

## News & Events

### **City's holiday light show continues daily**

The Colony Christmas Spectacular light show is on display daily from sunset to 10 p.m. at Central Fire Station, across from Perryman Park, now through Jan. 1. The show is choreographed to music so tune your radio to 99.9FM for the full effect! For more information, please contact The Colony Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

### **Christmas closures set for Dec. 24-25**

City offices and facilities will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The library will be closed starting at 5 p.m. Dec. 23 through 10 a.m. Dec. 29.

### **Holiday recycling, trash collection notice**

There will be no trash and recycling collection on Friday, Dec. 25, due to the Christmas holiday. Service will resume and conclude on Saturday, Dec. 26.

### **Utility billing/permit window notice**

The city's Utility Billing/Permitting customer service area and drive-thru will be closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18.

## Student sports scene



Recently, members of **The Colony High School National Art Honor Society** and their instructor Mrs. Morgan, completed a mural on the walls at **The Colony Recreation Center**. Parks and Recreation staff members say they love the new, colorful addition to the facility, and invite the community to stop by and check it out. Thank you, TCHS!

## Drive safe, drive sober: #PlanWhileYouCan

The City of The Colony wishes the community to be aware of the **Texas Department of Transportation's** ongoing "Plan While You Can" campaign, which urges holiday partygoers to plan for a sober ride. The campaign runs through Jan. 1, 2016, and coincides with increased DUI patrols and enforcement on state roads.

According to TxDOT, during last year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2014 - Jan. 1, 2015) there were 2,412 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 190 serious injuries and 110 fatalities – a nearly 8-percent increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities over the previous holiday season.



Both the City and TxDOT strongly encourage everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out by:

- calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone;
- using mass transit;
- asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home; and,
- spending the night at the party or booking a hotel room in advance.

Click [here](#) for more information about TxDOT's "Plan While You Can" campaign.



# Get connected!



One of the most vital functions of any municipality is keeping its residents up to speed regarding important news and information. This electronic newsletter, for example, is just one of the many ways we reach out to **YOU**, our residents of The Colony, so that you may know what's happening in your community. But this newsletter is only published twice a month. To get daily, up-to-date information, follow us on our social media accounts. Click the buttons above or the links that follow to reach our **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **YouTube** pages, as well as our feature-story blog on **WordPress**. Once you've Liked us, don't forget to invite your friends to do the same!

## Bank robbery suspect caught

At 2:05 p.m. Dec. 11, **The Colony Police Department** received a 9-1-1 call of a bank robbery in-progress at Wells Fargo Bank, 4703 State Highway 121. Witnesses provided police with a detailed description of the suspect, the vehicle involved, and a direction of travel. Within minutes, officers in the area located a vehicle and driver in the 5200 block of SH121 that matched the description provided by the witnesses. Officers stopped the vehicle and subsequently arrested the suspect, who was identified as James Edward Hatten, 33. The suspect was positively identified as the bank robbery actor through valuable information provided by witnesses and video surveillance.

## Statewide food establishment regulations updated



The **Texas Department of State Health Services** recently updated its food establishment regulations to conform with the latest FDA food code. A new inspection report will be used by the city's health inspectors starting Jan. 1. Click [here](#) for more info.

## 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 (Dec. 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*. Please be patient and maintain a safe distance and speed in construction zones.

## Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- was introduced to the city's new Information Technology Director, Chris Vasquez, who joins us from the city of Huntsville;
- approved a resolution authorizing an amendment to the Ground and Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless for communications equipment located on the water tower at 5033 Clover Valley; and,
- approved a resolution awarding a bid and authorizing the city manager to issue a \$214,732 purchase order to Schwarze for the purchase of a new Street Sweeper as approved in the 2015-16 Capital Projects budget. The purchase comes in about \$15,000 under budget, and includes a seven-year warranty. This will be the city's main sweeper, with the older sweeper moved into reserve.

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



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