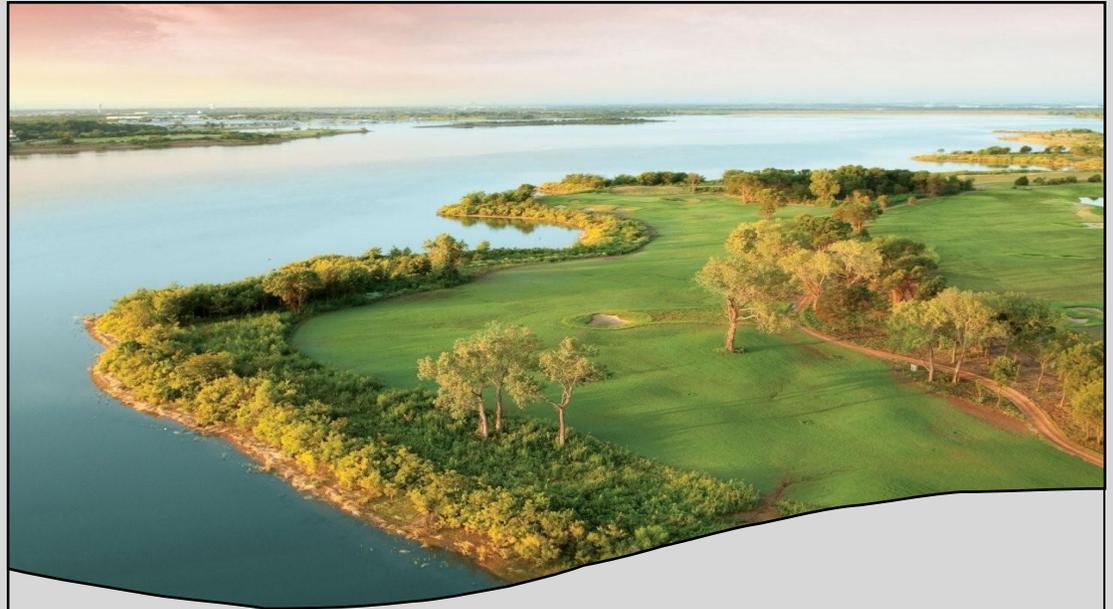


May 12th , 2014

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“Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”

Warren Buffett

“A lack of realism in the vision today costs credibility tomorrow.”

John C. Maxwell



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.

May 2014

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June 2014

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Parks and Recreation Events

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

Liberty By The Lake

Date: Friday, July 4

Time: 4 – 10 p.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park

(3700 Sparks Rd. The Colony, TX 75056)

Cost: FREE admission

Summer Cinema Clubhouse

Date: Thursday, July 10 “Muppets Most Wanted”

Time: 12pm doors – 1pm movie

Location: The Colony Recreation Center

(5151 N. Colony Blvd. The Colony, TX 75056)

Cost: FREE

Summer Cinema Clubhouse

Date: Thursday, August 8 “The Lego Movie”

Time: 12pm doors – 1pm movie

Location: The Colony Recreation Center

(5151 N. Colony Blvd. The Colony, TX 75056)

Cost: FREE

The Colony Public Library Events

Summer Reading Club Registration (all ages)

Dates: Registration begins May 1

Book logging begins June 7

Book logging ends August 1

Time: Registration is open 24/7!

Location: Register online at thecolonypl.org

Cost: Free

Read to Rover

For grades 1-5

Date: Saturday, May 10

Time: 11 a.m. - noon

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

Super Smash Brothers Tournament

Date: Saturday, May 10

Time: Registration: 6 p.m.; tournament starts 6:30 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: \$2 entry fee

eReader Office Hours

Dates & Times:

Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

Bridges Cemetery Open House

Members of The Colony Public Library Local History Committee will be on hand to answer your questions about The Colony’s history.

Date: Monday, May 26

Time: 10 a.m. - noon

Location: Bridges Cemetery, NW corner of Morningstar and Chesapeake

Cost: Free

No-Stress Book Club

Date: Wednesday, May 28

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

City of THE COLONY
CMAC
City Manager's Arts Committee

PRESENTS **JAMMIN' IN THE PARK**

**Live music
Family fun
Free admission!**

Friday, May 16
7:30pm - 9:30pm
Lions Club Park
4800 Nash Drive, The Colony

Enter for your chance to win one of (2) \$25 gift cards!
Food truck on site!

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Ultimate Band Showdown
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Does your band have what it takes?
PROVE IT!

Free park entrance with this advertisement or with free tickets available at The Colony Recreation Center 5151 North Colony Blvd.

DON'T MISS THE FUN!
Check the June Ad Pages for additional details!

Saturday, June 21 @ Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Join your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun!

Sponsored by

THE COLONY
City by the Lake

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

Deadline to submit your band for consideration is 5pm on Friday, May 30th!

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

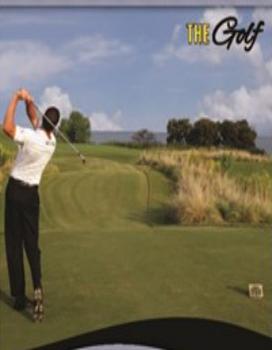
Cost: \$25 per couple, \$10 each additional child

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

PLAY
Explore a vast range of outdoor adventures. Spend your day fishing, boating,

MEET
The Colony offers a variety of unique meeting space from a 33,000 square foot Tudor-

STAY
Whether a weekend get-away or an extended stay, The Colony hotels offer the

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Small meeting space to
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Explore local Texas food & traditional fare

THE Lake



THE Golf



THE Fun



Visit **THE COLONY**

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

April Recap

- In the month of April the CVB sent out 191 visitor guides electronically and 135 by mail.
- The Colony CVB promoted the following topics through social media in April: Texas Roadhouse, National Prime Rib Day, Mother & Son Luau, National Travel and Tourism Week, TCPL Family Fun Night, Keith Helms tribute, TCPL World Book Day, Earth Day, Adopt a Street, Bravo 4 Brian, Playground Safety Week, Easter, Lion's Club Park, TCPL Fairy Tea Party, A Hard Nights Day, National Pecan Day, T.C. Tex, Movies in the Park, Jammin' in the Park, The Old American Golf Course, The Tribute Golf Links and Guest House, Saturday Night Out, Kids Chase by the Lake, Easter Brunch at The Tribute, The Colony Public Library, TopGolf, The Colony Playhouse Theatre, Nebraska Furniture Mart, Kidz Kamp, Lakeside Community Theatre, Spring Eggstravaganza, "12 Angry Jurors", Chamber Business Expo, Golfer's Day, Stewart Peninsula Golf Course, American Heroes headliner, Kids Chase volunteers, American Airlines, US Airlines, Lone Start Hot Yoga, The Colony History Committee, Denton County Heritage Festival, Peter Piper Pizza and Festivals in The Colony.
- In April The Colony CVB received a sales lead from Texas Ag Industries in La Grange, TX. The organization is interested in hosting their annual summer meeting in The Colony. They inquired about lodging, attractions, food, pavilion and park rates and meeting space. We arranged an introduction through our hotels and provided specific details about pavilion rentals in Stewart Creek Park and Hidden Cove Park. Our contact specified that she had seen our ad in Texas Highways Magazine which prompted her to contact us.
- The Colony CVB was invited to attend Media Day at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. The museum is hosting a special exhibit, The World's Largest Dinosaurs. This interactive and educational exhibit is designed for all ages and is a limited time engagement. The CVB has more details available in the form of brochures and rack cards for anyone who would like to learn more about the exhibit or museum.
- The Colony CVB distributed the April eBlast featuring Movies in the Park, Jammin' in the Park, 13th annual Kids Chase by the Lake, Easter activities throughout The Colony such as Spring Eggstravaganza and Easter Brunch at the Tribute, Stewart Creek Park, The Colony Five Star Complex, Tribute Golf Club and the recent grand opening of Peter Piper Pizza. Anyone interested in receiving a copy of this monthly electronic newsletter is welcome to sign up at: <http://visiththecolonytx.com/newsletter.php>.
- Staff from The Colony CVB and Communications Department took part in a special hands-on Earth Day project in the form of Adopt-A-Street. The joint effort will be an on-going project focused on maintaining a portion of Paige Road between North Colony Boulevard and Nash Drive. After more than 2.5 hours of collection, the team accumulated six bags of trash and debris along the approximately nine block stretch. As part of the Adopt-A-Street initiative, this stretch of road will be maintained every two months.



- The Colony CVB met with an advertising representative from AJR Media to discuss the 2014-2015 marketing plan. AJR manages a selection of destination marketing magazines and websites including TourTexas.com, Texas Highways, Home & Away, Texas Journey, Southern Traveler, Texas Events Calendar and Texas State Travel Guide. Beginning our marketing plan at this time will help ensure premium placement and first right of refusal in select printed publications and online resources.
- During the month of April The CVB sent advertising materials to Home & Away Southern Traveler, TourTexas.com, Texas Monthly and we supplied our hotels with a revised events flyer.



2014 EVENTS IN THE COLONY

Persian New Year Celebration
Date: Sunday, March 30
Location: Hidden Cove Park and Marina
(20400 Hackberry Creek Park Rd., The Colony, TX 75056)

Movies in the Park (Monsters University)
Date: Friday, April 4 / Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: The Colony Five Star Complex
(4100 Blair Oaks Dr., The Colony, TX 75056)

Kids Chase by the Lake
Date: Saturday, April 12 / Time: 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Location: Stewart Creek Park
(3700 Sparks Rd., The Colony, TX 75056)

Spring Eggstravaganza
Date: Thursday, April 17 / Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: The Colony Five Star Complex
(4100 Blair Oaks Dr., The Colony, TX 75056)

Jammin' in the Park (A Hard Nights Day)
Date: Friday, April 18 / Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Location: Lion's Club Park
(4800 Nash Dr., The Colony, TX 75056)

Fairy Tea Party
Date: Saturday, April 26 / Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: The Colony Public Library
(5800 North Colony Blvd., The Colony, TX 75056)

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Around Texas Events
Katy Jazz Festival | APRIL Mark your calendar and save the date. You will not want to miss out on this GREAT weekend of Live Jazz and Art! The Katy Jazz Festival is once again proud to offer world renowned professional jazz artists, student jazz groups, and professional visual artworks. **MORE INFO | REQUEST BROCHURE**

San Angelo | Healthy Families Children's Fair | APRIL "Whacky Bumpy Cane Rider" is a park? Or how about shoot a water balloon from a huge catapult at a "Water Balloon Shoot" booth? **MORE INFO | REQUEST BROCHURE**

The Woodlands Waterway Art Festival | APRIL The Woodlands Town Center is an ideal venue for a weekend celebration of the arts and culture. The Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival will take place on April 12-13, 2014. We look forward to seeing you there! **MORE INFO | REQUEST BROCHURE**

Pasadena, Texas | Strawberry Festival | MAY This multi-cultural event draws a crowd of more than 56,000 to enjoy the strawberries, entertainment, food, activities and fun! The free continuous entertainment presented for your enjoyment offers something for everyone's taste. Come enjoy a Texas tradition. **MORE INFO**



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Boredom is so un-Texas. From zoos to museums to amusement parks, we go to extremes ensuring every member of your family has plenty to keep them entertained and happy. In the case of some of the roller coasters here, they might also feel a little queasy. But entertained and

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- We also completed updates for all of our online resources including the official visitors guide, hotel attractions and restaurant guide and the Playbook. Visitors and meeting planners can now access the most up-to-date detailed lodging, dining and attractions information in The Colony by referencing one of the following resources on the CVB's website:
 Official Visitors Guide (<http://visitthecolonytx.com/documents/TheColonyTXOfficialVisitorsGuide2014.pdf>)
 Meeting Planners Guide (http://visitthecolonytx.org/meetings_events.php)
 Meeting Accommodations Summary (http://visitthecolonytx.org/meetings_events.php)
 Playbook (http://issuu.com/tccvb/docs/the_playbook_5cb9d9d43383ce)
 Hotel Attraction and Restaurant Guide (<http://visitthecolonytx.org/dining.php>)

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

This is a Twitter profile card for the City of The Colony. It features the city's logo (a sailboat) and the text: 'City of The Colony @TheColonyTexas City by the Lake (RTs are not endorsements) The Colony, TX · TheColonyTx.gov'. Below the profile information, it shows '1,670 TWEETS', '78 FOLLOWING', and '572 FOLLOWERS'. 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 and a background image of a lake and field. The profile name is 'City of The Colony - Texas Government' with a 'Liked' button and a 'Message' icon. It shows '2,053 likes' and '121 talking about this · 1,398 were here'. Below the profile information are sections for 'About - Suggest an Edit', 'Photos', 'Likes', 'Map', and 'Events'.

If you are not already following us on social media sites, we'd love for you to keep up with at what's happening in the city at: facebook.com/thecolonytexas and twitter.com/thecolonytexas . You can also sign up to receive information via email at: [Citizen Action Center](#)



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

- The latest installment of our rotating departmental blog featured a story about the Community Image Department. It highlighted the ways in which community image officers build relationships with the residents in their zones, and how they work together to accomplish the shared goals of beautification and code compliance. This was the blog's most-read post to date, with 395 page-views the day of its release. The story can be read at www.thecolonytx.wordpress.com.
- As part of Earth Day 2014 events taking place around the globe, Communications staff members teamed with The Colony Convention & Visitors Bureau to officially adopt a section of roadway in the city, effective April 22. Staff members spent the morning on Paige Road between North Colony Boulevard and Nash Drive collecting six bags of trash.
- The Colony Mayor Joe McCourry and Director of Communications Diane Baxter met with Kian Hervey, a journalism student at SMU to conduct a video interview that was shown on SMU's Daily Update, a morning newscast that runs on local station 19 in Park Cities and on-campus.
- Under the direction of the city manager's office, Director of Communications Diane Baxter and Communications Specialist Blaine Crimmins are members of a multi-department beautification effort. With a focus on branding, communications staff members toured the city taking notes of the ways in which the city could enhance its branding at various locations around town. The tour resulted in a branding document on file with the city manager for inclusion in the ongoing larger effort to continue improving the look of the city.
- Communications Specialist Blaine Crimmins accompanied Management Analyst Joe Perez and City Council member Kirk Mikulec on a speaking engagement with AVID students at Lakeview Middle School on April 2. The engagement offered city leadership and staff members the opportunity to share stories from their education and career history with students in an effort to inspire constructive decision-making.
- Crimmins also attended the annual general meeting of the North Texas PIO Group on April 9 in Grand Prairie. The annual meeting is a meet-and-greet for media representatives and public information officers from municipalities and emergency services departments across North Texas. In addition to networking, the meeting featured a Q&A panel discussion with CBS Assignment Editor Allen Manning and Lyle Gensler from GPPD regarding how to optimize relations between media and government.
- Director Diane Baxter worked with staff of Matthews Southwest to help in the design of the elevated water storage tank to be placed in the Tribute community. Designs were presented for feedback at the city council work session on April 15.
- The Communications Department worked closely with Engineering to draft an important release regarding traffic patterns at the intersection of Paige/Plano Parkway and SH121. Residents had recently expressed some confusion regarding the layout of the lanes and traffic flow at the intersection. The release, dated April 4, sought to assure residents that traffic patterns would not change following the completion of construction in the area.

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:

- construction updates and overall economic impact of the Nebraska Furniture Mart project in an evening news broadcast April 14 on Ch. 11 by Brian New;
- the city's plans for the Keith Helms Memorial Sundial Project, as a cover-page feature in the April 25 edition of *neighborsgo* and a front-page feature in the April 6 edition of *The Colony Courier-Leader*;
- the retirement of longtime Police Chief Joe Clark;
- the CVB's efforts to attract visitors and promote local businesses in a community leader's column about Travel & Tourism Week by Director of Tourism Diane Baxter published April 25 in *neighborsgo*;
- TCPD's partnership with TCHS to conduct the "Shattered Dreams" program, with photos by Communications Specialist Blaine Crimmins on the front page of the April 6 edition of *The Courier-Leader*;
- the city's water system earning a Superior rating from the TCEQ;
- the Local History Committee's participation in the Denton Heritage Festival;
- results from the 13th annual Kids Chase by the Lake, which featured more than 300 participants;
- an adult swimming course offered at The Colony Aquatic Park, on the front page of the April 27 edition of *The Courier-Leader*;
- continued advance notice of the City Wide Spring Clean-Up and April's installment of Movies in the Park;
- the City Manager's Arts Committee visual arts project, Art Quest;
- the City Secretary's Office accepting applications for vacant positions on city boards; and,
- ongoing programs and activities at The Colony Public Library, including the contest to determine a new logo for the Friends of The Colony Public Library.
- Since April 1, the city's official Twitter account, @TheColonyTexas, has seen a net increase of 29 new followers, bringing the total to 736. Since the previous count, social media moderators have sent out 63 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 46 new "Likes," or followers since the last update, bringing the total to 2,248. Facebook metrics indicated followers were particularly interested in: shared coverage of CBS' story April 14 recapping the economic impact of the Nebraska Furniture Mart development (which also set a new in-house record for total reach by an individual post on Facebook); shared coverage of the DMN story about Warren Buffett's visit to the NFM site in The Colony and the Sixth Floor Museum in downtown Dallas; Fire Chief Scott Thompson's video tour of the department's new fire truck; and, photos of Shattered Dreams at TCHS, a program co-sponsored by TCPD to promote awareness among high school students of the dangers of drinking and driving.
- As matter of routine, the Communications Department also promotes via social media and other methods of communication: voting times and locations for local and school district elections; construction progress at the Nebraska Furniture Mart 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; and weather and traffic alerts.

For the month of February the department closed 73 helpdesk tickets. We will be deploying new computers to the library over the next few weeks as the library staff is available. Once these are deployed we will have 19 of the 80 purchased machines left to deploy.

So far we have completed migration to the new hosting company for all city websites with the exception of the city's main website. Migration of this website is taking longer as we work through program changes from a Windows based web server to a Linux based server. This server change has required us to review, change/modify or completely redesign some of the functions currently in place.

Council rejected the original bids for the new police department patrol car Toughbook laptops that closed March 25th. We reposted with updated specifications and quantities which allows us to supply new equipment to both the Police and Fire Departments which were needed for future projects.

The following list of projects and tasks in which the I.T. department is involved in.

Projects:

- Assist police dept. in upgrading their CAD system (New World Systems).
- Assist fire dept. in deploying new module in PD CAD system (New World Systems).
- Purchase and deploy new rugged laptops for both police and fire departments.
- Implement multi-factor authentication in the police department to meet CJIS requirements.
- Upgrade phone systems hardware and software throughout the city.
- Complete moving files from retired servers and storage to new locations.
- Reallocate drive usage on old network storage system after moving primary data to new network storage system.
- Retire all Windows 2000 servers (PD, PARD, and DMZ) for security purposes.
- Update all firewall software to latest version.
- Update all internal network switches software and review configurations for possible routing issues.
- Perform Active Directory audits of all Windows forests/domains to remove orphaned user and computer accounts.
- Create wireless VLAN for mobile devices throughout the city.

Daily/Weekly/monthly tasks:

- Monthly server maintenance (i.e. Windows updates, disk maintenance, ...)
- Change domain administrator password every 6 months.
- Find service accounts that use the domain admin and create accounts to replace it.
- Monitor server and network storage to ensure data retention requirements are being met.
- Perform audit of users' access to network assets.
- Perform network security audits.
- City website maintenance/enhancements.

Technology Board

Board Members

Stephen Hoffman, Chairman

Lyle Snider, Vice-Chairman

Allen Harris

Juan Martinez, Secretary

Bill Swink

Joye Grube

Kevin Van Winkle

Council Liaison's: Jeff Connelly and Joe McCourry

Staff Liaison: Ted Ringener

The Technology Board met on May 5, 2014 to review the I.T. department 5 year capital plan. The next meeting is scheduled on June 2, 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.

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

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Automated Bill payment/information

972-625-2741 opt. 4

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8:00AM - 5:00PM

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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