

News & Events

Spring Break is next week in The Colony

For parents in need of spring break activities for their children, several openings remain in the Parks Department's annual *Spring Break Kidz Kamp*. For information and to register, contact the Recreation Center at 972-625-1106. Another option would be the library's free *Spring Break Robotics Camp* for children in grades 3-5. The camp is from 2 to 4 p.m. March 10-14 at the library. For information or to register, send an email to kterry@thecolonytx.gov.

EDC welcomes new businesses

Per the latest update from the Economic Development Corp., new businesses coming to The Colony include: Home with Loan, Emy Hair Salon, Liv General & Cosmetic Dentistry, Main Street Barber Shop, Panera Bread, La Quinta, and Bubblez Carwash.

Upcoming meetings

- EDC: 7 p.m. March 11
- Council: 6:30 p.m. March 17
- CDC: 7 p.m. March 19
- P&Z: 6:30 p.m. March 24

For more, see the city calendar [here](#).

City weathers the storm



Severe winter weather hit The Colony and the rest of the D-FW area recently, forcing schools and businesses to close. As always, sanding vehicles were immediately called into service to improve traction on icy roads. Thankfully, only a handful of minor accidents were reported in The Colony.

Signs of the times at TCFD

The Colony Fire Department has been very busy the first part of 2015 preparing for the opening of



Fire Chief
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Nebraska Furniture Mart, Phase VI of Austin Ranch, and the numerous hotels in development. Other new building construction, ongoing road construction projects, and the increase in traffic traveling through the city all have an impact on emergency services.

While TCFD has been actively planning for rapid growth by positioning itself for success and to be responsive to a constantly changing environ-

ment, the reality of change has arrived. January 2015 was the department's busiest month in recent history, with 232 emergency calls for service. Since January 2013, calls for fire, rescue, and emergency medical services have increased by 27 percent. In addition to the increase in call frequency, the occurrence of simultaneous calls, mutual aid calls, and call severity has also increased.

As a result, response times have gone up slightly. In January 2015, the department's average response time was 5 minutes, 28 seconds. TCFD leadership, however, is continually striving to meet increasing service demands through implementation of aggressive leadership and management best practices.

South Colony Overpass now open

Phase 1 construction of an overpass spanning the Sam Rayburn Tollway at South Colony Boulevard has been completed and opened to traffic on March 2.

The first phase primarily included installation of new elevated ramps on the frontage roads and connections to the di-

verging diamond interchange on the Grandscape property.

City Manager Troy Powell said completion of Phase 1 represents a milestone in both the Grandscape development and the city's overall transportation infrastructure. Click [here](#) for more info.

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- approved construction contract for mill and asphalt overlay of Strickland Avenue from Paige Road to Miller Drive. This is the first of four residential street rehabilitation projects funded this year. Timeframe of 90 days, weather permitting, to start in April. Ragan Road, Nash Drive, and Roberts Drive also will be reconstructed in this budget but will include work to improve water/sewer/storm pipelines, with design in progress;
- approved amendment to the Code of Ordinances to permit indoor auto sales and services in Business Park districts with approval of a Specific Use Permit. Outdoor sales/services already require SUP; and,
- approved a resolution opposing Texas Senate Bill 343 which inhibits the powers of Home Rule Cities and restricts passage of ordinances, rules, and regulations that conflict with or are more stringent than state statute.

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

Jammin' in the Park returns!

The City Manager's Arts Committee presents this year's first installment of "Jammin' in the Park" featuring Brave Combo from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 20 at Five Star Sports Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive. Invite your family and friends, bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and settle in for a memorable and relaxing evening of live musical entertainment.



Main Street Widening Update

Current lane closures associated with the **Main Street Widening Project** include:

- alternate lane closures in the various lanes of northbound/southbound FM 423 from Stewarts Creek Road to State Highway 121 (March 3-6);
- left lane of eastbound/westbound North Colony Boulevard (March 3-6);
- left lane of eastbound/westbound South Colony Boulevard (March 3-6);
- left lane of eastbound/westbound Memorial Drive (March 3-6); and,
- full closure of Cougar Alley at the intersection of Cougar Alley and FM 423 for excavation and installation of a water line (March 9-13).

For the latest information, keep checking back to our **Construction Updates** page. We will keep that page updated as the project continues and information is provided. As always, please be observant of signage and be safe on the roads!

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