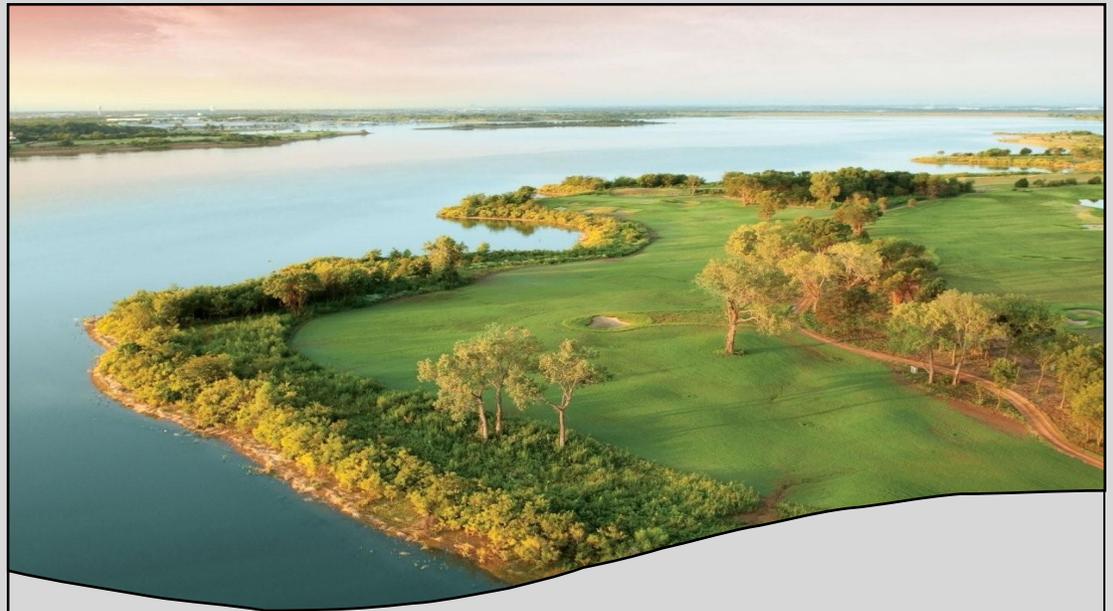


March 17th, 2014

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“St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time - a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic.”

Adrienne Cook

“There are only two kinds of people in the world, The Irish and those who wish they were.”



From City Manager Troy Powell

Under the direction of The Colony City Council, my office oversees all of the city's day-to-day operations and services, including management of the city's budget. These tasks are accomplished in partnership with a team of dedicated and professional departmental directors with whom I am proud to serve alongside for the betterment of this wonderful community and its residents.

It is also my responsibility to ensure the vision for the future of the city is realized, as determined by the council and the constituents they represent. It is my belief that The Colony is now and will continue to be a vibrant, evolving community that attracts new residents, visitors and businesses eager to become a part of that future.

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- Community Development Corporation
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April 2014

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Parks and Recreation Events

Movies in the Park Monsters University

Date: Friday, April 4th
Time: 7:00 p.m. gates / 8:00 p.m. movie
Location: Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks
Cost: None

Kids Chase By The Lake

Date: Saturday, April 12th
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Rd
Cost: \$8 per child-Family Discounts available

Spring Eggstravaganza

Date: Thursday, April 17th
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks
Cost: \$3 per child in advance; \$5 per child on event day
May:

Movies in the Park –Despicable Me 2

Date: Friday, May 9th
Time: 7:00 p.m. gates / 8:00 p.m. movie
Location: Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks
Cost: None

Mother Son Luau

Date: Saturday, May 31st
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: The Colony Aquatic Park, 5580 N. Colony Blvd
Cost: \$25 per couple, \$10 each additional child

Summer Cinema Clubhouse Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

Date: Thursday, June 19th
Time: 12:00 p.m. doors / 2:00 p.m. movie
Location: The Colony Recreation Center, 5151 N Colony Blvd
Cost: None

Movies in the Park -Muppets Most Wanted

Date: Thursday, July 10th
Time: 7:00 p.m. gates / 8:00 p.m. movie
Location: Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks
Cost: None

The Colony Public Library Events

A.A.R.P. Tax Help

Dates: Wednesdays, February 5th – April 9th
Time: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street
Cost: Free; call 972-625-1900 ext. 3 to schedule an appointment.

Spanish/English Bilingual Story Time

Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe Español / Inglés

Sponsored in part by Target
Dates: Sundays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Time: 3 p.m. – new time!
Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street
Cost: Free

Theatre Slam – a Play in A Day!

Partnership project of The Colony Playhouse and FOTCPL

Dates: Registration begins Saturday, March 1
Event: Saturday, March 29
Workshop time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Performance (open to the public): 4 p.m.
Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street
Cost: \$10 pre-registration required; email thecolonyplayhouse@gmail.com

No-Stress Book Club

Date: Wednesday, March 26
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street
Cost: Free

eReader Office Hours

Dates & Times:
Friday, March 14 at 2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m.
Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street
Cost: Free

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City Manager's
Arts Committee**

PRESENTS

JAMMIN' IN THE PARK

**Live music
Family fun
Free admission!**

Friday, March 21
7:30pm - 9:30pm
Lions Club Park
4800 Nash Drive, The Colony

Mark your calendar for our upcoming events!



A Hard Night's Day
Friday, April 18



IDENTITY THEFT
Friday, May 16



BEST OF THE BANDS
Ultimate Band Showdown
★We're looking for the best band around!
Saturday, June 21



Join your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun!

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★ Submit your band for consideration at <http://www.thecolonytx.gov/depts/genadmin/arts/cmac.html>

Movies in the Park Monsters University

Date: Friday, April 4th
Time: 7:00 p.m. gates / 8:00 p.m. movie
Location: Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks
Cost: None

TCHS Football Booster Club Annual 5k

Date: Saturday, April 26th
Time: 8:00 a.m.—noon
Location: Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks
Cost: \$25.00

Kids Chase By The Lake

Date: Saturday, April 12th
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Rd
Cost: TBD

The Colony Youth Baseball Association Parade

Date: Saturday March, 22nd
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 5101 Nash Dr.
Cost: none

Persian New Year

Date: Sunday, March 30th
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Location: Hidden Cove Park
Cost: Adult: \$7.00 Senior Citizen: \$5.00

**CITY OF THE COLONY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 18, 2014**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given of a **REGULAR SESSION** of the **CITY COUNCIL** of the City of The Colony, Texas to be held at **7:00 P.M. on the 18TH day of MARCH 2014** at **CITY HALL, 6800 MAIN STREET, THE COLONY, TEXAS**, at which time the following items will be addressed:

1.0	ROUTINE ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:
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Call to Order

Invocation

Moment of Silence for former city council members John Marshall and Marlene Poole-Milsap

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

Salute to the Texas Flag

Presentation of the Mayors Cup- The Colony Half

Citizen Input

Announcement of upcoming civic events and activities - Parks and Recreation Update

2.0	CONSENT AGENDA
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- 2.1 Consider approving minutes of council meetings held February 28, March 1, and March 4 [Schrag, Marks WS,], 2014 (City Secretary)
- 2.2 Consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a contract amendment with Austin Bridge & Road, L.P. in the amount of \$68,939.55 for a phasing change of the Traffic Control Plan to accommodate the Phase 2 construction of ramps onto South Colony Boulevard (Engineering, Scruggs)
- 2.3 Consider approving a resolution awarding bids and authorizing the city manager to issue purchase orders for mowing and landscape maintenance services to Somerset in the amount of \$98,998.92 and SLM in the amount of \$110,919.24 (PARD, Nelson)
- 2.4 Consider approving a request from Stewart Peninsula Golf Course to waive the annual lease fee for re-investment into infrastructure improvements at the course (PARD, Nelson)

3.0	REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
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3.1 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a site plan for a 3,750 square foot restaurant, called In-N-Out Burger, on approximately 1.20 acres, located on the southwest corner of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (S.H. 121) and Plano Parkway (Development Services, Joyce)

3.2 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a site plan for a 58,623 square foot furniture store, called Rooms-to-Go, on Lot 1, Block A of the 30/The Colony Addition, approximately 4.88 acres, located on the north side of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (S.H. 121) approximately 2,000 feet east of Paige Road (Development Services, Joyce)

3.3 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a site plan for a 38,186 square foot retail/restaurant center called Village at 121, Phase 1, on approximately 3.06 acres, located on the northeast corner of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (S.H. 121) and South Colony Boulevard (Development Services, Joyce)

3.4 Second reading, discuss and consider approving an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Article VIII, Section 6-181 and adding a new section 6-188 by prohibiting the possession of an electronic cigarette by a minor, prohibiting the using of false information or misrepresenting a minor's age in order to purchase, and prohibiting the sale of electronic cigarettes to a minor (Council)

4.0

WORK SESSION

4.1 Discuss S.H. 121-Paige turn lane construction and signal timing (Scruggs)

5.0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 A. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Secretary and City Manager.

B. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

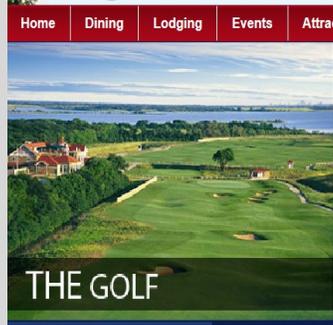
C. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.087 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to deliberate commercial or financial information the City has received from a business prospect(s), and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect(s).

Reconvene to Open Session

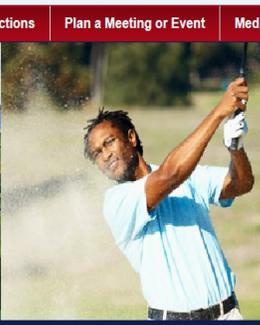
- 5.2 A. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Secretary and City Manager.
- B. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- C. Any action as a result of executive session regarding commercial or financial information the City has received from a business prospect(s).



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From casual to elegant, Mexican to Italian, lakeside to fireside, The Colony has a full

PLAY



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MEET

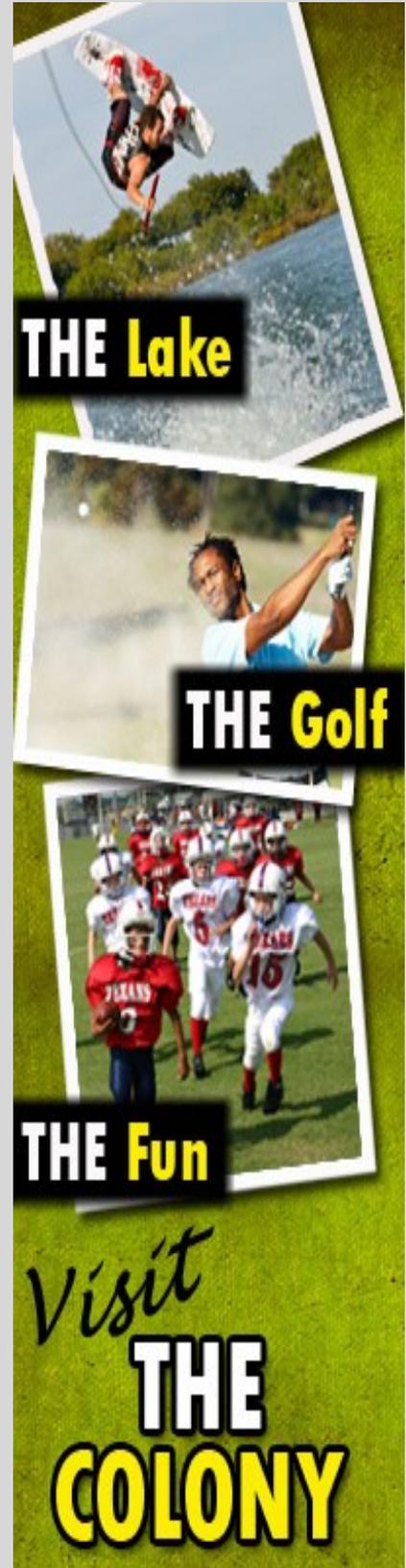


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STAY



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THE Lake

THE Golf

THE Fun

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THE COLONY
City by the Lake

View from the Shoreline Trail



City of The Colony - Texas Government

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Map

Events

Here's a brief look at what's been happening the past month in the city's Convention & Visitors Bureau:

February Recap

- In the month of February the CVB sent out 188 visitor guides electronically and 51 by mail.
- The following topics were promoted through social media in February: Groundhog Day, game watching party at local restaurants, Southwest Airlines expansion, Fro Yo & Mo, Saturday Night Out – Glow Night, The Colony Public Library Pokémon Tournament, The Colony Animal Shelter volunteer opportunities, National Wear Red Day, Kite Flying Day, Trail Rangers program, Shoreline Trail, Spec's, The Chamber of Commerce, TopGolf, Metro Relief, Saturday Night Out – Valentine's Party, spring break travel tips, Lone Star Hot Yoga, Marriott properties Romance Package, Valentine's Day, Nebraska Furniture Mart, President's Day, The Chapel at Ana Villa, Braum's Chocolate Mint Day, Saturday Night Out – Dodgeball, Whimsey & Grace, Maza Bar & Grill, Friends of The Colony, breakfast at local restaurants, event and meeting venues in The Colony, Tortilla Chip Day – local Mexican restaurants, Lakeside Community Theatre – Taxidermania, Easter brunch at The Tribute Golf Links and Guest House, Stained Glass Unlimited, T.C. Tex, The Colony Playhouse Theatre, The Tribute wedding show weekend event and DFW Surf.
- The CVB sent out its February eBlast featuring Grandscape, The Colony Aquatic Park, Lakes Lanes, TopGolf and a list of all meeting venues located throughout The Colony. We also promoted our discounts page to encourage readers to eat locally.
- In an effort to remain current in the always evolving social media landscape, The Colony CVB participated in the "Triple Threat: Managing, Measuring and Archiving Social Media" webinar.
- The CVB met with Pam Nelson and David Stoneking to discuss updates to the current attractions map. Through a combined effort, we were able to identify several necessary updates to the current map. The updated map will be repurposed for multiple projects including the official visitors guide.
- Representatives from The Colony CVB and EDC met with the Alona Robinson, Private Events Sales Manager with the Tribute Golf Links and Guest Suites. We discussed ways in which we could help the Tribute attract more guests and how we can continue to help promote future events.
- During the month of February The CVB began sending advertising materials to various publications for their spring and summer editions. We supplied materials to Slingshot, Texas Events Calendar, Texas Journey and Texas Highways. We have also continued to update many of our collateral pieces including the meeting accommodations summary and meeting planners guide which can be downloaded from our "plan a meeting or event" page: http://visitthecolonytx.com/meetings_events.php.

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THE Golf



THE Fun



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Grand Ballrooms

FEATURING:

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Meeting Planner's Guide



Meeting Accommodations Summary The Colony, Texas

This summary was created to help groups and organizations locate and reserve accommodations for meetings.

Venue / Contact	Specifications	Accommodations
<p>CASCADES EVENTS CENTER @ Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott 5909 Stone Creek Dr. The Colony, TX 75056 Contact: Sales Office PH: 972-370-9008 EM: a.thomasson@concordhotels.com www.cascadeeventscenter.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cascades Ballroom – 3,000 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Banquet: 225 ppl ○ Theatre: 300 ppl ○ U-Shape: 90 ppl ○ Classroom: 150 ppl • Ballroom can be broken into 3 different rooms, each 1,000 sq. ft. • Two Meeting Rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stone Creek – 780 sq. ft. ○ Crescent – 675 sq. ft. ○ Set Up Options: Theatre, U-Shape, Classroom or 6' Rounds • Pre-function room – 1,200 sq. ft. • Outdoor landscaped gazebo area with lighting/sound capabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audio/Visual equipment available • High-speed wireless internet • On-site catering (no outside vendors) • Wedding, meeting & family reunion packages available • Ballroom rental includes: set-up, tables, chairs, white table linens, standard center piece, dance floor • Meeting room rental includes: set-up, tables, chairs, white table linens • Accommodations available at Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott and Residence Inn by Marriott
<p>CHAPEL AT ANA VILLA 5921 Stone Creek Dr. The Colony, TX 75056 Contact: Sales Office PH: 972-624-8017 EM: info@ChapelAnaVilla.com http://www.chapelanavilla.com/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Ballroom – 4,500 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 275 ppl • La Cava – 2,000 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 160 ppl • Bridal Room (Ballroom) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 16 ppl • Bridal Room (La Cava) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 10 ppl 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-of-the-art sound system • 21 ft. ceilings • Wrought iron chandeliers • Fireplace • Brick accented walls • Private restrooms, lighted makeup counter, 3-way mirror, flat screen monitor in bridal suites
<p>THE TRIBUTE GOLF CLUB & GUEST SUITES 1000 Lebanon Rd. The Colony, TX 75056 Contact: Director of Catering PH: 972-370-5465 X 2103 EM: catering665@americangolf.com www.thetributegc.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Ballroom – 3,292 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Banquet: 240 ppl ○ Hors d'oeuvres: 300 ppl • Highland Terrace (covered balcony) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Banquet: 140 ppl ○ Hors d'oeuvres: 200 ppl • Argyle Room – 480 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conference: 12 ppl • Skye Room – 475 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Banquet: 30 ppl ○ U-Shape: 20 ppl • Champion's Club – 930 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Banquet: 80 ppl ○ Hors d'oeuvres: 100 ppl ○ U-Shape: 28 ppl 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audio/Visual equipment available • High-speed wireless internet • On-site catering available • Wedding/meeting packages available • Outdoor gazebo with white garden chairs for weddings • Event space rental includes: set-up, tables, chairs, colored linens, centerpiece, dance floor • 8 guest suites available • Top-ranked 18-hole golf course • Stay & play packages • Beautiful views of Lewisville Lake • On-site pub and pro shop

<p>RESIDENCE INN by Marriott 6600 Cascades Court The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 972-370-9008 Contact: Sales Office EM: a.thomasson@concordhotels.com www.residenceintheclony.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boardroom – 210 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High-back leather chairs and conference table ○ Capacity: 6-8 ppl 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Audio/Visual equipment available ● High-speed wireless internet ● On-site catering available ● 42-inch flat screen television with computer hook-up capabilities ● Accommodations available at Residence Inn by Marriott and Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
<p>COMFORT SUITES 4796 Memorial Dr. The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 972-668-5555 EM: comfordsuitesthecolony@gmail.com www.comfordsuitesthecolonytx.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boardroom – 300 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ high-back leather chairs ○ Capacity: 6-8 ppl ● Hospitality Room – 540 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Banquet: 45 ppl ○ Theatre: 57 ppl ○ U-Shape: 15 ppl ○ Classroom: 37 ppl 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High-speed wired & wireless internet ● Projector with screen ● 80-inch plasma screen television with computer and video hook-up
<p>TOPGOLF 3760 Blair Oaks Dr. The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 469-213-5204 http://topgolf.com/theclony/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full Signature Room – 3000 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 200 ppl ● Signature Room North – 1500 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 100 ppl ● Signature Room South – 1500 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 100 ppl ● Rooftop Terrace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 100-150 ppl ● Lower Lounge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 60-75 ppl 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Audio/Visual equipment available ● On-site catering (no outside vendors) ● Meet/Play/Eat packages available ● High-speed wireless internet
<p>THE OLD AMERICAN GOLF CLUB 1001 Lebanon Rd. The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 972-370-4653 Contact: Geraldine Doran, Director of Sales EM: gdoran@oldamericangolfclub.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Restaurant – 1300 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 72 ppl ● Conference Room – 140 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 6-8 ppl ● Deck – 2000 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 150 ppl 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Audio/Visual equipment available ● Complimentary high speed wireless ● Beautiful views of Lewisville Lake ● Nationally ranked 18-hole golf course designed by Tripp Davis and Justin Leonard
<p>THE COLONY COMMUNITY CENTER 5151 N. Colony Blvd. The Colony, TX 75056 Contact: Diana Holland PH: 972-624-2246 EM: dholland@thecolonytx.gov www.thecolonytx.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Large Activity Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Banquet: 100 ppl ○ Hors d'oeuvres: 200 ppl ● 1/2 Large Activity Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Banquet: 50 ppl ○ Hors d'oeuvres: 100 ppl 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Service kitchen available for additional cost (ice maker only) ● Tables & chairs included in rental ● No smoking or alcohol allowed ● Available for private parties, bridal/baby showers, reunions

<p>THE MOOSE CLUB – AUSTIN RANCH 6900 Sumner St. The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 972-820-8000 EM: live@austinranch.com www.austinranchevents.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fully furnished home-like setting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 100 ppl ● Available for private parties, bridal showers, reunions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two antique pool tables ● Baby grand piano ● Business lounge, which opens into a veranda & wet bar ● Television ● Juke box
<p>THE RANCH HOUSE – AUSTIN RANCH 3313 Plano Pkwy. The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 972-820-8000 EM: live@austinranch.com www.austinranchevents.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3,500 sq. ft. fully furnished home on 2 acres of land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 300 ppl ● Largest room – 20x50 ft. ● Available for private parties, weddings, retreats, reunions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spacious dining and living areas ● Over-sized functional chef’s kitchen ● 5 bathrooms ● Swimming pool ● Beautiful outdoor patio – room for party tents & tables
<p>THE LODGE – AUSTIN RANCH 6101 Saintsbury Dr. The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 972-820-8000 EM: live@austinranch.com www.austinranchevents.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fully furnished home-like setting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 80 ppl ● Available for private parties, bridal showers, reunions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Large living and dining room ● Flat screen televisions ● Overlooks Lake Connell ● Impressive glass entry-way
<p>SPENCER HOUSE – AUSTIN RANCH 5735 W. Arbor Hills Way The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 972-820-8000 EM: live@austinranch.com www.austinranchevents.com www.spencerhousedallas.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4,000 sq. ft. fully furnished antique home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 100 ppl ● Available to rent per night, per week, short-term, long-term or by the day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enclosed landscape courtyard for outdoor weddings/events ● 4 bedrooms upstairs with private bathrooms, TV & A/C units ● Spacious living areas and library ● Large functional kitchen ● Wrap around porch
<p>HIDDEN COVE PARK DINING HALL @ Lewisville Lake 20400 Hackberry Creek Park Rd. The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 972-294-1443 Contact: Susannah Castorena EM: Susannah@marinequest.net www.marinequest.net/HiddenCove</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dining area – 1,224 sq. ft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 100 ppl ● Lakeside tent weddings: 350 ppl ● Individual or group pricing available ● HCP Amenities – boat ramps, marina, watercraft rentals, ship store, fueling dock & camp sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Available for private parties, church retreats, weddings, graduation, family reunions, etc. ● Functional kitchen with gas stove top, oven & refrigerator ● Rental includes tables & chairs ● Outdoor deck with over-sized grill ● 3 pavilions ● Bounce house/slip & slide rentals available
<p>AMORE PASTA & PIZZA 4709 State Hwy 121 The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 972-624-1313 www.amore-thecolony.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Private dining area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 40 ppl ● No room fees with food service ● Ability to open doors and connect to main dining area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daily specials ● Pizza, pasta, chicken, veal, seafood & salad

<p>GOLDEN CORRAL 4675 State Hwy 121 The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 972-668-7550 www.goldencorral.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private dining area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 60 ppl • No room fees with food service • Ability to open doors and connect to main dining area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prices range from \$5-\$11 per person • Lunch & dinner buffet – 7 days a week • Breakfast buffet – weekends only
<p>IHOP 4801 State Hwy 121 The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 469-384-1400 www.ihop.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private dining area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 10-55 ppl • No room fees with food service • Ability to open doors and connect to main dining area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prices range from \$5-\$12 per person • Seniors 55+: buy one, get one free every day from 3-8 p.m. ; Kids 12 & under eat free every day from 4-10 p.m. with a paying adult
<p>PALIO'S PIZZA CAFE 4181 Main St. The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 214-469-2666 www.paliospizzacafe.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-private dining area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 5-40 ppl • No room fees with food service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prices range from \$4-\$18 per person • BYOB – bring your own beer/wine • Wine glass available • Pizza, pasta, sandwiches & salads
<p>STAN'S LAKEVIEW TAPHOUSE & GRILL 4847 Main St. The Colony, TX 75056 PH: 972-370-9994 www.stanslakeview.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private dining area (upstairs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity: 50 ppl • No room fees with food service (call for minimum purchase requirements) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prices range from \$6-\$14 • Beautiful views of Lewisville Lake

Please contact CVB@thecolonytx.gov if you have meeting rooms located in The Colony that you would like to add to the summary.

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The screenshot shows the City of The Colony website homepage. At the top left is the logo for 'THE COLONY City by the Lake'. To the right is a navigation bar with links for 'Calendar - News - Employment - Codes & Documents - Contact Us' and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Below this is a dark red navigation menu with 'Home', 'Government', 'Departments', 'News/Information', 'Online Services', and 'City Related Websites'. A left sidebar contains icons and links for 'Construction Updates', 'Residents', 'Businesses', 'Email Updates', 'Citizen Action Center', 'Community TV', 'Online Bill Pay', and 'Event Information'. The main content area features a large sunset image of a boat on a lake. Below the image are three sections: 'The Colony News' with a headline 'Firefighters battle four-alarm fire' and a 'View All' link; 'City Calendar' with a headline '12/11/13 - Economic Development Corporation Mtg.' and a 'View Calendar' link; and 'Community Update' with a 'City Manager Weekly Report' and a video player showing a campsite by a lake.

This is a Twitter profile card for the City of The Colony. It features the city's logo, the name 'City of The Colony', the handle '@TheColonyTexas', and the website 'TheColonyTx.gov'. The card shows 1,670 tweets, 78 followers, and 572 following. There is an 'Edit profile' button.

This is a Facebook profile card for 'City of The Colony - Texas Government'. It features the city's logo, a cover photo of a lake, and the text 'View from the Shoreline Trail'. The profile has 2,053 likes and 121 people talking about this. It includes a 'Liked' button, a 'Message' button, and a dropdown menu. Below the profile information are sections for 'Government Organization' with the website 'www.TheColonyTx.gov' and 'Follow us on twitter: @TheColonyTexas', and a row of icons for 'Photos', 'Likes', 'Map', and 'Events'.

Here's a brief look at what's been happening the past month in the city's Communications Department:

- The latest installment in the city's ongoing departmental profiles on [Wordpress](#) was posted Feb. 11 and featured the Water Department. The story encapsulated the entire water system – production, distribution, and wastewater treatment. Highlights included perspective on how well the city has positioned itself in terms of securing reliable water sources; how hard employees work to ensure the water flows through the system to our customers; and how efficiently wastewater is treated and subsequently returned to the ecosystem in a state that is environmentally safe.
- In light of upcoming municipal elections taking place in surrounding communities, communications staff members drafted and distributed a press release in early February reminding residents that The Colony's city council elections for 2014 will be held in November. As was discussed when making the original decision in 2013, the release pointed out the council's hopes and intentions of increasing voter turnout by changing the date. The release was published in *The Colony Courier-Leader* on Feb. 16.
- The city's cable broadcasting software underwent an update that corrects a persistent glitch while also providing new help-ticket features facilitating convenient and timely responses to any future needs.
- Efforts to update and maintain the city's website continued. Working alongside Environmental Services Manager Terry Gilman, communications staff revamped the Adopt-a-Street page of the site. Additional new headshots of departmental directors were added to their respective pages, with more to come. Communications staff members have also been working with the Convention and Visitors Bureau in the redesign and mobile responsiveness of the CVB's website. This experience will prove especially beneficial when the city's much larger site eventually undergoes its own redesign at a future date.
- As matter of routine, the Communications Department also promotes via social media: construction progress at the Nebraska Furniture site; weekly updates from the city manager's office to the city council; job opportunities available with the city; notification of agenda postings for the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission across multiple platforms; weather and traffic alerts; and, recently, early voting information.
- Communications staff members continually work closely with other departments to edit, draft, and/or distribute a variety of press releases relating to city operations and events. Those efforts, among other engagements with local media, have resulted in coverage of:
 - previously reported planned improvements to The Tribute development as part of *neighborsgo*'s online "Best of 2014" compilation;
 - City Council's discussion regarding regulation of e-cigarettes, on the front page of the Feb. 23 edition of *The Colony Courier-Leader*;
 - Planning and Zoning's approval of a site plan for In-N-Out Burger, on the front-page of the Feb. 16 edition of *The Courier-Leader*;
 - the city's many "methods of communication" in a column by Director of Communications Diane Baxter published Feb. 28 in *neighborsgo*;
 - a Red Cross blood drive scheduled for March 3 at city hall, in both *neighborsgo* and *The Courier-Leader* online and in print; and, ongoing availability of recycled tree mulch at the Animal Control facility.
- Since Feb. 3, the city's official Twitter account, @TheColonyTexas, has seen a net increase of 61 new followers, bringing the total to 675. Since the previous count, social media moderators have sent out 64 unique Tweets promoting city news, events and other information relevant to the city's residents.

- The city's official Facebook page has accumulated a net total of 38 new "Likes," or followers since the last update, bringing the total to 2,148. Facebook metrics indicated followers were particularly interested in: a metrics record-breaking "Throwback Thursday" photo featuring signage of the city's original logo (*see below*), which prompted an engaging and fun discussion on social media by our residents and followers; discussion surrounding an announcement of TCPD's intentions to more aggressively enforce the law when motorists block traffic at intersections after the signal light cycles; and, temporary malfunction of the traffic signal at Paige Road/Plano Parkway at SH121.

Post Details

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Can't say for sure exactly when this was taken. In the archives it's simply labeled, "Olde Days." #TBT



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For the month of February the department closed 43 helpdesk tickets and deployed 10 new computers.

We are continuing to work with the hardware manufacturer to resolve the issue on our new email servers. We have been assigned a product engineer to help determine the cause and resolution. IBM has sent loaner hardware to assist in our troubleshooting efforts.

The new online application webpage is working well. There was a temporary glitch where the email notifying HR that an application had been submitted quit working. The new applications process saves the application files and we were able to locate and deliver all the applications received to HR.

I.T. and the Police department worked together to identify requirements for new laptops for the patrol vehicles. We submitted these requirements to bid with bid closing on March 25th, 2014.

The I.T. department was able to help save money on the SCADA computer system upgrade at Office Creek by reviewing their requirements and contacting vendors for competitive pricing.

Technology Board

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The Technology Board met on March 3, 2014. Three web hosting vendors were presented for review and the board approved the recommendation of employing Hostgator as our new web hosting provider for the city. Board member Martinez requested a discussion on a smartphone application for citizens to be able to report graffiti and other issues to staff. Staff provided information to the board regarding the current CRM system the city has in place, our Citizen Action Center (GovQA). There was further discussion as to the need to update this system or look at other vendors. The next meeting is scheduled on April 7, 2014.

The Colony Utility Department has added a new payment feature to add ease and convenience for the residents and businesses. Credit card auto draft has become a very popular means of payment for the monthly water bill. There is no fee to use this service. The bill amount is charged to the credit card each month on the due date. Residents will continue to receive the monthly bill for review, the payment will be automatic. Enrollment is simple: email the request to enroll into credit card auto draft with a copy of your driver license and a phone number to: utilityadmin@thecolonytx.gov. A Customer Service Representative will contact the enrollee to obtain the credit card information and enter the information into a secure 'vault'. Those interested in enrolling can also visit us at City Hall, 6800 Main Street, The Colony, TX, 75056. Provide driver license and credit card (Master Card/Visa) to be drafted. As a reminder when enrolled in the credit card draft: if the card has expired or the resident receives a new card number, inform the utility department with the new information so there is no interruption in the auto draft. In addition to the credit card draft, The Colony Utility also offers payment acceptance through an IVR (automated phone payment), through the City's website, bank draft (checking/savings), night deposit as well as in-office payments and regular mail. Automated phone payments are accepted at 972-625-2741 option 4, no fee and accepted 24*7. Web payments are accepted at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/thecolonytx>, fee of \$1.25 and accepted 24*7. Any resident that would like more information on any of these payment options is encouraged to visit our website at www.thecolonytx.gov or call at 972-625-2741. The Customer Services Department is continually researching additional convenient options for our residents regarding the water utility. Stay tuned for the future! Happy New Year from the Customer Services Representatives at The Colony Water Department.

Credit Card Draft now available!!

Enrollment is simple: Email utilityadmin@thecolonytx.gov with a request to enroll into credit card autodraft. Include a copy of your driver's license and phone number. A customer service representative will contact you to obtain the credit card information and enter it into a secure "vault". Those interested in enrolling may also visit City Hall, 6800 Main St. Provide driver's license and credit card to be drafted.

Contact Information

Mailing Address:

PO Box 560008, The Colony, Tx 75056

Physical Address:

6800 Main St., The Colony, Tx 75056

Telephone:

972-625-2741

After Hours Telephone: (Water/Sewer)

If No Answer please call:

972-625-4471

469-628-5452

Fax:

972-624-2286

Email

utilityadmin@thecolonytx.gov

Automated Bill payment/information

972-625-2741 opt. 4

Hours:

Office

Drive-thru

Monday - Friday

8:00AM - 5:00PM

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The after hours night depository is located on the north side of the City hall building.

New Service Requirements :

Twenty - Four (24) hour notice is required for any new service.

Service Application - English *** (Required)

Service Application - Spanish *** (Required)

Driver's License

Home Owner's Deposit - \$75.00 (could vary based on prior service)

Renter's Deposit - \$150.00 (could vary based on prior service)

Application Fee - \$20.00

Commercial Domestic/Irrigation Application***

Commercial Deposit - Dependent on service

Application Fee - \$20.00

*If buying - Need copy of Title papers.

*If renting - Need copy of your signed lease agreement.

All adults on lease or title papers must be listed on the service application.

The Colony's History at a Glance

In 1973, Fox and Jacobs (F&J), a Dallas-based residential land developer, purchased approximately 2,500 acres of land on the eastern shore of Lake Lewisville and south of Eastvale for a housing development. The name The Colony was chosen because F&J felt a strong sense of kinship with Texas' early developers and also to memorialize the spirit of Peters Colony providing a new way of life – a goal Fox and Jacobs wanted their new development to share, as well.



A Municipal Utility District was then formed to provide public water services to the development. In 1974, streets were poured and many were named after early settlers and members of the crew working on the project. The first families moved into their homes in October 1974. By January 1977, The Colony had over 3,500 residents and voted to incorporate as a city. The Colony became a Home Rule city in 1979.

Fox and Jacobs built and donated a fire station in 1975; the first business was a Stop 'n Go convenience store, opened in 1976; the first churches to open were the Methodist and Baptist churches; the first public school, Camey Elementary, opened in 1977; and The Colony Public Library opened in 1982.

Today, substantial business and retail development is progressively changing the landscape of The Colony. The city's population is currently around 40,000, with more increases expected in the next several years. To quote a recent "D" magazine article, "The Colony is red hot!"

City of The Colony, Texas

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Police Department	972-625-1887
Fire Department	972-625-3944
Public Library	972-625-1900
Utility Billing	972-625-2741 ext. 3113
After hours telephone: if no answer;	972-625-4471 469-628-5452
CVB	(972) 624-LAKE
EDC	972-624-3127
Adult Probation	972-434-7290
Judge James DePiazza	972-434-7200
Vehicle Reg/Tax Office	972-434-7250

If you are not already following us on social media sites, we invite you to monitor what's happening in the city at:



Questions? Email: info@thecolonytx.gov

