

News & Events

Daddy & Daughter Dance tickets

One of our most popular special events is coming up next month! The annual **Daddy's Little Princess Daddy & Daughter Dance** is set for Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Cascades Event Center. There will be three dances: 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. **Tickets go on sale Monday, Jan. 8.** For more information, contact the **Parks and Recreation Department** at 972-625-1106.

MLK Day closures

City offices, facilities, and the library will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, for **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**. The library will be closed Jan. 13-15. Trash and recycling collection will NOT be affected.

New Year's trash, recycling notice

Due to the **New Year's Day holiday**, trash and recycling was not collected on Monday, Jan. 1. Service resumed on Tuesday, and is delayed on day the remainder of the week. For more information, call **Environmental Services** at 972-624-3131.

Upcoming meetings

- **KTCB**, 5:30 p.m., Jan. 9;
- **P&Z**, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 9;
- **City Council**, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16.

Urban wildlife Q&A



Longtime residents of The Colony are no strangers to **urban wildlife**. The community boasts miles of shoreline along Lewisville Lake, with plenty of greenspace in between. Many residents in Austin Ranch also live near Arbor Hills Nature Preserve. These conditions create numerous opportunities for humans and wildlife to cross paths. Fortunately, the City of The Colony boasts a well-prepared and highly-rated Animal Services Division that is here to help educate and assist the community. Have you got questions about urban wildlife? They've got answers! Check out our **latest blog post** for more information from **The Colony Animal Services**.

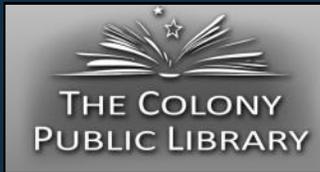
Christmas tree recycling available

Residents wishing to drop off their Christmas trees for recycling may do so **now through Jan. 16**. The tree recycling site is at the south end of the Public Services parking lot off of East Lake Highlands Drive, across from the Animal Shelter. Signs will be posted directing residents to the site. *Trees must have all lights, ornaments, tinsel and bases removed. No artificial or flocked trees.*



Compost will be available after March 1, on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional compost will be available during the spring and summer months as well. Please bring your own containers. For information, call **Environmental Services** at 972-624-3131.

Rediscover Your Library: Feb. 1



The Colony Public Library staff, Friends of The Colony Public Library, and the Library Board will host a special celebration from **3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1**. In addition to marking the 36th anniversary of the Library's founding, we will be welcoming our community to rediscover their public library and will **honor two long-time staff members**

who are retiring: **Library Director Joan L. Sveinsson** and **Circulation Supervisor Alice Collins**. Staff and volunteers have spent the past few years focused on improving TCPL's collection, resources, and services. Come check out these improvements, including two self-check stations, STEM kits, coding activities, a vinyl cutter, 3D printing, one-on-one help with digital devices, and so much more! Call the Library at 972-625-1900 for more information.

Polar Open set for Jan. 13

The annual Polar Open Disc Golf Tournament is back for another year. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 13**, at **Bill Allen Memorial Park**. For more information, contact the tournament director, **DeWayne Furr**, at 214-218-2463. Participants for this PDGA-sanctioned event may also register online.



Days remain for holiday lightshow

#ICYMI: The Colony Christmas Spectacular Lightshow continues at **Central Fire Station, 4900 Blair Oaks Drive**, now through **Sunday, Jan. 7**. The FREE lightshow is choreographed to music and can be seen every evening 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5:30 to 10:50 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tune your radio to 99.9FM to enjoy the music. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

Council Happenings

During its recent regular meetings, The Colony City Council:

- approved development plan for **Scheels superstore**, associated infrastructure, and parking within the Grandscape Lifestyle Center;
- approved site plan amendment for **The Colony Park Shopping Center**, located at 5000 Main St., allowing significant architectural modifications and improvements to a portion of the existing commercial shopping center;
- approved ordinance to change the zoning within Haven Hills Estate, aka "Mobile Home District," to allow "site-built homes" at a minimum of 800 square feet in addition to mobile homes. New homes could be larger than 800 square feet, and references to "tiny homes" was removed;
- approved ordinance to change the zoning within 4.5 acres of land located directly east of the Haven Hills Estate from Single-Family to Planned Development. This change allows for proposed veterans memorial, "site-built homes," and a meeting facility; and,
- approved ordinance amendment repealing section 13-8, entitled "aeronautical devices."

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