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News & Events

Eggstravaganza set for March 24

One of the most EGGciting events in The Colony is back for the 11th year in a row! This year's **Spring Eggstravaganza** will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at The Colony
Five Star Complex. For ticket information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

Portion of Nash Drive to close Thursday

Nash Drive between Paige Road and Miller Drive will be closed to thru traffic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 3, for concrete work associated with the city's Phase V Street Reconstruction Project. Click <u>here</u> for more info.

Stewart Creek Park hosts Unity Festival

Bring out the whole family for a fun-filled evening at Lewisville Lake during the **World Unity Festival** from 5 to 10 p.m. April 2 at Stewart Creek Park. There will be a fun run, food, vendors, music by **Emerald City Management**, games and entertainment for all ages. The event is a fundraiser for The Colony-based nonprofit **Mothers Opposing Bullying**. Click **here** for more info.

Smooth ride



Members of <u>The Colony Fire Department</u> recently welcomed Medic 473 to the fleet at Fire Station No. 3 with a pushing-in ceremony. The tradition dates back to the time of horse-drawn apparatus, during which firefighting equipment had to be manually pushed back into the station because horses couldn't back up. Among many new features of the ambulance is a state-of-the-art suspension system designed to provide a smooth ride for its passengers. Click <u>here</u> for more photos of the new apparatus and ceremony.

Get ready for the City-Wide Spring Clean-Up!

In conjunction with the 2016 Texas Trash Off, the <u>Keep The Colony Beautiful Board</u> and Republic Waste Services will be hosting the annual City-Wide Spring Clean-Up from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16, in the parking lot of Hawaiian Falls Water Park.

With proof of residency, residents of The Colony may bring trash and refuse, such as large tree limbs, furniture, appliances, lumber, remodeling debris, fencing materials and scrap metal for disposal.

Additionally, the following items also will be collected: small truck, car or SUV tires (up to eight total); batteries of all types; and various electronics. Enclosed box vans, trailers over 20 feet and/or contractors will not be allowed. Additional

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limitations apply. Click <u>here</u> for more details or call **972-624-3131**.

Entry to the Spring Clean-Up will be off of Memorial Drive using the east entrance to Hawaiian Falls. No one will be allowed into the line after noon. Because of safety concerns, persons under the age of 18 will not be allowed in the unloading area.

City's housing market top-ranked

We're in the top five! **SmartAsset**, a financial technology company, has released rankings from its second annual **Healthiest Housing Markets Study** and The Colony made the list at No. 5 in Texas, up from its rank of 25 in 2015. Click **here** for an in-depth look at how The Colony compares with other Texas cities and the nation.



Be prepared in case of severe weather

One of the best ways to survive severe weather is to be prepared for it. While the months of April, May, and June are commonly considered the tornado months, we have



Fire Chief
Scott Thompson

been reminded recently that severe

weather and tornadoes can occur anytime of the year.

Early awareness and early warning are two things residents should be mindful of to increase their level of preparedness. Utilizing a NOAA-weather radio and monitoring local media are also key components of staying informed. Click here for more information about severe weather preparedness.

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 (March 1-31);
- the southern-most entrance has reopened but the primary westbound entrance from Main Street into the business and shopping centers at the northwest corner of Main Street/FM 423 and SH 121 remains closed indefinitely. 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 <u>Construction Updates</u> 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.

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- received presentation regarding the grant request process for FY2016-17, which includes a clear requirement defining a given request's benefit to the community, and reaffirmed the Council's authority to determine a given applicant's qualifications;
- denied a motion to approve an ordinance "Regulating the Use of Hand-Held Wireless Communication Devices While Driving;"
- approved an amendment to an interlocal agreement with Denton County that frees up \$2.25M in cost savings from the Memorial-Spring Creek Connector project, decreasing the county's costs;
- approved an amendment to an interlocal agreement with Denton County to increase funding for the Memorial Drive Widening project by \$2.25M, per previous item; and,
- approved a lease agreement with Metro Relief for the purposes of constructing a .73-acre community garden in the back of the property.

Click <u>here</u> for the City Council agenda archives and meeting minutes on the city's website.





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