

News & Events

Bow-Wow Luau set for Sunday at HFalls

Calling all dog lovers! There's still time to get your tickets to Sunday's annual **Bow-Wow Luau** at Hawaiian Falls. The event opens at 1 p.m. for an hour of small dogs only (35 lbs or less) then all dogs from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 972-625-1106.

Drive-In Movie Double Feature

Enjoy a nostalgic date night movie during the city's free **Drive-In Movie** double feature, *The Maze Runner* at 7:30 p.m. and *Guardians of the Galaxy* at 9:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, at Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road. Tune your radios to 99.9FM for the drive-in experience. For more information call, 972-625-1106.

Movies in the Park returns on Oct. 2

Bring the whole family to enjoy a **FREE showing** of *Home* on a large outdoor inflatable screen at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at The Colony Five Star Sports Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive. Blankets, chairs and refreshments are welcome. Concessions will also be available for purchase. For more information, call 972-625-1106.

Honoring fallen heroes



In recognition of the firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty during the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, **The Colony Fire Department** displayed the city's piece of **World Trade Center steel** the morning of Sept. 11, 2015, at Central Fire Station. The Colony Dispatch also sounded tones at the times when the two World Trade Center towers fell. The **observance** honored the 343 firefighters killed and the dozens that have died since 9/11 as the result of their response to those tragic events. Many residents attended to observe and touch the steel, and show their appreciation to the city's first-responders.

Jazzed About The Library coming up Sept. 26

Want to help your public library? Have fun Roaring 20s style during TCPL's first ever **Jazzed About The Library** event from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the **Cascades Event Center**.

The event, hosted in partnership with developer **Jackson-Shaw**, features a jazz band, dancing, food provided by local restaurants, children's activities, a strolling magician, a speakeasy cash bar with casino, local authors, silent auction and more!

Tickets are \$10 for individuals, \$15 for couples, and \$20 for families. Proceeds benefit **The Friends of The Colony Public Library** (FOTCPL) in support of the library's programs and services. FOTCPL also seeks volunteers to help with a variety of services. Click [here](#) for information about volunteering and/or the event.



City Council again lowers tax rate

At its regular meeting on Sept. 15, **The Colony City Council** formally adopted the **FY 2015-16 budget** for the period of Oct. 1, 2015, to Sept. 30, 2016. Highlights include the addition of six new firefighters, two dispatch officers, and a battalion chief. The budget also includes \$1.5 million in CDC park upgrades.

The City Council also approved the property tax rate for the coming fiscal year, **reducing the rate by a quarter-cent** from \$.6725/\$100 valuation to \$.67. The tax rate is comprised of \$.51036 for Maintenance and Operations, and \$.15964 for General Fund Debt Service.

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- read a **proclamation** in support of The Colony Police Department's "selfless dedication to duty and to the residents of this community;"

- received a presentation outlining the city's concerns regarding **FM 423 reconstruction**; namely safety issues related to speed and cell phone use in construction zones and inadequate lane markings. City representatives are traveling to Austin this week to meet with senior TxDOT officials to address these concerns;

- approved a site plan for Hyatt Place hotel, to be located on Memorial Drive east of Topgolf; and,

- approved a zoning change for the Overlake addition from Neighborhood Services/Light Commercial to General Retail, facilitating possible development of retail, office, and restaurants at the northeast corner of Overlake Drive and Main Street.

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

Ceremony to mark shelter expansion

The public is invited to join city officials and staff members at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at The Colony Animal Shelter for a **ribbon-cutting ceremony** marking the official opening of the shelter's new quarantine building.



The quarantine building represents the first significant addition to the Animal Shelter in more than a decade, and will provide a new, improved level of service to residents and more comfortable conditions for quarantined pets. Click [here](#) or call 972-370-9250 for more information.

Main Street Widening Update

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

- full overnight closure of Memorial Drive west of FM 423 from 6 p.m. Sept. 20 through 7 a.m. Sept. 21;

- alternate lane closures in the various lanes of northbound and southbound FM 423 from Stewarts Creek Road to State Highway 121 for restriping and traffic switch (Sept. 1-30); and,

- full closure of Lone Star Ranch Parkway at FM 423 for permanent paving of the area (Aug. 3-TBD).

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!

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