

News & Events

Aquatic Park hosts Dive-In Movie night

Here's a "refreshing" way to watch your favorite movies! Everyone's invited to The Colony Aquatic Park for a showing of *Maleficent* at 8 p.m. Friday, July 10. Be sure to pack your towels and favorite pool toys for this aquatic movie adventure. Light refreshments will be provided. The Aquatic Park is at 5580 North Colony Blvd. For more info, call 972-624-2225.

Summer Cinema Clubhouse July 10

Summer Cinema Clubhouse continues Friday, July 10, at The Colony Recreation Center with a showing of *Big Hero 6*. The doors open at noon. Movie starts at 1 p.m. The event is free with concessions available for purchase. For info, call 972-625-1106.

Family Fun Night at the library July 16

FOTCPL PRESENTS! Family Fun Night featuring The Pipdillys at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 16. Laugh, learn and sing yourself silly during this hilarious and interactive program for pre-school-elementary school children and their parents. For more, call 972-625-1900.

Five-time Playful City accolade



For the fifth straight year, the **City of The Colony** has been honored with a [2015 Playful City USA designation](#). In partnership with the Humana Foundation, KaBOOM! honors cities, towns and counties across the country for making their communities more playable. In 2015, a total of 241 communities have been recognized as part of Playful City USA program. The Colony is one of only 19 communities in Texas chosen for recognition. **Mayor Joe McCourry** said children thrive on balanced play that promotes active bodies, active minds, and – most importantly – being active together. "A family that plays together, stays together," he said. "Kids need adults who are caring and engaged to help them develop and grow. Playtime is a great time to show kids they are safe and loved." For more information about recreational activities available in The Colony, contact the city's Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106 or visit the [department's page](#) on the city's website.

Watch for signs of heat-related illnesses

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, heat can create serious health problems, especially for the elderly, the very young, the sick and those without access to air conditioning.

National Weather Service forecasts calls for highs in the mid- to upper-90s the next week. And with most of July and all of August still ahead, the dog days of summer are approaching.

Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle during hot weather, even for a short time. Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse, and headaches. Click [here](#) for more info.



Parks remain closed as water remains high

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is continuing to release water from Lewisville Lake. As of this publication, lake levels were at 532.36 feet, or 10.36 feet above the conservation pool. Water is being released at a rate of 6,631 cubic feet per second.

The Corps estimates it will take two months or more for some lake levels in the region to return to normal conservation pool levels – even with no additional rain. With water levels still high, Stewart Creek Park, Hidden Cove Park, Ridgepointe Park and the Shoreline Trails remain closed. As previously noted, the city will conduct a damage assessment and being repairs once the water recedes.

For now, anyone who finds their way onto the lake is strongly encouraged to observe **boater safety** and be mindful of underwater hazards.

EDC: Improving your quality of life

The **latest installment of the city's blog** features an update on what's happening with the Economic Development Department, including a recap of its trip to RECon 2015 and an overview of how the EDC uses its resources to improve the quality of life for the city's residents. In other EDC news, **new businesses** coming to The Colony include Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant, Terracon, Mattress Firm, and Titans Orthopedic Sales.



Main Street Widening Update

Current roadwork associated with the **Main Street Widening Project**:

- alternate lane closures in the various lanes of northbound and southbound FM 423 from Stewarts Creek Road to State Highway 121 (July 1-31); and,
- traffic switch on Main Street – restoration of left-turn lanes from both northbound and southbound Main Street onto North Colony Boulevard. This work was

originally scheduled for June but was delayed due to weather. Click [here](#) for schematics of the switch (9 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, to 5 a.m. Thursday, July 9).

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!

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- discussed revisiting the city's sign ordinance to consider accommodations beneficial to local businesses impacted by ongoing road construction along Main Street;
- approved a \$20,000 budget amendment for FY2014-15 for the purchase of police body cameras;
- approved waiving the balance of MarineQuest's current lease payment so that those funds can be applied to infrastructure repairs at Hidden Cove Park, which are necessary following recent flooding and tropical storm;
- approved funding one-third of the cost to develop and install signage designating FM423 as "US Army Sgt. Enrique Mondragon Memorial Highway," with signs to go in at FM423/SH121 and FM423/US380; and,
- rescheduled the Tuesday, Aug. 4, regular city council meeting to Monday, Aug. 3, due to **National Night Out** occurring on Aug. 4.

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

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