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“Good seasons start with good beginnings.”
 Sparky Anderson

“Though no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand-new ending.”
 Carl Bard

“Remember tonight... for it is the beginning of always”
 Dante Alighieri

BOARD MEETINGS

JANUARY						
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- City Council
- Planning and Zoning
- Economic Development Corporation
- Community Development Corporation
- Board of Adjustment
- Technology Board
- Library Board
- Community Image Advisory Board

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

LAST CHANCE

The Colony Christmas Spectacular

Date: Saturday, December 7th – January 4th

Time: Sunset – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Central Fire Station
(4900 Blair Oaks The Colony, TX 75056)

Cost: FREE

Upcoming Parks and Rec Events

Polar Open Disc Golf Tournament

Date: Saturday, January 25th

Time: 7:00a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Bill Allen Memorial Park, 5900 Carroll

Cost: Varies by division

Daddy & Daughter Dance

Date: Saturday, February 1st

Time: 3:00pm / 5:00pm / 7:00pm

Location: Cascades Event Center, 5909 Stone Creek Dr.

Cost: \$35 per couple; \$10 for each additional child; \$12 corsage; \$4 boutonniere; \$14 corsage / boutonniere combo

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

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

Movies in the Park – “TBD”

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

Upcoming Library Events

Spanish/English Bilingual Story Time

Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe Español / Inglés

Sponsored in part by Target

Date: Sundays, January 5th, 12th, & 26th

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

Early Dismissal Family Movie

Date: Friday, January 17th

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

eReader Office Hours

Dates & times:

Tuesday, January 7 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15 at 7 p.m.

Friday, January 24 at 2 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

1/7/14 JOINT COUNCIL AND P&Z AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
JANUARY 7, 2014
6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. **City Council**
 - b. **Planning and Zoning Commission**

2. **Conduct a joint public hearing, discuss and consider text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance by revising Section 10-100, entitled "Schedule of Uses" to require a Specific Use Permit for hotels in certain zoning districts and to prohibit motels in any district; by eliminating, revising or adding definitions to Section 10-300, "Definitions Applicable to the Schedule of Uses", and by establishing a new Section 10-2400, "Hotels" (SI13-0017, Planning, Joyce)**
 - a. **Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss and consider making a recommendation to the City Council regarding this item.**
 - b. **City Council to discuss and consider approving an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances regarding this item.**

3. **Conduct a joint public hearing, discuss and consider a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance by revising Section 10A, "Gateway Overlay District Regulations" by adding a new Section 10A-400(c) establishing certain prohibited land uses (SI13-0018, Planning, Joyce)**
 - a. **Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss and consider making a recommendation to the City Council regarding this item.**
 - b. **City Council to discuss and consider approving an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances regarding this item.**

4. **Conduct a joint public hearing, discuss and consider text amendments to remove Section 13-169, entitled "Location of Credit Access Businesses" from Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances; to revise Section 10-100, "Schedule of Uses"; to add definitions to Section 10-300, "Definitions Applicable to the Schedule of Uses" and to add Section 10-2300, entitled "Regulations for Credit Access Businesses" to Appendix A, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances (SI13-0016, Planning, Joyce)**
 - a. **Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss and consider making a recommendation to the City Council regarding this item.**
 - b. **City Council to discuss and consider approving an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances regarding this item.**

5. **Conduct a joint public hearing, discuss and consider text amendments to Section 24, "Amendments" of Appendix A, Zoning, regarding public notification and public hearings (SI13-0019, Planning, Joyce)**
 - a. **Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss and consider making a recommendation to the City Council regarding this item.**
 - b. **City Council to discuss and consider approving an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances regarding this item.**

6. **Adjournment**
 - a. **Planning and Zoning Commission**
 - b. **City Council**

1/7/14 REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA

1.0 ROUTINE ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

Salute to the Texas Flag

Citizen Input

Announcement of upcoming civic events and activities - Presentation from the Library Director regarding current and upcoming programs, events, and service improvements.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.1 Consider approving minutes of council meeting held December 17, 2013 [McCourry, Marks] (City Secretary)
- 2.2 Consider approving council expenditures for November 2013 (Council)
- 2.3 Consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to issue a purchase order to Sam Pack Ford for the purchase of four vehicles in the amount of \$98,628, with pricing available through the Texas Interlocal Smart Buy Program, as approved in the FY2013-2014 municipal budget (Finance, Cranford)

3.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- 3.1 Discuss and consider approving a resolution accepting a donation from Jeff Scoggin and directing that the donation be utilized as stated for the city's Animal Shelter (Council)

4.0 WORK SESSION

No items.

5.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 5.1
 - A. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 (2) of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to consult with the city attorney regarding the Marine Quest Development Agreement.
 - B. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding an Impact Fee Waiver Agreement with Colony 5 Partners LLC, and RTG Colony Partners LLC.
 - C. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to seek legal advice from the City Attorney and to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, and to consider authorizing the use of eminent domain to condemn property or properties:

- (a) approximately 2,001 square feet or 0.0459 acres of land for a mutual access easement and approximately 4,246 square feet or 0.097 acres of land for right-of-way, in fee simple, both of which are located in the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos & Colorado Railroad Company Survey, Abstract No. 174, City of The Colony, Denton County, Texas, for public roadway purposes;
- (b) approximately 15,888 square feet or 0.365 acres of land and 10,141 square feet or 0.232 acres of land both of which for right-of-way, in fee simple, and both are located in the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos & Colorado Railroad Company Survey, Abstract No. 174, City of The Colony, Denton County, Texas, for public roadway purposes; and
- (c) approximately 11,811 square feet or 0.2711 acres of land, and 20,718 square feet or 0.476 acres of land both of which for right-of-way, in fee simple, and located within the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos & Colorado Railroad Company Survey, Abstract No. 174, City of The Colony, Denton County, Texas; and approximately 78,091 square feet or 1.793 acres of land for right-of-way, located within the B.B.B. & C.R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 173 and 174, in fee simple, and 3,236 square feet 0.0743 acres of land for a mutual access easement both of which are located within the B.B.B. & C.R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 173, City of The Colony, Denton County, Texas, all of which for public roadway purposes.

Reconvene to Open Session

- 5.2 A. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the Marine Quest Development Agreement.
- B. Any action as a result of executive session regarding an Impact Fee Waiver Agreement with Colony 5 Partners LLC, and RTG Colony Partners LLC.
- C. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, and to consider authorizing the use of eminent domain to condemn property or properties: (a), (b), or (c) above.

ADJOURNMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION

Special Events:



Daddy & Daughter Dance Tickets On Sale!

Tickets for the 2013 Daddy & Daughter Dance go on sale starting January 6th at The Colony Recreation Center, 5151 North Colony Blvd. This year's dance will be held on Saturday, February 1st at the Cascades Event Center, 5909 Stone Creek Drive (behind the Fairfield Inn). Tickets are \$35/couple, and include a 4x6 photo. Three dances are available, the first from 3 – 4:30pm, the second from 5 – 6:30pm and the third from 7 – 8:30pm. The Daddy & Daughter Dance is recommended for girls ages 3-12. For more information about this event, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106. Tickets sell out quickly, so get your tickets soon!

Recreation:

New Year Resolutions!



Did you make a New Year resolution? If so, now is the time to make it happen! Whether your resolution is to get in shape, have more fun, or get active in the community, the Parks & Recreation Department likely has a program or activity that can help you to make your resolutions come true. Check out the Spring issue of the Fun Times catalog at http://www.flipdocs.com/showbook.aspx?ID=10011046_731593 and you will find all kinds of ways to make 2014 the best year yet!

Spring Break Kidz Kamp



Spring Break Kidz Kamp is now open for registration! Campers go on a different field trip each day! Field trips include the Frank Buck Zoo and Going Bonkers. The cost is \$150 for the week. Discounts are available for families with multiple children. Registration will be accepted by the day beginning March 3 if space allows. The cost is \$30 per day. For more information or to register, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106.

Athletics:



Polar Open Disc Golf Tournament

Date: Saturday, January 25

Time: 7:00AM – 6:00PM

Location: Bill Allen Memorial Park, 5900 Carroll

Cost: Varies by division

The Colony Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the 4th Annual Polar Open Disc Golf Tournament. Registration will open December 9th through the day of the tournament or until sold out. Space is limited so register as soon as possible. Come see some of the best disc golf talent around! For more information contact The Colony Recreation Center (972) 625-1106.

Spring Youth Volleyball



Registration: January 18 – February 22 @ The Colony Recreation Center

Cost: \$55 for residents and \$65 for non-residents

Ages: Girls ages 7-14

Register early for this extremely popular summer sport! Divisions are limited, so early registration is highly recommended. League play begins March 22.

Spring Adult Volleyball

Registration: January 18 – February 22 @ The Colony Recreation Center

Cost: \$300/team

Ages: 18+

This is a NEW league for adults! Registration is limited to seven teams. Games will be played on Sunday evenings at the Recreation Center. Each team will play six regular season games, and will conclude the season with a single elimination tournament.

Youth Sport Associations

Registration is currently underway for spring baseball and spring soccer. Registrations for associations can be completed online by visiting each association's website www.tcyba.net, or www.tcysa.net. You can also register at the Recreation Center. Please visit each association's website for additional details.



The Saturday Nite Out programs returns to The Colony Recreation Center in 2014 for the 23rd year! Opening night is Saturday, January 11th with a special Door Prize Mania theme. Saturday Nite Out is an organized "lock in" program for boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Each night features lots of fun games and activities, and concessions are available for purchase. Admission price is just \$7 per participant. For more information about Saturday Nite Out, visit www.SNOthecolony.com or call the SNO staff at (469)269-NITE.

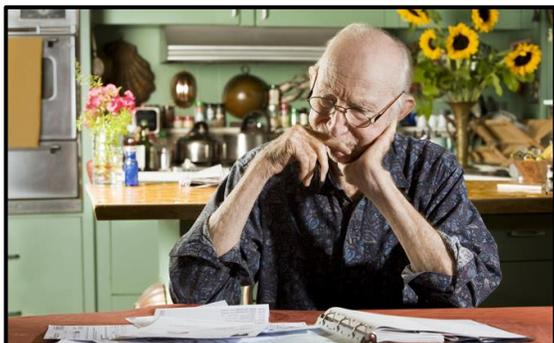
Community Center:

New Bridge Group

The Colony Community Center is starting a new Bridge group on Thursdays, from 10am – 2pm. This group will welcome experienced players as well as those new to the game that want to learn how to play. If you are a very serious player, this is probably not the group for you. The Goren method of playing will be used. If you are interested in playing and learning, please plan to join! For more information, contact the Community Center at (972)624-2246.



Benefits Counseling



Did you know that The Colony Community Center offers free benefits counseling on a monthly basis? The next session will be held on January 21. An AARP Benefits Counselor will meet with you individually to help guide you to programs that you may qualify for. Call (972)624-2246 for an appointment. You may also contact the North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging at (817)695-9122 to speak with a benefits counselor.

Aquatics:

Float Yoga Gets National Attention



BOARDERS
SURF WITHIN

Boarders Magazine featured an article about winter activities that included photos and a description of the new Float Yoga classes The Colony Aquatic Park. The new course has picked up a regular following for its Saturday morning timeslot. Call the Aquatic Park at (972)624-2225 for more information.

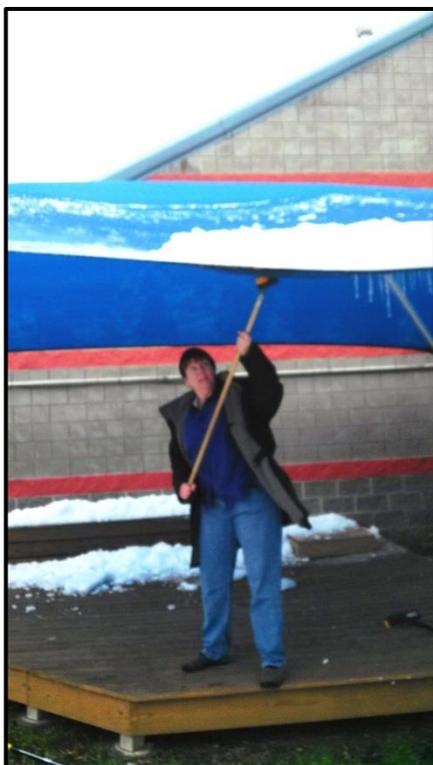
Specialized Trainings

During the Christmas Holiday, a special program called “Ho Ho H2O Go!” was designed to prepare The Colony Penguins for the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation’s Winter State Meet. The TAAF meet will be January 17 & 18 in Frisco. Other groups that took advantage of some extra holiday lane hours included Prosper High School, Prestonwood Christian Academy and Lakeside Aquatic Club’s USA Team.



Extra Swim Team Time

Two American Red Cross safety courses were held for the general public during the Christmas Holidays. Both “Lifeguard Training Review” and “Safety Training for Swim Coaches” were squeezed into the Aquatic Park schedule between Christmas and New Year’s Day. The next offering will be an opportunity for certified Lifeguards to renew their credentials, planned on the Martin Luther King Holiday. For more information call (972)624-2225.



“Weathering” the Storm

Every member of the Aquatic Park staff played an important part during the ice storm, checking pool pipes throughout the night and trying to keep the buildup from damaging shade awnings. So far, the only damage seems to be the loss of a few bushes.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Donna Cole, Member

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Lake Park Permits Available

Annual permits for Stewart Creek Park are now available for purchase! Permits can be purchased at The Colony Recreation Center, 5151 North Colony Boulevard. Permit prices are \$35 for residents of The Colony and \$65 for non-residents. Combo permits for both Stewart Creek Park and Hidden Cove Park are also available and will be available for purchase soon. For more information, call Parks & Recreation at (972)625-1106.



LIBRARY

Recent events and service improvements/expansion:

FOTCPL PRESENTS! Photos with Santa



Despite this event being postponed a week due to the ice storm, 150 children and parents turned out to enjoy the music of the Fiddle Rascals and visit with Santa. A total of 96 photos were sold, raising \$194 for TCPL's youth programs. A special thank you goes to all the volunteers who contributed to this event, including Santa and his elves (aka TCPL's teen volunteers posing here with Santa), the Fiddle Rascals, and photographer Paul LeMaire and technical assistant Eric Brophy, as well as to TCPL staff members Amanda Poore, Carolyn LeMaire, and Marsha Fergusson.

Holiday Story Time with Ms. Amanda & Ms. Julie

Thirty parents and children gathered in the story corner on December 18th for this event.



From Ms. Amanda: "Thanks to all of you who came out to see us tonight. We had a lot of fun, especially with the puppet show. I hope you join us in January when our regularly scheduled story times resume!"

B. B. Owen Elementary School Curriculum Night



At the Dr. Seuss-themed event on December 12, Youth Services Librarian Amanda Poore and Circulation Clerk Holly Martin issued 27 new library cards and provided information about TCPL services and resources to over 235 parents and students – many of whom were sporting great costumes!

Story Time Backpacks – Now available for check out!

Early literacy starts in the home between parent and child -- check out our new Story Time Backpacks so that you can take story time home! Each of these fun kits includes books, a felt story, a story time outline, and an educational toy.



Love movies? Try out TCPL's IndieFlix service:



This streaming movie service provides unlimited access to award-winning shorts, feature films, and documentaries. With thousands of films to choose from across more than 50 countries, *IndieFlix* offers a viewing experience you can't get anywhere else.

- Film-festival hits — View films from major festivals all over the world, including Sundance, Cannes, Tribeca, and more!
- Find the right film for you — Sort by language, genre, or film length with easy-to-use filters.
- Available everywhere — Watch movies on any Internet-enabled computer, smartphone, or tablet with a Web browser! Also available on Roku, xBox, and Apple TV via Apple devices.

Love music? Try out TCPL's new streaming music service:



With TCPL's *Freegal Music* service, you now have the ability to stream three hours of music each day – all it takes is your TCPL card and password! Your streaming allocation is in addition to your music download allocation. You can set up your own streaming playlists or use Freegal's playlists. *Freegal Music* is also a mobile experience. The new Freegal Music update for Android and Apple devices is in the stores/marketplace for you to be able to stream ad-free music. Find it all at thecolonypl.org!

NEW!

TCPL has a new look! If it didn't look like this photo the last time you were here – you are "overdue" for a library visit!



January at TCPL:**School of the Month: B. B. Owen Elementary School**

During the month of January, any B. B. Owen student who checks out materials or gets a new library card may pick up a free gift at the library Circulation Desk.

Online Resources of the Month at thecolonypl.org:

Planning a career change or looking for a new job this year? [Job Search Resources](#) from the Library include *AtoZDatabases*, *Job & Career Accelerator*, *Tutor.com* and more. These free resources help you get the skills you need for that new career, search for job openings, research companies and create an impressive resume. The Library has many free, useful online resources for you.

• Improve your skills and marketability through software tutorials or full courses

- Research companies and job openings
- Prepare for licensing/certification exams
- Get one on one help with your job search and resume
- Organize your career plan and search strategies.

The Library has it all at the [Job Search Resources](#) page at thecolonypl.org!

Youth Programs**Early Literacy Programs:*****Bilingual Spanish/English Story Time Series, Sundays January 5, 12, & 26 at 2 p.m.***

This new series is being developed by Youth Services Librarian Amanda Poore and Youth Services Library Assistant Tina Martinez with resources funded in part by a grant from Target. For more information, contact Amanda Poore, 972-624-3186, apoore@thecolonypl.org.

***Toddler Time is held Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the Quiet Room January 7, 14, 21, 28***

Toddler Time is geared toward 2 & 3 year old children; it is a good introduction to the Library and reading-readiness using stories, puppets, poems and songs. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Preschool Story Time is held Fridays at 10:15 a.m. in the Story Corner

January 10, 17, 24, 31

Join us for books, fingerplays and songs! No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Early Dismissal Family Movie, Friday, January 17 at 1:30 p.m.



Students who are released from school early are invited to our Early Dismissal Family Movie. Please note that all children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver aged 12 or older at all times while in the Library.

Teen Events



Teen Anime Club, Wednesdays, January 15 & 29, 6:30 p.m.

Teen anime fans meet at the Library for fellowship, fundraisers and fun.



Teen Advisory Panel, Tuesday, January 28, 7 p.m.

Join the TCPL Teen Advisory Panel (TAP) and give the library staff suggestions on how to better serve teens – and earn volunteer hours while you do so! Interested? Contact apoore@thecolonypl.org or call Ms. Amanda at 972-624-3186.

Other January events:



ESL Class: Saturday, January 4, 10:30 - noon

Join the conversation with other adults as you learn and practice speaking English at these free volunteer-led classes.



eReader Office Hours

Bring in your eReader or tablet and learn how to get free ebooks and audiobooks from the Library's downloadable books services.

Tuesday, January 7 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15 at 7 p.m.

Friday, January 24 at 2 p.m.



Home Sellers Seminar, Wednesday, January 8, 7 p.m.

Free seminar for those interested in selling their home - get prepared with up-to-date information, tips, and suggestions from experts on how to prepare your home to attract buyers, how to work with real estate professionals, and all the steps involved in the home selling process.



The Colony Local History Committee Meeting, Thursday, January 16, 7 p.m.

Help cultivate and preserve The Colony's rich history, learn about projects the committee members have underway, and help plan for upcoming events.



Friends of The Colony Public Library Officers Meeting, Thursday, January 16, 7 p.m.

Meet the officers of Friends of The Colony Public Library; learn about FOTCPL's efforts in support of the Library's programs and services. New members are welcomed!



Writers' Circle, Tuesday, January 21, 7 p.m.

Writing can be a solitary experience, but sometimes you need interaction with other writers. The Library invites local writers to meet in the library conference room to discuss their current projects, seek suggestions from fellow writers to improve their writing skills, and share insights into getting their works published.



The WhoDunIt? Books Review Mystery Book Club, Wednesday, January 22, 7 p.m.

We're looking for new members! Join in the lively discussion of mystery and suspense novels; this month we are choosing the titles to discuss for 2014 – and we need your suggestions!

LIBRARY BOARD

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The Library Board meeting scheduled for December 5 was canceled due to weather conditions. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2014, 7 p.m.