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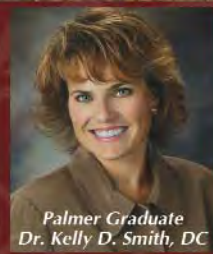

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Our Spring Issue Cover features upcoming Spring events only found in The Colony. Also shown is artwork from Chalk This Way, the upcoming Spring Eggstravaganza, and Kids Chase By The Lake... but be sure to check out our events page for even more fun and excitement for the whole family.

## The Colony Connection

Your Community Magazine!

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What an incredible start to a new year for The Colony Chamber of Commerce. With over ten new members in our first quarter (beginning in December 2011) and two new major investors, the chamber is excited not only about its active growth and participation with members but also the new developments and businesses coming to The Colony.

Also, if you haven't visited our new website be sure to check out the new features and easy navigation. We now offer job post listings, web banner ads, broadcast emails, and oh so much more! Its great to be a chamber member and a part of such a fabulous community and businesses.

We have lots of events lined up for this year and special guest speakers during our breakfasts, luncheons, and mixers. If you haven't noticed, we changed our Friday Focus to every other Friday mixing things up a bit from breakfast to lunch venues so be sure to check the schedule and online calendar regularly for locations, times, and speaker details.

Our New Year New Chamber 2012 Mardi Gras event was a great success. Lots of new faces and members as well as long term existing members took advantage of this fun-filled event. Special thanks to our sponsors Rivera Team Realty, Dashnotary.com, and Lakeside Arts Foundation for making the event possible.

If you haven't noticed our new lower membership rates, be sure to go online or give us a call as these new rates are designed to help your business in today's economy and get the most bang for their buck!

If you are unsure about your invoice date, please feel free to contact the chamber at 214-705-3075 or email us at [info@thecolonychamber.org](mailto:info@thecolonychamber.org). Also note that if your contact information has changed it is up to you the member to notify the chamber of these changes. Any past due members will be promptly removed from the website and an additional \$25 administrative fee will be included to re-add you to the website listing.

We are looking forward to an OUTSTANDING 2012, and hope you'll take advantage of our networking, ambassador program, and additional offerings all designed to help you grow your business!

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## Lights, Camera, Action... In The Aquatic Park?

Sundance Film Festival winner Shane Carruth found the heated Indoor Pool at The Colony Aquatic Park to be the perfect setting for a scene in his current film.

He rented late hours at the facility so that he could turn off the main room lighting and have his actress swimming underwater through mysterious shafts of light. Two lifeguards hovered over the "shoot" to insure safety as Carruth and his actress strained to complete the exhausting work underwater.

Although the filming took over two hours, the final cut will probably edit down to less than a minute according to Carruth. At the time of this publication's deadline the production was shrouded in secrecy. Both the film's title and the names of the actors were held from release.

Carruth gave his award winning production "Primer" the same manner of low key exposure. "Primer" was virtually unheard of before its entry at Sundance and subsequent win of the Grand Jury Prize. It still may be a long time before local residents get a chance to see the show because editing may take many months.



# UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Average Monthly Payment Plan

The City of The Colony is pleased to offer a Fixed Average Monthly Payment (AMP) plan. This will allow customers to average their utility costs over a period of time. Generally, an AMP billing is based upon the average of monthly charges for the past twelve (12) months at the current location. This service can be especially helpful when water usage fluctuates during the year with summer irrigation and lower winter usage. It provides the ability to plan your budget! AMP bills are reviewed periodically, and will be recalculated after each December billing to reflect any increase or decrease in actual bills.

### How do I enroll in the plan?

In order to qualify for the plan, your account must have a history of at least 12 months. Your account must be current (no past due amounts). In addition, if AMP Plan payments are not made promptly, the account may become ineligible and be removed from the AMP Plan, at which time your next regular bill will be a "settlement" bill and will include all unpaid and current charges. You may enroll in the AMP plan at [www.thecolonytx.gov](http://www.thecolonytx.gov) under Online Services, or contact our office at 972-625-2741.

You may cancel the program at any time! You may cancel your AMP Plan at any time, at which time your next regular bill will be a "settlement" bill and will include all unpaid and current charges.

### Donations

The City of The Colony implemented a program two years ago that allows citizens to voluntarily donate to the City for public purposes. This is done by selecting the appropriate option(s) on the monthly utility bills:

**\$1 Add-On Program:** The customers can contribute an extra \$1.00.

**Recycling Rebate Program:** Customers can donate the recycling rebates.

The City Council has designated the donations to be used for social and

community services, public safety citizen programs, and beautification projects that may include SH 121 landscaping, signage, gateway entry beautification and light pole painting.

If you wish to participate in one or both of the donation programs and you use the online or bank draft payment method, please complete the enrollment form on our website ([www.thecolonytx.gov](http://www.thecolonytx.gov)) or, call the Utility Administration Department, 972-625-2741 for assistance.

If a customer is enrolled in the donation program, they can request to be removed from participating by checking the proper box on the payment coupon and returning the payment coupon to the office or by contacting the Utility Administration Department.

## City Council Election Nearing

The City of The Colony City Council election will be held on May 12, 2012. Current terms are expiring in May for the Mayor, Place 1 and Place 2. The filing period for candidates began February 4, 2012 and will continue through March 5, 2012 at 5 p.m. Candidate applications must be received in the city secretary's office by that deadline.

A candidate for City Council must be a registered voter of the State of Texas and a resident of The Colony for a minimum of twelve months. Council members for these at-Large positions are elected by qualified voters city-wide and serve three-year terms.

To be eligible to vote in this election you must be registered to vote with Denton County Elections by April 12, 2012. If you have moved you need to update your information by this date as well. Voter registration applications are available from Denton County Elections, or you may obtain one at City Hall.

For more information contact the City Secretary's office at City Hall, 6800 Main Street, or call 972 624-3106.

## National Night Out Award Results



The "28th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) was held last fall on August 2, 2011. Cities across the nation submitted pictures, videos, press releases, and other media to showcase NNO participation to NATW for ranking and recognition.

The NATW award results have been posted and The Colony ranked #6 in the State of Texas and #37 in the Nation in participation in National Night Out 2011. They were judged in Category 4 (population 15, 000 - 49,999).

The Colony Police Department and citizens participated in National Night Out gatherings throughout the city and had a combined 1200 people that attended the events.

National Night out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime 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 is a great way to meet your neighbors and form or strengthen a neighborhood watch group. For information on National Night Out 2012 or starting a Neighborhood Watch Program, contact Officer Keli Hunt at [khunt@thecolonytx.gov](mailto:khunt@thecolonytx.gov).

## Spring Break Food Safety Tips



Spring Break is upon us and this is the most opportune time for families to recharge! It's time to have some fun with family and enjoy activities. What better way to spend a beautiful Spring Day outside than to go on a fun family picnic? Go ahead, pack up a basket with healthy picnic food and tote along some fun games. However, don't forget about the uninvited picnic crasher, Bacteria. Every year, more than 76 million cases of Foodborne Illness occur just in the U.S. When food safety is compromised at a picnic by leaving food out in warm weather, the bacteria flourish and threaten everyone's safety.

The Colony Health Department advises consumers to keep unwanted microscopic bullies from crashing your Spring Break bash by following these basic food safety practices:

- Make sure foods are kept cold or hot and raw meats are separated from cooked or ready-to-serve foods. Bring coolers with plenty of ice or freezer packs. Use one cooler for ready to serve foods and another for any uncooked meat for the grill.
- Wash your hands and use clean serving utensils for each dish.. Have guests wash their hands or use hand sanitizers and wipes to reduce the

spread of bacteria from person to person.

- Pay attention to how long your dishes sit out on the picnic table. Bacteria grow best between 40 and 135 degrees. Most of the food you serve will only be safe on the table for two hours. Throw away leftovers!
- Serve only the amount of perishables that will be consumed within one hour, keep the rest in the cooler.
- Casseroles should be cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees and held at 135 degrees. Use insulated containers that will maintain that temperature.
- Fresh fruits with thick coverings, such as watermelon, will keep at room temperature. Once they are cut, they must be treated like any other perishable food. If they are not eaten within two hours, discard.
- Keep cookies, breads, rolls, and crackers covered for freshness. Jarred condiments should be covered, or use squeeze bottles.

Follow these simple tips to help assure your family and guests have a safe Spring Break!

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for online services, departments,  
and city information.

# The Colony Economic Development News

## EDC Events & News

North Texas Commercial Association of Realtors Quarterly Breakfast Meeting  
January 12, 2012

The Colony EDC sponsors the quarterly breakfasts for NTCAR. Founded in 1993, the North Texas Commercial Association of Realtors and Real Estate Professionals is a trade association that exists to enhance the business opportunities of its members through real-time access to critical real estate information, education, recognition and networking events. It is one of the leading local commercial real estate associations in the country, focused on providing the tools that the local brokerage community needs to succeed through forums for networking and exchanging information and is dedicated to serving the local brokerage community. We display our booth at the event and greet the attendees. We have a table for 10 that allows us to host brokers,

developers, and property owners. It is a great networking opportunity with attendance of approximately 400.

National Association of Industrial and Office Properties Breakfast Meeting  
January 24, 2012

NAIOP is the nation's leading trade association for developers, owners, investors and other professionals in industrial, office and mixed-use commercial real estate. The N. Texas chapter consists of approximately 400 brokers, developers and miscellaneous commercial real estate professionals. The Colony EDC sponsors the monthly breakfasts for NAIOP and has a table for select monthly meetings where we host brokers, developers, and property owners. This organization is smaller than NTCAR but provides another great networking opportunity. Normal attendance is between 100-150 members.

International Council of Shopping Centers Recon Global Retail Real Estate

Convention and Tradeshow at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV

May 20-23, 2012:

Founded in 1957, the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) is the global trade association of the shopping center industry. Its 60,000 members in the U.S., Canada and more than 80 other countries include shopping center owners, developers, managers, marketing specialists, investors, lenders, retailers and other professionals as well as academics and public officials. Director of Economic Development, Keri Samford, and Economic Development Specialist, Cindi Lane along with other staff, council members, and board members from The Colony Economic Development Corporation will attend the Recon to meet with retailers and developers to introduce them to retail opportunities in The Colony. The annual Recon normally has approximately 30,000 attendees.

## City & Board Calendar

	March	April	May	
City Council & Board Meeting Calendar	City Council March 6 & 20 7:00 pm	City Council April 3 & 17 7:00 pm	City Council May 1 & 15 7:00 pm	<p><b>*Please note that the Community Image Advisory Board, BOA &amp; Technologies Board meet only if there is a case or issue before them.</b></p> <p><b>Library Closings:</b></p> <p><b>March 2: In-Service Training closure</b></p> <p><b>April 6-9: Holiday closure</b></p> <p><b>May 11: In-Service Training closure</b></p> <p><b>May 26-28: Holiday closure</b></p> <p><b>City Offices Closed:</b></p> <p><b>April 6: Good Friday</b></p> <p><b>May 28: Memorial Day</b></p>
	Planning & Zoning March 13 & 27 6:30 pm	Planning & Zoning April 10 & 24 6:30 pm	Planning & Zoning May 8 & 22 6:30 pm	
	4A (EDC) Board March 14 7:00 pm	4A (EDC) Board April 11 7:00 pm	4A (EDC) Board May 9 7:00 pm	
	4B (CDC) Board March 8 7:00 pm (Council Chambers)	4B (CDC) Board April 12 7:00 pm (Council Chambers)	4B (CDC) Board May 10 7:00 pm (Council Chambers)	
	Library Board March 22 7:00 pm	Library Board April 26 7:00 pm	Library Board May 24 7:00 pm	
	Cultural Arts Board. March 7 7:00 pm	Cultural Arts Board. April 4 7:00 pm	Cultural Arts Board May 2 7:00 pm	
	Keep The Colony Beautiful Community Image Advisory Board* March 29 6:30 pm	Keep The Colony Beautiful Community Image Advisory Board* April 26 6:30 pm	Keep The Colony Beautiful Community Image Advisory Board* May 31 6:30 pm	
	Technologies Board* March 5 6:30 pm	Technologies Board* April 2 6:30 pm	Technologies Board* May 7 6:30 pm	
	Board of Adjustments* March 21 7:00 pm	Board of Adjustments* April 18 7:00 pm	Board of Adjustments* May 16 7:00 pm	

# Our Featured Business - Radnov Roofing



Meet Owner Mike Radnov  
of Radnov Roofing

Radnov Roofing is family owned and has been operating since 1970. Mike Radnov Sr. started the company and still works today with his son Mike Jr. Mike Jr. began working with his father on roofs in 1973 when he was 8 years old. The Colony Texas became the home office for Radnov Roofing in 2004, while Mike Jr. was balancing running the construction company with his professional MMA fighting career. He decided to hang up his gloves in 2008 and since that time has worked on slowly and steadily growing the company, making it one of the most well respected roofing company's in North Texas.

Prior to moving to The Colony in 2004, Mike was not overly familiar with the community, having lived in the North Dallas area for 15 years. He quickly fell in love however with "The City By The Lake" and it's small town feel.

Radnov Roofing is a member of the National Roofing Contractors Association and is also a member in good standing with the BBB with an A+ rating. This company prides itself on honesty and integrity. While they do everything possible to make sure that every job goes smoothly, it is possible for unforeseen problems to arise. While the majority of the jobs performed are in fact trouble free, the true test of a company's dedication to the customer is in how they resolve problems and any of the customer concerns. Radnov Roofing prides itself on making sure that the homeowner has a pleasant and trouble free experience while dealing with their construction project. Customer satisfaction is their most valuable resource.



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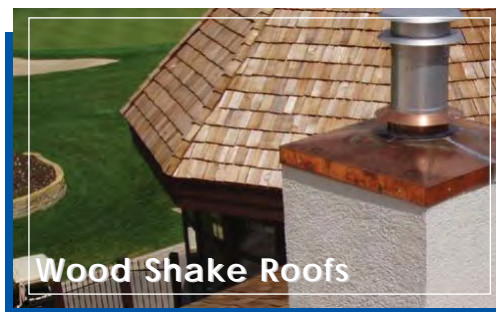
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Unlike many other roofing contractors, they have worked closely with insurance adjusters on claims in this area. This means they can easily identify the damage your insurance company is looking for. They perform the same tests the insurance adjusters use to assess your damage. This has led to an approval rating of over 95% for the properties they have represented. If your home qualifies, they will replace your damaged roof after approval by your insurance adjuster.

They will be happy to inspect your home AT NO COST OR OBLIGATION, and discuss their findings with you. The sooner you call the better, because you only have one year to report damage after the storm hits.

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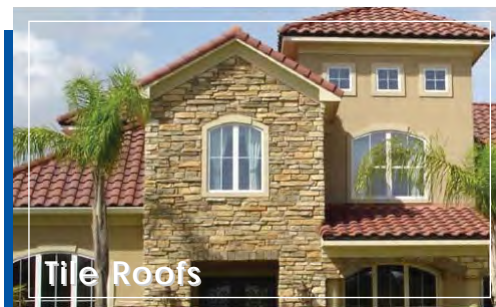
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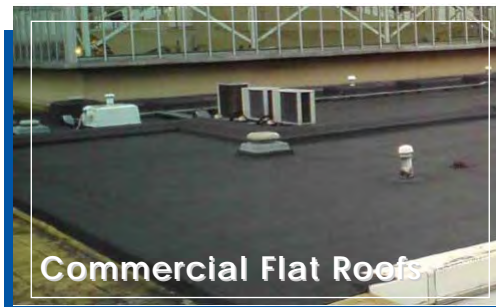
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# Springtime Events and Activities in The Colony



**Spring Eggstravaganza:** Date: Thursday, April 5th, Time: 6:30PM - 9:00PM, Location: Five Star Sports Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Dr., Cost: \$3/ child in advance OR \$5/ child on event day.

One of the most EGGciting events in The Colony is back for the 5th year in a row. Watch your kids have a ball as they gather eggs filled with an assortment of candy and prizes. Peter Rabbit s hoppin' into town too - get your photo taken with him or plant a flower and take it home to watch it bloom. The hunt is open to ages 0-10 years old and there will also be a special needs accessible hunt. For more info contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.



**Movies in the Park:** Date: Friday, April 13th "Dolphin Tale", Time: 7:30PM - Gates open at 6:30PM , Location: Five Star Sports Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks.

Bring the whole family to enjoy popcorn and a movie under the stars. Sit back, relax and enjoy the show brought to you by the Parks and Recreation Department. Blankets, chairs and refreshments are welcome. Concessions will also be available for purchase. Parental supervision required. For more info contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.



**Kids Chase by the Lake** - Giving kids a running start! Date: Saturday, April 14th, Time: 8:00AM - 9:30AM, Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks, Cost: \$8 - 1 child; \$15- 2 children; \$20 - 3 or more children per family.

Come on out to celebrate 11 years of Running with The Colony Roadrunners Club and The Colony Parks and Recreation Department. Children ages 5-9 will compete on a one-half mile loop, while children ages 10-11 will run a one mile course in the park. All participants will receive a ribbon, goody bag and T-shirt. For more info contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.



**Movies in the Park:** Date: Friday, May 11th "Happy Feet 2", Time: 7:45PM - Gates open at 6:45PM, Location: Five Star Sports Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks.

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**Chalk This Way! Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival:** Date: Saturday, March 24, Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Location: The Colony Five Star Complex (4100 Blair Oaks Dr. The Colony, TX 75056) Cost: FREE Admission.

This all-day event will feature professional chalk artists, an amateur chalk art contest, a scholarship contest, a children's non-competitive art gallery, food and drink vendors, and a variety of entertainment. Details, rules, and entry forms are available for download at [www.lakesidearts.org](http://www.lakesidearts.org). For more information, please contact the Lakeside Arts Foundation at (972) 625-1726 or e-mail [president@lakesidearts.org](mailto:president@lakesidearts.org).



**Persian New Year:** Date: Sunday, April 1 Time: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. , Location: Hidden Cove Park & Marina, (20400 Hackberry Creek Park Rd. The Colony, TX 75056), Cost: \$15 gate entry fee per vehicle; no entry fee for those with annual passes.

The Persian New Year celebration at Hidden Cove Park is a family oriented picnic geared toward the Persian culture. The event includes DJs, food vendors and Persian related activities. For more information on the Persian New Year, please call (972) 294-1443.



**What I Did Last Summer :** By A.R. Gurney Presented by Lakeside Community Theatre Dates & Times: April 13, 14, 20, 27, 28 & May 4, 5 at 8 p.m. & April 21 at 3 p.m., Location: Lakeside Arts Center, (6301 Main St. The Colony, TX 75056) Cost: \$12 - Adults; \$10 - Students & Seniors.

Charlie, a rebellious 14-year-old, is spending the summer vacationing with his mother and sister on the shores of Lake Erie before heading off to boarding school. His father is fighting in the Pacific during the final stages of World War II. Although he intended to spend the summer socializing, he is forced to take a job as handyman for a bohemian art teacher. She teaches him to paint and sculpt and exposes him to "radical" ideas about life and love which persuade him to reject going back to school. The result is a showdown between his teacher and his mother. Come check out the show to see what path Charlie picks. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.lctthecolony.org](http://www.lctthecolony.org) or call 214-801-4869.

# Always in The Colony You'll find Fun for the Whole Family



**Kids Triathlon:** Date: Saturday, May 19  
 Time: 8 a.m., Location: Hidden Cove Park & Marina, (20400 Hackberry Creek Park Rd. The Colony, TX 75056) Cost: \$5 gate entry fee per vehicle for spectators; no entry fee for participants or for those with annual passes  
 The Playtri Kids Triathlons have been designed for kids ages 6 to 14 interested in participating in the fun competition of triathlon. Kids ages 6 - 10 will compete in a 50 meter swim; 2.5 mile bike ride and a half mile run. Kids age 11 - 14 will compete in a 100 meter swim; 5 mile bike ride and a 1 mile run. A pre-race clinic will be held Sunday, May 6 at 2 p.m. at Hidden Cove Park to allow participants to review the course and practice transitioning. In addition, Playtri's Lead Developmental Coach, Morgan Johnson, will meet with participants and their parents to answer questions and help prepare them for the race! All kids who finish the race will receive a finisher's medal. For more information and to register for the race, please visit <http://playtri.com/hidden Cove>.



**Playtri Splash and Dash:** Date: Saturday, April 21, Time: 8 a.m., Location: Hidden Cove Park & Marina, (20400 Hackberry Creek Park Rd. The Colony, TX 75056) Cost: \$5 gate entry fee per vehicle for spectators; no entry fee for participants or for those with annual passes  
 Sign up now for the Playtri Splash and Dash adult swim/run race at Hidden Cove Park and Marina. Participants will compete in one of

three courses: 300 meter swim/1 mile run; 750 meter swim/5K run; 1500 meter swim/10K run. The swim takes place in a protected cove of Lewisville Lake and the run is on flat, paved roads with aid stations every mile. Participants have the option of racing in the swim portion only. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Colony Fire Department. For more information, including registration fees and course details, please visit [www.playtri.com/splashanddash](http://www.playtri.com/splashanddash), e-mail [info@playtri.com](mailto:info@playtri.com) or call 214-697-6922.



**Learn the art and history of making tea and the etiquette for serving it at the FOTCPL PRESENTS!**

Annual Springtime Tea, Saturday, April 21, 2-3 p.m. Event participants should be at least 6 years old. Registration limited; \$5.00 per participant. Register in person at the Library beginning April 3.

Teens! Don't miss the TCPL Anime Club's Spring Festival at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Proceeds from the games and activities benefit TCPL's teen programs and activities. Hosted by TCPL's Teen Anime Club, this event is sponsored by Friends of The Colony Public Library (FOTCPL). Thinking summer? TCPL has Summer Reading Clubs for all ages: Read to Me for preschoolers, Summer Reading Club for children entering grades 1-5, Teen Read, and Adult Read. Register in-person or online for the 2012 Summer Reading Clubs beginning May 22. Find information at [thecolonypl.org](http://thecolonypl.org) beginning May 1.



**Upcoming TCPL Events:** Those magazine back issues cluttering up your home may be someone else's treasure! Bring them to TCPL on Saturday, March 3 for the 4th Annual Great

Magazine Swap from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Find some treasures for yourself! All unclaimed magazine issues will go to the recycling bin at 4 p.m.

**Teens!** Join the fun at the Super Smash Bros. Bowl Tournament at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday March 3. Entry fee is \$2; proceeds benefit TCPL's teen programs and activities. Hosted by TCPL's Teen Anime Club, this event is sponsored by Friends of The Colony Public Library (FOTCPL).

If your family is "staycationing" during Spring Break, don't forget to include TCPL's storytimes in your outing plans; Toddler Times for 2-year-olds are Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Storytimes for ages 3 and up are Thursdays and Fridays at 10 a.m.

Celebrate National Library Week by bringing your children to FOTCPL PRESENTS! The Road to Uungalema performed by Puppeteers Sandra McLean and Sandy Shrout on Tuesday, April 10, at 10 a.m.

**Bill Bausticker Memorial - American legion Post # 21 Golf Tournament** March 25, 2012, 1pm



Putting, 2pm Shotgun Start. Held at Stewart Peninsula Golf Course. 4 man Scramble. Proceed to benefit local Boys State candidates and other American Legion Charities. Awards and Contests, \$75 per person, includes green, cart range balls and BBQ. Call 972-625-8700 for sign up. Sponsors still needed- call 214-707-6335 or 214-407-6875.

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 for additional events and updates.

# SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS SAFETY TIPS

## WHEN LIGHTNING STRIKES

**WARNING:** Take precautions during lightning storms. Lightning is the second most common cause of weather-related deaths in the state, after flooding. Here are some important tips to protect yourself and your family.

Lightning tends to strike tall objects as well as metal objects, and can travel through moist soils for dozens of feet. Move into a sturdy building and stay away from windows and doors. For increased protection, avoid electric appliances or metal plumbing. Stay off the telephone.

If you are outside, the interior of a car, truck or bus is relatively safe from lightning. To be safe, do not touch metal on the inside of the vehicle. The outside bed of a truck is a deadly location. Do not lean against a car or truck - get inside the vehicle quickly.

If you are outdoors with no shelter available, stay low. Move away from hills and high places, and avoid tall, isolated trees. Do not touch metal objects, such as tennis rackets, baseball bats or golf clubs. Do not ride bicycles, or lean against fences or metal sheds.

If you feel your hair suddenly stand on end, it means you may be a lightning target. Crouch low on the balls of your feet and try not to touch the ground with your knees or hands. Avoid wet areas that can conduct the lightning charge.

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ENOUGH TO BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING !!**

## From Your Fire Chief It's Time Again To Start Thinking About Severe Weather

As we finish out winter and head into spring, it's time to once again start thinking about severe weather in The Colony and Denton County. In 2011, The Colony, along with Denton County and other neighboring communities completed a hazard vulnerability study. Of the possible natural and man-made hazards that could impact The Colony, history shows that severe weather is by far the most common and likely threat.

While The Colony takes the threat of severe weather seriously, there is only so much any community can do to protect its citizens from extreme weather events. In The Colony, while there are several sources available to inform people about severe weather, the city does not operate a designated storm shelter. The financial challenges associated with building, equipping, and staffing a system of shelters for a community with a population of forty thousand plus, would be immense. In fact, creating a shelter system that could accommodate our population, strategically located to minimize travel times for citizens from each area of the city, would be impossible based on the typical notification time that is normally received verifying imminent severe weather.

To assure the highest level of severe weather preparedness, response and recovery, there must be a partnership between the city and its citizens, households and businesses. When it comes to severe weather there is not substitution for education and for developing a plan before the threat of severe weather occurs.

The city does provide a system of outdoor warning sirens located in areas, and sounded to alert people outside who may not have others means of notification to take cover. They are not intended to alert people in doors.

To best prepare for severe weather, citizens are encouraged to:

" Purchase a weather radio with a battery back-up. These are well worth the cost and provide around the clock notification. However, like smoke detectors they will not work if the batteries are dead. Change the batteries in both when you change you clocks twice each year.

" Have a way to monitor local news/weather stations. With today's technology, TV and radio provide some of the best and up to date information on weather and when to seek shelter. Make sure you have a way of receiving information if the power goes out (battery operated weather radio, portable AM, FM radio, smart phone, etc.)

" Identify the best place in your home/businesses to take cover. Preferably an interior room away from windows and structurally sound.

" Stay informed.

When severe weather is in the area, or when the sirens do sound, DO NOT call 9-1-1 unless you have an actual emergency. Do not place yourself in a position of danger "watching" the weather event. Do not go near downed or arching power lines.

In 2011 The Colony was certified by the National Weather Service as Storm Ready.

## Kids Colony 2 - The Colony Community Playground



Kids Colony originally a community-built playground in 1993 will become a brand new playground in 2012. KC2 will once again foster community spirit as the project brings residents and businesses together to build the new playground. For more information contact [kc2@thecolonytx.gov](mailto:kc2@thecolonytx.gov) for how you can be a part of this exciting project coming soon!

KC2 will be a universal access playspace.

[www.kidscolony2.com](http://www.kidscolony2.com)

# Your Aquatic Park *through-out* The Year Offerings. . .

## Learn To Swim Classes

Public Swim Lesson registration starts in early April for May classes, and in mid-April for the Summer Swim sessions. Ages range from infant through adult, covering all skill levels.

Families who have been in previous Parks and Recreation classes or have filed paperwork to register their household in the RecTrac system will have the first opportunity to register for classes online. For family passwords or RecTrac forms, contact Parks and Recreation at (972)625-1106 or the Aquatic Park at (972)624-2225. For more information of class schedules, check [www.PlayTC.com](http://www.PlayTC.com)

## Lifeguard Classes

More than a job, lifeguarding is the experience that can change a young person's life! The Colony Aquatic Park is currently offering the latest in training from the American Red Cross. This new course will be offered throughout spring, including Spring Break. For information, or to find out how to prepare for this strenuous training, contact the Aquatic Park at (972)624-2225.

## Summer Splash -Opening Day at The Colony Aquatic Park

Summer Public Swim officially begins Memorial weekend, but passes can be purchased starting in mid-April. Pool hours open at 1 daily, and the calendar schedule mirrors the LISD summer holiday.

## Private Swim Lessons

The Aquatic Park Continues to offer (through-out the year) Private and Semi-Private swim instruction for all ages and all skill levels. To schedule your lesson time, please call 972-624-2225.

## Swim Parties at The Colony Aquatic Park

One of the best places for parties ANY time of the year, the Aquatic Park can host a cold weather parties in the heated indoor pool that allow for a quick Polar Bear Plunge or the Magic Island Float. Scheduling has already started for the summer calendar in the Outdoor Leisure Lagoon and Splash Zone.

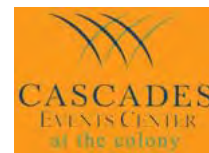
For information about Water Exercise, SCUBA, Kayaking, Adult Lap Swimming, or Youth Swim Clubs, contact (972)624-2225.



Thank you to all of the NTX Soup-N-Bowl 2012's guests, chefs, supporters, sponsors, volunteers, bowl makers, and donors for your generosity as once again we celebrate a successful event.

Your contributions of time and money will go far in helping address the hunger issues here in our community.

Please save the date January 26, 2013 for the 4th Annual NTX Soup-N-Bowl to once again raise awareness and funds for the Storehouse Food Pantry. [www.ntxsoupnbowl.org](http://www.ntxsoupnbowl.org)



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## Chalk This Way

Lakeside Arts Foundation is partnering with The Colony Chamber of Commerce to host "Chalk This Way!" Sidewalk Art Festival on March 24, 2012 at Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive, in The Colony. This day-long event will feature a professional chalk artist exhibit, amateur chalk art contest, scholarship contest for High School Seniors, a children's non-competitive gallery, Art Vendors, Food & Drink Vendors, and Musical Entertainment.

LAF is actively seeking fine art vendors and encouraging local artists of ALL AGES to participate in the Amateur Art Competition. For a fee of \$15 each artist will be provided high-quality artist-grade pastels and a designated 6 x 6' square area to work. Artists are asked to submit a sketched rendering of their planned work ahead of time to make sure that the work is appropriate for family viewing at a community event. The following categories will be recognized and awarded: Best in Show, Best use of Color, Best Anime, Best Visual Concept, Best 3-D Image, and People's Choice. All entry forms are due by March 4.

High School Seniors are invited to participate in the Scholarship Competition where Lakeside Arts Foundation will award three scholarships to the top-selected entries. The First Place scholarship is \$500, Second Place is \$350, and Third Place is \$250.

The Non-Competitive Children's area is open to children of all ages. For \$3, children will be provided sidewalk-grade chalk and a designated 2 x 2' area in which to work. A rendering is not required for this area.

The event will close with an Awards Ceremony. Details, rules, and entry forms are available on the website at www.lakesidearts.org. For more information contact Lakeside Arts Foundation at (972) 625-1726 or email president@lakesidearts.org.



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