

News & Events

City facilities closed for Memorial Day

City offices, facilities, and the public library will be closed **Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day holiday.** The library will be closed May 27-29.

Bridges Cemetery Open House May 29

Members of **The Colony Public Library Local History Committee** will open Bridges Cemetery to the public and answer questions about The Colony's history from **10 a.m. to noon on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29.** Copies of the committee's book, "Bridges to the Future," will be available for sale for \$10. Donations accepted. Bridges Cemetery is at the northwest corner of Morningstar and Chesapeake. For more info, send email to Technical Services Librarian **Megan Charters**.

TCAS Low-Cost Shot Clinic set for June 24

The Colony Animal Services will be hosting a low-cost shot clinic from **10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 24,** at the Shelter, 4720 East Lake Highlands Drive. A full set of shots will cost \$25; rabies \$5. Click **here** for more information or call TCAS at 972-370-9250.

Promoting playability



The Colony again earns Playful City USA award

The City of The Colony is being honored with a **Playful City USA** designation for the seventh-straight time. Playful City USA honors cities and towns across the country for putting the needs of families first so kids can learn, grow and develop important life skills. **Mayor Joe McCourry** welcomed news of the city's continuing status as a Playful City USA. "No matter how much we grow, The Colony strives to remain a family friendly community," he said. "Having adequate and varied playspaces for children brings families together. Earning recognition as a Playful City USA for yet another year affirms our efforts to provide the community with the kinds of amenities and activities that promote playability in The Colony. For that, we couldn't be more proud." Click **here** for more information.

Celebrate safety during National Bike Month

In conjunction with **National Bike Month**, officers with **The Colony Police Department** have been filming short educational videos for **social media** highlighting common issues associated with bicycle safety — from the importance of wearing helmets to the fine print within relevant city ordinances.



In proclaiming May as National Bike Month in The Colony, **Mayor Joe McCourry and the City Council** resolved to promote "greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road." Click **here** for more safety tips from TCPD.

Crown Castle installs small cell network

Residents may have noticed small towers (or nodes) going up at a number of locations throughout the southern half of the city. These are part of a new "small cell" network recently installed by **Crown Castle** aimed at increasing cell phone reliability, primarily along the State Highway 121 corridor where economic development has increased the volume of cell traffic in that area. Last year, the City Council approved access to rights-of-way for installation of 18 nodes. Crown Castle, in turn, manages partnerships with service providers. Click [here](#) for more information.



Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- approved a Specific Use Permit for **Pappy's Pet Lodge** at 4000 Paige Road, with stipulations concerning surface treatment and storm water pollution prevention;

- approved a **zoning change from Shopping Center to Townhouse Dwelling** for 1.4384 acres on the north side of North Colony Boulevard at Morning Star Drive;

- received presentation regarding and approved updates to the city's **Mosquito Management and Response Plan**, including expanded treatment zones if and when the city receives multiple, consecutive weeks of positive pools for WNV from the same testing site;

- approved resolution authorizing the increase of **Residential Solid Waste and Recycling rates and Commercial Solid Waste rates**, both by 2.1 percent, per the city's contract; and,

- approved an ordinance **prohibiting the use of non-franchise roll-offs, front-loaders, or other containerized units** for the collection of residential construction and demolition materials.

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



#MyRedThumb

City of The Colony staff members partnered with the **North Texas Tollway Authority** to participate in global **My Red Thumb Day** on May 11, during which agencies and individuals around the world showed support for efforts to eliminate texting and driving. Distracted driving kills! Click [here](#) for more photos.

Main Street Widening Update

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

- **full closure of the northbound dedicated left-turn lane at Ridgepointe Drive** at the intersection with Main Street/FM423 (May 8-July 8);
- **full closure of driveway access from Main Street to businesses on the northeast corner of Main Street/Memorial Drive** for paving work on northbound lanes of Main Street. Access to Rapid Med Urgent Care, Goodyear, Chicken Express, and the Bristol Oaks Apartments will be off Memorial Drive during this time (May 12-26); and,
- **alternate lane closures in the various lanes of northbound and southbound FM 423** from Stewarts Creek Road to State Highway 121 (May 1-31).

For the latest information on the **Main Street Widening Project**, keep checking back to our **Construction Updates** page. As always, please observe construction signage and be safe on the roads, *especially in terms of your speed.*



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