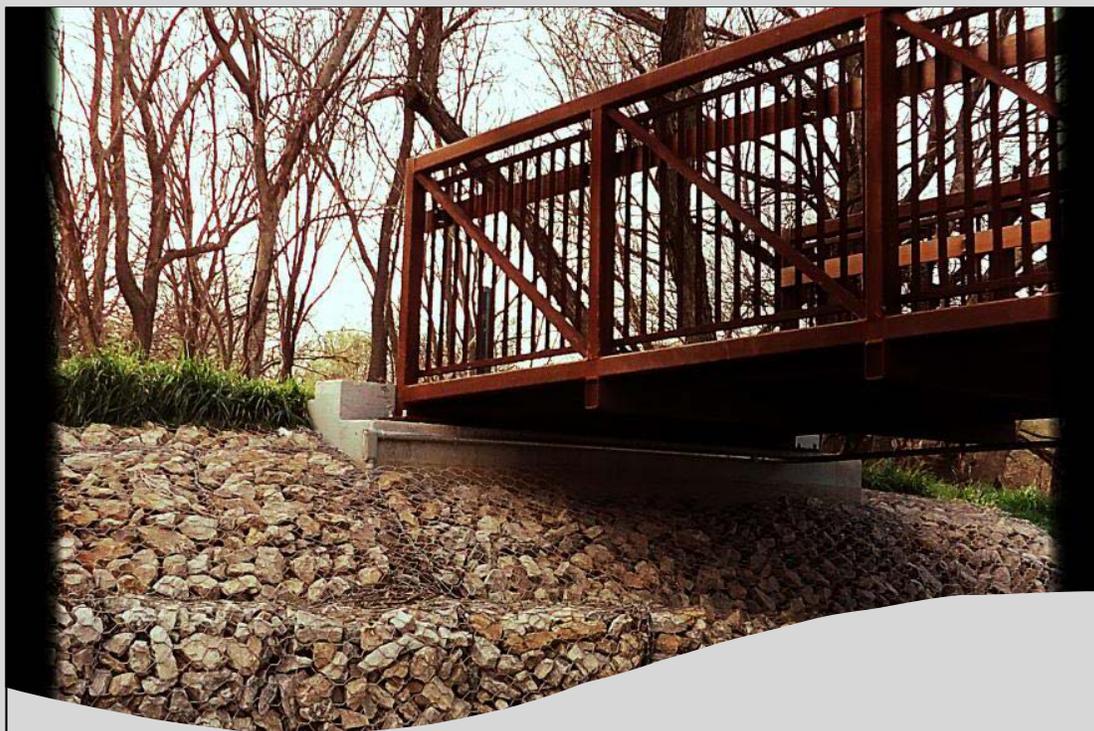




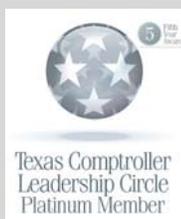
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The Colony
2013
 All-America City Finalist





“It is never too late to be what you might have been.”

— George Eliot

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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Parks and Recreation

Holiday in the Park & Parade of Lights & Baking Contest

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6th

Time: Dependent upon activity

Location: Dependent upon activity

Cost: Dependent upon activity

The Colony Christmas Spectacular

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6 to Friday, Jan. 2

Time: Sunset to 10 p.m.

Location: Central Fire Station, 4900 Blair Oaks Drive

Cost: Free

The Colony Christmas Spectacular needs you!

The Colony Christmas Spectacular is looking for volunteers

to help with the finishing details for this year's Holiday

Light Show. Here is the remaining volunteer work schedule:

Date & Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29

Date & Time: 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30

Location: Central Fire Station, 4900 Blair Oaks Drive

TCCS is also looking for individuals who are interested in sequencing a song for the show. To volunteer, all you need to do is to show up at one of the above times. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the project coordinators below: Kathy Braby, Kathy.braby@gmail.com; Kevin Braby, Kevin.braby@gmail.com; Billie Hill, mrbillhill@sbcglobal.net.

Holiday Break Kidz Kamp

For more information or to register, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 972-625-1106 or email play@tcpard.com.

The Colony Public Library

Pictures with Santa & Caroling with the Fiddle Rascals

\$2 per picture; proceeds benefit the Library's youth programs

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6

Time: Noon to 2 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

SciGirls Club: Dough Creatures

For girls in grade 5-8

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 10

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

Read to Rover

For grades 1-5

Date: Saturday, Dec. 13

Time: 11 a.m. to noon

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

Holiday Story Time for the whole family

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 17

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

Early Dismissal Movie

Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied at all times by a caregiver age 12 or older.

Date: Friday, Dec. 19

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

As part of an effort to keep residents informed, officials with the City of The Colony are in continuous contact with representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the progress of the Main Street Widening Project.

Current or upcoming lane closures are listed below. **All closures are limited to 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Two lanes in both directions will remain open during peak times and weekends when at all possible.** As always, motorists are advised to prepare for delays and seek alternate routes where possible.

Lane Closures

The following closures are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17, through Friday, Nov. 21, and Monday, Nov. 24 through Wednesday, Nov. 26:

- Alternative lane closures in the left lane of northbound and southbound FM 423 from south of Cougar Alley to North Colony Boulevard for median earthworks and removing curbs and asphalt.

During construction, the Engineering Department will post updates and information regarding the progress of this project at www.thecolonytx.gov/Resident/RoadRepairs, including when and where specific work will take place. In addition, updates can be found on the city's social media and in the weekly City Manager's Update. If you have additional questions, you may email Director of Government Relations Brant Shallenburger at bshallenburger@thecolonytx.gov or call 972-624-3108.

The flu season runs October through May. Get your flu shot NOW to protect yourself, your loved ones, and those who cannot be immunized. Everyone 6 months and older should get vaccinated. It takes about two weeks for the flu shot to take full effect, so don't wait – vaccinate!

Getting vaccinated means you will not only protect yourself, but also family and friends. Vaccinating helps safeguard those who are at highest risk of complications or death from the flu, including these groups:

- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 (note: babies younger than 6 months are too young for the vaccine, and therefore are especially vulnerable.)
- Pregnant women
- Seniors
- People with disabilities
- People with chronic health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, heart disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, kidney and liver disorders, cancer, and morbid obesity
- Travelers, and those living abroad

Denton County Health Department Flu Shots

Qualifications:

Children are eligible for free flu vaccines if they are enrolled in Children's Medicaid or CHIP, are uninsured, or have private insurance that does not cover the flu shot. Adults are eligible for free flu vaccines if they are uninsured and low-income. All others will be charged \$20 (cash only).

Clinic Locations:

Denton:
535 S. Loop 288, Suite 1003
(940) 349-2900

Lewisville:
190 N. Valley Pkwy., Suite 203
(972) 434-4700

Immunizations Hours:

Monday - Thursday
7:00AM to 11:30AM & 1:00PM to 5:30PM

Friday
7:00AM to 11:30AM & 1PM to 4:30PM

What to Bring:

- Immunization record for children
- Cards for CHIP, Children's Medicaid, Medicare, and/or private insurance
- Cash if applicable

**Images and content courtesy of the Denton County Health Department*

Flu Prevention

Getting a flu shot every year is the best way to prevent the flu, but here are some additional ways you and your family can stay healthy this flu season:

- **Wash your hands often** – This is the easiest way to stop the spread of germs. Use soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer as a back-up, if soap and water aren't available.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth** – Some germs can live for several hours on surfaces like door knobs, desks, and tables.
- **Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing** – Always cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw it away to prevent the spread of the germs. If you don't have a tissue, cover your cough or sneeze into the crease of your elbow.
- **Stay home when you feel sick** – Stay home from work, stores, and public places, and keep sick kids home from school or daycare.
- **Try to avoid close contact with sick people** – and try to avoid contact with others when you are sick.

Practice good health habits – Get plenty of sleep and exercise, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat healthy food.

Flu Information for Pregnant Women:

Did you know that pregnant women are among the highest at risk for complications from the flu? Avoid the unnecessary medical care and the possibility of putting yourself and your baby in harm's way; get your flu shot today to "Protect 2 from the Flu." It's safe to get anytime during pregnancy, and it keeps protecting your baby up to 6 months after birth.

ImmTrac:

ImmTrac is a secure and confidential registry available to all Texans. ImmTrac safely consolidates and stores immunization information electronically in one centralized system. Texas law requires written consent for ImmTrac participation and limits access to the Registry to only those individuals who have been authorized by law. ImmTrac contains several million immunization records and continues to rapidly grow with increase participation.

How does ImmTrac help me and my family?

Providers authorized to use ImmTrac can see what immunizations your child has already had, even if they were given in another city or county. So when you come in for shots, your child gets only those that he or she needs.

This means that your child won't be under-vaccinated and more susceptible to diseases. Your child won't be over-vaccinated either, so he or she does not have to go through any more discomfort than is necessary. ImmTrac can also print out a shot record you can use to get your child into school or childcare. Using ImmTrac, immunization providers can remind you to bring your child in for shots that are due, or to notify you about shots that are overdue.

How does ImmTrac work?

When a health-care provider gives your child an immunization, and you consent to registering this information, the statewide immunization registry, known as ImmTrac, is notified. ImmTrac will keep an electronic immunization record on your child. Some information contained in the registry is the child's name, date-of-birth, address, the name of the parent or guardian, information on the shots given, and who gave them. Optional (but very helpful) information stored in ImmTrac is the child's Social Security number and mother's maiden name. This optional information helps prevent duplicate records from being created.

Texas Vaccines for Children Program:

Since its inception in 1994, Texas has participated in the Federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Our version is called the **Texas Vaccines for Children Program**, or TVFC. This program guarantees that vaccines would be available at no cost to providers, in order to immunize children who meet the eligibility requirements.

Today there are more than 6,500 Texas providers enrolled in TVFC. Texas leads the nation in the number of uninsured and underinsured children. We also have over 3 million Texas children, 0-18 years, on Medicaid (FFY 2009). Many of these children are not receiving the complete series of immunizations required to protect them from vaccine-preventable diseases. Under the TFVC Program, the following groups of children should be receiving their vaccines for free:

- uninsured or underinsured children,
- children who are covered by CHIP,
- children who are of Native American or Native Alaskan heritage, and
- children on Medicaid.

Other Flu Resources:

Please visit the following links for the latest information on flu in Texas, symptoms, treatment, and prevention.



[Follow @FluGov](#)

Vaccine Resources:

[The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)



[Department of State Health Services Immunization Branch](#)



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Mosquito season continues

As the City continues its proactive approach in prevention of mosquito-borne disease sources on public property, we want to remind everyone that the best prevention for everyone is through education and personal protection, especially for the elderly and those with health issues, by following the “4 Ds” listed below:

- **Dress to protect:** Wear long sleeves and long pants.
- **Dusk and Dawn:** Avoid being outside at these times if possible.
- **Defend:** Wear insect repellent with DEET or an effective alternative.
- **Drain standing water:** Eliminate any water that stands for longer than five days or treat water with larvicide according to the label.

Residents may go to the following websites for more information about West Nile virus:

City of The Colony: <http://www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html>

Texas Department of State Health Services: <http://bit.ly/NDuEtq>

Denton County Health Department: <http://tinyurl.com/ng23knj>

For additional information regarding mosquitoes and the City's mosquito treatment plan, contact Community Services Director Pam Nelson at 972-624-3958, via email at pnelson@thecolonytx.gov, or visit www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html. If you notice standing water on private property, please contact The Colony Community Image Department at 972-624-3160.

CURRENT ENGINEERING CAPITAL PROJECTS

Main Street/423 Widening

Cost: \$77 million

Scope: Main Street is being widened to eight lanes from the Tollway north to Cougar Alley/Ridgepointe and to six lanes north to US 380. The project includes auxiliary right and left turn lanes and a new traffic signal at Lake Highlands.

Timeline: Let Date – 5/2014

Private Utility Relocations began 02/2012 – complete 04/2014

Estimated Construction Dates: 10/2014 – 9/2017

Progress: Utility lines are being installed and medians are being prepared for temporary lane construction.

Memorial/Spring Creek Parkway (Joint Project with Frisco)

Cost: \$23 million (estimated)

Scope: Connect Memorial Drive on the east with a railroad underpass to Spring Creek to create access on the east side of town to Hwy 121

Timeline: Estimated Construction Dates: 5/2012 - 06/2015

Progress: The contractor is continuing to build retaining walls and construction continues on the storm water pump station. Liming on the roadways is underway in preparation for paving.

Plano Parkway Widening (joint project with Carrollton)

Cost: \$7.2 million

Scope: Six lanes from SH121 to South City Limits. Phase I to consist of section between just north of Windhaven to South City Limits. Phase I improvements continue South to Parker Road (FM 544) in Carrollton. Phase II to consist of section between SH121 to just north of Windhaven.

Timeline: Phase II Project Let 6/18/2013 (McMahon Contracting, L.P.)

Phase II was approved by City Council: July 16, 2013

Phase II Estimated Construction Dates (Phase II): 8/2013-10/2014

Progress: Phases I & II are complete. Intersection NFM drive and Plano Parkway will be poured on Friday morning. Corrective action on the inside lane under 121 will commence this week.

South Colony/121-SRT Overpass

Cost: \$24.9 million (NCTCOG/Denton County: \$12.6M; City/TIRZ One: \$12.3M)

Scope: Overpass connecting South colony to NFM property

Timeline: Estimated Construction Dates: 8/2013 – 10/2014

Progress: Ramps are currently under construction. Bridge decks have been poured.



PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (ENGINEERING INSPECTION OF SITE WORK)

Nebraska Furniture Mart

Scope: Installation of infrastructure including roadways, wastewater, storm water, and water lines, as well as franchise utilities.

Progress: All utilities have been installed. Final acceptance will occur in December. Roadways continue to be poured. Landscaping is ongoing.

The Tribute: Tullamore

Scope: Installation of infrastructure including roadways, wastewater, storm water, and water lines, as well as franchise utilities.

Progress: The walk through has been completed and the contractor is working on the punch list.

The Tribute: Aberdeen III

Scope: Installation of infrastructure including roadways, wastewater, storm water, and water lines, as well as franchise utilities.

Progress: The walk through has been completed and the contractor is working on the punch list.

The Tribute: Stonehaven

Scope: Installation of infrastructure including roadways, wastewater, storm water, and water lines, as well as franchise utilities.

Progress: The walk through has been completed and the contractor is working on the punch list.

Austin Ranch: The Boathouse

Scope: Installation of infrastructure including roadways, wastewater, storm water, and water lines, as well as franchise utilities.

Progress: Buildings are currently being constructed.

PLANNED ENGINEERING CAPITAL PROJECTS

Memorial Drive Widening

Cost: \$2.5 million

Scope: Four lanes from Worley to South Colony and intersection improvements at Blair Oaks.

Timeline: Estimated Construction Dates: 11/2014 – 6/2015

Progress: Bids have been received and are being evaluated by staff.



November 2014

Special Events:



Holiday In The Park

Join us as we kick off the Christmas season with Holiday In The Park on Saturday, December 6, 2014. The festivities begin with the 34th annual Parade of Lights that will start at 5:45pm from Peters Colony Elementary School. The parade route will head west on Nash, then south on Blair Oaks to the Five Star Complex. Starting at 6pm, the Holiday In The Park fun begins at Perryman Park, 4930 South Colony. Don't miss the festive holiday musical performances, fun activities for the kids, and a lot more! Direct from the North Pole, we will have a special visit from none other than Santa Claus! The also marks the official start of The Colony Christmas Spectacular holiday light show. Mark your calendar now for December 6th, and join us at Holiday In The Park!



The Colony Christmas Spectacular

Don't miss The Colony Christmas Spectacular light show with over 130,000 lights set to your favorite Christmas music. The holiday light show will run throughout the month of December through January 2nd at Central Fire Station, 4900 Blair Oaks (corner of Blair Oaks and South Colony, across from Perryman Park), and is shown each evening from sunset to 10pm. The music to the show can be found by tuning your radio to 99.9fm. Happy holidays!



The Colony Christmas Spectacular Needs You!

The Colony Christmas Spectacular is looking for volunteers to help with the finishing details for this year's Holiday Light Show. Here is the remaining volunteer work schedule –

Saturday, November 29th: 9am – 5pm

Sunday, November 30th: 1pm – 5pm

TCCS is also looking for individuals who are interested in sequencing a song for the show! To volunteer, all you need to do is to show up at one of the above times at Central Fire Station, 4900 Blair Oaks, 75056. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the project coordinators below: Kathy Braby – Kathy.braby@gmail.com; Kevin Braby – Kevin.braby@gmail.com; Billie Hill – mrbillhill@sbcglobal.net.



Holiday Break Kidz Kamp

Holiday Kidz Kamp registration is now under way. Register now to ensure you claim your spot! Holiday Kidz Kamp is for girls and boys ages 6-12 years old. Parents and kids love this program designed to make school holidays more fun and exciting. Campers go on a different field trip each day. Each camp is priced individually to work around your holiday vacation plans. Pick and choose what works for you. Thanksgiving dates are nearly full, and Christmas/New Year's dates are going fast! For more information or to register, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106 or email play@tcparad.com.



Spring Fun Times

The Spring issue of the Fun Times catalog is heading your way soon! Please keep an eye on your mailbox in the coming weeks as your copy should arrive in early December. We have lots of new programs and activities planned for Spring 2015, so be sure to read closely from front to back! Once they arrive, you can also pick up a copy at The Colony Recreation Center or at City Hall.



Saturday Nite Out!

On Saturday nights, The Colony Recreation Center comes alive with the sounds of the latest music hits played by a live DJ. Activities offered include dancing, dance contests, free play basketball, basketball tournaments and more! For \$7.00 per child, parents can leave their children, ages 9 to 14, at the Recreation Center from 7pm – 11pm and know that they will be safe and have lots of fun. A uniformed police offer as well as adequate adult chaperones will be working each Saturday. Pizza, candy, drinks, etc. will also be available at an additional charge. Come and see what all the fun and excitement is about on Saturday nights! For additional information call (469)269-NITE or email the SNO staff at SNOthecolony@gmail.com. Check the SNO website for a weekly calendar: www.SNOthecolony.com.



Little Mozarts Private Piano Lessons

Piano lessons at the Recreation Center will be taught by a certified piano instructor from Music by Ross. Lessons are 20 minutes long on Monday evenings beginning November 17th starting at 5:00pm until 9:00pm. Three five-week sessions will be offered consecutively. The cost for lessons is \$79 for members and \$84 for non-members per five-week session. Stop by the Recreation Center today or call us at (972)625-11056 to get registered.



Mini-Ball

Registration: September 6 – December 13 @ The Colony Recreation Center

Cost: \$50/residents, \$60/non-residents

Ages: 3 – 4

This program is designed to serve as an introduction to youth basketball for 3 and 4 year old boys and girls. Participants will work with an instructor who has been coaching kids for more than 10 years. Learning objectives will be dribbling, passing, basic defense, and introductory game situations. This program will run on Saturday mornings, for eight weeks. Classes will be approximately 1 hour, and each participant will receive a t-shirt and ball. Space is limited, so register early!

Nativity Exhibits and Lunch Out

Date: Friday, Dec 5

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Cost: \$4

Visit two wonderful exhibits of Nativity displays and stop for lunch on your own at Souper Salad. This is a time to remember the true meaning of Christmas and share the memories with community, friends & family.

Register by December 1 at the Community Center, (972)624-2246.



Grapevine Opry

Date: Saturday, Dec 6

Time: 6:15 – 10:00pm

Cost: \$24

Make plans to join us for this spectacular Christmas show where we'll experience everything we love about the holidays. From gathering with loved ones to bake cookies, open presents, and sing Christmas carols, to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, this experience is one you don't want to miss. Ticket availability is limited. Call the Community Center at (972)624-2246 for more information and remaining availability.

Caribbean Cruise April 26 - May 3, 2015



Balcony \$1168/person double
Oceanview \$1078/person double
Inside \$868/person double

\$250 Deposit/person guarantees your cabin.

Insurance due when deposit is made: \$95 Balcony or Oceanview - \$79 Inside

Trip Includes:

Cruise on RC Navigator of the Seas, all port charges and taxes, round trip

Caribbean Cruise "Last Chance to Register" Meeting

Date: Tuesday, Dec 9

Time: 12:00 Noon

Cost: Information meeting is free. See below for cruise pricing.

This is your last chance to sign up for the Caribbean Cruise. We still have a good selection of cabins, but any unsold cabins will be returned after December 9, so act fast.

BOARD MEMBERS

Stephen Sohn, President

Kathy Braby, Vice President

Lisa Leary, Secretary

Don Beckel, Treasurer

Allen Harris, Member

Donna Cole, Member

Susana Perez, Member

Council Liaison: Richard Boyer

Staff Liaison: Pam Nelson and Eve Morgan



Perryman Park Parking Lot Expansion

Contractors recently poured a 22 space expansion to the parking lot at Perryman Park. The finishing touches to the parking lot and the area around are now being completed, and the new parking area will be open in time for Holiday in the Park on December 6 and the Christmas Spectacular holiday light show throughout the month of December!

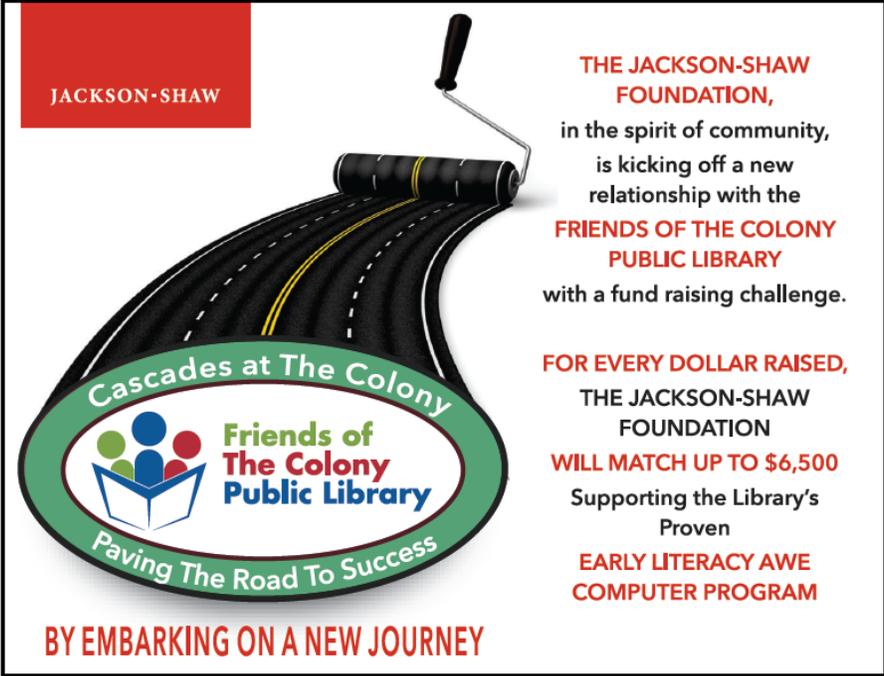


Good Timing

About two dozen City Employees got their CPR rhythm into synchronization and recertified through American Red Cross courses instructed by Elise Knox and Oscar Rodriguez during November. The annual program is designed to maintain our City's registration of 23 ZOLL Automated External Defibrillators. The units are spread throughout official City buildings, and each AED has a CPR certified person assigned to make monthly assessments for readiness.



Fund Raising Partnership:
The Jackson-Shaw Foundation
&
Friends of The Colony Public Library



JACKSON-SHAW

THE JACKSON-SHAW FOUNDATION,
in the spirit of community,
is kicking off a new relationship with the
FRIENDS OF THE COLONY PUBLIC LIBRARY
with a fund raising challenge.

FOR EVERY DOLLAR RAISED,
THE JACKSON-SHAW FOUNDATION
WILL MATCH UP TO \$6,500
Supporting the Library's Proven
EARLY LITERACY AWE COMPUTER PROGRAM

BY EMBARKING ON A NEW JOURNEY

This partnership was announced at the October 30, 2014 groundbreaking for the new Marriott Courtyard Hotel.

FOTCPL President Wayne Bullard thanks Lewis Shaw and Jill Warren for Jackson-Shaw's initial donation of \$1,000.



Tax-deductible donations to this project may be made at the Library, by mail*, or online at

thecolonypl.org.

FOTCPL is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Computer Classes are a success!



In October, TCPL staff taught five computer classes for the public on Fridays using the 6 laptops funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services through a grant to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The purpose of the grant was to enable TCPL to offer such classes to meet the goals staff established as an outcome of the Edge Assessment process.

Topics covered introduction to Word 2010 and Excel 2010 (Part 1 & Part 2), computer basics and Internet & computer security. These small classes have given learners individualized attention. Each of the classes have been full. Our enthusiastic group of 6 adult students—most of whom attended all the classes—stated in their evaluation surveys that they had gained good information, felt more confident using the computer, and would recommend the classes to others. This series of classes will be repeated in Spring 2015 along with intermediate classes in Word 2010 and Excel 2010.

TCPL / FOTCPL Booth at American Heroes: A Salute to Veterans



Thanks to PARD staff & volunteers for providing a solution to keeping our banner stand from flying away!

TCPL staff, Board members, and FOTCPL members made 360 contacts, issued sixteen library cards to new residents, shared information about TCPL resources and services with booth visitors, and raised funds for library support through the sale of book bags.

Bridges Cemetery Veteran's Day Event



Members of the Library's Local History Committee greeted 58 visitors at Bridges Cemetery on Saturday, November 7. The Committee opened the cemetery to honor the 14 Civil War veterans buried within and to answer questions about the city's history. Several descendants of the Bridges Family attended the event and the Front Porch Pickers from The Colony's Community Center played music for the visitors.



FOTCPL PRESENTS!
Photos with Santa
Holiday Music by
Fiddle Rascals



Come visit with Santa!

December 6, 2014

12:00—2:00 PM



The Colony Public Library
6800 Main Street
The Colony, TX 75056
972-625-1900

\$2.00 fee per photo to:
Friends of The Colony Public Library (or FOTCPL)

Photos Available: Same Day Pick-Up
FREE photo mailing card

Proceeds benefit the Library's Youth programs



Happy Holidays



Come Join Us
Holiday Story Time

Wednesday, December 17th

7pm Story Time Corner

The Colony Public Library

6800 Main Street, The Colony, TX

972-625-1900



For more Information: thecolonypl.org
Miss Kansas at: kterry@thecolonypl.org

 **The Colony Public Library** 



 **You're Invited!** 

Early Dismissal Movie
featuring
FROZEN

Dec 19 **2pm** **Free!**



All Ages Welcome

 Under 9? Bring a parent!
(or a caregiver age 12+up) 

December at TCPL



Courtesy of ImageQuest

School of the Month: Griffin Middle School

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

Online Resources of the Month

Get ready for the holidays with these free online resources from TCPL.

Novelist® gives you reading recommendations for your holiday leisure or gift-giving.

Fill your holidays with music from *Freegal* that you can stream, download or burn to CD.

For holiday craft ideas, check out the *Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center*.

Find these and more at thecolonypl.org.

A festive holiday promotion graphic with a green border. At the top, it says "Fill your holiday with good books, good music and good cheer!" in red. Below this, there are three sections: "Find your next great book to read—or to give—with Novelist®" with a small image of a man reading; "Freegal Music gives you free music to download or stream!" with a small image of a person listening to music; and "Make and share crafts with ideas from Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center." with a small image of a Christmas wreath. At the bottom, it says "Free to TCPL cardholders at thecolonypl.org" in red and green.

Early Literacy Classes

Toddler Times, Toddler Sensory Play Dates, and Preschool Story Times, are on hiatus this month, but don't miss our Holiday Story Time on Wednesday, December 17, at 7 p.m. — it's for the entire Family!

Early Literacy Classes will resume on January 2, 2015.

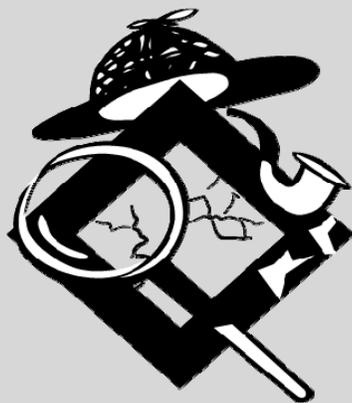
Youth Programs



Read to Rover, Saturday, December 13, 11 a.m. – noon

Encourage your readers in grades 1-5 to strengthen their skills by reading to a certified Therapy Pals dog in the Story Corner.

Tween & Teen Events



SciGirls Club: Dough Creatures - Wednesday, December 10, 4:30 p.m.

Girls in grades 5-8 are invited to create, design, and investigate during TCPL's SciGirls Club monthly meetings; the club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Originally planned just for Fall 2014, we are pleased to announce that SciGirls will continue to meet in 2015!

Join in the fun with STEM enriched activities.

Adult Education & Clubs

ESL Class, Saturdays, December 6 & 20, 10:30 - noon

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



Home Buyers Seminar, Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m.

Everything you need to know about the real estate market, getting a loan, HUD and more. Home buying seminars are free of charge and are held every first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. No registration required.

eReader Office Hours, Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m.

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

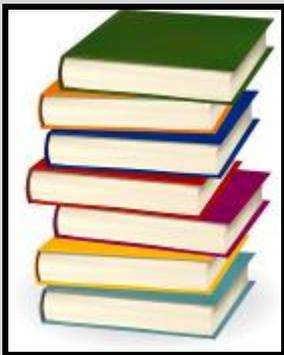


Home Sellers Seminar, Wednesday, December 10, 7 p.m.

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 in-

Writers' Circle, Tuesday, December 16, 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 conference room to discuss their current projects, seek suggestions from fellow writers to improve their writing skills, and share insights into getting their



The Next Chapter Book Club, Wednesday, December 17, 7 p.m.

Do you enjoy talking about books? Join other readers at this month's meeting in a discussion of *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. The Next Chapter Book Club meets monthly.

Friends of The Colony Public Library Officers Meeting, Thursday, December 18, 7 p.m.

Meet the officers of the Friends of The Colony Public Library and learn about FOTCPL's efforts in support of the Library's programs and services. Join us in the library conference room. New members are welcome.



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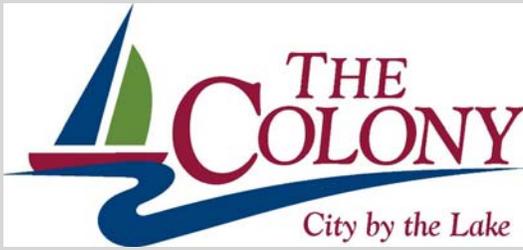
The Board members discussed progress on goals for 2014.

The Board received staff updates regarding Friends of the Library activities: The Bag of Books sale has been popular; it ends on October 31. FOTCPL and TCPL's local history committee hosted a local history tour on Saturday, October 25; originally two tours were planned, but slow ticket sales resulted in cancellation of the morning tour. After a front page article about the tours was published in *The Colony Courier-Leader*, the afternoon tour sold out. Prior to the afternoon tour, FOTCPL hosted *The Secret Lives of Ghosts: Fact & Fiction*; thirty-one people attended this event, which featured a light luncheon, a brief membership meeting, and two author presentations. At the Marriott Courtyard groundbreaking, it was announced that "The Jackson-Shaw Foundation, in the spirit of community, is kicking off a new relationship with the Friends of The Colony Public Library with a fund raising challenge. For every dollar raised, the Jackson-Shaw foundation will match up to \$6,500 supporting the Library's proven Early Literacy AWE computer program." Lewis Shaw presented an initial check of \$1,000 to FOTCPL President Wayne Bullard. The goal of this project is to raise a total of \$13,000 needed to replace TCPL's early literacy computers with updated, fully-supported equipment.

The Board received staff updates regarding public relations events and programs: TCPL's Teen Anime Club party to encourage new members drew twenty-seven teens on September 27. TCPL offered computer training classes in October using the six laptops funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services through a grant to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Each class was full; the students stated in their evaluation surveys that they had gained good information, felt more confident using the computer, and would recommend the classes to others. The MineCraft Party attracted 119 enthusiastic participants on Saturday, October 4; the event received coverage on *The Colony Courier-Leader* website. On Friday, October 10, TCPL's Star Wars Reads Day event brought in thirty-one attendees. The Back to Hogwarts Bash on October 18 was a great success; initial ticket booking was slow, but an above-the-fold front page article in *The Colony Courier-Leader* resulted in a rush for tickets. Over 70 Hogwarts students of all ages enjoyed visiting the Diagon Alley shops, attending classes, and competing against other Houses in the Harry Potter Trivia Contest. Many volunteers and staff members worked together to create this very special event. TCPL is seeking a volunteer to lead *The Next Chapter Book Club*. Library visitors completed surveys and posed for photos during TCPL's Library Snapshot Day; results will be submitted to the Texas Library Association. TCPL's Teen Anime Club will host a Pokémon Tournament on Saturday, November 1st as a fund raiser for the Anime Club's projects. TCPL will have a booth in the Vendors Expo at the November 8th American Heroes: A Salute to Veterans event; several Board members signed up to assist at the booth. TCPL's Local History Committee will host an open house at Bridges Cemetery from noon—3 p.m. on Saturday, November 8.

The Board reviewed the list of November library programs.

Next meeting: Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, 7 p.m.



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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!"

