

News & Events

Boat ramp now open at Stewart Creek

Camping facilities and the boat ramp at Stewart Creek Park reopened Aug. 27. We appreciate everyone's patience while final flood clean-up and repairs were being made to make the launching facilities and the park safe for everyone's use. Ridgepointe Park and the Shoreline Trails remain closed.

Movies in the Park returns this Friday

Bring the whole family to enjoy a FREE showing of *Maleficent* on a large outdoor inflatable screen at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 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, click [here](#) or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

TCPD hosts Citizens Police Academy

The Colony Police Department is hosting a 10-week **Citizens Police Academy** starting Sept. 17. The classes will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays. To apply, email Community Resource Officers [Kyle Koiner](#) or [Brian Lee](#).

Fair and impartial justice



This latest installment of the [city's departmental blog](#) features a look inside the **Municipal Court**: its jurisdiction, how it operates, and the ways in which staff members work to assist defendants. Judge Kimberly Lafferty said the primary purpose of the court is to provide the accused an opportunity to share their side of the story. "One of the purposes is to ensure those accused of a traffic violation or any other offense have their day in court. They have the right to contest the charges," she said. The ultimate mission of the city's judiciary branch is to embody the principles of fair and impartial justice administered with respect and equality. Click [here](#) for the full story.

Parks Department offers free loaner life jackets

The City of The Colony is continuing to help keep children safe while on the water this year by participating in the **BoatU.S. Foundation's Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids**. This program allows boaters to borrow a child's life jacket at no charge. The Colony Parks and Recreation Department was awarded a kit of 12 life jackets.

If a boating family discovers they don't have enough properly-fitting children's life jackets on board, they may visit the gatehouse at **Stewart Creek Park**, 3700 Sparks Road, during hours of operation and sign out an infant, child, or youth jacket for the day or the weekend. When they've finished boating for the day, they can return the jackets to the same location. Stewart Creek Park is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Please contact Recreation Manager [David Swain](#) at 972-624-3959 or click [here](#) to learn more about The Colony's participation in the program.



Labor Day closures

City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, for the **Labor Day** holiday. The library will be closed Sept. 5-7. All environmental services (bulk and green waste collection, as well as trash and recycling) will be delayed one day during the Labor Day week.



Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- received further presentation regarding the **preliminary budget** for FY2015-16. The Council will vote to adopt the budget at its Sept. 15 meeting;

- conducted the second of two public hearings on the **proposed FY2015-16 property tax rate** not to exceed \$0.67/\$100;

- approved a development plan for **Grandscape Retail Shops**, two retail/restaurant building located at the northwest corner of Bargain Way and Plano Parkway in the Grandscape development;

- approved a resolution authorizing the city manager to issue a purchase order for **video surveillance equipment** for the Police Department/Municipal Court and City Hall; and,

- approved a resolution for a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services for the **Nov. 3, 2015, City Council Election**.

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

New school year underway

Students in The Colony and surrounding communities began the 2015-16 school year on Aug. 24. Motorists are encouraged to observe school zone signs and share the road safely with buses and pedestrian traffic as children make their way to an from campus.

Remember, cell phone use is prohibited in school zones!
Click [here](#) for more back-to-school safety information.



Main Street Widening Update

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

- alternate lane closures in the various lanes of eastbound and westbound South Colony Boulevard at FM 423 for restriping and traffic switch (Sept. 2-4);

- 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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