

News & Events

CDC seeks input on trail/bike master plan

The public is invited to attend the next meeting of the **Community Development Corp.** board of directors at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, to provide input on a proposed update to the city's **Trail and Bicycle Route Master Plan.** For more info, call 972-624-3956.

Drive-in movie April 8 at Stewart Creek Park

Join us this Friday for our Spring installment of The Colony's FREE Drive-In Theater at Stewart Creek Park with a showing of "Jurassic World," rated PG-13. Gates open at 7:30 p.m.; the movie begins at 8:30 p.m. For more info, call 972-625-1106.

Customer service closures for 2016

The Customer Services lobby and drive-through window will be closed for staff training from 1 to 2 p.m. the **second Tuesday of every month** starting April 12 through the remainder of the year. Residents wishing to make utility payments may do so **online**; via automated phone system by calling 972-625-2741, option 4; or by utilizing the drop box on the north side of City Hall.

Focus on the road



April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The National Safety Council designates April as **Distracted Driving Awareness Month.** Council statistics from 2014 indicate distracted driving is the nation's third-leading cause of roadway fatalities behind alcohol and speeding.

In The Colony, there were 329 accidents on Main Street in 2015. Most were attributed to speeding but nearly 10 percent were caused by distracted driving.

Community Resource Officer Kyle Koiner from **The Colony Police Department** said using a mobile device while driving is akin to driving intoxicated.

"Distracted driving, especially those behaviors that take your eyes off the road like text messaging or checking emails, significantly slows your reaction time," Koiner said. "Those few seconds when

your attention is elsewhere can be the difference between life and death."

According to the **Texas Department of Transportation**, there were 103,576 crashes in Texas in 2015 involving distracted driving — a 3-percent increase from the previous year — resulting in 463 fatalities and 3,076 injured.

While road construction in The Colony is a sign of progress, those conditions require even more care and attention from drivers. "Please help ensure the safety of workers, pedestrians, fellow motorists, and yourself by slowing down in construction zones and keeping your eyes on the road, not on your phone," Koiner said.

For more information about distracted driving, click **here** or contact **Officer Koiner** at 972-625-1887.

Fitness, fun on tap at Kids Chase

The Parks and Recreation Department and The Colony Roadrunners Club present the 15th annual **Kids Chase by the Lake** from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at Stewart Creek Park. Children ages 9 and under will compete on a half-mile loop, while children ages 10-11 run a 1-mile course.

All participants will receive a ribbon, goody bag and T-shirt. No event-day registration. Please visit **The Colony Recreation Center**, 5151 North Colony Blvd., by 5 p.m. April 15 to register. For more info, call 972-625-1106.



Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- recognized TCHS state champion wrestler **Charlie Hamer** for her recent success, and also teams from The Colony Youth Basketball League for their performance at the TAAF State Tournament;

- instructed staff members to proceed with drafting an ordinance for future consideration that would set guidelines and allow for farmers markets to be held on private property in the city, with the caveat that only whole produce and foodstuffs be sold;

- approved a resolution authorizing a purchase order in the amount of \$283,000 for the purchase of IT hardware upgrades and professional services;

- approved a budget amendment for additional \$150,000 in Police Department overtime expenses;

- approved a budget amendment for \$9,000 to set up citywide Nixle service; and,

- denied a request for supplemental grant funding for Metro Relief's community garden.

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

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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 Stewart's 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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