

News & Events

Fall Fun Times catalogue online

It is never too early to start planning your family fun activities for the fall! Check out the Parks & Recreation Department's digital **Fall Fun Times catalogue** today. For more information about upcoming Parks & Recreation programs, call 972-625-1106.

Full closure of the DNT Aug. 18-21

The North Texas Tollway Authority has scheduled a **full closure of the Dallas North Tollway** between Spring Creek Parkway and the Sam Rayburn Tollway between 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, and 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21. This closure is necessary for pouring concrete on the U-turn bridge at Legacy Drive. Click [here](#) for more info.

Summer Clubhouse continues this Friday

The Colony Summer Clubhouse will feature a showing of *Boss Baby* on Friday, Aug. 18. The Colony Summer Clubhouse is held each Friday at **The Colony Recreation Center**, and is a FREE kids summer program. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., show begins at 10 a.m. Call 972-625-1106 for more info.

Fighting for the cause



TCPD officer participates in Guns & Hoses

The Colony Police Officer Rolando Benitez, above left, will be boxing in the upcoming **Guns And Hoses Boxing Tournament** on Saturday, Sept. 9, at the **Allen Events Center**. This is the 16th annual Guns And Hoses Boxing Tournament featuring police officers boxing with firefighters. Money raised at this event goes to the families of fallen first-responders and children's charities in the North Texas area. More information about the tournament is available on the **Guns And Hoses website**. Click [here](#) for ticket information.

Paws for Reading at the public library

Practice your reading skills by reading to Toby the dog at **The Colony Public Library!** The **Paws for Reading** program continues this month from **2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22**.

The program is open to children in kindergarten through fifth grade. It is designed to help encourage readers by providing them with an individual reading session with Toby. Space is limited and sessions are 20 minutes each. To register, send email to Youth Services Librarian **Jacquelyn Yu** or by calling 972-624-3286.



Clothing recycling begins Sept. 18

Thanks to a new partnership with **Simple Recycling**, The Colony residents may soon recycle reusable clothing, shoes, and other textiles with **free, curbside pick-up** on their scheduled trash/recycling collection day starting the week of Sept. 18.



In the coming weeks, every household will receive a series of mailers with more information about the program along with two **orange-colored Simple Recycling bags**. Fill the bags with appropriate recyclables and place your Simple Recycling bags beside your recycling bin by 7 a.m. on your trash/recycling collection day. Click [here](#) for more details.

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- recognized **The Colony High School Girls Softball team** for winning the 2017 UIL Class 5A State Championship;
- approved a **development plan for Area 2A of the Grandscope Lifestyle Center**, including a seven-story parking garage and related infrastructure;
- approved agreement with F&F Concrete for the **reconstruction of Archer/Freeman alley**;
- approved agreement with Alan Plummer Associates for the design and engineering of a **chloramine injection system at the Legends elevated storage tank**;
- conducted a public hearing regarding **The Colony Preliminary Municipal Budget and Fee Schedule for FY 2017-18**, and voted to set the date of Sept. 19 to adopt the budget; and,
- conducted the first of two public hearings regarding the **proposed 2017-18 tax rate not to exceed \$0.665 cents per \$100 valuation**. This is the 16th year in a row the council has either reduced or kept flat the tax rate.

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

Engaged employees benefit residents



Since his arrival in 2015, The Colony Human Resource Director **Rodney Wallican** has been laser-focused on the concept of “employee engagement.” He knew that employees felt this was a great place to work, but how could he make it better? What constitutes an engaged employee? Isn't it the same as a “happy” employee? But that doesn't begin to describe the depths of its meaning, according to Wallican. Click [here](#) for more insight from a recently published column in **The Colony Courier-Leader**.

Main Street Widening Update

As recently announced, the **Texas Department of Transportation** has opened nearly all lanes of Main Street. Work continues in the medians, on sound walls, and in certain stretches of roadway. Some daytime-only lane closures will continue. Please remember the **speed limit remains 35mph** while construction continues so drive with caution, especially where workers are present. Also, final configuration of the traffic signals remains an ongoing process. Click [here](#) for more information.



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