

October 6, 2014

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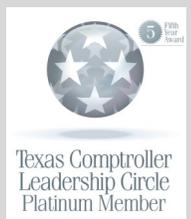


*“The mind is not a vessel to be filled
but a fire to be kindled.”*

— Plutarch

“I have always tried to be true to myself, to pick those battles I felt were important. My ultimate responsibility is to myself. I could never be anything else.”

— Arthur Ashe



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 Events

Movies In The Park

Date: Friday, October 3rd "Frozen"

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: The Colony Five Star Complex 4100 Blair Oaks Dr.

Cost: FREE

Family Fright Night

Date: Saturday, October 25 – Sunday, October 26

Time: 4 p.m. – 9 a.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park

(3700 Sparks Rd. The Colony, TX 75056)

Cost: Varies

American Heroes

Date: Saturday, November 8

Time: Dependent Upon Activity

Location: Five Star Complex

Cost: Free Admission

Holiday in the Park & Parade of Lights & Baking Contest

Date: Saturday, December 6th

Time: Dependent Upon Activity

Location: Dependent Upon Activity

Cost: Dependent Upon activity

The Colony Christmas Spectacular

Date: Saturday, December 6 – January 3

Time: Sunset – 10 p.m.

Location: Central Fire Station

(4900 Blair Oaks The Colony, TX 75056)

Cost: FREE

The Colony Public Library Events

MineCraft Party: Crafts & Games

Date: Saturday, October 4

Time: 2-4 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

eReader Office Hours

Dates & Times:

Sunday, October 5 at 2 p.m.

Thursday, October 23 at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, October 28 at 7 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

SciGirls Club: Deep Divers!

For girls in grade 5-8

Date: Wednesday, October 8

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

Computer Training Classes

Dates & topics:

Friday, October 10: Computer Basics

Friday, October 17: Intro to Word

Friday, October 24: Internet & Security

Friday, October 31: Intro to Excel

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free; seating is limited; call 972-625-1900 ext. 3 to reserve your seat.



Mosquito season continues

As the City continues its proactive approach in prevention of mosquito-borne disease sources on public property, we want to remind everyone that the best prevention for everyone is through education and personal protection, especially for the elderly and those with health issues, by following the 4 D's listed below:

Dress to protect: wear long sleeves and long pants.

Dusk and Dawn: avoid being outside at these times if possible.

Defend: wear insect repellent with DEET or an effective alternative.

Drain standing water: eliminate any water that stands for longer than 5 days or treat water with larvicide according to the label.

Citizens can go to the following websites for more information about West Nile virus:

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

Texas Department of State Health Services: <http://bit.ly/NDuEtq>

Denton County Health Department: <http://tinyurl.com/ng23knj>

For additional information regarding mosquitoes and the City's mosquito treatment plan, contact Community Services Director Pam Nelson at (972)624-3958, via email at pnelson@thecolonytx.gov, or visit www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html. If you notice standing water on private property, please contact The Colony Community Image Department at (972)624-3160.



City of The Colony response to Ebola virus in the City of Dallas

In response to reports of the Ebola virus in the City of Dallas, the City of The Colony is taking steps to protect citizens and first responders. Immediate actions taken include:

- Implementing the Centers for Disease Control's Interim Guidelines for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for Management of Patients with Known or Suspected Ebola Virus Diseases in the United States.
- Review of applicable emergency management plans and annexes.
- Assigning a chief officer to review best practices for first responders and for assuring the purchase of essential supplies and equipment.
- Maintaining open communications with TCFD medical control and local health care facilities.
- Training first responders and communications personnel.
- Updating the public on issues relevant to The City of The Colony.

The City of The Colony Fire Department and Emergency Management will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary.

**CITY OF THE COLONY
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION AGENDA
OCTOBER 7, 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 7th day of October 2014**, at 6800 Main Street, The Colony, Texas at which time the following items will be addressed:

A. Call to Order

B. Discuss a possible amendment to Appendix A, "Zoning," regarding the addition of the land use "thrift store" as separate from other retail entities, requiring a Specific Use Permit (SUP) (Joyce)

C. Discuss F.M. 423 construction phasing alternative (Scruggs)

D. Council to receive supplemental information from staff or answers to questions regarding the October 7, 2014 regular agenda items.

E. Council to provide direction to staff regarding future agenda items.

F. Adjourn

**CITY OF THE COLONY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 7, 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 **7TH** day of **OCTOBER 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:
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Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

Salute to the Texas Flag

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.

2.0	CONSENT AGENDA
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2.1 Consider approving minutes of council meetings held September 16, 2014 [Marks WS] (City Secretary)

2.2 Consider approving council expenditures for August 2014 (Council)

2.3 Consider approving the First Amendment to Business Property Lease by and between the City of The Colony and TXFM, Inc. for the purpose of extending the lease of city property located at 6804 Main Street to December 31, 2014 (General Admin, Maurina)

2.4 Consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Denton County for the collection of FY 2014-15 property taxes (Finance, Cranford)

2.5 Consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a financial agreement between the City of The Colony and Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of financing vehicles and equipment, and consider approving an ordinance establishing a sinking fund (Finance, Cranford)

- 2.6 Consider approving a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Denton County for library funding for FY 2014-15 (Library, Sveinsson)
- 2.7 Consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with Halff Associates, Inc. for the purpose of updating the construction plans for the Phase IV Street Reconstruction (Engineering, Scruggs)

3.0	REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
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- 3.1 Receive presentation from First Southwest, discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing a Notice of Intention to issue City of The Colony, Texas Certificates of Obligation (Finance)
- 3.2 Discuss the November 4, 2014, city council election with the Denton County Elections Administrator, including but not limited to the order of items on the election ballot, and take any action necessary regarding the November 4, 2014 election and related joint election agreement and contract for election services (Council)
- 3.3 Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing a Special Service Request contract amendment with Corollo Engineers, Inc. for additional engineering design relating to new utility power connections and additional backup generator capacity at the Stewart Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant to accommodate Phase 1 and Phase 2 plant improvements (Public Works, Groeshel)
 - 3.4 Discuss and consider approving a resolution adopting the Bridges Cemetery Master Plan (Library, Megan Charters)
- 3.5 Discuss and consider approving an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 19, Section 19-12(m), entitled "Parking Requirements" regarding parking, stopping and standing of unauthorized vehicles, to provide time limits (Development Services, Joyce)
- 3.6 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 3.693 acre tract of land, located in the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos & Colorado Railroad Company Survey, Abstract No. 173, City of The Colony, Denton County, Texas (General Admin, Maurina)
- 3.7 Discuss and consider cancelling or rescheduling the November 4, 2014 city council meeting and provide direction to staff (Council)

4.0	WORK SESSION
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None

5.0	EXECUTIVE SESSION
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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 (s), and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect(s).

B. 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, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Secretary.

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(s), and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect(s).

B. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the City Secretary's annual evaluation.



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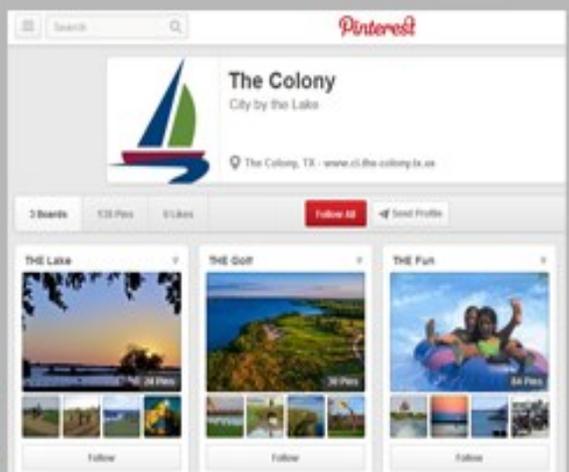
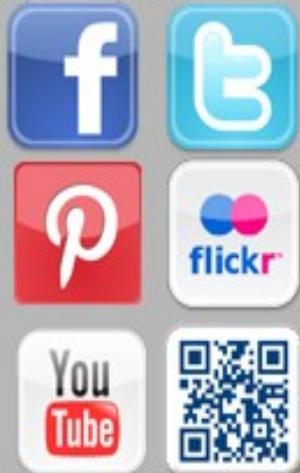
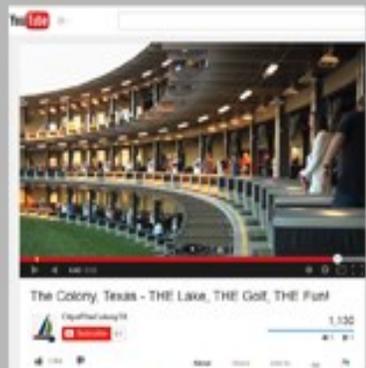
Our Latest CVB Twitter Posts

Tweets

- VisitTheColonyTx.com** @VisitTheColony
 All good things must come to an end. Less than a month left to enjoy the 2014 Houston Falls season. #VisitTheLake #HFA.com
- VisitTheColonyTx.com** @VisitTheColony
 Celebrate National S'mores Day at Stewart Creek Park, Hidden Cove Park & Marina or on the family grill. visitthecolony.com/news/07-16-14
- VisitTheColonyTx.com** @VisitTheColony
 If the 8pm show runs past your bedtime, today's 3 pm performance of "The Ruby Horror Show" is for you. visitthecolony.com
- VisitTheColonyTx.com** @VisitTheColony
 Bookworms and bibliophiles unite - today is Book Lovers Day! http://www.visitthecolony.com

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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 addition to the information provided in late August to the tour operators organizing the visiting Toyota Employee tours; the CVB was asked to provide an additional packet of information. These tour operators will be responsible for familiarizing representatives of Toyota with the region and pointing out several key points of interest and neighborhoods within The Colony. The CVB will continue to provide visitors guides and brochures to the relocating employees as they visit the Metroplex over the next six months.
- ◆ Diane Baxter and Mariko Lanicek toured the various works on display for Art Quest 2014. They met with representatives from each host location and photographed several pieces which were later featured on the CVB's social media sites. Throughout the months of September and October the CVB will continue to promote Art Quest 2014 on the CVB website (<http://visitthecolonytx.com/>), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TCCVB>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/VisitTheColony>).



- ◆ Representatives from several city departments including the CVB attended a luncheon hosted by Texas Roadhouse. The luncheon included a meat cutting demonstration and presentation by Lori Collier, Local Store Marketer for The Colony Texas Roadhouse. Attendees learned about several options such as personalized gift cards, party platters and catering all available through the local Texas Roadhouse location. In the coming weeks the CVB will share this information through its social media sites in a push to promote local gift ideas and ways to ease holidays.



THE COLONY, TX
Where you go to play!

THE Lake Lewisville Lake
THE Golf The Old American Golf Course
THE Fun Jo Dee Messina at American Heroes

With year-round entertainment for the entire family, there are many reasons to visit The Colony! Coming up is our *American Heroes* festival and fireworks on Nov. 8, 2014, featuring a free performance by country superstar Jo Dee Messina. Stay and play at one of our multiple *top-ranked lakeside golf courses* and the newly opened interactive *TopGolf*, then visit us again in March 2015 for the grand opening of *Nebraska Furniture Mart of Texas* in Grandscape.

VisitTheColonyTx.com

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The Colony CVB expanded its current marketing plan and secured an ad within USA Today's Houston Rockets special edition. The publication targets a primarily male audience within driving distance to The Colony. USA Today's demographics reveal these readers as active, like to travel, play golf and are interested in outdoor activities. In an effort to capture reader's attention the CVB is promoting THE Lake, THE Golf and THE Fun; specifically Lewisville Lake, top-ranked lakeside golf courses, American Heroes and the grand opening of Nebraska Furniture Mart of Texas.

The Colony CVB is once again participating in the Southern Denton County Visitor Guide (SDCVG); a joint effort publication with the cities of Lewisville, Flower Mound and Highland Village. The Colony CVB will be represented in the 2015 Southern Denton County Visitor Guide with a cover photo; advertisement featuring the CVB's message of THE Lake, THE Golf and THE Fun; feature story and listings (dining, attractions, hotels) throughout the publication. The CVB supplies copies of the SDCVG to local hotels, visitors to the CVB and to visitors requesting literature about the city.

THE Lake **THE Golf** **THE Fun**

Nebraska Furniture Mart TEXAS
Nebraska Furniture Mart of Texas opening March 2015!

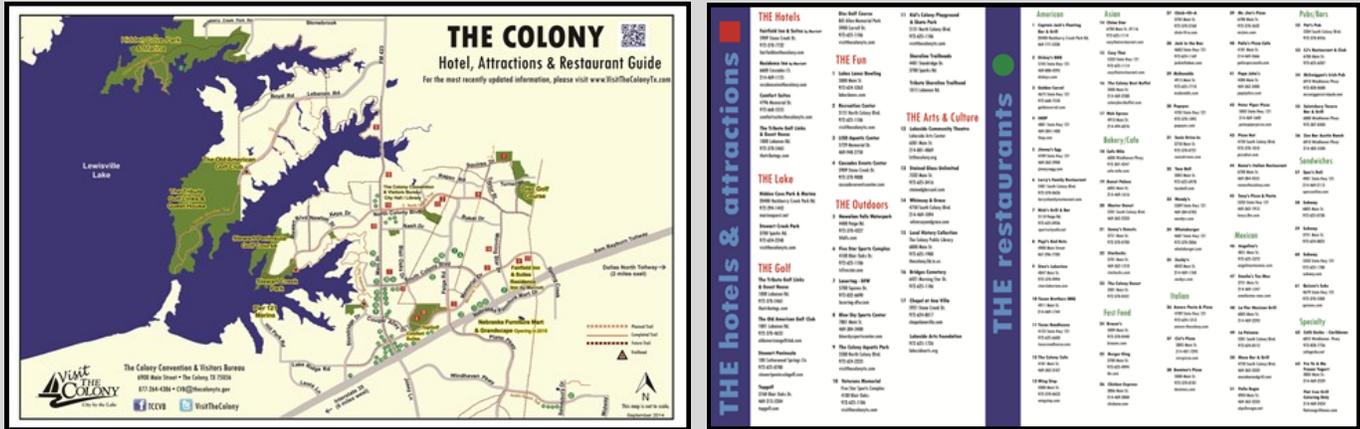
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- ◆ The Colony CVB recently updated its Hotel, Attractions and Restaurant Map to reflect newly opened restaurants such as Captain Jack's Floating Bar and Grill, Papi's Red Hots, Texan Brother's BBQ, Café Mila, Cici's Pizza, Peter Piper Pizza and Saintsbury Tavern. If you haven't already been, check out these new culinary additions. Stop by The Colony CVB to pick up your own copy of the Hotel, Attractions and Restaurant Guide, or visit the "resources" page of the newly redesigned CVB website: <http://visitthecolonytx.com/resources>.



- ◆ During the month of September The CVB sent advertising materials to Tour Texas, Texas Town and City, USA Today, Texas State Travel Guide, Tiger Oak Publishing, Constant Contact in the form of an electronic newsletter and supplied local hotels with an updated events flyer.

The Colony: American Heroes - A Salute to Veterans November 7-10, 2014
 Celebrate Veterans Day with The Colony, and honor American Heroes with A Salute to Veterans festival and fireworks. From a carnival, memorial ceremony, vendor expo, and concerts (including Jo Dee Messina), this will be the place to relax, have fun, and pay tribute to those brave men and women who keep our nation free. (saluteamericanheroes.com)

Big Spring: Festival of Lights December 15-31, 2014
 Once a survival body of water to pioneers traveling in the 1800's, the Comanche Lake Dam now boasts a reason to celebrate each winter. The Comanche Trail Park welcomes visitors as they take in the views of a stunning array of giant lighted poinsettias gracing the slope of the dam. Come see why Big Spring was named the "Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas." (mybigspring.com)

McKinney: Home for the Holidays... A McKinney Christmas November 28-29, 2014
 Celebrate the magic of Christmas as historic downtown McKinney turns into a winter wonderland. Come to finish your holiday shopping or enjoy a wonderful evening out with your family. Complete with live entertainment, activities for all ages, and food galore — there is something for everyone, even the Grinch! (www.mckinneytexas.org)

Port Aransas: Whooping Crane Festival February 19-22, 2015
 Get your binoculars ready — The Coastal Bend is the only spot in the United States where you can see the endangered whooping crane at close range. Celebrate this natural wonder. Not an expert birder or photographer? No worries! Experts will be speaking and sharing their knowledge and tips so that everyone can experience these magnificent creatures. Trade show, nature tours, and boating trips will also be available. (www.whoopingcranefestival.org) ★

Cedar Park: Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa's Workshop December 5, 2014
 On this enchanted night, more than 60,000 lights will illuminate the largest Live Oak Tree in Cedar Park. The winner of the Parks & Recreation Department's annual coloring contest for kindergartners and first graders will get to flip the switch to light the tree. Enjoy live music, carriage rides, games and prizes, inflatables, photos with Santa (bring your own camera), and arts and crafts projects. Bring the whole family for a festive evening. (www.cedarparktexas.gov)

Granbury: A Candlelight Tour December 5-6, 2014
 Tucked along the Brazos River, Granbury is a place where Texas history lives every day. True Texas hospitality comes to life during A Candlelight Tour where Granbury residents welcome visitors into their historic private residences. It's a magical celebration with carriage rides, carols, and treats. (granburycandlelighttour.com)

Wylie: Wylie Arts Festival December 6, 2014
 Still trying to cross people off that holiday gift list? Well, here's your chance to shop, while enjoying music and food at the same time! The Wylie Art Festival is your one-stop-shop for entertainment, community, art, and tasty treats. Top off the day with the festival of lights parade. (www.wylietexas.gov/events/arts_festival.php)

- ◆ The Colony CVB promoted the following topics through social media in August: The Colony Public Library, Lakeside Community Theatre, Hawaiian Falls Waterpark, Stewart Creek Park, Hidden Cove Park and Marina, T.C. Tex, The Colony Half Marathon, Captain Jack’s Floating Bar and Grill, Tribute Golf Links and Guest House special event offer, Sunset Concert Series, The Colony Five Star Complex, Movies in the Park – “Free Bird,” [Saturday Night](#) Out, Lone Star Hot Yoga, A Paddle Board Life, The Old American Golf Club, Stewart Peninsula Golf Course, The Tribute Golf Links and Guest House, Bow-Wow Luau, Family Fright Night, Art Quest 2014, Roma’s Italian Restaurant, Credit Union of Texas, Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott, #WorldTourismDay, Movies in the Park – “Frozen”, State Fair of Texas, The Tribute Community “Walkthru” Map, Insane Comics, National Comic Book Day, The Colony Public Library Family LEGOmania, Holiday Parties at Topgolf, American Heroes, Jo Dee Messina, The Colony Half Marathon Promotional Code, The Colony Trails, Pavilion Rental, National Cheeseburger Day, Café Mila, Drive-In, Santa Fe Neighborhood Grill, First United Methodist Church, Harvest Craft Bazaar, National Cream-Filled Doughnut Day, Local Bakeries, American Heroes Race, Fortune Cookie Day, Local Asian Restaurants, In N Out Burger, Topgolf Putt’s and Pumpkins, Chocolate Milkshake Day, 9/11 Ceremony, Play TC Weekend, Cheese Pizza Day, Lakes Lanes, TyBryt Baker Invitational Bowling Tournament, Ridgpointe Park, The Colony Public Library SciGirls Club, Labor Day, Cascades Events Center, Teen Anime Club Fall Party, LaserTag DFW and Holiday Parties at Cascades Events Center.

Learn more about local events and attractions on our social media sites: facebook.com/TCCVB and twitter.com/VisitTheColony.



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The screenshot shows the City of The Colony website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Calendar - News - Employment - Codes & Documents - Contact Us" and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Below this is a main menu with "Home", "Government", "Departments", "News/Information", "Online Services", and "City Related Websites". A sidebar on the left lists various services: Construction Updates, Residents, Businesses, Email Updates, Citizen Action Center, Community TV, Online Bill Pay, and Event Information. The main content area features a large banner image of a boat on a lake at sunset. Below the banner are three sections: "The Colony News" with a headline "Firefighters battle four-alarm fire", "City Calendar" with a headline "12/11/13 - Economic Development Corporation Mtg.", and "Community Update" with a "City Manager Weekly Report" video player.

This is a Twitter profile card for the City of The Colony. It features the city's logo, the name "City of The Colony", the handle "@TheColonyTexas", and the location "The Colony, TX". It also includes the website "TheColonyTx.gov" and statistics: 1,670 tweets, 78 following, and 572 followers. There is an "Edit profile" button.

This is a Facebook profile card for "City of The Colony - Texas Government". It features the city's logo, a cover photo of a lake with flowers, and the text "View from the Shoreline Trail". The profile has 2,053 likes and 121 talking about this. It includes a "Government Organization" badge, a link to the website "www.TheColonyTx.gov", and a "Follow us on twitter: @TheColonyTexas" link. There are buttons for "About", "Suggest an Edit", "Photos", "Likes", "Map", and "Events".

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 . You can also sign up to receive information via email at: [Citizen Action Center](#)



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Here's a brief look at what's been happening the past month in the city's **Communications Department**:

- ◆ Much of the department's time and energy in September was spent preparing for and filming an important public service video regarding the upcoming Main Street Widening project. Filming the video required coordination and cooperation with multiple departments, including Police, Fire, and Public Works. Special thanks to David Stoneking for providing some key graphic elements; to Terry Tawney and his staff for helping secure a safe street-side location; to Chief Thompson for allowing use of the Fire Department's ladder truck; and to City Manager Troy Powell for dedicating so much of his time for the all-day film shoot on Sept. 16. The video is currently in post-production. When finished, it will primarily include a call for patience and understanding while reminding motorists the city is sympathetic to the frustrations resulting from road construction. It will also feature information about the scope and timeline of the project.



- ◆ Director of Communications Diane Baxter spent three days in Minneapolis attending the annual 3CMA Conference, a gathering of city and county communications officials and professional marketers. The conference offered useful insight into the industry's best practices and included many featured communications initiatives from Texas cities. Primary themes included social media, crisis communications, and website development.
- ◆ The Communications Department recently worked alongside the City Manager's Office to help produce a brochure advertising the city's opening for a Human Resources Director. Specifically, Communications staff members contributed introductory copy and photos for the brochure.



- ◆ Communications Specialist Blaine Crimmins attended the Fire Department's annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Central Fire Station. Subsequent photo coverage was well-received on social media and included in the Sept. 14 edition of *The Colony Courier-Leader*. A cameraman from CBS Ch. 11 also was in attendance.

- ◆ Diane and Blaine both attended the annual TAMIO Luncheon in Richardson on Sept. 17. In addition to networking with regional communications representatives, they heard a fascinating discussion by David Margulies from the Margulies Communications Group regarding managing media response during unusual crisis situations.

- ◆ 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 the media, have resulted in coverage of:

- the arrival of Police Chief David Coulon to the city, both on the *Dallas Morning News/neighborsgo* website and on the front page of the Aug. 31 edition of the *Courier-Leader* ;
- a donation received by The Colony Fire Department from the BMF Project of a high-tech radar for use during search-and-rescue operations on Lewisville Lake, featured both in the Sept. 19 edition of *neighborsgo* and the front page of the Sept. 21 edition of the *Courier-Leader*;
- the city's recognition as a Platinum Member of the Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle for financial transparency in a community leader's column by Finance Director David Cranford, published Sept. 12 in *neighborsgo*;
- Marine Quest's \$5,000 donation to The Colony Public Library for valuable technology upgrades, with a check-presentation photo in the Aug. 31 edition of the *Courier-Leader*;

- Art Quest, the visual arts project sponsored by the City Manager’s Arts Committee, front page story and photos in the Sept. 7 edition of the *Courier-Leader*;
 - photo coverage of progress of the South Colony Overpass Project, Sept. 7, *Courier-Leader*;
 - Planning & Zoning approval of the Hampton Inn development plan and the Methodist Urgent Care site plan;
 - the upcoming Nov. 4 City Council Election, specifically the voter registration deadline of Oct. 6;
 - profile of Assistant Police Chief Chris Chandler in an installment of “Faces in the Community,” in the *Courier-Leader*, Aug. 31;
 - profile of City Attorney Jeff Moore in an installment of “Faces in the Community,” in the *Courier-Leader*, Sept. 21;
 - Parks and Recreation special events, including the Movies in the Park, Sunset Concert Series, Bow Wow Luau, and Family Fright Night; and,
 - ongoing programs and activities at The Colony Public Library, including photo coverage of local author Jacqueline Smith visiting with students at the library on Sept. 20.
- ◆ Since Aug. 28, the city’s official Twitter account, @TheColonyTexas, has seen a net increase of 34 new followers, bringing the total to 873. Since the previous count, social media moderators have sent out 54 unique Tweets promoting city news, events and other information relevant to the city’s residents.
- ◆ The city’s official Facebook page has accumulated a net total of 53 new “Likes,” or followers since the last update, bringing the total to 2,506. Facebook metrics indicated followers were particularly interested in: announcement of temporary lane closures on Main Street south of 121; free In-N-Out burgers offered at the Sunset Concert Series on Sept. 12; positive WNV testing in mosquitoes announced Aug. 29; PARD’s upcoming Drive-In movie event; and ongoing updates about employment opportunities with the city.
- ◆ As matter of routine, the Communications Department provides assistance with broadcasting and recording public meetings, and also promotes the following via social media and other methods of communication: 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; ongoing progress of construction at Grandscape; and regional weather and traffic alerts.

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For the month of September the department closed 63 helpdesk tickets. We currently have 30 open tickets with the oldest ticket being open since May 2014. All city desktops have now been replaced and we are starting the planned refresh schedule of replacing 1/3 of the city desktops every 5 years, so the next scheduled replacements will be in 2016/17 physical year.

After moving the city websites to a new hosting provider, our video on-demand function required total redesign. We have completed the initial redesign and both the live video and video on-demand are functional. We are looking at ways to improve these functions and will be working on the next revision over the coming physical year.

Deployment of the new tablets for the fire department medics is complete. These new laptops are much sturdier and will hold up better to the demands placed upon them by the firemen. The new laptops for the department are being retro-fitted to allow them to be mounted in the SUV docking stations. We also ran into an issue with the mounting cradles in the Crown Victoria's and have ordered replacement cradles. Due to the issues with the laptop mounting hardware, implementation of multi-factor authentication for CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Systems) compliance has been delayed. The hardware and software for this project is in house and we have met with the vendor for the initial project planning. Our next scheduled meeting is October 14 for the installation of the server/client with a follow up October 16 for client configuration. Plans for implementation into the patrol vehicles will start on October 20, 2014 with completion before October 31, 2014.

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

Projects: Updates from previous month

1. The phone systems hardware and software upgrade is scheduled to start next week on Wednesday with the replacement of the system at fire station 3. The software and license upgrade for all systems will be completed by Saturday October 11, 2014 with the voicemail upgrades to be completed the following week.
2. The city hall and the library public access internet connections have been upgraded to 50Mb allowing for improved performance and future growth.
3. The new server hardware for the city's email system is in place and it has not lost network connectivity like the previous hardware. The email consultant is working with support for the load balancer company and Microsoft to find a resolution to our client connectivity issues.
4. Denco 911 - the police department and IT department completed installation and migration to the next generation 911 system. This upgrade is aimed to improve public emergency communications in the growing mobile wireless society. The new system allows the public to not only dial 911 but to also transmit text, images, video and data to the 9-1-1 center.

Technology Board

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The Technology Board did not meet in September. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday October 6, 2014.

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Hours:

Office: 8:00AM - 5:00PM Monday - Friday

Drive-thru: 8:00AM - 5:00PM

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 - \$75.00 (could vary based on prior service)

Renter's Deposit - \$150.00 (could vary based on prior service)

Application Fee - \$20.00

Commercial Domestic/Irrigation Application***

Commercial Deposit - Dependent on service

Application Fee - \$20.00

***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.



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.

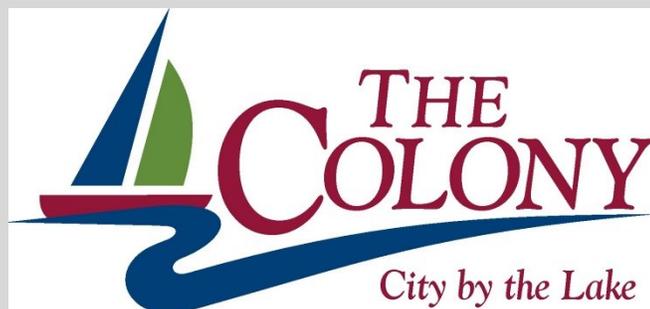
Fox and Jacobs built and donated a fire station in 1975; the first business was a Stop 'n Go convenience store, opened in 1976; the first churches to open were the Methodist and Baptist churches; the first public school, Camey Elementary, opened in 1977; and The Colony Public Library opened in 1982.

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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Rec Center	972-625-1106
Community Center	972-624-2246
Fire Department	972-625-3944
Public Library	972-625-1900
Utility Billing	972-625-2741 ext. 3113
After hours telephone: if no answer;	972-625-4471 469-628-5452
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