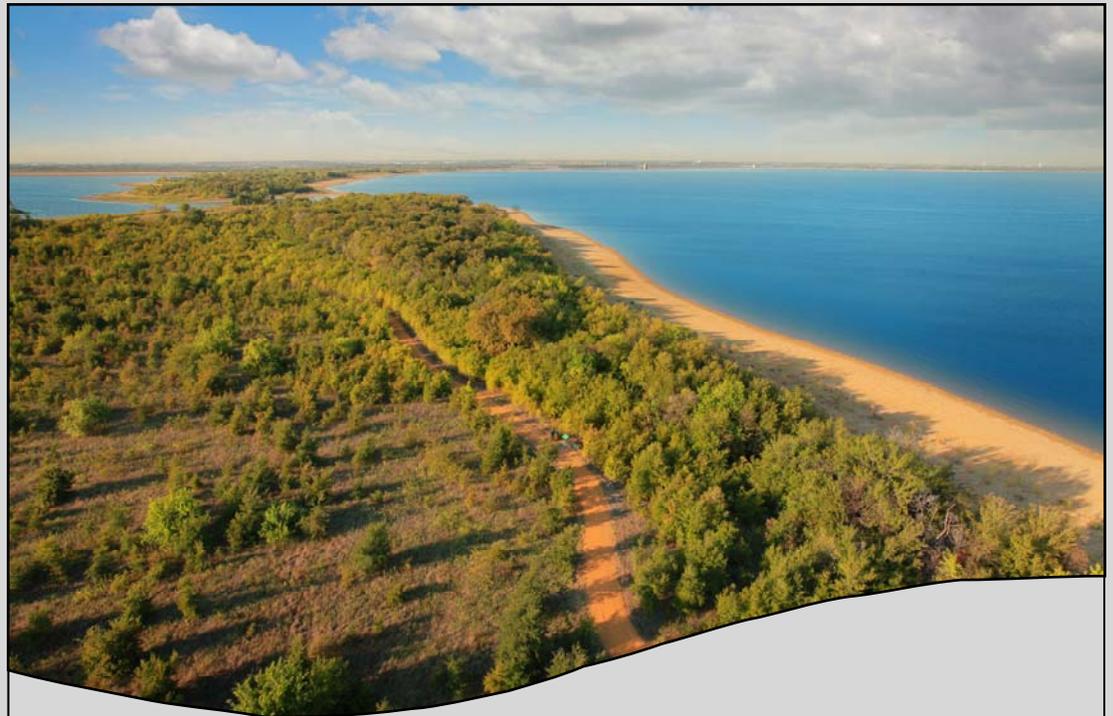


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*“I am who I am today because of the choices I made yesterday.”*

— Eleanor Roosevelt

*“Knowing is not enough, we must APPLY. Willing is not enough, we must DO.”*

— Bruce Lee



## From City Manager Troy Powell

Under the direction of The Colony City Council, my office oversees all of the city's day-to-day operations and services, including management of the city's budget. These tasks are accomplished in partnership with a team of dedicated and professional departmental directors with whom I am proud to serve alongside for the betterment of this wonderful community and its residents.

It is also my responsibility to ensure the vision for the future of the city is realized, as determined by the council and the constituents they represent. It is my belief that The Colony is now and will continue to be a vibrant, evolving community that attracts new residents, visitors and businesses eager to become a part of that future.

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## Parks and Recreation

### Summer Cinema Clubhouse

#### *The Lego Movie*

Date: Thursday, Aug. 14

Time: Noon doors / 1 p.m. movie

Location: The Colony Recreation Center, 5151 North Colony

Cost: Free

### Sunset Concert Series

#### *The Creek Band*

Date: Friday, Aug. 15

Time: 8 to 10 p.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Cost: Free vehicle admission 30 minutes prior to the performance

### Back to School Bash

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 19

Time: 5 to 8 p.m.

Location: The Colony Recreation Center 5151 North Colony

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

#### *Danny Allen*

Date: Friday, Sept. 12

Time: 8 to 10 p.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Cost: Free vehicle admission 30 minutes prior to the 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

## The Colony Public Library

### Library's Swim Day at Hawaiian Falls

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 6

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Hawaiian Falls, Library's reserved pavilion

### Read to Rover

Date: Saturday, Aug. 9

Time: 11 a.m. to noon

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

### 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.*

Dates & times: 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

### Friends of The Colony Public Library Officers Meeting

Date: Thursday, Aug. 21

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: The Colony Library, 6800 Main St.

### The No-Stress Book Club

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 27

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: The Colony Library, 6800 Main St.

### Star Wars Read Day Celebration

Date: Friday, Oct. 10

Time: 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Location: The Colony Library, 6800 Main St.

### Back to Hogwarts Event

Date: Saturday, Oct. 18

Time: TBD

Location: The Colony Library, 6800 Main St.

## WFAA Channel 8 Family First To Visit The Colony

On Friday, Aug. 8, WFAA Channel 8 will be on site at Hawaiian Falls Waterpark in The Colony from 3 to 6 p.m. for the station's Family First Fun Day celebration. Come join us and have fun while helping families get ready for back to school! Participants can donate new socks or gently used jeans and receive special entry discount from 3 to 8 p.m. only. The City of The Colony will be on site with fun activities and lots of information about back to school and upcoming activities. You can also meet News 8 Daybreak anchors Ron Corning and Alexa Conomos and visit the Family First area. All the details can be found at: <http://www.wfaa.com/community/FAMILY-FIRST-DAY-AT-HAWAIIAN-FALLS-268628812.html>.



On Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2014, neighborhoods throughout The Colony are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “31st Annual National Night Out” crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored by The Colony Police Department.

National Night Out was first established in 1984 by Matt Peskin of the National Association of Town Watch. The first National Night Outs were fairly simple. In most communities, it amounted largely to lights-on vigils and some basic information being delivered to the community. The event was quite popular, drawing out two and one half million participants in both Canada and the United States. Today, National Night Out draws in over 37 million people from communities across North America.



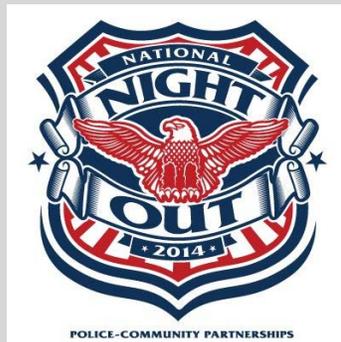
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out helps strengthen neighborhood spirit and reinforces police-community partnerships to make our community a safer place to live and play.

Two elements are necessary for a crime to occur: The desire/ability of the offender to commit the crime and the opportunity for them to do so. Police efforts are primarily directed toward eliminating and minimizing the opportunity. This can only be successfully accomplished if we have the full support of the community. The most effective means available to police for crime prevention or successful apprehension of criminals is citizen information. We solve very few crimes without citizen help, either directly or indirectly. We cannot control crime in our city without the support of our community.

For more information, contact Community Resource Officer Keli Hunt at The Colony Police Department at 972-625-8273, [khunt@thecolonytx.gov](mailto:khunt@thecolonytx.gov) or visit <http://thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PD/NNO.html>.





## 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 five 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 AUGUST 4, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014**, at 6800 Main Street, The Colony, Texas at which time the following items will be addressed:

#### **A. Call to Order**

#### **B. Provide follow up information regarding Liberty By The Lake event (Terre/PARD)**

#### **C. Discuss usage of the city's electronic message board(s) for outside organizations (Powell)**

#### **D. Discuss the activation of school zones at schools where summer school is being held (Scruggs)**

#### **E. Discuss using the emergency generators at Waste Water and Water Production in an ERCOT Grid Emergency to reduce load and provide direction to staff regarding potential contractual agreement (Gilman)**

#### **F. Council to receive supplemental information from staff or answers to questions regarding the August 4, 2014 regular agenda items as follows:**

2.1 Consider approving minutes of council meetings held July 15, 2014 (City Secretary)

2.2 Consider approving council expenditures for June 2014 (Council)

2.3 Consider approving an ordinance abandoning an unused waterline easement to facilitate development at the southwest corner of Memorial Drive and Paige Road (Engineering, Scruggs)

2.4 Consider approving a resolution casting the city's vote for nominee Tom Newell to serve as a member of the Board of Managers for the Denco Area 9-1-1 District (Council)

3.1 Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider an ordinance approving an application for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow a limited service hotel, Holiday Inn, to be located on a 3.03 acre tract of land on the south side of Memorial Drive at Paige Road (Development Services, Joyce)

3.2 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving an application for a Site Plan for the Holiday Inn Limited Service Hotel to be located on a 3.03-acre tract of land located on the south side of Memorial Drive at Paige Road (Development Services, Joyce)

3.3 Present and discuss the City of The Colony Preliminary Municipal Budget for FY 2014-2015, and consider adopting an ordinance scheduling a public hearing for the proposed budget at 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 2014 (General Admin, Miller)

3.4 Discuss and consider approving a resolution ordering the November 2014 city council election for single-member districts (Council)

3.5 Discuss and consider a resolution approving a Private Transfer Agreement (Grant by Special Warranty Deed) by and between The Colony Local Development Corporation and LMG Ventures, LLC, conveying an approximately 2.015 acre tract of land, located in the Buffalo Bayou & Colorado Railroad Company Survey, Abstract No. 174, City of The Colony, Denton County, Texas (Maurina)

#### **G. Council to provide direction to staff regarding future agenda items.**

#### **H. Adjourn**

**CITY OF THE COLONY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
AUGUST 4, 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 **4<sup>th</sup>** day of **AUGUST 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*

**Presentation of EDC Marketing 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>  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.
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<b>5.0</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>
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- 5.1 A. 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 Human Resources Director.

**Reconvene to Open Session**

- 5.2 A. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Human Resources Director.

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.





### **Summer Cinema Clubhouse**

**Date:** Thursday, Aug. 14, "The Lego Movie"

**Time:** Doors open at noon; movie 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 Lego Movie." 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 information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

### **Sunset Concert Series**

**Dates:** Friday, Aug. 15, "The Creek Band;" Friday, Sept. 12, "Danny Allen"

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

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

**Cost:** Free vehicle admission begins 30 minutes prior to performance

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, Aug. 15 and Sept. 12. Concert admission is free. For more information contact The Colony Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.



### **Back 2 School Bash**

**Date:** Tuesday, Aug. 19

**Time:** 5 to 8 p.m.

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

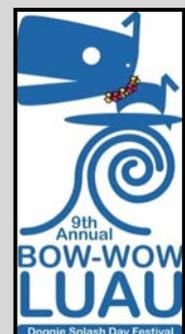
**Cost:** Free for residents; \$3 for non-residents

Get ready for back to school with The Colony Parks and Recreation Department's Back 2 School Bash. Join us for this fun-filled evening complete with free school supplies and lots of helpful information for the upcoming school year. Children and their parents will be welcomed by numerous vendors representing various businesses, churches and organizations. Giveaways will include notebooks, binders, pencils, pencil boxes and numerous other promotional items. Registration begins on Monday, Aug. 4. Space is limited so be sure to register your child soon. For more information, contact The Colony Recreation Center at 972-625-1106.



### **Upcoming Events: A Sneak Peek**

The next special events for The Colony include Movies in the Park, featuring "Free Birds" on Friday, Sept. 5, and the Bow-Wow Luau on Saturday, Sept. 13. Mark your calendars now! For more info, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.





### **Recreation Programs Survey**

The Colony Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a quick and easy survey about recreation programs. Your input is valued so that we can ensure the types of programs our community desires are being offered. Please take a few moments to take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/tcpard>. We appreciate your feedback!

### **Fall Fun Times**

Fall registration begins soon! Keep an eye out in your mailbox for the Fall issue of the Fun Times catalog that will arrive in the next several weeks. Visit [online.tcpard.com](http://online.tcpard.com) and keep an eye out for a full listing of activities and leagues. For information on how to register online, email [play@tcpard.com](mailto:play@tcpard.com). To register in person, come by The Colony Recreation Center at 5151 North Colony Blvd. or call 972-625-1106 to register by phone.



### **CPR and First Aid**

The next CPR class at The Colony Recreation Center is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 9 and is for ages 18 and up. Class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. For information on how to register online, email [play@tcpard.com](mailto:play@tcpard.com). To register in person, come by The Colony Recreation Center at 5151 North Colony Blvd. or call 972-625-1106 to register by phone.

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### **Fall Adult Softball**

**Registration:** July 26 – Aug. 30 @ The Colony Recreation Center

**Cost:** \$365/team

**Ages:** 18+

Space in the fall adult softball leagues is very limited, so early registration is recommended. League fee includes four game balls. Teams will be scheduled 10 games, with the top four teams advancing to a playoff at the conclusion of the season as long as time allows. All games are played at BB Owen softball complex.

### **Fall Adult Volleyball**

**Registration:** Aug. 2 – Aug. 30 @ The Colony Recreation Center

**Cost:** \$300/team

**Ages:** 18+

This is a popular league for adults. Registration is limited. Games will be played on Sunday evenings at the Recreation Center. Teams are scheduled six regular season games and all teams advance to a playoff at the end of the season.



### **Fall Youth Volleyball**

**Registration:** Aug. 2 – Aug. 30 @ The Colony Recreation Center

**Cost:** \$300/team

**Ages:** 18+

This is a NEW youth league! Registration is limited. Games will be played on Saturdays at the Recreation Center. This league is for full teams only. No individual registration will be accepted.

Teams are scheduled six regular season games and all teams advance to a playoff at the end of the season.



### **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.tcyba.net](http://www.tcyba.net). You can also register at the Recreation Center.

## 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!



## Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

**Dates:** M/W/F

**Time:** 9:15 to 10 a.m.

**Place:** The Colony Community Center

**Cost:** Free for members. Residents 50+ membership is \$10/yr.

This is a fun exercise class helps reduce pain and stiffness, maintain or improve mobility, muscle strength and functional ability. Each class includes a variety of exercises that can be performed while sitting or standing and conclude with a 10-minute relaxation cool down.

## The Money Factory

**Date:** Wednesday, Aug. 6

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$4; lunch on your own

Money, money, money . . . see where and how it is made. As expected, security is tight, just like at the airport. Cell phones, cameras, weapons, food and drinks are prohibited. There is a 45-minute guided tour that shows the production process along a 1/4-mile elevated walkway. Also included are live demonstration exhibits, a video production, multiple displays and the Moneyfactory Gift Shop.



# Spectacular Senior Follies

## Spectacular Senior Follies

**Date:** Friday, September 12

**Time:** 12:45 to 5 p.m.

**Cost:** \$28

Dallas senior entertainment! A Ziegfeld Follies style musical theater review with singers and dancers 55 and older. The Spectacular Senior Follies is Dallas musical theater at its best.

## Aquatic Park Lifeguards Take First Place in First Aid

Over 40 Lifeguard Teams recently competed in physical and skill competitions at the Denton Civic Pool. The Colony Aquatic Park staff won in a first aid competition, called “Three Blind Mice.” Three team members simultaneously performed varied rescue tasks in silence, as the Head Guard called out directions from a distance. Other activities included speed swims, scanning challenges, emergency simulations, spinal rescues, and the Lifeguard version of the “Weakest Link.”



## H2O Go! Back in the Water

Mid-summer sessions of H2O Go! started with almost 50 kids in a program that is designed to “feel” like a swim team, but doesn't require the competitive level of commitment. H2O Go! members train with a focus on starts, turns, finishes, freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. However, this is not a formal team and these swimmers don't have the pressure of swim meets or team associated registration fees. The next session of H2O Go! runs Monday-Thursday (Aug. 4-14). Additional flexibility occurs when Fall sessions start Aug. 31, and swimmers have the option to swim Tuesday, Friday or Sunday nights. For information, call the Aquatic Park at 972-624-2225.



## Final Summer Swim Session

Monday, Aug. 4, will be the start of the final session of Summer Swim Classes. The City of The Colony offers one of the longest-running American Red Cross swim programs in the area. The Aquatic Park has the unusual advantage of hosting pre-school classes in the shallow Outdoor Lagoon, with the flexibility of moving to the Indoor Pool should the weather prove too challenging.

Pricing is based on group size for an eight-class session. Public classes have six to eight students and cost \$65. Semi-private classes have three to four students and cost \$110. Most group classes have two or more volunteers assisting a certified instructor. There is an additional \$10 fee for non-residents. Private one-on-one classes are \$30 each, or buy seven and get one free (\$210 for an eight-class session). For more information, contact the Aquatic Park at 972-624-2225.



## 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

### Park Loop Trail & BB Owen Trail Connector

The replacement of the Park Loop Trail will begin in late summer and should be finished this Fall. This project will replace the section of trail that was removed for the new gas pipeline. A new section of trail is also included in this project. The new section will connect to the existing trail at BB Owen Elementary School, run parallel to the entrance road, and down to Squires Road.

### Tree Maintenance

As part of our on-going tree maintenance program, which is a determining factor for The Colony's Tree City USA designation, the parks maintenance team recently completed an extensive clean-up of the tree line located at the Stewart Creek Park Shoreline Trailhead parking lot. This previously untouched area was trimmed and cleaned to remove dead brush and allow the native trees to continue to flourish.





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## UT Dallas presents: Modern Robotics

On July 3, Professor Robert Gregg of the UT Dallas Locomotor Control Systems Lab presented exciting new trends in robotic prosthetic research to a small but very enthusiastic group of participants. The teens and adults kept Professor Gregg busy with lots of questions about robotic capabilities and the future of the science.



## **Bridges Cemetery Open House**

Despite the heat throughout the morning, over 70 people visited the cemetery on July 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. Local History Committee members were present to greet visitors, talk about the history of The Colony, and to place flags on Civil War veteran's graves. One history book was sold and \$72 received in donations for the Local History Committee's projects. The Committee will open the cemetery again on Saturday, November 8, from noon to 3 pm.



## **FOTCPL PRESENTS! Family Fun Night: "Reading is Magic" with Gerald Edmundson**

Family Fun Night is sponsored by



On July 17, 57 children and adults enjoyed the skills of magician Gerald Edmundson.



Even some of the adults got into the act!

## Longfellow's WHALE Tales



Aquatic Park Manager Elise Knox presented water safety tips to preschoolers and their parents.



## K-2 Laboratory



Parents and kids conducted experiments and then explored outside to compile nature journals.



## Toddler Sensory Play Date

It was a huge success! Hosted by Miss Tina & Miss Kansas for over 30 toddlers and parents - fun for all! Next Sensory Play Date: Sept. 30.



## Fired Up About Reading

TCFD firefighters read aloud weekly at TCPL this summer.

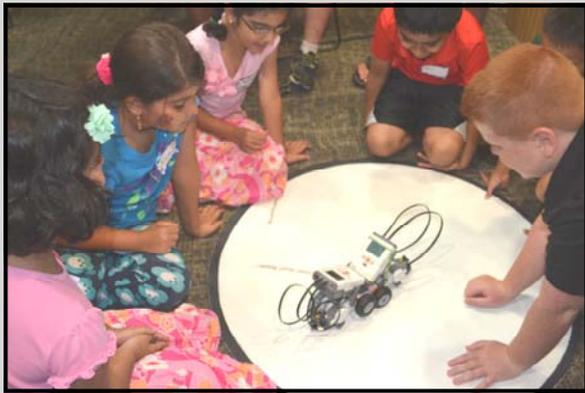


Alex (above center) is one of three lucky winners who will get to ride to school on a fire truck!

## Robotics Club



The 16 club members worked in teams to create robots and then participated in competitions.



## LEGOmania: Civil War

Sixteen third- through fifth-graders learned about the Civil War and then built structures from the time period – submarines, ironclad warships, plantation-style homes, and cannons.



Special guests Bill Longo and Dixie Irwin, dressed in period costume, greeted the kids.

## Duct Tape Creations



Creative participants made colorful wallets and flowers.

## Read to Rover



Books are for sharing! Children in grades 1-5 kept reading skills strong this summer by reading to a friend at TCPL.

# CELEBRATION DAY



*The Colony Public Library Invites YOU to  
The Library's Swim Day at Hawaiian Falls in The Colony*

**Wednesday, August 6, 2014**

**10:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.**

***Come Join the Fun & Celebrate!***



**Look for the Library's Reserved Pavilion**

*\*\$10 per cooler brought into the park;  
no knives or glass items allowed*

**Big Kahuna tickets (\$7.00 off children's admission)**

*To be distributed on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the SRC program*



**---BE THERE!**



**Marcel Bosworth** presents the donation to TCPL director **Joan Sveinsson**.

### Marine Quest donates \$5,000 to TCPL!

This generous donation will enable TCPL to implement new services this fall; library users are invited to come to the Aug. 19 City Council meeting to help thank Marine Quest and to learn about the TCPL's exciting plans!

### Summer Reading Incentive Clubs & Programs:

**Last day to log books: Friday, Aug. 1**

**Teens: Log your reviews by *noon* for entries into the prize drawing!**

### End of Summer Story Time: 10:15 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1

Join Miss Julie and Miss Linda for an early literacy enriched Story Time and Puppet Show in the Story Corner.

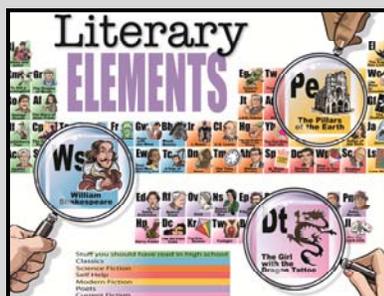
### End of Summer Party for Grades 1-5: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2

Join in the celebration featuring come and go crafts and science experiments.

### End of Summer Teen Party: 2-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1

Participate in crafts, games and an Ice Cream Sundae bar; Teen Read prize pack winners will be announced at 3:45 p.m.

**Adult prize winners will be notified.**



**Reading certificates and teen & adult prizes will be available for pick up throughout the end of August.**

## School of the Month: Home School



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

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



Explore TCPL's great resources for elementary school-aged children this month!

Early Literacy Programs are on hiatus in August and will resume the week of Sept. 2. In September, the Bilingual Spanish/English Story Time will move to Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

## Youth Programs

**Note: The 2014 Back to Hogwarts event has been rescheduled to Saturday, Oct. 18.**

**Read to Rover, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 9**

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



## Teen Events



**Teen Anime Club, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 20 and 27**

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



**Teen Advisory Panel, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26**

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 [kterry@thecolonypl.org](mailto:kterry@thecolonypl.org) or call Kansas Terry at 972-624-3186.

## August Events:



### ESL Class, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturdays, Aug. 2 and 16

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.

11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9

7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19

7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27



### Home Buyers Seminar, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6

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.

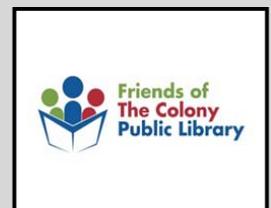


### Home Sellers Seminar, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13

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.

### Friends of The Colony Public Library Officers Meeting, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21

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, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27

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

## BOARD MEMBERS

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**Staff Liaison: Joan L. Sveinsson**

The Library Board met July 24, 2014.

Youth Services Librarian Kansas Terry was introduced to the Board members.

The Board members discussed progress on goals for 2014.

The Board also received staff updates regarding Friends of the Library activities: “Bag of Books” sale was very successful with a total of 34 sold in June; the next “Bag of Books” sale will be held in October. *FOTCPL PRESENTS!* Family Night: “Reading is Magic” brought in 57 parents and children. FOTCPL supports enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards program may continue their support by re-enrolling in August. FOTCPL is now eligible to be selected by supporters through the AmazonSmile Foundation donation program.

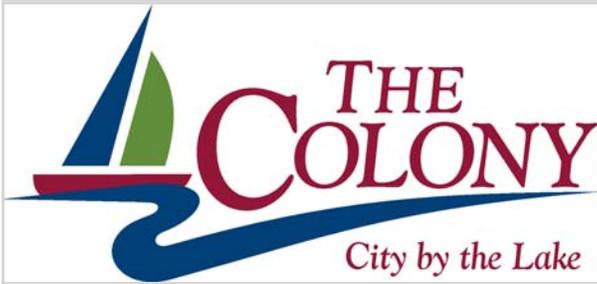
The Board received staff updates regarding public relations events and programs: July’s Lost in the Lake promotion provided free paperbacks to read while vacationing or visiting the Lake. The Bridges Cemetery Open House event on 7/4 brought 72 visitors — despite the heat— and another open house will be held on Nov. 8. TCPL’s summer youth programs continue to bring education and fun to attendees; Aquatic Park Manager Elise Knox shared water safety tips with preschoolers and their parents while the older children attended the SRC program; children and parents performed science experiments and explored outside to compile their nature journals in K-2 Laboratory; and participation in Fired Up About Reading has ranged from 11 to 33 children. Sixteen third- through fifth-grade children were greeted by TCPL Local History committee members dressed in period costume at LEGOmania: Civil War, learned about the Civil War and then built structures from the time period – submarines, ironclad warships, plantation-style homes, and cannons. At the final meeting of the Robotics Club, the 16 members created robots with gears and raced them against each other, then enjoyed a celebration with their family members and received certificates. Solar-Powered Baking participants made solar ovens, viewed the Library’s new PowerKnowledge science resources and played a memory game - due to lack of sun, they took their ovens home to try out on a sunnier day. Three creative teens made wallets from duct tape during Duct Tape Creations and another opportunity is scheduled for Saturday, July 26. The Toddler Sensory Play Date held on Tuesday, July 29 is a new program for TCPL. Hawaiian Falls is hosting a TCPL celebration day on Wednesday, Aug. 6, with TCPL staff and FOTCPL members on site at a pavilion to provide information about TCPL services to attendees. TCPL will have a booth at the Back 2 School Bash on Aug. 19; Board members Rushing and Gehrke volunteered to help set up and work the booth. The Back to Hogwarts event has been rescheduled to Oct. 18. TCPL will hold a Star Wars Reads Day celebration on Friday, Oct. 10, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The Board received a staff report regarding the results of TCPL's Edge Assessment regarding technology-related services, recommendations based on the results, and TCPL's action plan. As an outcome of the process, TCPL qualified for and has been awarded reimbursement grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission which will enable TCPL to acquire six laptops to be used to provide computer classes for the public.

Director Sveinsson informed the Board that Marine Quest has donated \$5,000 to the Library, with a pledge to make a \$5,000 donation in each of the next four years for a total of \$25,000. This year's donation will enable TCPL to provide additional technology-related services: 3D printing, color printing, a charging station for customer use, and a large print keyboard to increase TCPL's assistive technology resources for those with vision limitations. The official public announcement of the donation and a presentation of the advancements it makes possible in the development of TCPL's services will be on the agenda for the Aug. 19 City Council agenda.

The Board reviewed the list of August library programs.

Next meeting: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014



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### The Colony's History at a Glance

In 1973, Fox and Jacobs (F&J), a Dallas-based residential land developer, purchased approximately 2,500 acres of land on the eastern shore of Lake Lewisville and south of Eastvale for a housing development. The name The Colony was chosen because F&J felt a strong sense of kinship with Texas' early developers and also to memorialize the spirit of Peters Colony providing a new way of life – a goal Fox and Jacobs wanted their new development to share, as well.

A Municipal Utility District was then formed to provide public water services to the development. In 1974, streets were poured and many were named after early settlers and members of the crew working on the project. The first families moved into their homes in October 1974. By January 1977, The Colony had over 3,500 residents and voted to incorporate as a city. The Colony became a Home Rule city in 1979.

Fox and Jacobs built and donated a fire station in 1975; the first business was a Stop 'n Go convenience store, opened in 1976; the first churches to open were the Methodist and Baptist churches; the first public school, Camey Elementary, opened in 1977; and The Colony Public Library opened in 1982.

Today, substantial business and retail development is progressively changing the landscape of The Colony. The city's population is currently around 40,000, with more increases expected in the next several years. To quote a recent *D Magazine* article, "The Colony is red hot!"

