

News & Events

Algae to blame for water's 'earthy taste'

Residents may have noticed what some have described as an "earthy taste" in their water recently. Algae bloom is to blame but it will dissipate. The water is safe. Click [here](#) for more.

Summer Cinema Clubhouse Aug. 12

The last installment of our free Summer Cinema Clubhouse series features a showing of "Zootopia" on Aug. 12 at the Recreation Center. Doors open at 9 a.m.; movie starts at 10 a.m. Call 972-625-1106 for more info.

DCPH reports third human case of WNV

On Aug. 1, Denton County Public Health reported the **third human case** of West Nile virus in 2016. Click [here](#) for tips and info on how to **Fight the Bite!**

Library fundraiser coming up Aug. 13

Tickets are still available on **The Colony Public Library's website** for this year's **Jazzed About the Library** benefit event being held 5:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Cascades Event Center. For more info, send us an [email](#) or call 972-624-3184.

Back 2 School Bash



Join us from 5 to 8 pm. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at The Colony Recreation Center for the annual **Back 2 School Bash!** This fun-filled evening features **free school supplies**, a mascot dance off and lots of helpful information for the upcoming school year. Registration is required and space is limited to the first 500 children ages 5-12. There is no cost for residents; tickets for non-residents are \$3. The Recreation Center is at 5151 North Colony Blvd. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

Water usage tips & FAQ

It's that time of year again, when we would like to share some information with our residents about sprinkler use, swimming pools, and other watering tips as we move through the year's peak water-usage period.

Our [Utility Billing](#) and [Water Production](#) departments have put together another comprehensive [FAQ](#) that breaks down average-use data for sprinkler systems, pools, landscaping, common leaks, and estimated costs.

The City is currently in [Phase 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan](#), meaning there are no significant watering restrictions but residents are still encouraged to follow a twice-a-week watering schedule.



Proactive vs. reactive approach



Behind all the programs and services provided to our residents is a team of hard-working **Information Technology** professionals tasked with keeping the **City of The Colony** on the cutting edge of technology.

Learn more about what they do in our latest **blog** offering — one of many feature stories on the blog taking you behind the scenes department by department.

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- received preliminary **FY2016-17 budget** presentation from the City Manager's Office. Budget highlights include quarter-cent property tax reduction; six new fire department first-responders and two new patrol officers in the police department, all of which should reduce response times for emergencies; and funds for street and alleyway repair, including McAfee from Independence to Dooley, Thompson from Blair Oaks to John Yates, Walker from Blair Oaks to Wilcox, Hackney from Blair Oaks to Blair Oaks, Augusta from Hale to Curry, and the alley north of Dooley;

- scheduled a **public hearing** on the FY 2016-17 budget for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16;

- approved site plan amendment to allow three temporary buildings at the **Prestwick STEM Academy** in The Tribute to accommodate growing student population; and,

- approved resolution conveying acreage within Grandscape for development of **the Truck Yard**.

- Click **here** for the City Council agenda archives and meeting minutes on the city's website.

CVB's Lanicek earns tourism exec certification

Please join us in congratulating **Mariko Lanicek**, Tourism Specialist with the City of **The Colony's Convention & Visitors Bureau**, for having completed all coursework toward her Certified Tourism Executive (CTE) designation from **Travel & Tourism College**, a program of the **Texas Travel Industry Association** (TTIA).

"Throughout my three years of participation, Tourism College has provided me with many new tools and insights, as well as information about current trends, all of which has helped me better promote and market the city's new and existing amenities," Lanicek said. Click **here** for more info.



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.



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