

News & Events

Texting-and-driving ban now in effect

Motorists are reminded that a new statewide law banning electronic messaging while operating a motor vehicle went into effect on Friday, Sept. 1. Motorists may still talk on their cell phones but only with a hands-free device. Click [here](#) for more information.

City Council to vote on 2017-18 budget

The Colony City Council is scheduled to vote on the 2017-18 FY budget at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Click [here](#) to view the preliminary budget.

Bow Wow Luau set for Sept. 10 at HFalls

Come support **The Colony Animal Services'** Injured Animal Fund and have a great time with your furry friends at our annual **Bow Wow Luau** from 1 to 5 p.m. **Sunday, Sept. 10, at Hawaiian Falls Waterpark.** Concessions will be available for purchase. Limit two dogs per owner. Purchase your [tickets online](#) in advance and save \$4. Day-of-event tickets are available for \$20 per person. For more information, please contact the **Parks and Recreation Department** at 972-625-1106.

Curbside service coming



Clothing recycling begins week of Sept. 18

Beginning later this month, the City of The Colony will begin its [new partnership with Simple Recycling](#) to bring our residents a FREE curbside collection service for clothing materials and other textiles. **Starting the week of Sept. 18**, The Colony residents may recycle reusable clothing, shoes, and other textiles with free, curbside pick-up. In the coming weeks, every household will receive a series of mailers about the program along with two **orange-colored Simple Recycling bags**. Fill the bags with appropriate recyclables and place them beside your recycling bin by 7 a.m. on your trash/recycling collection day. Click [here](#) for more info or visit [SimpleRecycling.com](#).

First-responders head to Houston



In the days immediately following Hurricane Harvey's impact on Southeast Texas, **The Colony Fire Department** deployed resources to assist with the statewide emergency response. A TCFD Division Chief, engine company, and brush truck were sent to Katy, Houston, and Rockport, respectively. TCFD personnel traversed flooded roadways, battled a structure fire (at right), and assisted with search-and-rescue operations.



Movies in the Park set for Sept. 8

Join us for our first fall installment of **Movies In The Park on Friday, Sept. 8**, at **The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive**. This month's movie is *The Lego Batman Movie*, rated PG. FREE admission for everyone! Gates open at 7 p.m. Movie starts at 8 p.m. Parental supervision required. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Concessions available for purchase. For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.



Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- conducted the second of two public hearings regarding the **proposed 2017-18 tax rate of \$0.665 per \$100 valuation**. The City Council will formally vote on the tax rate at its Sept. 19 meeting;
- approved resolution to execute an agreement with the Denton County Election Administration for Election Services for the Nov. 7 City Council Place 6 Election;
- approved an ordinance cancelling the Nov. 7 City Council Election for Places 3-5, and declaring those unopposed candidates elected;
- proclaimed the month of September 2017 as **Blood Cancer Awareness Month**;
- approved resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor for the supply of heavy duty armor for the Police Department; and,
- approved resolution authorizing the City Manager to issue a purchase order for equipment and software needed to upgrade the Police Department's radio system.

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

Garage Sale signs: Do's and Don'ts

The City's **Community Image Department** wishes to remind residents about the proper placement of garage sale signs. Residents applying for and receiving a permit for a garage sale will soon receive a flyer with photos explaining what is and what is not allowed regarding placement of such signage. Highlights include:

PERMITTED

- Permit stickers must be affixed to your sign and visible from the street;
- Signs may be placed on the curb or street corner; and,
- Signs may be placed in your yard.

NOT PERMITTED

- Signs may not be placed on light poles or street signs;
- Signs may not be placed in medians; and,
- Signs may not be placed on boxes or paper grocery sacks.

Main Street Widening Update

As recently announced, 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.



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