

News & Events

Rain marks start of mosquito season

With the recent spring rains, it is a good time to check outside for potential mosquito breeding grounds. Old tires, upright containers or anything that might hold runoff water should be removed. Click [here](#) for more information about the city's mosquito-control plan.

Jammin' in the Park April 17 at Five Star

The City Manager's Arts Committee presents the next installment of "Jammin' in the Park" featuring Digital Slim from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 17 at Five Star Sports Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive. Invite family and friends, bring lawn chairs and blankets, and settle in for an evening of live music.

City-Wide Spring Clean-Up April 18

In conjunction with the 2015 Great American Clean-up, the Keep The Colony Beautiful board and Republic Waste Services will be hosting the City-Wide Spring Clean-Up from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18 in the parking lot of Hawaiian Falls. For more information, click [here](#) or call 972-624-3131.

The wait is over



While a grand opening may still be weeks away, the "soft opening" at [Nebraska Furniture Mart](#) has been underway for about a month — meaning if you haven't already, make your way to the store and check out enough furniture, appliances, and electronics to fill 38 football fields! Television news crews have descended on the city in recent weeks interviewing satisfied shoppers and other business owners to gauge the impact of the store on the local economy. Since the store's arrival was announced in late 2011, the city's sales tax revenue has increased 100 percent, thanks also to other development taking place in the city.

Parks crews relocate landscaping

Parks and Recreation crews recently spent the better part of three work-days relocating about 50 holly bushes and 20 crape myrtles from construction zones along Main Street to the alleyway south of the old East Lake Highlands Football Complex.

Most of the landscaping is coming from the City Hall parking lot but some has been moved from medians along Main. The bushes and trees are not only being saved, but will also provide a layer of greenery along the fence line for the proposed dog park at that location. Click [here](#) for more photos of the removal and relocation.



National Library Week April 12-18

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians, and to promote library use and support by embracing the "Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library" during National Library Week! Present your library card at the Circulation Desk and enter a drawing to win a \$5 gift certificate redeemable at the Friends of The Colony Public Library ongoing book sale.

Employees hit the trail on Walking Day

Employees of the City of The Colony took part in the American Heart Association's National Walking Day on April 1. They enjoyed the Shoreline Trail, lunch and a presentation by personal trainer Chris Williams. Staff members will continue to walk during the lunch hour each Wednesday in April in support of health and fitness.



Main Street Widening Update

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

- alternate lane closures in the various lanes of northbound and southbound FM 423 from Stewarts Creek Road to State Highway 121 (April 6-10);
- alternate lane closures in the various lanes of eastbound and westbound North Colony Boulevard at FM 423 (April 6-10);
- left lane of eastbound and/or westbound South Colony Boulevard at FM 423 (April 6-10); and,
- left lane of eastbound and/or westbound Memorial Drive at FM 423 (April 6-10).

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!

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- considered conceptual enhancements to the intersection of Blair Oaks and Memorial drives. The council favors use of pavers to enhance beautification and accent the reconstruction of this Gateway locale, which is scheduled to begin soon as part of the Memorial Drive Widening project;
- approved a site plan for Rock and Brews restaurant, to be located at the southeast corner of SH 121 and Plano Parkway in the Grandscape development; and,
- approved the construction contract for remaining three streets in the Phase 5 reconstruction project – Ragan Road, Nash Drive, and Roberts Drive. The project will include new water, sewer, and storm drainage infrastructure, as well as new pavements, sidewalks, driveways, and street lights. The other street in Phase 5, Strickland Avenue, is already funded and approved for mill and overlay.

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