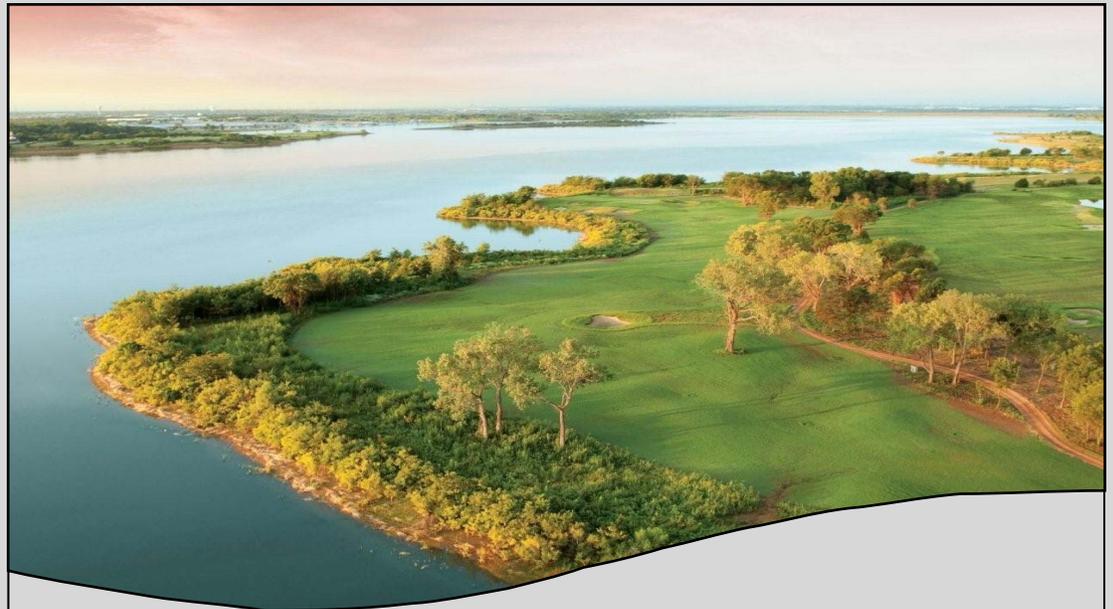


June 30, 2014

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*“And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.”*

— F. Scott Fitzgerald

*“Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”*

— Henry James



## 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.



## July 2014

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-  Board of Adjustment
-  Technology Board
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## August 2014

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## Parks and Recreation

### Liberty By The Lake

Date: Friday, July 4

Time: 4 to 10 p.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Cost: Free

### Summer Cinema Clubhouse

#### *The Nut Job*

Date: Thursday, July 10

Time: Noon doors / 1 p.m. movie

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

Cost: Free

### Sunset Concert Series

Date: July 11

Time: 8 to 10 p.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Cost: Free

### Summer Cinema Clubhouse

#### *The Lego Movie*

Date: Thursday, Aug. 8

Time: Noon doors / 1 p.m. movie

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

Cost: Free

### Sunset Concert Series

Date: Aug. 15

Time: 8 to 10 p.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Cost: Free

### Back to School Bash

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 19

Time: 5 to 8 p.m.

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

Cost: Free for residents; \$3 for non-residents

## The Colony Public Library

### Summer Reading Club Registration (all ages)

Dates: Registration and book logging underway; book logging ends Aug. 1

Time: Registration is open 24/7

Location: Register online at [thecolonypl.org](http://thecolonypl.org)

Cost: Free

### Fired Up About Reading

*The Colony Firefighters read aloud to children entering grades 1-5*

Dates: Tuesdays, now through July 29

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

### Fizz, Boom, Read Summer Reading Club Programs

*For children entering grades 1-5*

Dates: Wednesdays, now through July 30

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free; seating is limited, first come, first seated

### LEGOmania!

*For children entering grades 3-5*

Dates: Saturday, July 12

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free; register is required via email to [reference@thecolonypl.org](mailto:reference@thecolonypl.org)



**Shakespeare**  
**IN THE PARK**

**A Midsummer Nights Dream**  
Auditions: June 6 and 7, 9am - 5pm  
More info: [shakespearetc@gmail.com](mailto:shakespearetc@gmail.com) or (972)885-9423

Free admission!  
Food & drinks available

Outdoor theater  
for the whole family!

**Performances: July 18, 19 & 20 @ Bill Allen Memorial Park, 5900 Carroll Drive, 7pm**



*The Colony's*  
**Liberty By The Lake**  
*Festival*

**Friday, July 4, 2014**

**Liberty By The Lake**

Date: Friday, July 4

Time: 4 to 10 p.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Cost: Free. For more, visit [www.libertybythelake.com](http://www.libertybythelake.com)



### Mosquito Season is Here

We are now in the middle of the mosquito season, so residents are urged to take a proactive approach to battling mosquitos on their private property. The best way to do this is by learning and following the 4 Ds:

- **Dress to protect:** Wear long sleeves and long pants.
- **Dusk and Dawn:** Avoid being outside at these times.
- **Defend:** Wear insect repellent with DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus 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.

The City of The Colony has a weekly mosquito trapping and testing program. So far in 2014, all tests have been negative for West Nile virus. To help combat West Nile in The Colony, all residents are asked to be alert to issues that may be taking place on private property in your neighborhood. The City needs to know about green pools, spas, non-draining boats, old tires, or anything that is non-maintained and holds water. The City can only address issues that are visible from a public right of way (i.e. alley, sidewalk or street). To report issues, please call (972)624-3160 or email [mosquitoes@thecolonytx.gov](mailto:mosquitoes@thecolonytx.gov) so we can address the hazards. Please be sure to include the address of the problem when leaving a message.

**CITY OF THE COLONY**  
**CITY COUNCIL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**SPECIAL JOINT WORK SESSION AGENDA**  
**JULY 1, 2014**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

Notice is hereby given of a **SPECIAL JOINT WORK SESSION** of the **CITY COUNCIL** and the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** of the City of The Colony, Texas to be held at **6:00 p.m.** on the **1st day of JULY 2014**, at **City Hall, 6800 Main Street, The Colony, Texas**, at which time the following items will be addressed:

- 1. Call to Order — City Council and Community Development Corporation**
- 2. Receive presentation from consultant and discuss various concepts for the Veteran's Memorial Master Plan, funding and timeline for the project, and provide direction to staff on proceeding with the project.**
- 3. Discuss possible date for additional work session to discuss the budget for FY 2014-15 and upcoming projects (Nelson)**
- 4. Adjourn — Community Development Corporation and City Council**

**CITY OF THE COLONY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
JULY 1, 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 **1st day of JULY 2014** at **CITY HALL, 6800 MAIN STREET, THE COLONY, TEXAS**, at which time the following items will be addressed:

<b>1.0</b>	<b>ROUTINE ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:</b>
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**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag**

*Salute to the Texas Flag*

**Moving America Forward Video**

**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** - Presentation from the Library Director regarding current and upcoming programs, events, and service improvements.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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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 June 17, 2014 [Marks] (City Secretary)**

**2.2 Consider approving council expenditures for May 2014 (Council)**

<b>3.0</b>	<b>REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS</b>
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**3.1 Discuss and consider cancelling or rescheduling the first city council meeting in August and provide direction to staff (Council)**

3.2 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a boundary adjustment agreement by and between the Town of Hebron, the City of Carrollton, and the City of The Colony for property located on the north side of Plano Parkway between Parker Road (FM 544) and Windhaven Parkway (Development Services, Joyce)

3.3 Discuss and consider adopting an ordinance approving an application for a Development Plan to allow an 8,066 square foot Cheddar's Restaurant to be located on a 2.02 acre tract of land on the south side of Nebraska Furniture Mart Drive and approximately 400 feet east of Bargain Way (Development Services, Joyce)

4.0	WORK SESSION
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4.1 Presentation of draft Council retreat goal five: Beautification Policy (Perez)

4.2. Discuss updating Administrative Procedure #401 Travel Advances/Reimbursements (Powell)

4.3 Discuss signage on the Sam Rayburn Tollway for Grandscape/Nebraska Furniture Mart (Maurina/Scruggs)

5.0	EXECUTIVE SESSION
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5.1 A. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and Section 551.087 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to deliberate regarding commercial or financial information the city has received from a business prospect, and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

B. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.087 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to deliberate regarding commercial or financial information the city has received from a business prospect(s), and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect(s).

5.2 A. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and/or the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

B. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and/or the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.



## **Liberty By The Lake**

**Date:** Friday, July 4

**Time:** 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Location:** Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

**Cost:** Varies per event

The Liberty By The Lake festival is the biggest Fourth of July party in town! Bring out the whole family to celebrate. Numerous activities are planned for the day including a live concert featuring Professor D, Independence Day parade, Family Fun Zone, BMX Stunt Shows, Drum Line, Liberty 5K, 10K & 1 Mile Fun Run, Salsa Shootout competition and to end the evening the ever popular fireworks extravaganza. NEW this year, don't miss out on the seriously funny magic of Bo Gerard! Be sure to visit [www.libertybythelake.com](http://www.libertybythelake.com) for a full schedule of activities.



### **Here is an overview of the day's activities:**

- 6:30 a.m. On site registration for Liberty 5K, 10K & 1 Mile Fun Run
- 7:45 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run begins
- 8:05 a.m. 5K and 10K runs begin
- 9:15 a.m. Independence Day Parade lineup begins
- 10 a.m. Independence Day Parade begins
- 11 a.m. Stewart Creek Park opens for festival and day use parking  
Empire Wake Wakeboarding Competition Starts
- 4 p.m. Liberty By The Lake festival begins  
Family Fun Zone opens  
Freedom Business Expo opens  
Liberty Food Court opens  
Drumline performance  
Lucky Duck scavenger hunt begins
- 4:30 p.m. Opening performance on Main Stage - DIGITAL SLIM  
Salsa Shootout entry turn-in begins  
Magic and Comedy show performance
- 5 p.m. Salsa Shootout "People's Choice" judging begins  
Lone Star Action Sports BMX stunt show performance
- 5:30 p.m. Drumline performance
- 6 p.m. Magic and Comedy show performance  
Salsa Shootout judging begins  
Salsa Shootout "People's Choice" judging ends
- 6:30 p.m. Lone Star Action Sports BMX stunt show performance
- 7 p.m. Headline performance begins - PROFESSOR D  
Drumline performance
- 7:30 p.m. Watermelon Eating Contest check-in begins  
Magic and Comedy show performance
- 8 p.m. Watermelon Eating Contest begins  
Freedom Business Expo closes  
Lone Star Action Sports BMX stunt show performance
- 8:30 p.m. Lucky Duck scavenger hunt ends
- 9 p.m. Family Fun Zone closes
- 9:30 p.m. Fireworks finale!

## Summer Cinema Clubhouse



**Date:** Thursday, July 11, *The Nut Job*

**Time:** Doors open at noon, film starts at 1 p.m.

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

**Cost:** FREE

Come join us in the final two editions of Summer Cinema Clubhouse at The Colony Recreation Center, as we watch *The Nut Job*. Sit back, relax and enjoy the FREE show on our large inflatable screen. Concessions will also be available for purchase. The doors open at noon with the movies starting at 1 p.m. For more info contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

## Sunset Concert Series



**Date:** Friday, July 11, Jonathan Fox

**Date:** Friday, Aug. 15, The Creek Band

**Date:** Friday, Sept. 12, Danny Allen

**Time:** 8 to 10 p.m.

**Location:** Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

**Cost:** Free concert

Join The Colony Parks and Recreation Department as we add a little rock and roll to the summer of 2014 with the Summer Sunset Concert Series. The sunset of beautiful Lewisville Lake sets the scene to enjoy the harmonies of some of the best rock bands around. Come out to Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road, from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, July 11, Aug. 15 and Sept. 12. Concert admission is free. For more information, contact The Colony Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

## **Free Summer Lunch Program**

The Colony Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to again be hosting a summer free lunch program at The Colony Recreation Center, 5151 North Colony Blvd. Lunch is served from noon to 1 p.m., and an afternoon snack is served between 1:30 and 2 p.m. No need to register, just show up. Please help us spread the word to anyone who can benefit from this free service! For more information, contact The Colony Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.



## **FUNshops!**

Successful Students & Athletes FUNshops! are two hours of exciting hands-on activities that teach your kids many different academic subjects all while learning crucial life skills and having fun! Classes coming up in July include Fossils, Aero Course, Blood Types, Wind Energy and Math Mania & Art. Classes meet on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. FUNshops are for kids between the ages of 6 and 12 years old. The cost is \$15/day for members and \$17/day for non-members. For more information or to register, contact The Colony Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106

## **Little Breaks!**

Are you looking for a little break from your little one to get some things done, or just have some time alone? We have your solution! Little Breaks classes coming up in July include Crazy Fun Science, Yummy in My Tummy, Welcome to the Carnival, Too Mess for Mom, Under the Sea, Girls Day In and Weird and Wacky Scientists. Little Breaks is for kids between the ages of 3 and 6 years old and classes meet on Tuesday mornings or Thursday afternoons. The cost is \$14/day for members and \$16/day for non-members. For more information or to register, contact The Colony Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106



## **Young Filmmakers Camp**

Children will have a ton of fun while working together to develop a storyline and script, then shoot, and act in their own short movie or commercial while witnessed first-hand the importance of being comfortable speaking in front of a group, time management, responsibility, leadership and other skills! Camp is 9 a.m. to noon July 28-31 at The Colony Recreation Center, and is for kids between the ages of 6 and 12 years old. The cost is \$99 for members and \$104 for non-members. For more information or to register, contact The Colony Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106



## **Youth Sport Associations**

Registration is currently underway for the fall youth soccer, fall softball, and football/cheer seasons. Registrations for each association can be completed online by visiting each association's website [www.tcysa.net](http://www.tcysa.net), [www.thecolonysoftball.com](http://www.thecolonysoftball.com) or [www.tcyfa.com](http://www.tcyfa.com). You can also register for soccer and football/cheer at the Recreation Center. Please visit each association's website for additional details.

## **Regional Track Meet**

The Colony Parks & Recreation Department is once again proud to be hosting the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Region 4 track meet at The Colony High School on July 18-19. Over 1,000 athletes from across our area will be competing to secure a spot in the state championship meet. Volunteers are needed to assist in various areas to ensure a successful weekend. If you are interested in helping, please email [volunteer@tepard.com](mailto:volunteer@tepard.com) for additional details.



## Beginning Line Dance

**Date:** Every Monday

**Time:** 10 to 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** The Colony Community Center, 5151 North Colony Blvd

**Cost:** Free class for members. Residents 50+ membership is \$10/year. Not only is line dance fun, it's a great way to get in some aerobic exercise!



## Beginner Tai Chi for Arthritis

**Dates:** Monday, July 7 & 14 and Wednesday, July 3, 9, & 16

**Time:** 1 to 1:45 p.m.

**Place:** The Colony Community Center

**Cost:** Free for members. Residents 50+ membership is \$10/year. This gentle form of Tai Chi was designed by Dr. Paul Lam specifically for those with arthritis, however anyone may benefit from increased range of motion and better balance.

## AARP Driver Safety Program



Designed primarily for individuals 50+ however, any Texas licensed driver over 21 can participate. This four-hour course may reduce your auto insurance rates for three years. Check with your insurance company. Not for ticket dismissal. Need not be a member of AARP to participate and there are no exams. Call the Community Center to reserve your space, 972-624-2246.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 16

**Time:** 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** The Colony Community Center, 5151 North Colony Blvd.

**Cost:** \$15 AARP Members /\$20 Non-Members

## Blood Drive Successful

Thanks to the many who contributed! The Colony blood drive at the Community Center exceeded expectations. The Red Cross hoped to collect at least 20 pints of blood. Thanks to your generous participation, 27 pints of blood were collected. Because each donation has the potential to help save up to three lives, you can feel good knowing The Colony drive can help 81 patients. If you were unable to participate this time or want to contribute again, be sure and mark your calendar for Aug. 14 for the next drive at this location.





## Aquatic Park Joins World Record Attempt

The Colony Aquatic Park made an international splash today as it joined facilities from 26 different countries participating in the World's Largest Swim Lesson. Almost 70 local kids and lifeguards joined the latest attempt to set a new World Record for the largest simultaneous swim lesson around the world.

It is estimated that 40,000 participants will be officially counted when the records are compiled next week for the Guinness accountants. The World's Largest Swim Lesson was created to help spread the word that *swimming lessons save lives*.

The swim lesson plan included elements for breath control, floating, basic strokes, simple rescues and water safety. At The Colony Aquatic Park, certified American Red Cross Water Safety instructors led each section of children as lifeguard staff members assisted participants from the Friendship Baptist Church Summer Camp.

Tragically, drowning remains the leading cause of accidental death for children ages 1-5, and the second-leading cause of accidental death for children under 14. Research shows participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent among children age 1-4, yet many kids do not receive formal swimming or water safety training.

There are three more sessions of ARC Red Cross swim lessons at The Colony Aquatic Park. For information, call the Aquatic Park at 972-624-2225 or visit [www.playTC.com](http://www.playTC.com).



## **Taking Root**

Daisy Troop No. 7482 contributed a spot of beauty to The Colony Aquatic Park and learned through planned steps along the way. For their spring project, five girls spent some of their cookie money to buy seeds and soil. They researched types of hardy plants for the “It’s Your World-Change It: Garden Journey.” According to Troop Leader Pam Scott, each flower was selected to represent a different part of the Girl Scout Law and Promise.

## BOARD MEMBERS

Open, President

Steve Sohn, Vice President

Lisa Leary, Secretary

Kathy Braby, Treasurer

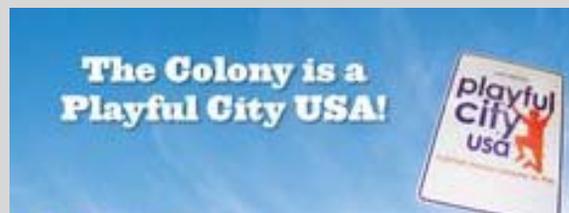
Don Beckel, Member

Donna Cole, Member

Susana Perez, Member

Council Liaison: Richard Boyer

Staff Liaison: Pam Nelson and Eve Morgan



### **Playful City USA Designation**

The Colony has been selected for the fourth year in a row as a Playful City USA! This program is sponsored by KaBOOM!, a national non-profit dedicated to saving play for America's children. Their mission is to create great playspaces through the participation and leadership of communities, and ultimately a place to play within walking distance of every child in America. You can read more about the Playful City USA initiative at [http://kaboom.org/take\\_action/playful\\_city\\_usa/communities](http://kaboom.org/take_action/playful_city_usa/communities). **Congratulations, The Colony!**



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THE COLONY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY





### Early Dismissal Movie:

Over 20 kids and parents joined in on the fun after school let out for the summer for an interactive showing of Disney's *Frozen*.

Participants made snowflakes to wave during "Let It Go," threw (Styrofoam) snowballs at the bad guys, and enjoyed lots of popcorn!

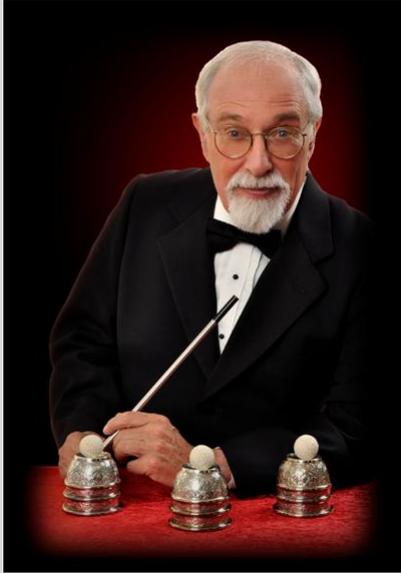


### **FOTCPL PRESENTS! Family Fun Night with Dr. Flake-N-Stein's Magical Laboratory**

Over 30 parents and children gathered to share the magic as Brett Roberts gave a scientific flare to Family Fun Night sponsored by Friends of The Colony Public Library.



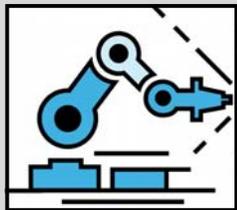
## Upcoming Special Events



**FOTCPL PRESENTS! Family Fun Night with Gerald Edmundson “Reading is Magic,” 7 p.m. Thursday, July 17**

Bring the entire family to join in the fun!

Sponsored by Friends of The Colony Public Library.

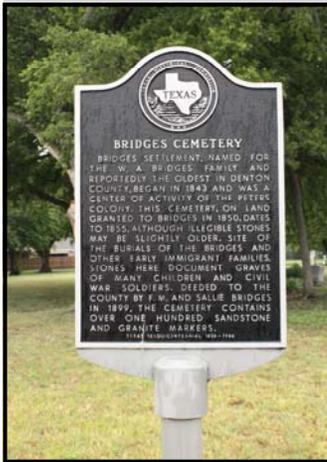


**UT Dallas presents: Modern Robotics , 2 p.m. Thursday, July 3**

Join UT Dallas professor Robert Gregg as he discusses the new and exciting trends in robotics, focusing on robotic prosthetics.

This program is for ages 12 and up.





## **Bridges Cemetery Open House, Friday, 9 a.m. to noon July 4**

To honor those buried in Bridges Cemetery, members of The Colony Public Library Local History Committee will be on site to give tours, place flags on soldiers' graves, and answer questions about The Colony's rich history. Copies of the committee's publication, *Bridges to the Future*, will be available to purchase for \$10.



## **July at TCPL**

### **Lost in the Lake**

Going on vacation or a boat trip on the lake?  
Stop by the Library and pick up a free book to enjoy from our "Lost in the Lake" selections.  
We'll have some great titles, and if you lose it, we won't holler!





## Online Resources of the Month at thecolonypl.org:

Do-It-Yourselfers will love the Library's free online resources for car, home and small engine maintenance/repair and a wide variety of crafts and hobbies. Get all your DIY information at thecolonypl.org this month — and every month!



## Summer Reading Incentive Clubs:

There is still time to register! TCPL offers reading clubs for all ages: preschool, elementary school-age, teens, and adults. These free reading-incentive clubs are sponsored by the Texas State Library and The Colony Public Library, with support from Friends of The Colony Public Library and various local merchants.

Register online at [thecolonypl.org](http://thecolonypl.org). Online book logging ends Aug. 1.



## Early Literacy Programs

### ***Bilingual Spanish/English Story Time Series is held Sundays at 3 p.m. in the Story Corner; July 13, 20, 27***

This series was developed by Ms. Amanda and Ms. Tina with resources funded in part by a grant from Target. For more information, contact Ms. Tina, 972-624-3191, [tmartinez@thecolonypl.org](mailto:tmartinez@thecolonypl.org)



### ***Toddler Time is held Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the Quiet Room***

**July 1, 8, 15, 22**

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



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

**July 11, 18, 25**

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



### ***Longfellow's WHALE Tales , Wednesday, July 16, at 2:15 p.m. in the Story Corner***

The Colony Aquatic Park Manager Elise Knox will present water safety tips for parents and preschool children.



### ***Toddler Sensory Play Date, Tuesday, July 29, at 10:15 a.m. in the Quiet Room***

You and your toddler will have fun with these activities during this special hour-long event.

## Youth Programs

This summer, we have included many exciting STEM-based programs (STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) – we mix learning and fun at TCPL!



### **Fired Up About Reading, Tuesdays at 2 p.m.; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

The Colony Fire Department's firefighters read stories to children in grades 1 – 5 at 2 p.m. at the Library. Participants may enter to win a ride on a fire truck to the first day of school.

### **Read to Rover, Saturday, July 12, 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



### ***Fizz, Boom, Read* Summer Reading Club Programs for children entering grades 1-5, held Wednesdays at 2 p.m.**

Summer Reading Club Programs are for children entering 1st - 5th grades. Due to limited space, attendance is restricted only to those grades. We encourage parents and younger siblings to explore the Library during program times. Entry based on first come first served.

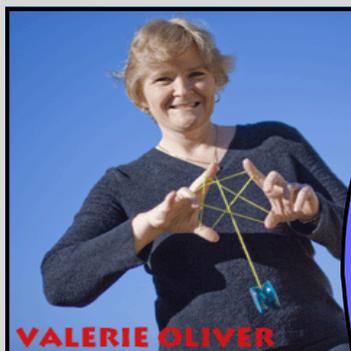
July 2: LACA



July 9: Zooniversity, Live



July 16: Jacki Manna,



July 23:  
Whirled on a String,  
Yo-Yo expert

July 30:  
The Que Pastas,  
Band





## Robotics Club, Thursdays, July 10 & 17, 2 p.m. for grades 3-5

UTD's Contact Science will be presenting STEM enriched robotics programs in the multipurpose room to registered members of the club..

## K-2 Laboratory, Friday, July 18, 2 p.m.

**All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Encourage STEM learning in your child entering kindergarten through second grade; parents and children will participate together in fun science experiments.



## LEGOmania, Saturday, July 12, 2 p.m.

For this STEM-geared program, children going into grades 3-5 meet in the multipurpose room to learn and build their own LEGO creations. Space is limited; **registration is required**. Email [reference@thecolonypl.org](mailto:reference@thecolonypl.org) to register.

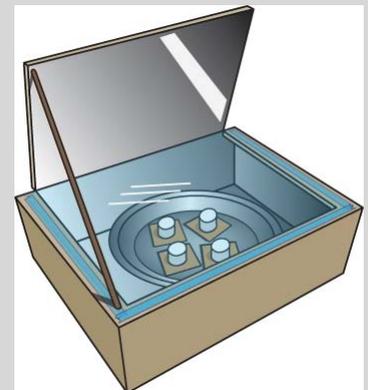
Creations from the June program are on display in the Library.

## Solar Powered Baking, Saturday, July 19, 2 p.m.

Discover the power of the sun at 2 p.m. in the Library multipurpose room. This STEM-based program, in which students will make their own solar powered oven, is for participants going into grades 3-5 and will take place partially outdoors. Equipment and training provided by UTD's Contact Science.

**Registration is required.**

Email [reference@thecolonypl.org](mailto:reference@thecolonypl.org) to register.



## Teen Events



### **Teen Anime Club, Wednesdays, July 16 & 30, 6:30 p.m.**

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



### **Teen Advisory Panel, Tuesday, July 22, 7 p.m.**

Join the TCPL Teen Advisory Panel (TAP) and give the library staff suggestions on how to better serve teens – and earn volunteer hours while you do so! Interested? Contact [mcharters@thecolonypl.org](mailto:mcharters@thecolonypl.org) or call Megan Charters at 972-624-3187.



### **Duct Tape Creations, Saturday, July 26, 2 p.m.**

Ages 12 and up are invited to meet in the Library multipurpose room to make their own duct tape creations. Duct tape provided!

## Other July events:



### **ESL Class, Saturday, July 19, 10:30 - noon**

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



### **eReader Office Hours**

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

Wednesday, July 9 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 19 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 29 at 7 p.m.



## **Home Buyers Seminar, Wednesday, July 2, 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.



## **Home Sellers Seminar, Wednesday, July 9, 7 p.m.**

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



## **Writers' Circle, Tuesday, July 15, 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 works published.



## **Friends of The Colony Public Library Officers Meeting, Thursday, July 17, 7 p.m.**

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



## **The No-Stress Book Club, Wednesday, July 23, 7 p.m.**

Do you enjoy talking about books? Join the fun and discuss what you are reading with other book lovers.

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The Library Board met June 24, 2014.

The Board members discussed progress on goals for 2014.

The Board received a staff update regarding the upcoming Youth Services Librarian vacancy.

The Board also received staff updates regarding Friends of the Library activities: “Bag of Books” sale has been successful; *FOTCPL PRESENTS!* Family Night: “Dr. Flake-N-Stein’s Magical Laboratory” brought in over 30 parents and children; *FOTCPL PRESENTS!* Family Night: “Reading is Magic” will be held at 7 p.m. July 17.

The Board received staff updates regarding public relations events and programs: Read to Rover brought in 6 children at the June event, the Bridges Cemetery Open House event on 5/26 brought over 90 visitors — despite the rain — and another open house will be held on July 4; the “No Stress” Book Club” is seeking new members and considering a new direction; the Early Dismissal Movie was an interactive showing that was very well-received; Summer Reading Club registration statistics were presented along with attendance statistics for the Summer youth programs, including K-2 Laboratory, Fired Up About Reading, LEGOmania, Robotics Club, and Snap Circuits Pro Tutorial.

The Board reviewed the list of July library programs.

Next meeting: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2014

## 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!"

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