

News & Events

‘Wildscaping 101’ offered April 28

Keep The Colony Beautiful presents “Wildscaping 101,” taught by Texas Master Naturalist and The Colony resident Donna Cole, at 6:30 p.m. April 28 at City Hall, 6800 Main St. Wildscaping is landscaping for wildlife, but it benefits everyone. Click [here](#) for more information or contact Community Image Manager **Iris Browder** at 972-624-3151.

Zika virus reported in Denton County

On April 12, **Denton County Public Health** confirmed the first travel-associated case of Zika virus in a Denton County resident. The case is a female with international travel to a country with active transmission in late January. Click [here](#) for more information.

Online survey gathers input on Trail plan

We want to hear from you! Residents are encouraged to take a brief **online survey** to provide input for the purposes of updating the city’s Trail and Bicycle Route Master Plan. For more info or to offer additional input, contact Park Development Manager **Eve Morgan** at 972-624-3956.

New ramp open to traffic



Motorists in The Colony can now access and cross the Sam Rayburn Tollway from South Colony Boulevard following the opening earlier this month of a ramp connecting the roadway to the overpass. Please observe signage and use caution in the area as construction workers are still cleaning up and putting finishing touches on the roadwork. Four-way stop signs are currently installed at the top of the ramp but a traffic signal will be set up soon.

Up, Up, & Away returns for second year

This year’s **Up, Up & Away! Festival of Flight** is scheduled for 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Prestwick STEM Academy, 3101 Stonefield in The Tribute. The event is presented by The Tribute Lakeside Golf and Resort Community and the City of The Colony.

Celebrating all forms of flight, the festival will feature kite flying and demonstrations, music, birding demonstration, paper airplane contests, food and fun. Bring the entire family to this all-ages outdoor celebration!

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.



Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- approved authorization of purchase for **ProQA Emergency Medical Dispatch Program**, enabling dispatchers to provide computer-aided emergency medical care until paramedics arrive;

- approved a Specific Use Permit for a thrift store, called **Renew Resale Thrift Store**, in the shopping center on the southeast corner of Main Street and North Colony Boulevard;

- approved authorization of a construction contract in the amount of \$1.32M for the **widening of Memorial Drive from Worley Drive to South Colony Boulevard**. The project will widen the road from two lanes to four. Project is slated to begin in late May or early June, and will take approximately 11 to 12 months to complete; and,

- approved authorization of a construction contract in the amount of \$356K for **Pawsome Playground Dog Park**, with funding provided by the Community Development Corp.

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

TCFD boasts two Smoke Divers

Trent Caldwell and Jeff Luse from The Colony Fire Department recently completed a rigorous advanced training program to earn certification as Georgia Smoke Divers, becoming the only two firefighters in Texas who can say that. In fact, only about half of the nationwide program's participants will graduate. Click [here](#) for the full story.



City says farewell to Keeper of the Seal

The Colony City Secretary **Christie Wilson** has retired from her post effective Friday, April 15, 2016.



Christie Wilson

Wilson was employed with the city for more than 30 years, having started as a secretary in the Police Department before becoming City Secretary in 2004. During her time at the city, she has provided invaluable institutional

experience for the staff and community she serves. Mayor **Joe McCourry** said she always gave her best.

"Christie has been a very loyal, trustworthy, and dependable employee of the city for more than three decades," McCourry said. "She is a great example of dedication and hard work, and has been committed to giving her best not only to her job but also to this great community that she calls home."

Click [here](#) for more on Christie's many years of service to The Colony.

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 (April 1-30).

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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