



Dec. 15, 2014

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“A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit.”

— John C. Maxwell

“Winter is a time to gather golden moments and enjoy every idle hour.”

— John Boswell

The Colony

2013

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Texas Comptroller
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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.

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	H	H	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				H	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	H	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Parks and Recreation

The Colony Christmas Spectacular

Date: Ongoing now through Friday, Jan. 2

Time: Sunset to 10 p.m.

Location: Central Fire Station, 4900 Blair Oaks

Cost: Free

Holiday Break Kidz Kamp

Holiday Kidz Kamp is for girls and boys ages 6-12 years old.

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

Dec. 22 — Peter Piper Pizza, \$30

Dec. 23 — Going Bonkers, \$30

Dec. 26 — Movies, \$30

Dec. 29 — Legoland, \$35

Dec. 30 — Polar Bear Swim, \$30

Dec. 31 — Jump Street, \$30

Jan. 2 — Dallas Zoo, \$30

Saturday Nite Out!

For ages 9 to 14

Date: Saturday nights

Time: 7 to 11 p.m.

Location: The Colony Recreation Center, 5151 North Colony Blvd.

Cost: \$7 per child

Spring Fun Times Catalogue

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!

The Colony Public Library

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.

Chapter Book Club

This month's meeting discussion is of "Defending Jacob" by William Landay

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 17

Time: 7 p.m.

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

ESL Class

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

Date: Saturday Dec. 20

Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

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 Friday, Dec. 12, through Friday, Dec. 19:

- alternate lane closures in the left lanes of northbound and southbound FM 423 from Cougar Alley to SH121 for median earthworks and curb removal.

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.

**CITY OF THE COLONY
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION AGENDA
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given of a **WORK SESSION** of the **CITY COUNCIL** of the City of The Colony, Texas to be held at **6:00 p.m. on the 16th day of December 2014**, at 6800 Main Street, The Colony, Texas at which time the following items will be addressed:

Call to Order

Discuss and receive guidance on proposed erosion control projects on Office Creek along the Ridgepointe subdivision (Scruggs)

Discuss new presentation equipment for the Council chambers and provide direction to staff (City Secretary/IT)

Receive update regarding Council Retreat Goal 5: Beautification Policy (Perez)

Discuss and make appointments for Council committees and board liaisons (Mayor)

Council to receive supplemental information from staff or answers to questions regarding the December 16, 2014 regular agenda items as follows: SEE REGULAR AGENDA

Council to provide direction to staff regarding future agenda items.

Adjourn

CITY OF THE COLONY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
DECEMBER 16, 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 16th day of DECEMBER 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:

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

Salute to the Texas Flag

Recognize Community Center Staff for winning the TRAPS North Region

Award for Senior Programming for "Twisted Events" Program

Citizen Input — This portion of the meeting is to allow up to five (5) minutes per speaker with a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for items not posted on the current agenda. The council may not discuss these items, but may respond with factual data or policy information, or place the item on a future agenda.

Announcement of upcoming civic events and activities - Parks & Recreation Upcoming Activities; Mayor to announce change in start time for city council meetings beginning in January.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contains items which are routine in nature and will be acted upon in one motion. Items may be removed from this agenda for separate discussion by a Council member.

2.1 Consider approving minutes of council meetings held December 2, 2014 (City Secretary)

2.2 Consider approving council expenditures for the month of October 2014 (Council)

2.3 Consider approving a resolution requesting the 84th Texas State Legislature to maximize the use of revenue from the sporting goods sales tax to support local parks and recreation grant opportunities and state park operations; and that all TRPA funded projects be subject to the established Texas Parks and Wildlife Department competitive scoring system (Parks & Recreation, Nelson)

2.4 Consider authorizing a payment of \$72,882.67 to CoServ for additional cost to install nine (9) concrete poles within 400' of major intersections on Main Street (Engineering, Scruggs)

2.5 Consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a Development Agreement by and between the City of The Colony and OOPS LAND, LTD. for a temporary sanitary sewer line and lift station at the Old Oak Pond Office complex located in Austin Ranch (Development Services, Joyce)

3.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- 3.1 Discuss and consider approving a resolution awarding a bid and authorizing the city manager to issue a purchase order for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for Stewart Creek Park from Child's Play, Inc. with pricing available through Buy Board, and funded by the Community Development Corporation (Parks & Recreation, Nelson)
- 3.2 Discuss and consider approving a resolution awarding a bid authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with RLM EarthCo for the Lions Club Park desilting project, and funded by the Community Development Corporation (Parks & Recreation, Nelson)
- 3.3 Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to issue a purchase order to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. for the purpose of rehabilitating the city's elevated water storage tanks located at 5033 Clover Valley and 5260 North Colony Boulevard as approved in the 2014-15 municipal budget (Finance, Cranford)
- 3.4 Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to issue purchase orders for the purchase of utility equipment as approved in the 2014-15 municipal budget (Finance, Cranford)
- 3.5 Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider an ordinance approving a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow a modification to Gateway Overlay District Section 10A-900(c)(1)(C) regarding the use of an alternate exterior material (Development Services, Joyce) [PH SUP14-0010, Panda Express Exteriors]
- 3.6 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a Development Plan for a 2,698 square foot restaurant, Panda Express, to be located on a 0.91 acre tract of land within Planned Development No. 16 (PD-16) on the north side of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (S.H. 121) approximately 250 feet west of South Colony Boulevard (Development Services, Joyce) [SP14-0017, Panda Express Restaurant Development Plan]
- 3.7 Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider an ordinance approving a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow a modification to Gateway Overlay District Section 10A-900(c)(1)(C) regarding the use of an alternate exterior material (Development Services, Joyce) [PH SUP14-0009, Dental Depot Exteriors]
- 3.8 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a Site Plan for a 6,000 square foot dental office, Dental Depot, to be located on a 0.60 acre tract of land within a Shopping Center (SC) zoning district on the north side of the South Colony Boulevard at the intersection of Main Street (F.M. 423), addressed as 5014 Main Street (Development Services, Joyce) [SP14-0021, Dental Depot Site Plan]
- 3.9 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a Development Plan for a 16,614 square foot restaurant, Hard Eight BBQ, to be located on a 3.39 acre tract of land within Planned Development No. 25 (PD-25) at the southeast corner of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (S.H. 121) and Plano Parkway (Development Services, Joyce) [SP14-0018, Hard Eight BBQ Restaurant Development Plan]
- 3.10 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a Development Plan for a 3,575 square foot restaurant, Raising Cane's, to be located on a 1.50 acre tract of land within Planned Development No. 25 on the west side of Plano Parkway approximately 325 feet south of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (S.H. 121) (Development Services, Joyce) [SP14-0019, Raising Cane's Restaurant Development Plan]
- 3.11 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a Development Plan for a lake amenity and an adjacent outdoor boardwalk, to be located on a 13.35 acre tract of land within Planned Development No. 25 (PD-25) south of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (S.H. 121) west of Destination Drive (Development Services, Joyce) [SP14-0020, Boardwalk Lake Development Plan]

3.12 Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and map of the city for signage and parking development standards for a 31.10 acre portion of Tract D in Planned Development No.16, located on the south side of Memorial Drive and west of South Colony Boulevard (Development Services, Joyce) [PH PDA14-0004, PD-16, Colony Center Text Amendments]

3.13 Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances regarding text amendments to Appendix A, Zoning, by adding a new land use, "Thrift Stores" to Section 10-200, Schedule of Uses, adding a definition of "Thrift Store" to Section 10-300, "Definitions and Explanations Applicable to the Schedule of Uses," and adding a new Section 10-2500, entitled "Thrift Store Regulations" establishing regulations relating to Thrift Stores, including requiring a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for the placement of thrift stores in certain zoning districts and establishing criteria by which a proposed thrift store may be judged to be in compliance with the overall goals of the Comprehensive Plan and to be compatible with existing adjacent land use (Development Services, Joyce) [PH SI14-0010, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for Thrift Stores]

3.14 First reading and discuss an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by repealing and replacing in its entirety Chapter 6, Article VI, Sections 6-131 to 6-170, entitled "Food and Food Establishments (Perez)

3.15 Discuss and consider amending Resolution No. 2013-029 to update council meeting procedures (Council)

4.0 WORK SESSION

None

5.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 A. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with the city attorney regarding the city's contract with LDM Design and Construction and landscape warranty issues at Kids Colony Phase II Playground.

B. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to seek legal advice from the city attorney regarding Stewart Peninsula Golf Course/Anderson Express Lane, Inc.

Reconvene to Open Session

5.2 A. Any action as a result of executive session regarding LDM Design and Construction and landscape warranty issues at Kids Colony Phase II Playground.

B. Any action as a result of executive session regarding Stewart Peninsula Golf Course/Anderson Express Lane, Inc.

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551 one or more of the above items may be considered in executive session closed to the public, including but not limited to consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 arising out of the attorney's ethical duty to advise the city concerning legal issues arising from an agenda item. Any decision held on such matter will be taken or conducted in open session following the conclusion of the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT





Demand/Workload Measures

November 2014

	Current Month	Year to Date	Prior Year	Primary Division(s) Affected
Total 911 Calls Received	1,487	17,524	18,061	Communications
Total TLETS Inquiries/Entries	14,150	169,860	128,621	Communications
Total TLETS Inq/Entries for Court	12	2,410	2,192	Communications
Total Incidents Dispatched Police/Fire	1,579	18,814	20,589	Communications
Total Calls for Service - Police	1,383	16,502	18,234	Communications/Patrol
House Watch Visits	123	1,347	1,879	Patrol
Total Alarm Calls	106	1,335	1,243	Patrol
Percent of Alarms false	100%	100%	98%	Patrol/Records
Offense Reports Filed	89	1,302	1,520	Patrol/Records/CID
Total Cases/Offenses Assigned	78	1,226	1,377	CID
CPS Referrals	26	265	277	CID
Anonymous Tips (Website)	0	12	31	CID
Press Inquiries	2	30	66	CID
Special Assignments	37	594	671	All
Total Accidents Investigated	58	560	575	Patrol/Records
Total Property Items Impounded	66	1,339	1,043	Property
Total Prisoners Transported	25	272	328	Warrants/Patrol
Total Municipal Warrants Issued	12	2,202	2,192	Warrants
Total Background Investigations	8	83	58	IAD
Total Internal Affairs Investigations	0	14	12	IAD
Total Administrative Reviews	5	97	81	IAD
Total Formal Complaints Filed	0	5	6	IAD
Total Open Records Request	178	2,071	2,046	Records
Animal Control Calls for Service	166	2,438	3,496	Animal Control
Deceased Removal	25	360	534	Animal Control

Effectiveness Measures

November 2014

(Low)	Current Month	Year to Date	Prior Year	
Index Crime/100,000	86	1,055	1,684	All Divisions
Index Crime Total	32	394	616	All Divisions
Total Traffic Accidents	58	560	575	Patrol, Traffic
(High)				
Percent UCR Case Clearance	19%	17%	22%	Patrol, CID
Percent Property Recovered	12%	28%	20%	Patrol, CID
Drugs Seized Street Value	\$24,894	\$127,251	\$1,516,272	CID
Total Municipal Warrants Cleared	83	1,614	1,813	Patrol, Warrant
Percent of Municipal Warrants Cleared by Warrant Division	72%	49%	32%	Warrant

Index Crime based on population of 37,360

Euthanasia Total	9	169	281	Animal Control
Euthanasia Ratio	8%	16%	22%	Animal Control
Released for Euthanasia Total	1	86	NR	Animal Control
Discretionary Euthanasia Ratio	3%	13%	NR	Animal Control
Animals Released to Owner	27	338	433	Animal Control
Animals Adopted/Transferred	24	449	546	Animal Control

Efficiency/Productivity Measures

November 2014

	Current Month	Year to Date	Prior Year	
Emergency Calls Avg. Time Rec'd to Dispatched	1:07	00:59	:59	Communications
Emergency Calls Avg. Time Dispatched to Arrival	3:49	3:20	3:37	Patrol
Suspicious Activity	146	1,459	1,685	Patrol
Citizen Contacts	66	956	1,017	Patrol
Total Arrest/Detentions	171	1,957	1,670	Patrol, CID, Traffic
Total Warnings	867	11,954	10,889	Patrol, Traffic
Total Citations	682	11,396	11,198	Patrol, Traffic
Total Search Warrants	0	23	17	CID
Total Cases Filed	97	671	622	CID
Total Court Orders/Subpoenas Served	6	52	128	Warrant
Alarm False Alarm/No Permit Letters	29	352	319	Records
Alarm Renewal Letters Sent	115	1,339	1,488	Records
Alarm Application and Renewal Fees Collected	\$2,040	\$26,760	\$29,980	Records
Alarm Fines and Penalty Fees Collected	\$750	\$12,350	\$8,100	Records
% of Accidents Reports submitted <= 10 days	100%	100%	100%	Records
% of DWI/ALR Reports Submitted <= 10 days	100%	100%	100%	Records
% of UCR reports submitted <= 10 days	100%	100%	100%	Records
% of Complaint Investigations completed < 30 days	100%	100%	100%	Internal Affairs
Animal Warnings	1	59	50	Animal Control
Animal Citations	9	54	55	Animal Control
Animal Impounds	49	1,033	1,294	Animal Control

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The Colony Police Department 2013

Municipal Court Report – November 2014

ACTUAL REVENUE COMPARISON

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN OF ACTUAL REVENUE:

	<u>2013/2014</u>		<u>2014/2015</u>
OCTOBER	<u>\$102,332.05</u>	OCTOBER	<u>\$ 91,051.35</u>
NOVEMBER	<u>\$ 71,700.26</u>	NOVEMBER	<u>\$ 76,956.20</u>
DECEMBER	<u>\$ 69,669.17</u>	DECEMBER	<u>\$ _____</u>
JANUARY	<u>\$ 95,478.87</u>	JANUARY	<u>\$ _____</u>
FEBRUARY	<u>\$ 98,452.40</u>	FEBRUARY	<u>\$ _____</u>
MARCH	<u>\$103,762.30</u>	MARCH	<u>\$ _____</u>
APRIL	<u>\$117,855.62</u>	APRIL	<u>\$ _____</u>
MAY	<u>\$115,537.65</u>	MAY	<u>\$ _____</u>
JUNE	<u>\$117,197.48</u>	JUNE	<u>\$ _____</u>
JULY	<u>\$127,938.96</u>	JULY	<u>\$ _____</u>
AUGUST	<u>\$ 95,324.22</u>	AUGUST	<u>\$ _____</u>
SEPTEMBER	<u>\$ 96,738.21</u>	SEPTEMBER	<u>\$ _____</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,211,987.19</u>	TOTAL (YTD)	<u>\$ 91,051.35</u>

WARRANT BREAKDOWN

TOTAL # OF WARRANTS ISSUED 2009/2010	1,682
TOTAL # OF WARRANTS ISSUED 2010/2011	1,654
TOTAL # OF WARRANTS ISSUED 2011/2012	2,294
TOTAL # OF WARRANTS ISSUED 2012/2013	2,128
TOTAL # OF WARRANTS ISSUED 2013/2014	2,387
TOTAL # OF WARRANTS ISSUED 2014/2015 (YTD)	235

- NEW WARRANTS issued this month: **12**
- WARRANTS CLEARED this month (includes collections by other agencies & Court counter payments): **83** Cleared
- ACTIVE WARRANTS PENDING to be served: **3,147**.
- SUMMONS & SUBPOENAS ISSUED: **4** (TCPD-4 CODE ENFORCEMENT-0) *Not all were actually served.
- JAIL TIME SERVED CREDITS granted by Judge were **\$5,450.00**

COURT STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2014

Presiding Judge: Kimberly Lafferty

PRE-TRIALS – 11/4/2014

BENCH – 11/18/2014

Guilty – (10 To 30 Days To Pay)	9
DSC – Defensive Driving Course	2
Dismissed –\$20 DM Fee (MVI/LP/Def.)	5
Dismissed - (No Fee Collected)	3
Dismissed – (Proof of Insurance/DL)	0
N/S – Defendant No Show	27
Deferred Probation with Fee	18
DA Cont'd with More Time Granted	0
DA S/C Prob. Revoked – Guilty	5
Reset – To Later Date/Bench	17
Reset – To See Prosecutor Only	14
Reset – Pre-Jury Trial	6
Reset – Indigent Hearings	0
Appeal – Gave Notice of Appeal	0
Guilty – CTS (Jail Credit/Time Served)	0
Community Service – (Fine Waived)	7
Teen Court Program	0
Teen Court SC – CT with More Time	0
Total Cases on Docket	113
<u>Other:</u>	
Total Citations Issued	770
Warrants Pending	3,147
Warrant Collections	\$17,142.00
Jail Credit Time Served	\$5,450.00

Guilty – (No Trial / 30 Days to Pay)	0
Trials Held – (Guilty)	1
DSC – Defensive Driving Course	0
Dismissed – (Prosecutor’s Motion)	3
Deferred Probation with Fee	16
N/S – Defendant/Atty. No Show	6
N/S – Officer No Show	0
Reset – To Later Date	7
Appeal – Gave Notice of Appeal	0
Guilty – CTS (Jail Credit/Time Served)	0
Not Guilty	0
Community Service – Fine Waived	0
Found Indigent (with Community Service)	0
P/T Diversion - Fine Waived	0
Total Cases on Docket	33
(*Total Includes 17 Prosecutor Only Cases)	
<u>OTHER:</u>	
Attorney Docket Cases (3 P.M.)	37
(Not Included In The Above Bench #’S)	
Jury Trials	0
Dangerous Dog Hearings	0
Property Hearings	0
Indigency Hearings	0

Health Inspections – November 2014

<i>Type of Inspections</i>	<i>Number of Inspections</i>
Annual 02	2
Annual 03	33
Grease Trap	23
Follow Up	4
Follow Up 01	2
Follow Up 02	1
Follow Up 03	1
Permitting	19
Temp Closing	1
<i>Total Inspections</i>	86

Community Image – November 2014

<i>Type of Case</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>
Fence	18
House Numbers	12
Junked Vehicle	5
Minimum Standards	3
Miscellaneous	9
Parking	2
Sign	2
Stagnant Water	1
Trash and Debris	94
Trash Container	18
Tree and Shrub	58
Weeds and Grass	6
Work Without Permit	2
Zoning	
<i>Total Cases Opened</i>	230

<i>Miscellaneous Information</i>	
Citations Written	7
Pro Active Cases	201
Reactive Cases (Complaints)	29
Properties Abated by Contractor	11
Extensions Given	12





Update from the Chief



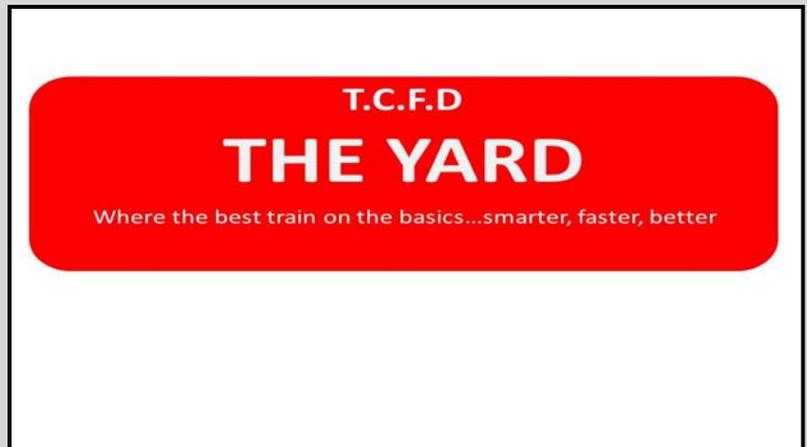
Chief Scott Thompson

TCFD Training Yard

Phase I construction has been completed on TCFD's Training Yard. The training props at The Yard will allow fire companies to train while remaining in-service and available for emergency calls. Previously TCFD fire apparatus had to travel to Lewisville for this type of training.

With such a young fire department, it is essential to have a place where fire-fighters can drill so that they can master their craft.

Phase I contains 10 different training props for firefighter rescue/survival, forcible entry, ventilation, and ground and aerial ladder operations. Future plans include adding technical and vehicle rescue props.



Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Operations

For the period of 11/1/2014 to 11/30/2014 TCFD responded to:

- 196 Emergency Calls For Service:
- 118 Emergency Medical Related Responses
- 8 Structure Fires / Possible Structure Fires
- 10 Alarm Activations
- 2 Vehicle Fires
- 4 Grass Fires
- 2 Dumpster Fires
- 14 Injury Accidents
- 7 Natural Gas Related Emergencies
- 2 Electrical/Downed Power Lines
- 6 Smoke/Odor Investigations
- 23 Other

Average Response Time: 5:04



Department contact information

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Fire station locations

Fire Station 1

4900 Blair Oaks Drive

The Colony TX 75056

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Fire Station 2

5571 North Colony Blvd.

The Colony TX 75056

972-624-2235

Fire Station 3

4691 North Colony Blvd.

The Colony TX 75056

972-624-2293

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 day-care.
- **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 5 days or treat water with larvicide according to the label.

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

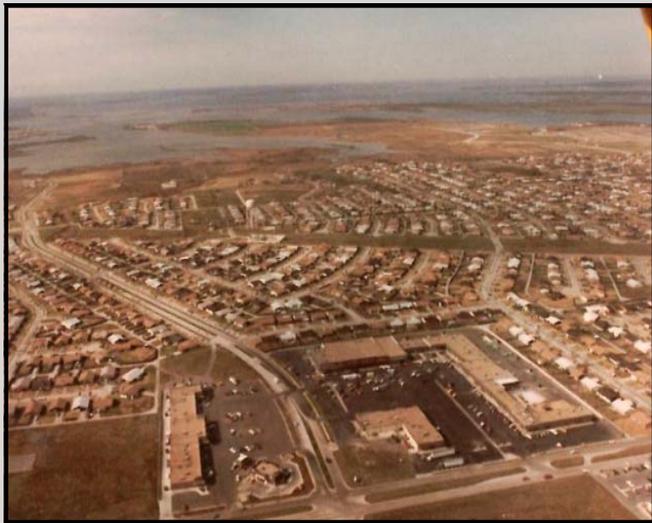
City of The Colony: <http://www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html>

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.

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!"

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City Hall	972-624-3100
Police Department	972-625-1887
Rec Center	972-625-1106
Community Center	972-624-2246
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



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