

News & Events

City Council Election scheduled for Nov. 7

The Colony City Council

Election is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7. Place 6, a **single-member district**, is on the ballot. The deadline to **register to vote** is Oct. 9. **Early voting** runs from Oct. 23 to Nov. 3. For more information, please call the City Secretary's Office at 972-624-3106.

Job Fair today at The Colony HS

The City of The Colony, The Colony High School, and The Colony Chamber of Commerce are hosting a **Job Fair** from **11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, at the high school gymnasium, 4301 Blair Oaks**. Attendees are encouraged to bring resumes, references, and dress for an interview. Click [here](#) for more.

Curbside clothing recycling update

The city's new partnership with **Simple Recycling** kicked off this week. Postal issues resulting from Hurricane Harvey's impact on Houston, however, **delayed delivery** of the requisite collection bags. Please call **866-835-5068** for more information or **fill out a form** online to request bags.

Protecting pollinators



Volunteer event scheduled for Saturday

As part of **Mayor Joe McCourry's** Monarch Pledge to help make the city a friendly place for monarch butterflies and other pollinators, the **Keep The Colony Beautiful Board** invites residents to help prepare and plant three waystations for monarch butterflies along The Tribute Shoreline Trail. The event is scheduled for **8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23**. Volunteers will meet at the trail head **at the intersection of Millbank and Adelaide in The Tribute**. Participants are encouraged to bring a rake and work gloves but all other materials will be provided, including light refreshments. Please click the following [event notice](#) to register or call 972-624-3151 for more information. The **Mayor's Monarch Pledge** is a program of the National Wildlife Federation.

Skate park closed for renovations

The Colony Skate Park is officially closed while construction for the **renovation and expansion of the park** is underway. Contractors will be working over the next several months to improve the existing site and expand the park to nearly double the current size. When it reopens this winter, it will be an all-



wheel facility which will accommodate skateboards, scooters, in-line skates and bikes (plastic pegs only). Click [here](#) for more details about this exciting **CDC-funded** renovation project.

Health inspections going mobile

Recently, **The Colony City Council** approved an ordinance amendment regarding the posting of health inspection letter grade cards within food establishments in The Colony. This change marks the transition to a new program ultimately making health inspection information available to the public electronically in a convenient, user-friendly format via smart phone, tablet and the [City of The Colony's website](#).



Beginning Oct. 1, letter grade cards will no longer be issued and required to be posted for the most current health inspection grade at a food establishment in the city. **The letter grade cards will be replaced with a city-issued, laminated placard containing a QR Code linked to [The Colony's Health Inspection webpage](#).** Click [here](#) for more details or call the Health Department at 972-624-3161.

Annual Fall Clean-Up set for Oct. 21

Mark your calendars now! The City of The Colony and Republic Waste Services is hosting the annual **City-Wide Fall Clean-Up from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 21, in the parking lot of Hawaiian Falls**. Residents of The Colony may bring trash and refuse, such as large tree limbs, furniture, appliances, and fencing materials, for disposal. Call 972-624-3131 or click [here](#) for all the details, including limitations and additional services provided.



Main Street Widening Update

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.

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- proclaimed Sept. 15, 2017, as **“POW/MIA Recognition Day;”**
- recognized **Tourism Specialist Mariko Lanicek** from **[The Colony CVB](#)** for achieving her **[Texas Destination Marketer](#)** certification from the Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus;
- approved contract amendment with Half Associates Inc. in the amount of \$35K for design, bid, and construction phase services for **pedestrian bridge abutments on Taylor Street Drainage Area**, with funding provided by the CDC;
- approved ordinance adopting the **[FY 2017-18 Municipal Budget](#)**, effective Oct. 1, 2017, through Sept. 30, 2018; providing for intra- and interdepartmental transfers; and providing that expenditures for said fiscal year to be made in accordance with said budget; and,
- approved ordinance **adopting the tax rate of \$0.665 per \$100 valuation** on Jan. 1, 2017; the tax rate is comprised of \$0.515 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.15 for General Fund Debt Service.

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