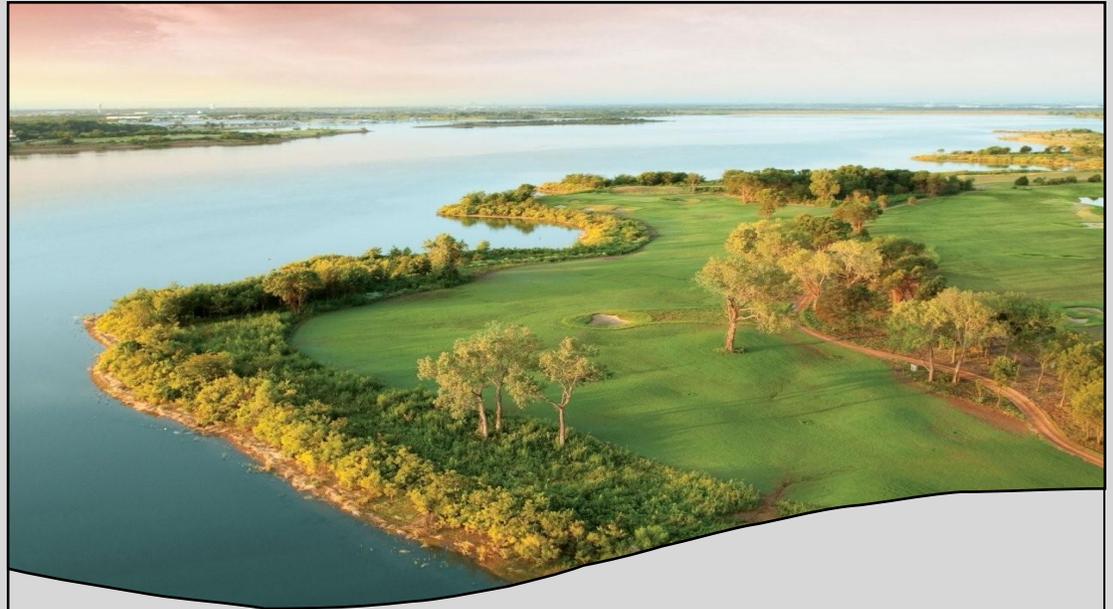


July 14, 2014

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*“The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts; therefore guard accordingly.”*

— Marcus Aurelius



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

## August 2014

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## Parks and Recreation

### 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: Friday, Aug. 15

Time: 8 to 10 p.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Cost: Free vehicle admission to the park begins 30 minutes prior to performance

### Back to School Bash

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 19

Time: 5 to 8 p.m.

Location: The Colony Recreation Center 5151 N. Colony Blvd.

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

### Movies In The Park

#### *Free Birds*

Date: Friday, Sept. 5

Time: 7:45 p.m.

Location: The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks

Cost: Free

### Sunset Concert Series

Date: Friday, Sept. 12

Time: 8 to 10 p.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Cost: Free vehicle admission to the park begins 30 minutes prior to performance

### Movies In The Park

#### *Frozen*

Date: Friday, Oct. 3

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: The Colony Five Star Complex 4100 Blair Oaks

Cost: Free

### Family Fright Night

Date: Saturday, Oct. 25 to Sunday, Oct. 26

Time: 4 p.m. to 9 a.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Cost: Varies

## 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

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

### Longfellow's WHALE Tales

*Water Safety for parents and preschool children, presented by The Colony Aquatic Park Manager Elise Knox*

Date: Wednesday, July 16

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

### FOTCPL PRESENTS! Family Fun Night

*Featuring Gerald Edmundson. "Reading is Magic"*

Date: Thursday, July 17

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

### K-2 Laboratory

*For children entering grades K-2; all children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Date: Friday, July 18

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

## Shakespeare IN THE PARK

**A Midsummer Nights Dream**

Auditions: June 6 and 7, 9am - 5pm

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



## **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 mosquitoes 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  
WORK SESSION AGENDA  
JULY 15, 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 15th day of July 2014, at 6800 Main Street, The Colony, Texas at which time the following items will be addressed:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Discuss special events budget regarding grant applications for FY 2014-15 and provide direction to staff (Shallenburger)
- C. Discuss road closure for Fire Fighters Association Take on the Heat Triathlon (Scruggs)
- D. Discuss leasing City property off Main street to contractor for batch plant and staging area for construction of FM 423 (Scruggs)
- E. Discuss City of The Colony Code of Ordinances Section 5-21. Keeping of livestock, fowl and rabbits and Sec.5-1. Definitions (Perez)
- F. Council to receive supplemental information from staff or answers to questions regarding the July 15, 2014 regular agenda items as follows: (see Regular Meeting agenda below)
- G. Council to provide direction to staff regarding future agenda items.
- H. Adjourn

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted outside the front door of City Hall by 5:00 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

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Christie Wilson, City Secretary

**CITY OF THE COLONY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
JULY 15, 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 15TH day of JULY 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**

**Recognition of Employee of the Year David Summers (Scruggs)**

**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 and Recreation update.**

**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 July 1, 2014 [Schrag, Connelly] (City Secretary)**

**2.2 Consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a contract amendment with Bridgefarmer and Associates for Additional Engineering Services for the Memorial – Spring Creek Connector Project (Engineering, Scruggs)**

**3.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**3.1 Discuss and consider a resolution authorizing and approving the execution of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, West 25 at Grandscape, The Colony, Denton County, Texas, for an approximately 30.779-acre tract of land. (Maurina)**

**3.2 Discuss the proposed 2014-2015 tax rate not to exceed \$.675 per \$100 valuation for the taxable value of all property real and personal located within the City of The Colony to be adopted on September 16, 2014 and schedule public hearings on the proposed tax rate to be held August 19 and September 2, 2014. (Finance, Cranford)**

- 3.3 Consider approving a resolution awarding a bid and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for re-construction of the Park Loop Trail and BB Owen Trail connector with funding provided by the Community Development Corporation (Parks, Nelson)**
- 3.4 Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an encroachment agreement with Atmos Energy Corporation for the BB Owen Trail Connection (Parks, Nelson)**
- 3.5 Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a design services agreement with Dunkin Sims Stoffels, Inc. for the development of bid documents and project management for an overflow parking lot at Perryman Park, with funding provided by the Community Development Corporation (Parks, Nelson)**
- 3.6 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a Development Plan for a 12,639 square foot dual restaurant, with one restaurant being Luby's, on approximately 2.99 acres of land, located on the north side of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (S.H. 121) at Morning Star Drive. (Development Services, Joyce)**
- 3.7 Conduct a public hearing annexing into the corporate limits of the City of The Colony, an approximately 23.466 acre tract of land, generally located on the north side of Plano Parkway between Parker Road (FM 544) and Windhaven Parkway (Development Services, Joyce)**
- 3.8 Conduct a public hearing disannexing from the corporate limits of the City of The Colony, an approximately 25.024 acre tract of land and an approximately 2.124 acre tract of right-of-way, generally located on the north side of Plano Parkway between Parker Road (FM 544) and Windhaven Parkway (Development Services, Joyce)**
- 3.9 Conduct a second public hearing annexing into the corporate limits of the City of The Colony, an approximately 23.466 acre tract of land, generally located on the north side of Plano Parkway between Parker Road (FM 544) and Windhaven Parkway (Development Services, Joyce)**
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- 3.11 Discuss and consider a resolution approving an Acknowledgment of Assignment and Agreement and related documents by and between the City of The Colony and Western Alliance Bank concerning the assignment of the Reimbursement Agreement for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of The Colony, Texas (Admin, Miller)
- 3.12 Discuss and consider a resolution approving a Consent to Assignment and Agreement and related documents by and between the City of The Colony and Western Alliance Bank concerning the assignment of a Developer's Agreement, Economic Development Agreement, First Amendment to Developer's Agreement, Second Amendment to Developer's Agreement, Third Amendment to Developer's Agreement and Fourth Amendment to Developer's Agreement regarding PD-18 (Admin, Miller)
- 3.13 Discuss and consider a resolution approving a Consent to Assignment and Agreement and related documents by and between the City of The Colony and Western Alliance Bank concerning the assignment of a Developer's Agreement and First Amendment to Developer's Agreement regarding PD-23 (Admin, Miller)

#### 4.0 WORK SESSION

- 4.1 Receive quarterly report on public information requests (City Secretary)

#### 5.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 5.1 A. 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, 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 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to seek legal advice from the city attorney regarding Stewart Peninsula Golf Course/Anderson Express Lane, Inc.
- C. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Fire Chief.

#### Reconvene to Open Session

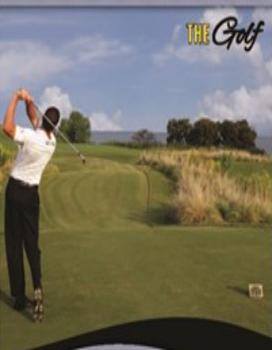
- 5.2 A. Any action as a result of executive session regarding commercial or financial information the city has received from a business prospect and the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.
- B. Any action as a result of executive session regarding Stewart Peninsula Golf Course/Anderson Express Lane, Inc.
- C. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Fire Chief.

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

In the month of June the CVB sent out 214 visitor guides electronically and 114 by mail.

- The Colony CVB promoted the following topics through social media: The Colony Public Library, TopGolf, Lakeside Community Theatre, all CVB social media pages, DFW Surf, Lewisville Lake, Shakespeare in the Park, Hawaiian Falls Waterpark, Best of the Bands, The Colony Aquatic Park, Stewart Creek Park, mosquito prevention, TCPL LEGOMania, National Trails Day, Shoreline Trail, Tribute Shoreline Trail, Gigis Sno Shack, Braum's, Sonic, LISD Aquatic Center, Lone Star Hot Yoga, TOPGOLF nights, TOPGOLF Throwback Thursday, TOPGOLF Top Spin Saturday, TOPGOLF Sunday Funday, T.C. Tex, Suntex Watersports, TCPL Disney Classics sing along, Lone Star Action Sports BMX stunt show, Peter Piper Pizza, The Colony Recreation Center, Summer Cinema Clubhouse, #BeatTheHeat, TCPL Duct Tape Creations, The Colony tourism video, TCPL modern robotics, Blue Sky Sports Center, Liberty by the Lake, LBTL Salas Shootout, LBTL Watermelon eating contest, LBTL parade, LBTL wakeboard contest, LBTL magician, LBTL fireworks and The Colony CVB website redesign.
- Diane researched and prepared the proposed budget for FY 2014-2015. As our city grows and develops new businesses and attractions, the attention of tourists is increasing. People are requesting more information and we are aware that this will continue to escalate as Nebraska Furniture Mart gets closer to opening. This raises the amounts of printed materials needed and focuses on stepping up our advertising/marketing campaign.
- The Colony Convention and Visitors Bureau presented the new website redesign to the city council during its work session. We highlighted the major updates, explained the navigation and reasons for the changes and provided the council with a tour through each page.
- The Colony Convention and Visitors Bureau newly redesigned website is live! The new site features larger images and a streamlined design but most importantly, the responsive design is accessible from mobile devices so visitors can view it on-the-go. Other enhancements include the removal of Flash so all images load regardless of operating systems, reduced page scrolling and easy one-click options for mobile users and an overall streamlined design for a more user friendly experience. We invite everyone to experience the new site, [www.VisitTheColonyTx.com](http://www.VisitTheColonyTx.com).
- The CVB has extended the city's social media footprint to include Pinterest, where members "pin" images for reference and inspiration. Each pin serves as a visual bookmark. This image based social media platform allows the CVB to organize images by specific boards and promote a wider range of photos. Along with the image the CVB is including mapping capability through Foursquare, contact information and links to external websites. The CVB now contributes to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr and Pinterest. <http://www.pinterest.com/cityofthecolony/>
- Diane and Mariko attended the Texas Tourism Industry Associations 2014 Tourism College in Bastrop, Texas. Travel & Tourism professionals from across the West and Southwest United States convene for one week each summer for an intensive curriculum of travel & tourism marketing, management, and leadership courses. Upon successful completion of the three-year program and a capstone project, graduates will receive the designation of "CERTIFIED TOURISM EXECUTIVE" (CTE). Diane has completed her senior year and will now focus on her capstone project while Mariko will return in 2015 for her senior year.

- The CVB heavily promoted the new website redesign through social media including a Facebook promoted ad in order to reach as broad an audience as possible. During the Facebook promotion that ran between June 25-July 1, The CVB's total Facebook reach increased by 1,868%! Engagement went up 197% and the page received 15 new likes.
- In support of the Liberty by the Lake festival The Colony CVB heavily promoted the event and its various elements. Regular social media posts ran along with the hashtags: #LBTL and #LibertyByTheLake throughout the month. The CVB also sent out a special Liberty by the Lake eNewsletter providing more details and a full event schedule to its 2,766 subscribers.
- During the month of June The CVB sent advertising materials to TourTexas.com, Texas Town and City, Texas Monthly and we supplied our hotels with a revised events flyer.



## JUNE EVENTS IN THE COLONY

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**TopGolf Nights**  
Date: June 5 - 6 / Time: 9:00 p.m.  
Location: TopGolf - The Colony (3760 Blair Oaks Dr., The Colony, TX 75056)

**TopGolf Nights**  
Date: June 12 - 14 / Time: 9:00 p.m.  
Location: TopGolf - The Colony (3760 Blair Oaks Dr., The Colony, TX 75056)

**Summer Cinema Challenge:**  
*Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2*  
Date: Thursday, June 19 / Time: 12:00 p.m.  
Location: The Colony Recreation Center (5151 North Colony Blvd., The Colony, TX 75056)

**TopGolf Nights**  
Date: June 19 - 21 / Time: 9:00 p.m.  
Location: TopGolf - The Colony (3760 Blair Oaks Dr., The Colony, TX 75056)

**Lakeside Community Theatre:**  
*The Phantom Tollbooth*  
Date: June 20, 21, 27, 28 / Time: Varies  
Location: Lakeside Community Theatre (6303 Main St., The Colony, TX 75056)

**Best of the Bands**  
Date: Saturday, June 21 / Time: TBD  
Location: Stewart Creek Park (3700 Sparks Rd., The Colony, TX 75056)

**TopGolf Nights**  
Date: June 26 - 28 / Time: 9:00 p.m.  
Location: TopGolf - The Colony (3760 Blair Oaks Dr., The Colony, TX 75056)

**COMING SOON!**

**Liberty 5K 10K & 1 Mile Fun Run**  
Date: Friday, July 4 / Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Location: Stewart Creek Park (3700 Sparks Rd., The Colony, TX 75056)

**Liberty By The Lake**  
Date: Friday, July 4 / Time: 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Location: Stewart Creek Park (3700 Sparks Rd., The Colony, TX 75056)

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**Jingu House Café at the Japanese Tea Garden | San Antonio**  
Experience a relaxing lunch on the outdoor patio or intimate treetop dining room featuring Private Label beer, specialty bento box, sushi, sandwiches, salads and signature teahouse desserts.  
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**The Flying Dutchman Restaurant & Oyster Bar | Kemah**  
Located on the Kemah Boardwalk, The Flying Dutchman has been a local seafood restaurant favorite for years. Our waterfront dining experience makes for a perfect night out with friends or family. It's not just a story - it's a local legend!  
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**Saltgrass Steak House | Kemah**  
There's something for everyone at Saltgrass. Although we specialize in prime cuts of char-grilled beef, like Pat's Ribeye, Silver Star Porterhouse and Mowbray's Center Cut Filet, favorites like the Two-Fork Cheese Cake and Shiner Black Beer Bread, served warm with honey butter, are delicious additions to our steaks. Plus, we offer a wide selection of fresh seafood, poultry, BBQ Baby Back Ribs and a thick and juicy Center Cut Pork Chop, in addition to burgers, sandwiches, salads and more.  
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Here's a brief look at what's been happening the past month in the city's **Communications Department**:

- Director of Communications and Tourism Diane Baxter gave a presentation to the city council on July 1 officially unveiling the city's appearance in an episode of *Moving America Forward*, hosted by William Shatner and Doug Llewelyn. The episode featured Mayor Joe McCourry and City Manager Troy Powell discussing the city's amenities and low crime rate, as well as the Grandscape development, among other topics. The video was subsequently posted to the city's website, cable channel, and YouTube, the latter of which has been viewed nearly 1,000 times since July 1. Sharing of the video on the city's Facebook page set a new in-house record for reach, having been seen by more than 5,200 Facebook users. A press release about the video posted to the Star Local Media website was trending among the top five most-read stories on the site a week after distribution.



- Efforts by Communications staff members to promote awareness of water conservation continue. A pamphlet detailing the city's Drought Contingency Plan and FAQs is now available at City Hall, the Library, the Recreation Center, and the Community Center. It is also being included in the Newcomer Packets distributed by the Customer Service Department. Media engagements have resulted in a front-page feature about the city's Drought Contingency Plan published June 15 in *The Colony Courier-Leader*, in the hopes of reaching more residents with information about the importance of conserving water.
- This past month's Wordpress blog featured a colorful compilation of the city's upcoming summer special events, including Liberty by the Lake, Summer Cinema Clubhouse, Kidz Kamp, Sunset Concert Series, Shakespeare in the Park, and activities available at The Colony Aquatic Park.
- Not only did the Communications Department do its part to promote Liberty by the Lake 2014 on our website, social media, print media calendar listings, etc., it also participated in the annual parade. Communications Specialist Blaine Crimmins broke out his T.C. Tex attire to serve as this year's Grand Marshal.
- Communications Specialist Blaine Crimmins attended the annual Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers conference on June 19-20 in Richardson. The conference provided him the opportunity to network with colleagues from around the state and to learn more about best practices in the industry.

- Communications staff members continually work closely with other departments to edit, draft, and/or distribute a variety of press releases relating to city operations and events. Those efforts, among other engagements with local media, have resulted in coverage of:
  - ◇ the city council’s deliberations from its meetings June 3, including the council’s formation of a group to liaison with Lewisville ISD, an update on the construction timeline for FM423, approval of a site plan for the Villages at 121, approval of an SUP for Courtyard Marriott, and approval of a new application process for previously denied zoning, rezoning, or text amendment requests, all in a front-page story published June 8 in the *Courier-Leader*;
  - ◇ road construction progress and updated timelines in an column by Engineering Director Gordon Scruggs published June 20 in *neighborsgo*;
  - ◇ Planning & Zoning’s approval of a development plan for Cheddar’s restaurant;
  - ◇ Best of the Bands competition at Stewart Creek Park in a full-page, bylined arts feature published June 15 in the *Courier-Leader*;
  - ◇ Parks and Recreation’s response to a swarm of bees along the Shoreline Trail in a Channel 5 news segment which aired June 18;
  - ◇ The Colony Aquatic Park’s participation in a World Record attempt for the World’s Largest Swim Lesson – not only did the event garner print attention, it also appeared in a Channel 5 news segment on June 20. Aside, Hawaiian Falls’ participation in the event also made the news that day, on Channel 11;
  - ◇ The Colony Fire Department’s move to a digital radio system enabling better quality and an increased coverage area;
  - ◇ profiles of City Secretary Christie Wilson and Communications & Tourism Director Diane Baxter in separate “Faces in the Community” installments in the *Courier-Leader*;
  - ◇ The Colony Fire Department’s response to a two-story structure fire June 6 on Sandhill Circle;
  - ◇ the unveiling of The Colony CVB’s new website;
  - ◇ The Colony History Committee’s event at Bridges Cemetery on July 4;
  - ◇ TCFD’s partnership with The Colony Public Library for the latter’s “Fired Up About Reading” program, which features firefighters reading to children. Fire Chief Scott Thompson appeared in an adorable photo from the event on the front page of the June 22 edition of the *Courier-Leader*;
  - ◇ auditions and performances of Shakespeare in the Park, presented by the City Manager’s Arts Committee;
  - ◇ ongoing programs and activities at The Colony Public Library;
  - ◇ a Red Cross blood drive at the community center;
  - ◇ Keep The Colony Beautiful’s wildscaping class on June 21;
  - ◇ PARD’s current and upcoming Summer Cinema Clubhouse and Sunset Concert series events; and,
  - ◇ The Colony Animal Shelter’s Dog Days of Sunday low-cost adoption event on June 22.

- Since June 2, the city’s official Twitter account, @TheColonyTexas, has seen a net increase of 44 new followers, bringing the total to 800. Since the previous count, social media moderators have sent out 86 unique Tweets promoting city news, events and other information relevant to the city’s residents, *making June our busiest month on Twitter since we began recording statistics in early 2013.*
- The city’s official Facebook page has accumulated a net total of 67 new “Likes,” or followers since the last update, bringing the total to 2,351. Facebook metrics indicated followers were particularly interested in: the city’s appearance in an episode of *Moving America Forward*, hosted by William Shatner; an article published in the July issue of *D Magazine* listing the top 63 suburbs in DFW, with The Colony moving up from No. 25 in 2012 to No. 22 in 2014; ongoing updates to the city’s job listings page; and a release about The Colony Fire Department extinguishing a two-story structure fire June 6 on Sandhill Circle.
- As matter of routine, the Communications Department also promotes via social media and other methods of communication: construction progress at the Nebraska Furniture Mart site; weekly updates from the city manager’s office to the city council; job opportunities available with the city; notification of agenda postings for the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission; and weather and traffic alerts.

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



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For the month of June the department closed 78 helpdesk tickets. We currently have 33 open tickets with the oldest ticket being open since December 2013. We currently have five new computers left to deploy of those that were purchased this year. This will complete the desktop computer refresh and we will start our 5-year replacement cycle in FY 2015-16.

Migration of the city's main website to the new hosting company is complete. As part of this migration we enhanced the archived video streaming of board meetings by utilizing Vimeo video service which allows us to support most browsers as well as mobile devices. We are continuing to make other enhancements that will allow functionality with most browsers and mobile devices.

The new Toughbook laptops and tablets for the police and fire departments have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive later this month. We have begun planning for the implementation of multi-factor authentication for CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Systems) compliance.

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

Projects: Updates from previous month

- The new servers for the Computer Aided Dispatch software upgrade have been installed and the vendor has installed the preliminary software installation for personnel training.
- Review and design of the multi-factor authentication hardware and software required to meet CJIS requirements has started.
- The RFP for the phone systems hardware and software upgrade was released on June 20, 2014, and closes July 15.
- We have started moving IT personnel network data to the new storage system as a test in preparation for moving others to the new network storage system.
- Interviewed three companies and received quotes for 40 block hours of support to upgrade our current firewalls and switch configurations as time allows.

## **Technology Board**

Board Members

Juan Martinez, Chair

Joe Sacha, Vice Chair

Bill Swink

Joye Grube, Secretary

Kevin Van Winkle

Stephen Hoffman

Vacant

Council Liaison's: Jeff Connelly and Joe McCourry

Staff Liaison: Ted Ringener

The Technology Board met on July 7, 2014 and elected new officers. There was discussion on video projection enhancements for the city council chambers. Several members asked why we would not consider hanging 4 to 6 large LCD televisions instead of two large projector screens as suggested by vendors. Board members were asked to submit recommendations and questions and that we would bring this back to a future meeting along with selected vendors.

The board also discussed the city's emergency communication plan; specifically the possible use of the local HAM radio operators. It was suggested that members of council be available to discuss this at a future meeting. Kevin Van Winkle proposed to reach out to someone in the State or National Guard that works in this capacity for more information. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 4, 2014.

The Colony Utility Department has added a new payment feature to add ease and convenience for the residents and businesses. Credit card auto draft has become a very popular means of payment for the monthly water bill. There is no fee to use this service. The bill amount is charged to the credit card each month on the due date. Residents will continue to receive the monthly bill for review, the payment will be automatic. Enrollment is simple: Email the request to enroll into credit card auto draft with a copy of your driver license and a phone number to [utilityadmin@thecolonytx.gov](mailto:utilityadmin@thecolonytx.gov). A Customer Service Representative will contact the enrollee to obtain the credit card information and enter the information into a secure “vault.” Those interested in enrolling can also visit us at City Hall, 6800 Main St., The Colony, TX, 75056. Provide driver license and credit card (Master Card/Visa) to be drafted. As a reminder when enrolled in the credit card draft: If the card has expired or the resident receives a new card number, inform the utility department with the new information so there is no interruption in the auto draft. In addition to the credit card draft, The Colony Utility also offers payment acceptance through an IVR (automated phone payment), through the City’s website, bank draft (checking/savings), night deposit as well as in-office payments and regular mail. Automated phone payments are accepted at 972-625-2741, option 4, no fee and accepted 24/7. Web payments are accepted at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/thecolonytx>, fee of \$1.25 and accepted 24/7. Any resident that would like more information on any of these payment options is encouraged to visit our website at [www.thecolonytx.gov](http://www.thecolonytx.gov) or call at 972-625-2741. The Customer Services Department is continually researching convenient options for our residents regarding the water utility. Stay tuned for the future!

### **Credit Card Draft now available!!**

**Enrollment is simple: Email [utilityadmin@thecolonytx.gov](mailto:utilityadmin@thecolonytx.gov) with a request to enroll into credit card autodraft. Include a copy of your driver's license and phone number. A customer service representative will contact you to obtain the credit card information and enter it into a secure “vault.” Those interested in enrolling may also visit City Hall, 6800 Main St. Provide driver's license and credit card to be drafted.**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Physical Address:**

**6800 Main St., The Colony, Tex. 75056**

**Telephone: 972-625-2741**

**After Hours Telephone: (Water/Sewer) 972-625-4471**

**If no answer please call: 469-628-5452**

**Fax: 972-624-2286**

**Email: [utilityadmin@thecolonytx.gov](mailto:utilityadmin@thecolonytx.gov)**

**Automated Bill payment/information:**

**972-625-2741 opt. 4**

**Hours: Office and drive-thru**

**8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday**

**The after hours night depository is located on the north side of the City hall building.**

**New Service Requirements :**

**Twenty-four (24) hour notice is required for any new service.**

**Service Application - English \*\*\* (Required)**

**Service Application - Spanish \*\*\* (Required)**

**Driver's License**

**Home Owner's Deposit - \$75 (could vary based on prior service)**

**Renter's Deposit - \$150 (could vary based on prior service)**

**Application Fee - \$20**

**Commercial Domestic/Irrigation Application\*\*\***

**Commercial Deposit - Dependent on service**

**Application Fee - \$20**

**\*If buying - Need copy of Title papers.**

**\*If renting - Need copy of your signed lease agreement.**

**\*All adults on lease or title papers must be listed on the service application.\***

