

## News & Events

### Presidents' Day closures Feb. 15

City offices, facilities, and the library will be closed Monday, Feb. 15, for the Presidents' Day holiday. The library will be closed Feb. 13-15. Trash/recycling collection will NOT be impacted.

### Free mulch now available all year

Residents are accustomed to the annual availability of free mulch in January resulting from the city's Christmas-tree recycling program. But with the start of the latest contract with the city's solid waste services provider, free mulch will now be available all year round. Click [here](#) for more information or call 972-624-3131.

### Daddy & Daughter Dance tickets on sale

Tickets remain for the 2016 Daddy & Daughter Dance, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20. Don't procrastinate as this event does sell out! Tickets are \$35 per couple, plus \$10 for each additional child. There are three dances to pick from: 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. This event is recommended for girls ages 3-12. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

## Hot shot crew at work



The city's new 'Hot Shot Crew' works to repair a pothole in the alley off Chowning Circle. Last year, The Colony City Council approved funding for the team as part of the 2015-16 budget. The crew works independently of the city's primary street repair workers, with the goal of providing fast, mobile repairs on potholes and the like throughout the city.

## Active shooter drill set for Feb. 8

The Colony City Hall and Public Library will be closed from noon to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, for in-service training during which city employees will engage in an active-shooter drill conducted by members of The Colony Police Department's Special Response Team.



City Manager Troy Powell said the city is simply being proactive in terms of providing its employees with the tools they need should the unthinkable occur.

"It is certainly not our intent to alarm anyone and we have no indication of any threats but we take the possibility

of such a scenario very seriously," he said. "We want our employees to feel secure in their workplace and for our residents visiting City Hall to know our police officers are prepared for any emergency."

During the closure, on-duty police officers will be stationed around the perimeter of the facility. No vehicular or pedestrian traffic will be allowed in or out of the premises during the simulation.

Also, the Public Works Department will post signage on the adjacent roadways to notify traveling motorists of the police exercise in progress.

Click [here](#) for more information or contact Sgt. Jay Goodson with The Colony Police Department at 972-625-1887.

# What's happening at The Colony Public Library!

Tax season is upon us. Need some help? The library has you covered with **free tax assistance** from AARP volunteers available 4 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday today through April 13 at the library, 6800 Main St. Upcoming children's programs include **STEManiacs** from 4 to 6 p.m. Feb. 10, 17, and 24, and Family **LEGOMania** from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 27. You can find out more about these and many more wonderful programs at the library by visiting [thecolonypl.org](http://thecolonypl.org).



## Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- instructed the City Attorney to draft a proposed citywide ordinance for future consideration by the council prohibiting the use of mobile devices while driving;

- approved a professional services agreement for design and construction of a section of the Park Loop Trail from Squires Street to North Colony Boulevard;

- approved a professional services agreement for development of a Citywide Hike & Bike Trails Master Plan;

- approved an SUP to allow the **Thirsty Growler** brew-pub (5733 SH 121, Ste. 230), to sell alcohol for on- and off-site consumption;

- waived the 2016 lease fees for **Stewart Peninsula Golf Course** so that funds can be diverted to repairs following recent flooding, with the stipulation management provide documentation of repair expenses; and,

- renewed the city's ordinance establishing a **curfew for minors** under the age of 17 as 11 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., midnight Fri.-Sat.

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

## Lifeguard guard classes offered at Aquatic Park



It may be winter, but those who want summer jobs are getting the jump on the calendar right now! There's still time to sign up for **three** upcoming lifeguard classes at **The Colony Aquatic Park** — Feb. 6-7; March 7-8; and April 16-17. Click [here](#) to register or call 972-624-2225.

## 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, traffic switch (Feb. 1-29);
- various lanes of east- and westbound Cougar Alley/Ridgepointe Drive closed at FM 423 for installation of inlet tops (Feb. 1-29); and,
- both westbound entrances from Main Street into the business and shopping centers at the northwest corner of Main Street/FM 423 and SH 121 closed for paving. Motorists may still access the Walmart, Chik-fil-A restaurant, Emelia's Tex-Mex restaurant, etc., via Memorial Drive to the north or the SH 121 frontage road to the south.

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*. Be patient and maintain a safe distance and speed in construction zones.



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