community events, traffic control, neighborhood patrols and non-emergency calls. There are 33 active VIPS currently volunteering within The Colony Police Department.



Chief David Coulon began the program in January 2016, and the first trained volunteers started helping the department in early May. VIPS play a major role in community outreach and public relations programs. They are an extra set of eyes and ears for the officers out on patrol. VIPS do not respond to emergency calls or make traffic stops. Volunteers are subject to a complete background check. Click [here](#) for more information.

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- approved a Specific Use Permit for sale of alcoholic beverages at **MJ Convenience Store**, 4181 Main St., on the northwest corner of Main Street and Memorial;
- approved **zoning change from Shopping Center to Townhouse Dwelling** for 5700 North Colony Blvd., located on the north side of North Colony at the intersection with Morning Star Drive;
- approved **purchase of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)** for the Fire Department. With the new SCBA gear, every firefighter will have integrated thermal imagers (currently there's one imager per company), which will be a first for the state of Texas;
- approved a \$1.287M agreement with Quality Excavation LTD for the **widening of Memorial Drive** from Worley Drive to South Colony; and,
- approved a **service agreement with SPAN Inc.** for FY 2016-17 in the amount of \$113K to provide on-demand transportation and Meals on Wheels service to applicable residents.

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

Pawsome Playground dog park opening Oct. 8



Don't forget! The grand opening of the city's first dog park, Pawsome Playground, is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 8, at the new facility, 4800 East Lake Highlands Drive. Click [here](#) for more info.

Main Street Widening Update

Current roadwork associated with the **Main Street Widening Project**:

- **various business drive ways and arterial roads** on the west side of Main Street between Lake Ridge and Ridgpointe drives will be closed as of Sept. 28 and remain closed approximately 30 days to facilitate pouring of new concrete for nearby reconstructed Main Street lanes; and,
- **alternate lane closures** in the various lanes of north- and southbound FM 423 from Stewarts Creek Road to SH121 for restriping, traffic switch (Oct. 1-31).

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.*



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