

On the Horizon

February 2016



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Animal Services Photo Contest

The City is holding a photo contest of our community's favorite furry friends. We're calling all animal lovers to submit photos of their pets for entry into a 2017 wall calendar. Proceeds will benefit the Carrollton Animal Services & Adoption Center.

The contest begins Monday, February 15 and is open to everyone from amateurs to professionals. There will be one Grand Prize winner whose pet will receive the coveted calendar cover along with other goodies, and 12 winners whose pets will grace the pages of each month. All winners will receive a free calendar at the conclusion of the contest.

Photos must be submitted by 5 pm on Monday, August 1. Each photo entry is \$5 (payment details available at cityofcarrollton.com/petphotocontest). Participants may enter multiple photos of as many pets as they would like, but individual pets are only eligible to win one month. Please send a high resolution photo with the name of the animal and an optional caption to photos@cityofcarrollton.com along with owner's name, phone number, and email address. No humans please; furry friends only.

The photos should be in a digital format. No paper photos.

Calendars will be on sale for \$10 at City facilities after the Pooch Pool Party launch sale on September 10.

 cityofcarrollton.com/petphotocontest

Quality Improvement Continues

Perhaps the many construction projects around town have affected you in some way. The City of Carrollton reminds citizens of the exciting new developments in the works for our community and strives to provide as many ongoing updates as possible.

- Indian Creek Golf Club:** The club remains closed due to the significant flooding event that began in late May and continued to affect the facility through August of 2015. However, Carrollton City Council decided in November 2015 to move forward to repair the Lakes Course, with plans to further evaluate the feasibility of re-opening the Creek Course. At the January 5 meeting, Council was presented with a land use study for Indian Creek. They voted to reopen the 18-hole Creek Course, so the City will now reopen all 36 holes previously operational at Indian Creek Golf Club. The Lakes Course is projected to open in April and the Creek Course over the summer, weather dependent.
- Old Denton Road:** Construction on Old Denton Road between Trinity Mills and Frankford Road will continue until fall 2016. During construction, two lanes of traffic will be open in each direction. The project is just over a mile long and includes six new lanes of pavement with turn lanes, sidewalks, bridge widening, traffic signals, LED street lights, landscaping and irrigation, an extension of the Furneaux Creek trail under the bridge, and other miscellaneous items. As of late January, two southbound lanes have been poured from Cambridge Drive to Frankford Road. Additionally, one southbound lane has been poured from Cambridge Drive to a little north of Trinity Mills Road. The Clinton & Nottingham and Oxfordshire & Cambridge subdivision entrances were poured and opened in early January. All four business entrances south of Frankford were also poured and opened in January. MacArthur Boulevard and Cambridge Drive turn lanes were set up and poured mid-January.
- Quiet Zones:** BNSF Railway improved the rail crossing at east and westbound Trinity Mills Road in mid-December 2015. Work at the Frankford crossing was completed in late January. All nine crossings planned for quiet zones have been improved. Pavement markings have also been implemented specifically on Josey Lane. All crossings must be fully completed before the City can submit to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a Quiet Zone permit. The operational date of the quiet zones is projected for April 2016.
- Carrollton Senior Center:** Despite the intermittent weather challenges, crews have completed the structural steel and decking construction of the Senior Center expansion. Storm drain installation and exterior framing were completed in January. Building masonry, plumbing and electrical rough-in, and masonry on the nearby retaining wall have begun. The project is set to be completed by the spring. To see renderings of the facility, visit cityofcarrollton.com/seniorcenter.
- Carrollton Police Station:** Design of the new police headquarters facility is complete, and plans were submitted for permitting in December 2015. Parking lot construction continues, grading is complete, and forms are almost fully set. Concrete placement began in January. To see renderings of the project, visit cityofcarrollton.com/police.

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Carrollton Trails 5K Run/ 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk



The 5th Annual Carrollton Trails 5K Run will be held on May 7. Enjoy the paved and downhill course as you run through one of Carrollton's best assets, the hike and bike trails. Awards will be given for overall male and female runners with medals awarded to the top three finishers in each age category of the 5K competitive run. Prizes will also be awarded to the top three registered dogs.

Registration Begins March 7

Call 972-466-3080 or visit cityofcarrollton.com/carrolltontrails5k for more information. To register online, visit cityofcarrollton.com/signupnow or sign up in person at either recreation center or Senior Center.

Neighborhood Networking Workshops

Now is the time to get involved, stay connected, and keep Carrollton beautiful. Check out these upcoming special sessions brought to you by the Neighborhood Partnership Office. RSVP at cityofcarrollton.com/NNworkshops.

Preparedness Starts at Home, February 9, 6:30 pm, Hebron & Josey Library—

Learn the easy steps you can take to ensure you are ready when disaster strikes. Get educated on how to prepare and react to an unexpected crisis, such as an active shooter.

HOA Landscaping Design and Maintenance, March 30, 6:30 pm, Josey Ranch Lake Library—

Topics will include plant materials, irrigation methods, soil amendments, seasonal color, and hardscape materials. Learn which trees, plants, and shrubs are sustainable in the North Texas region and how to best maintain them.

Home and Hearth: Code Enforcement for Residential Homes, April 19, 6:30 pm, Hebron & Josey Library—

Find out how to stay in compliance with Carrollton City housing codes and regulations..

— Spring Into Downtown Carrollton



There is no place that captures the flavor of Carrollton more than our award-winning downtown. Join us at these free community events and find out why it's one of North Texas' most inviting squares.

TexFest: A Texas Independence Day Celebration, March 5, 4-10:30 pm—Enjoy local craft beer, entertainment, and other vendors around the Square. There will be great photo ops including the chance to be photographed with a live Longhorn!

Movie on the Square: Cinderella (2015), PG, March 12, 6:30 pm—Take advantage of this free screening of Disney's *Cinderella*, a live-action version of the classic tale. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Movie on the Square: "Hilarious Horror" Series – Leprechaun (1993), R/MA, March 17, 9 pm—If you're looking to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with some laughs and horror, *Leprechaun* is the perfect choice. Don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets.

Concert on the Square, March 19, 6-8 pm—Everyone is invited to this free event filled with great tunes from local artists. Be sure to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

— Minimize Property Risk with Insurance

Myth: Only residents of high flood risk areas need to insure their property.

Truth: Between 20-25% of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) claims come from outside the high flood risk areas.

Even if residents live in an area that is not flood-prone, it is advisable to have flood insurance. The NFIP's Preferred Risk Policy is designed for residential properties located in low-to-moderate flood risk zones.

Carrollton's local flood hazard generally comes from the Elm Fork of the Trinity River, which flows down the western City limits, and four streams which run toward it in a southwesterly direction through the City. These streams, starting from the north end of

Movie on the Square: "Hilarious Horror" Series – April Fool's Day (1986), R/MA, April 1, 9 pm—Enjoy a free outdoor movie on the one day of the year when playing practical jokes and spreading hoaxes is acceptable. Be sure to bring your pranks, blankets, and lawn chairs.

Jazz on the Square, April 9, 10 am-10 pm—Downtown Carrollton is celebrating National Jazz Month with a free day-long Jazz festival on the Square featuring local artists and vendors. Stay tuned for more information!

Movie on the Square: Pitch Perfect (2012), PG-13, April 16, 8:30 pm—Downtown Carrollton knows how to pitch a movie! Bring the family for an aca-awesome free screening of *Pitch Perfect*. Don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets.

Battle of the Bands, April 30, first battle begins at 5 pm—Calling all bands to compete. Grand prize winner to perform at the 7th Annual Festival at the Switchyard. To sign-up or for more information, message us on Facebook: Historic Downtown Carrollton; email DowntownEvents@cityofcarrollton.com; or call 972-466-9808.

Movie on the Square: "May the 4th Be With You" Star Wars, May 4, 8:30 pm—Come in costume and enjoy some free surprise activities. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enhance your movie-viewing experience and May the 4th, er, force be with you.

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the City, are: Indian Creek, Dudley Branch, Furneaux Creek, and Hutton Branch.

Damage caused by floods and high wind is often not covered in homeowners' insurance. Contact your insurance company to determine your flood insurance eligibility. Visit FloodSmart.gov or call 800-427-2419 to find an agent in the Carrollton area. It takes at least 30 days to activate flood insurance.

You can go to the FEMA map service center website at msc.fema.gov to find out if your home or business is located within a flood risk zone. Flood maps are also available at the Engineering office located at City Hall (1945 E. Jackson Road).

 972-466-3200

Gasoline & Propane Safety Tips

The City of Carrollton wishes to remind citizens of how important proper precautions are when handling and storing gasoline and liquid propane gas.

Facts & Figures

From 2003-2006, fire departments responded to nearly 10,000 gasoline structure fires in U.S. homes resulting in 110 deaths, 313 injuries, and \$105.9 million in direct property damage.

Fuel spills or releases using gasoline to kindle a fire as well as gasoline positioned too close to a heat source were the leading factors contributing to ignition in home gasoline structure fires.

Fire departments and emergency crews responded to almost 6,000 home structure fires involving propane gas from 2003-2007. These fires resulted in 34 deaths, 135 injuries, and \$48 million in direct property damage.

Spark, ember, or flame from operating equipment was the leading heat source for both gasoline and propane gas home structure fires, followed by matches and lighters. The leading types of equipment involved in home fires were a grill, hibachi, or barbecue heating device.

Gasoline and propane safety tips:

- Store gasoline outside the home in a garage or lawn shed in a tightly closed, approved metal or plastic container.
- Store only enough gasoline necessary to power equipment and let machinery cool before refueling it.
- Never use gasoline inside the home or as a cleaning agent.
- Clean up spills promptly and discard clean-up materials properly.

- Never store gasoline in glass containers or non-reusable plastic containers.
- Do not use or store gasoline near possible ignition sources like electrical devices, oil- or gas-fired appliances, or any other device that contains a pilot flame or a spark.
- If fire does start while handling gasoline, do not attempt to extinguish the fire or stop the flow of gasoline. Leave the area immediately, and call for help.
- Never use gasoline in place of kerosene.
- Do not get in and out of the automobile when fueling. Although rare, an electrical charge on your body could spark a fire, especially during dry winter months.
- Only fill portable gasoline containers outdoors. Place the container on the ground before filling and never fill containers inside a vehicle or in the bed of a pick-up truck.
- Follow all manufacturers' instructions when using electronic devices near gasoline.
- Handle any propane-powered equipment cautiously and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Locate cylinder tanks for equipment such as stoves and ovens outside of the home.
- Never store or use propane gas cylinders larger than one pound inside the home.
- Have propane gas equipment inspected periodically by a professional for possible leaks or malfunctioning parts.
- Carefully follow manufactures instructions when lighting a pilot light.
- If you smell an odor of gas, leave the area immediately and call the fire department from outside of the home.

 cityofcarrollton.com/fire

Smartscaping Saves Money



Every March, the City celebrates Texas SmartScape month. Plants that grow well in California or Wisconsin don't always do well in North Texas. Native (or adapted) plants require less water and fertilizer and are less likely to succumb to our intense summer heat.

They are also better at resisting disease and pests. Please visit the Texas Smartscape® display windows during the month of March at either Carrollton Public Library. **This year's celebration also includes a Texas Smartscape plant sale at The Home Depot on May 21 from 8am to noon and a free class on selecting native plants on April 16 from 10 am to 1pm at the Josey Ranch Lake Library.** Learn when, where, and how to plant each of the recommended plants, their size and height at maturity, seasonal color, texture, and more.

 cityofcarrollton.com/water

Utility Rate Increase

Effective March 1, water and sewer rates will increase primarily due to increasing costs from our water and wastewater treatment providers. While the actual impact to an individual customer will vary based on the type of customer and usage levels, the average increase will be approximately 7.5%.

Metrocrest Resale Benefits Carrollton Families

Donate used household items to Metrocrest Resale and you'll help at-risk families living in Carrollton. Metrocrest Resale is the only local store that generates proceeds to support the aid programs provided by the nonprofit Metrocrest Services. Metrocrest Resale (2661 Midway Road, Suite 207, at Trinity Mills Road) is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm. Call 972-250-1900 for pick up.

Great Texas Warrant Roundup

Cities across Texas will be joining together to serve outstanding arrest warrants in 2016. The roundup is designed to target thousands of defendants with traffic, parking, City ordinance, penal code, and higher charge warrants from participating jurisdictions. Handle any outstanding warrants in the City of Carrollton, or anywhere in Texas, as quickly as possible.

As of January 2016, anyone stopped by a City Marshal for suspicion of a traffic violation or for having an outstanding arrest warrant, will, at the officer's discretion, be given the option to pay the fines associated with that warrant during the stop via credit card.

To find out if you have a warrant, visit cityofcarrollton.com/courts and click on "Warrants." For more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com/courts or call 972-466-3348.

Leaks Can Run, but They Can't Hide

Are you ready to chase down leaks? Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so each year we hunt down the drips. Mark your calendars for Fix a Leak Week 2016, March 14-20, but remember that you can race over to your plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems, fix the leaks, and save valuable water and money all year long. For more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com/water.

Upcoming Events

\$5 Rabies Vaccinations

Saturday, March 19 • 10 am-noon
Animal Services & Adoption Center



This event includes \$5 rabies vaccinations, free City registration with proof of rabies vaccination for Carrollton residents, hot dogs, pretzels, drinks, face painting, a bounce house, and wildlife information.

Carrollton animal owners must register their pets with the City each year. Since proof of rabies vaccination is required with registration, it is convenient to register with the City when animals receive their shots.

For more information, call Animal Services at 972-466-3420 or visit cityofcarrollton.com/animalservices.

Santa Fe Days in the Park

Saturday & Sunday, March 19 & 20
10 am-5:30 pm • \$2 admission fee
Sandy Lake Amusement Park



This American Indian Arts and Cultural event features unique, handmade American Indian jewelry, pottery, paintings, with over 60 artist and other traditional crafts and craftsman. Performances by several different Indian tribal dancers including Plains Indian Dancers are sure to entertain the crowds in addition to the demonstrations of finger weaving, flute playing, stickball, and pottery making.

The indigenous grocery store will highlight the health benefits of blue corn, roots that heal, and reservation survival foods. Featured artists Michael and Elizabeth Kirk are Isleta Pueblo and Navajo turquoise and silver jewelry makers trained in the art of traditional jewelry craftsmanship. **Free parking.** For more information, please visit santafedays.com.

Neighborhood Pack the Park

Saturday, April 9
Your Local Neighborhood Park



It's spring and the City is encouraging citizens to take time out of their busy schedule by bringing a picnic basket and walking down to the local park to meet their neighbors. Register your neighborhood by submitting an application fee of \$25 to the Parks and Recreation Department no later than Wednesday, April 6 at 5 pm to receive a bag full of prizes and activities to use during the event. Applications for the event will be available online at cityofcarrollton.com/parksandrec beginning March 1. Call 972-466-3076 to register your neighborhood.

Spring Blooms!

Saturday, April 16 • 5-7 pm • FREE
A. W. Perry Homestead Museum



Enjoy bluebonnets and other wildflowers in the beautiful 10-acre setting of Pearl Perry Gravley Park. Bring the whole family for a leisurely afternoon of photo opportunities, music by the E-Flat Porch Band, old-fashioned games, cookies and lemonade, and even a bluebonnet craft for the little ones. A professional photographer will be on site for portraits with no sitting fee, and one free digital image per family. Portrait times are limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

National Library Week

Saturday, April 16 • 10:30-11:30 am
Hebron & Josey Library • FREE

The theme for National Library Week is Blast Off with Books! After learning about the history and science behind rockets, we will make and launch our own! Call 972-466-4800 or visit either Library location to sign up between March 1 and April 7.

- **Carrollton Wind Symphony Spring Concert**, March 4, 7:30 pm, Creekview High School, carrolltonwindsymphony.org—Everyone is invited to this FREE concert!
- **Spring Break Movie**, March 9, 1-3 pm, Ages: 6+, Josey Ranch Lake Library—School's out, so come and watch a movie. Bring a snack.
- **Teen Tech Week**, March 12, 2-3:30 pm, Ages: 13-18, Josey Ranch Lake Library—Create artificial excitement in your life by green screening explosions and monsters into it! Ever wanted to visit the Great Wall of China? Now you can!
- **Spring Bazaar**, March 19, 9 am-3 pm, Rosemeade Recreation Center—Guests are invited to stop by anytime and visit the wide variety of booths from local artists and exhibitors. Prizes will be raffled off throughout the event.
- **St. Patrick's Day Concert with Harp Essence**, March 16, 7 pm, Josey Ranch Lake Library—Enjoy Celtic music from one of DFW's professional music ensembles. Learn about the history and construction of the harp and try your hand at playing one!
- **SKYWARN Class**, March 24, 7-9 pm, Carrollton Courts Community Room, 972-466-4739—Training covers basics of thunderstorm development, fundamentals of storm structure, identifying potential severe weather features, information to report, how to report information, and basic severe weather safety.
- **Teen Game Night**, April 7, 6:30-8:30 pm, Ages: 13-18, Hebron & Josey Library—Play intense games of "Exploding Kittens," "Quao: The Ultimate Dictatorship Card Game," "The Resistance: The Dystopian Universe," and more!
- **Homestead How-To Day**, April 16, 10 am-1 pm, Perry Museum—Topics to explore will include keeping bees, raised bed and community gardening, food preservation, and fiber arts. We'll have local experts on hand to answer questions and share their experiences.
- **Movie on the Lawn**, April 30, 8 pm, Perry Museum—Make it a date or a night out with friends for a screening of *My Best Girl* (1927), NR. Movie begins at dusk. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket for seating. Concessions will be available.