

News & Events

Movies in the Park returns on Sept. 9

Bring the whole family to enjoy a FREE showing of *Angry Birds The Movie* at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks. Blankets, chairs and refreshments are welcome. Concessions will also be available for purchase. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

TCPD Citizen Police Academy begins soon

The next installment of **The Colony Police Department's** Citizen Police Academy begins Sept. 8. Participants go behind the scenes of TCPD every Thursday for nine weeks. To register or for more information, send us an **email** or call 972-625-1887.

City offices, facilities closed for Labor Day

City offices, facilities, and the library will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, for the Labor Day holiday. **Also, there will be no trash/recycling collection on Labor Day.** Service will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 6, and be delayed one day the remainder of the week. For more information, call Environmental Services at 972-624-3131.

Patience, please!



Students in The Colony and surrounding communities **begin the 2016-17 school year on Monday, Aug. 22.** Motorists are encouraged to observe school zone signs and share the road safely with buses and pedestrian traffic as children make their way to and from campus. Remember, children are unpredictable so be alert. Cellphone use is prohibited in school zones, and strongly discouraged on all roadways. **Don't text and drive!** The **National Safety Council** has provided the following **Back to School safety tips** and information for motorists. In addition, motorists are advised that ongoing **road construction projects** coupled with the influx of school traffic can and will impact your morning and afternoon commutes. Motorists are encouraged to leave early, make extra time, and please be patient on the roads.

Plan your Fall Fun here at home

The Colony Parks & Recreation Department's **Fall Fun Times** catalog is out now—both **online** and in print.

The city produces three **Fun Times catalogs** each year. The Fun Times catalog contains all kinds of information relating to our parks, various recreation opportunities, **The Colony Public Library**, the local arts scene, and much more! The Fun Times catalog is mailed to every residence in The Colony, and is also available to be picked up at **The Colony Recreation Center**, City Hall, **The Colony Community Center** and **The Colony Aquatic Park**.



Learning from the best



The Colony Police Explorers Post No. 5151 recently competed against 76 other teams from around the region in the four-day State Explorers Competition at UT-Arlington, during which Explorers were challenged with responding to a variety of everyday law-enforcement scenarios. The Colony Explorers won three awards at the event: first place, active-shooter scenario; second place, misdemeanor traffic stops; and second place, felony high-risk traffic stops. The competitors were recognized by the City Council during its regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Council schedules votes for budget, tax rate

The City of The Colony's Preliminary Budget for FY2016-17 is available online for review by the public. A public hearing on the budget was conducted on Tuesday, Aug. 16. The city is proposing a 1/4-cent reduction to the tax rate for next fiscal year. A public hearing on the tax rate, not to exceed .6675 cents per \$100 valuation, will be held during the Sept. 6 regular city council meeting. The Council will formally vote on the budget and tax rate during its Sept. 20 regular meeting.

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 Stewarts Creek Road to SH121 for restriping, traffic switch (Aug. 1-31).

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.

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- approved a resolution establishing rules for the **Pawsome Playground Dog Park**. Included is a rule that states: "The park is for dog play, not child play. Adults are strongly urged not to bring children under 10 years of age to the park, and assume all risks when doing so. Children 15 and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult." The grand opening for the dog park, located at 4800 East Lake Highlands Drive, is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17;

- scheduled a **public hearing** for Sept. 6 on the Preliminary Service and Assessment Plan for Public Improvement District No. 1;

- conducted a public hearing and voted to set a date of Sept. 20 for adoption of the FY2016-17 Municipal Budget; and,

- conducted a public hearing on the **proposed tax rate** for FY2016-17, not to exceed .6675 cents per \$100 valuation, and approved the date of Sept. 20 for a vote to establish the tax rate.

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



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