

News & Events

Limited Christmas tree mulch available

Mulch from the city's annual Christmas tree recycling is now available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis until gone. Pickup is at the south end of the Public Services parking lot on East Lake Highlands Drive. Please bring your own containers. For more information, call 972-624-3131.

Warrant fees waived on cases settled Feb. 6

If you have unpaid traffic or non-traffic Class C citations from The Colony PD, you may appear before The Colony Municipal Court from 3 to 5 p.m. Feb. 6 to dispose of pending cases in warrant status. The Court will waive warrant fees on cases handled during this setting. The court is at 5151 North Colony Blvd. For more information, call 972-624-2200.

AARP Tax Help at The Colony Library

Free help filling out your tax return is provided by trained AARP Foundation volunteers from 4 to 8 p.m. Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at the library, 6800 Main St. Call 972-625-1900, ext. 3, to make an appointment.

Capture The Colony



The Colony Public Library's Local History Committee will be hosting the group's first-ever 'Capture The Colony' events from 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7, at the library, 6800 Main St. Residents are encouraged to dust off their photographs, documents, and memories of The Colony and bring them to the library to be scanned and recorded on-site. For more information, contact Megan Charters at 972-624-3187 or mcharters@thecolonypl.org.

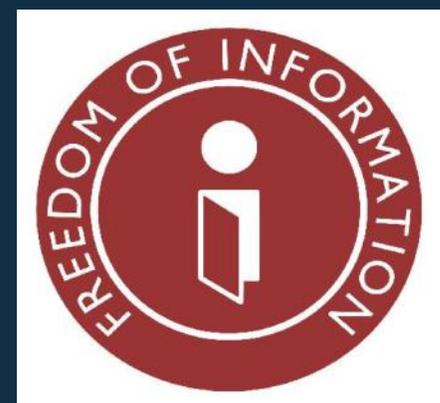
City receives top rating for open records

We're proud to share with our residents that *The Dallas Morning News* gave The Colony an "A" as part of a year-long, regional audit of open government compliance.

The **ranking** was tabulated by combining scores in four categories: request best practices; request compliance; web customer service; and online meeting notices.

City Secretary Christie Wilson said the city prides itself on maintaining compliance with the Public Information Act.

"Transparency at all levels of local government has always been a



priority for the mayor and city council," she said.

The city is also a Platinum member of the Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle for transparency in financial reporting.



Presidents' Day

City offices, facilities, and the library will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, in observance of **Presidents' Day**. The library will also be closed Feb. 14-16. The holiday originally marked George Washington's birthday, which has been celebrated the third Monday in February since 1968. Washington was born Feb. 22, 1732.

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- approved development of a traffic management plan for Nebraska Furniture Mart. Both the city and NFM recognize the potential for traffic problems at the site, especially in the opening weeks and months. The traffic consultant will be on site to help implement the plan during the store's opening.
- approved amendments to the Code of Ordinances adding new procedures and requirements for the issuance of an animal rescue license. Obtaining the license would include complying with specific instructions for care of animals and maintenance of their environment.
- approved an updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Also approved an interlocal agreement with Little Elm and Corinth to share funding for position of Assistant Emergency Manager. Previously, the city had fallen under the umbrella of the Denton County Emergency Management Office but with the new plan and position, the city is moving to establish its own emergency management procedures.

EDC announces new businesses

New businesses coming to The Colony include Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, Mattress Firm, The Shop, Hard 8 BBQ, Rock & Brews, Thai Kitchen, Ring of Hope Boxing Club, Holiday Inn, Zen Spa II, Panda Express, Best Cleaners, and Julie's Auto Care. In-N-Out Burger on State Highway 121 is now open.



Road Construction Update

Current lane closures associated with the **Main Street Widening Project** include: full closure of Ridgepointe Drive at the intersection of Ridgepointe and FM 423 for excavation, installation of a box culvert, and restoration of the roadway, starting Feb. 9 and continuing through Feb. 23.

Phase 2 of the **South Colony Overpass Project**, which includes construction of ramps from South Colony Boulevard at SH 121, has been approved and expected to be finished by November. Phase 1, including the bridge, is expected to open in March.

The **Plano Parkway Widening Project** is substantially complete. All lanes are currently open. The contractor is working on finalizing remaining items.

For the latest information, keep checking back to our **Construction Updates** page. We will keep that page updated as all of these projects continue and information is provided. As always, thank you for your patience and please drive safely!

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