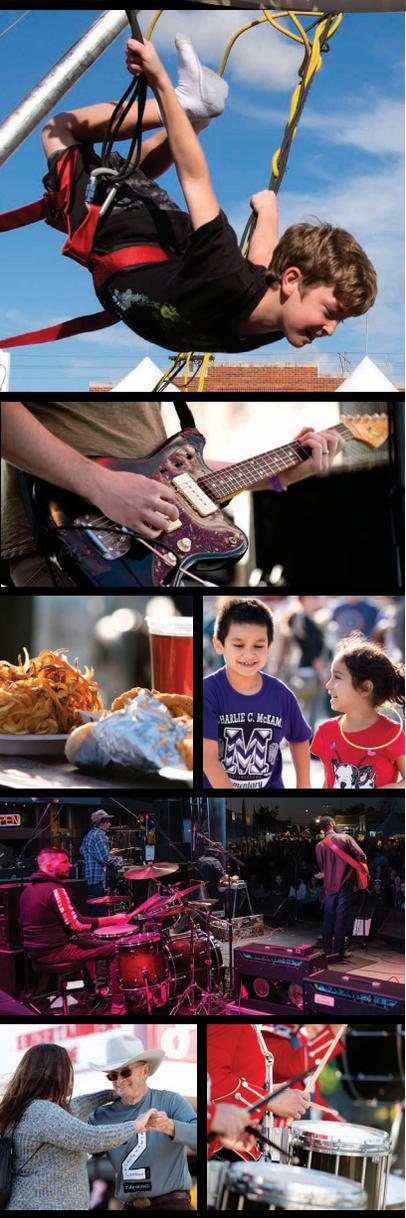




On the Horizon

September 2016



7th Annual Festival at the Switchyard

Excitement is building for the 7th Annual Carrollton Festival at the Switchyard on Saturday, November 5 from 11 am-10 pm. The Festival will be held on the streets of Historic Downtown Carrollton, located off I-35E at Belt Line Road.

Top 6 things to know:

- 1. It's FREE!** No entry fee or ticket is needed, and all rides and games, concerts, and entertainment are free (including headliner Barenaked Ladies). Bring spending money for food, drinks, and shopping.
- 2. Main Stage Entertainment:** All day entertainment begins with local songwriter **Chelsea Mayo**. Next up is Carrollton Battle of the Bands winner **Thrill Bill** followed by **Straight Tequila Night**, a popular '90s country cover band. Dallas-based acts **King Zero** and **Kelsey Lewis** bring their own unique sounds and moving into the evening, country rock band **Statesboro Revue** entertains with their earthy tones and catchy hooks. Next on deck is **Perfect Nation**, a Prince tribute band. **Shinyribs** follows and promises a hip shaking, belly laughing, soul-singing, song-slinging, down-home house party. The fun reaches its pinnacle with headliner **Barenaked Ladies** as they finish out the evening with amusing, easy-going hits, along with a healthy dose of their notorious humor.
- 3. Games & Rides:** Enjoy the extensive kid's craft area, carnival games, bungee trampolines, zipline, inflatables, and more. All free!

- 5. Children's Entertainment:** An action-packed lineup begins at 1 pm in the Plaza Arts Center featuring local entertainers sure to give an enriching and enjoyable experience to children of all ages. The Carrollton Public Library will entertain with a story time featuring songs, finger plays, action rhymes, and puppetry. Don't miss **Amanda Slick (aka Swiss)** dazzle crowds with her impressive hooping skills or the always popular **Gepetto's Marionette Theater** with a show sure to entertain all ages.
- 3. Food & Shopping:** Visit the unique shops and restaurants that line the Square, take a break in the beer garden, or enjoy a bite from Festival food vendors. Festival favorites kettle corn, brats, deep fried Oreos, turkey legs, stuffed pretzels, shaved ice, funnel cake, and of course, corny dogs will be offered. And so much more!
- 4. Parking** will be extremely limited. Park and ride the DART Green Line to the Downtown Carrollton Station (regular charges apply; dart.org/fares).

Be Part of the Festival!

Volunteers are the heart and soul of any event. Sign up for as little as two hours and receive a free lunch and a Festival T-shirt! Volunteers ages 14-15 are invited to participate if part of an organization with adult supervision.

Festival at the Switchyard is an official City of Carrollton event; a special event permit has been applied for in accordance with City requirements.

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El Departamento de la Policía de Carrollton con la ayuda de otros departamentos de la ciudad presentan el programa, UNIDOS. La intención del programa es hacer un recurso central para los residentes de habla hispana y para presentar información y dar asistencia sobre las áreas de importancia para la comunidad.

Las juntas serán en Español y se llevarán a cabo cada tres meses. Por favor este pendiente de las fechas y de los horarios en las páginas de Facebook:

- Carrollton Texas Police Department
- Unidos Departamento de Policía de Carrollton

Para más información, contacte al Oficial G. Rodriguez al número 972-466-3333.

UNIDOS is a Hispanic community outreach program designed to provide assistance to Spanish speakers in Carrollton. UNIDOS meetings are held every quarter and conducted entirely in Spanish. The program is hosted by the Carrollton Police Department with support from The City of Carrollton and surrounding law enforcement agencies. The goal of the program is to act as a resource for Spanish speaking residents and present information and provide help in areas of importance to the Hispanic community.

Road Closures

For City projects, view the Street Closure List at cityofcarrollton.com/publicworks. For other ongoing projects:

- TxDOT construction: drivetexas.org
- I-35: 35Express.org
- Tollway: ProgressNTTA.org
- Light Rail Transport including fares: DART.org

Vehicle Emission Repair Assistance

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is offering residents vouchers to help repair or replace vehicles that cannot pass the emissions portion of the state inspection. Through the AirCheckTexas program, eligible residents can apply for vouchers worth \$600-\$3,500. Assistance through this application-based program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. For details, visit nctcog.org/airchecktexas.

City Manager Announces Retirement



Carrollton City Manager Leonard Martin has announced that as of January 2017 he will be retiring after 42 years in city management and 15 years as city manager for Carrollton.

Martin, 69, began his career as a management analyst in his hometown of Wichita Falls and worked his way through city management positions in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. A self-described “change agent,” Martin was named city manager of Carrollton in August 2001.

At the City of Carrollton, Martin has created a culture of innovation and accountability, with a focus on shared services and award-winning projects including the creation of a shared dispatch center with surrounding communities and the addition of a city employee clinic. Under his management, the City created a

managed competition program to ensure that Carrollton was providing citizens the highest quality services at the best value.

“My life goal has been to leave the world a little better off when I leave than when I arrived. Hopefully my work as a city manager has accomplished that goal,” said Martin.

Martin has many accolades to his name including City Manager of the Year, Administrator of the Year, as well as being named a recipient of the William J. Pitstick Regional Excellence Award from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

“Leonard’s service to Carrollton and our region has been excellent,” said Carrollton Mayor Matthew Marchant. “He is a visionary with a hunger for good government. The City of Carrollton appreciates his years of hard work and achievement.”

City Council has begun working through the search process for Martin’s replacement.

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New 24/7 Utility Payment Kiosk

Carrollton Utility Customer Service is pleased to announce the addition of an electronic payment kiosk that replaces the antiquated night box system. The new 24/7 kiosk provides customers the ability to pay their water bill without getting out of their car. Customers can pay using cash, check, or credit card (Visa, MC, AMEX, and Discover accepted with a 3% fee). Payment will be applied immediately and customers will receive a receipt for the transaction. All daily transactions will post at midnight.

Carrollton Utility Customer Service is dedicated to customer service and making it easy for citizens to pay their water utility accounts. In addition to the kiosk, citizens can pay their water utility bills in person at City Hall (1945 E. Jackson Road), through regular mail, City call center, automated bank draft, local Fidelity Express locations, online bill pay, and through the City’s online bill payment portal.

 972-466-3120
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Lock, Take, Hide! Did We Mention Lock?



The Carrollton Police Department reminds residents that car burglars usually only have to open the door. The majority of vehicles burglarized in our City have been left unlocked. Vehicles should not be left unlocked unless they are parked inside a

closed garage. LOCK your car doors. Also remember to remove items from your car that are likely to be stolen if seen from outside the vehicle (such as phones, electronics, and laptops). If you don’t want to TAKE the items with you, at least HIDE them so they don’t invite trouble.

Remember LOCK, TAKE, HIDE!

To stay up to date on current crime trends and advisories from the Police Department, follow @CarrolltonTXPD on Facebook and Twitter.

 cityofcarrollton.com/police

— Fall Planting for the Best Spring Ever! —



Do you struggle with the plants in your landscape? Does the clay soil around your home give you fits when planting? How about your lawn...do you have bare spots under trees? These and many more questions will be answered as Mr. Brad Sandy, Dallas County Master Gardener, presents **“Fall Planting for the Best Spring Ever!”** at **Josey Ranch Lake Library on Saturday, October 8 at 10:30 am.** Sandy is a talented and passionate landscape designer who has worked on Dallas’ Klyde Warren Park as well as the President George Bush Library. He will share the tips and tricks that top architects

and installers use for beautiful and interesting landscapes. Bring pictures of your problems and let’s get growing at your home.

As the Texas summer heat begins to fade, it is the perfect time to get back in touch with your landscape. Yes, it’s time to go back outside and do those things you’ve been meaning to do and make those changes you’ve been meaning to make. It’s a great time to plant, transplant, and mulch. Every spring, homeowners get landscape fever and spend a lot of time and money on their yards, but fall is also a great time to make changes and additions. Taking advantage of the cooler weather gives new plants (or transplants) an opportunity to establish well before the searing heat of next year’s summer sets in. Give yourself a big head start for next year’s blooming season by taking advantage of fall planting and this great class.

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— Halloween Fire-Safety Tips —



Jack-o’-lanterns, paper spiders, crepe paper, and dried cornstalks are classic hallmarks of Halloween. Unfortunately, these spooky symbols also can present lurking fire risks that have the potential to become truly scary.

In addition to decorations, Halloween costumes made with billowing or long-trailing fabric can also catch fire easily. When jack-o’-lanterns and other open-flame candle decorations come in contact with these materials, a fast-spreading fire can occur within moments. Many decoration fires in homes occur because the items are too close to a heat source.

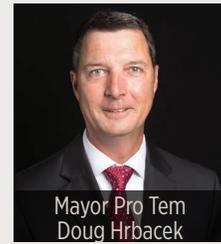
But don’t let this scare you away from celebrating Halloween to the fullest! The majority of these fires are easily preventable by following simple safety precautions:

- Place the lit decorations well away from any place where trick-or-treaters walk like driveways, doorsteps, walkways, and yards.

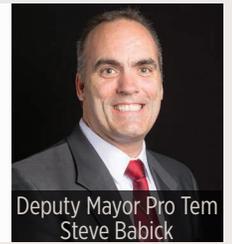
- Keep decorations far away from open flames and other heat sources like lightbulbs and heaters. Keep all exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks potential escape routes.
- Try a battery-operated candle or glow stick in jack-o’-lanterns. If using candles, light them with long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters whose costumes may brush up against the lighting as they walk to and from your door.
- Choose costumes that don’t require long-trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough to clearly see a walkway to prevent trips or falls near dangerous or flammable items.
- Remind your children to stay away from open flames, including jack-o’-lanterns with candles inside. Provide them with flashlights or glow sticks to carry for lighting as part of their costume.

For more safety information, videos, and resources, visit nfpa.org/halloween and enjoy a safe and spOOOooky time with family and friends this year!

 cityofcarrollton.com/fire



Mayor Pro Tem
Doug Hrbacek



Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Steve Babick

Council Appoints New Pro Tem Positions

The Carrollton City Council appointed member Doug Hrbacek as Mayor Pro Tem and member Steve Babick as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem during the Council retreat in June. Hrbacek, who was elected to Place 3 in 2012, previously served as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem for the 2015-2016 year.

Donate Food for Low-Income Families by Nov. 18

Metrocrest Services is collecting food for distribution to 850 low-income families at Thanksgiving. Nonperishables may be dropped off at Metrocrest Services (13801 Hutton Drive, Suite 150, Farmers Branch) Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, and Saturday 9 am to noon. No glass containers. Metrocrest Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving families in Carrollton and surrounding areas. Visit metrocrestservices.org or call 972-446-2100 for more information.



Jimmy Porter Park Celebration

Saturday, October 8 at 10 am
1871 Sherwood Lane @ Josey Lane

The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee will unveil new biographical signage for one of Carrollton’s great citizens at his namesake park. Jimmy Porter (1900-1984) played baseball during the time the sport was segregated and later taught generations of Carrollton youth how to play, including Keith Moreland who went on to play in Major League Baseball. Moreland will be on hand to talk about his remembrances of Porter. All ages welcome, refreshments, and a pick-up baseball game to follow or enjoy the new park amenities which include an updated playground and pavilion.

Upcoming Events

Monster Mash

Saturday, October 22 • 6:30-9:30 pm
Creekview High School
3201 Old Denton Road



Moms—enjoy a HOWLING good time with your sons; a spooktacular time for all! Enjoy the kid-friendly haunted house, and meet real SWAT team members and firefighters. Have fun with the bounce house, dancing, games, snacks, door prizes, raffles, and a haunted house. Come as you aren't and wear your favorite kid-friendly costume. Take a photo with your little ghoul(s); photos available for purchase. Join us if you dare—**\$10 per person in advance/\$15 at the door**. For more information, call 972-466-4747. No dads or daughters please. *G'hosted by the Carrollton Police Officers Association.*

Craft Fair

Saturday, October 29 • 10 am-1 pm
Carrollton Senior Center • FREE

Everyone is invited to browse and shop the variety of handmade craft items for sale. Small booths with a 6 ft. table and two chairs are available to residents for \$25 and to non-residents for \$27.50. Carrollton Senior Center members can register now for booths and the public can register beginning September 12. A sales tax permit is required to register for booths and space is limited. For more information, call 972-466-4850.

Movie & Magic on the Lawn

Saturday, October 29 • 5 pm
A. W. Perry Homestead Museum • FREE

All ages can enjoy a screening of *Back to the Future Part III* (1990), PG. Marty travels to 1885 to save Doc and bring him back to the future! Come at 5 pm for steampunk themed crafts, Victorian Halloween traditions and games, plus barn tours. Live magic show at 6:30 pm; movie begins at dusk. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Concessions will be available. Costumes encouraged.

Halloween Double Feature on the Square

Saturday, October 22 • 5 pm
Historic Downtown Carrollton • FREE



Enjoy Halloween on the Square with gourmet popcorn, in-person Ghostbusters with full gear, and an 8-foot character inflatable. In partnership with CFB-ISD, this movie experience will begin with a mini-pumpkin giveaway and pumpkin painting at 5 pm. *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* (1966) begins at sunset, immediately followed by a screening of *Ghostbusters* (1984), PG. Take pictures with the DFW Ghostbusters, a non-profit fan group, and discover old-fashioned candy, soda pop, and gourmet popcorn from sponsors Blooms Candy & Soda Pop Shop and Nikki's Popcorn Co.

- **Teen Board Game Night**, October 6 & November 3, 6:30-8:30 pm, Hebron & Josey Library, 972-466-4800—Betray your friends in *The Resistance* or show off your art skills in *Telestrations*.
- **Game On! for Adults**, October 8, 3:30-5:30 pm, Hebron & Josey Library—Check out the latest trending games. Feel free to bring your own to share with others.
- **Movie on the Square**, October 8, sunset, Historic Downtown Carrollton, 972-466-9135—Join us for a free movie under the stars featuring the animated film *Hotel Transylvania 2*. Bring the family, blanket or chairs, and relax while Dracula attempts to bring out the monster side of his half-monster, half-human grandchild.
- **Teen Read Week: Comic Creation**, October 8, 1-3 pm, Ages: 13-18, Hebron & Josey Library, 972-466-4800—This year's theme is "read for the fun of it" and we want to encourage everyone to not just read, but write for fun too! And what better way than to create a comic? Artist Lizzie Baxter will lead an interactive lesson on both drawing and comics, and you'll go home with comics that you've created!
- **Library Book Sale**, October 13, 12-8 pm & October 15, 10 am-6 pm, Hebron & Josey Library—Donated books, children's books, movies, and music will be available for purchase. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. *All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Carrollton Public Library.*
- **League of Extraordinary Teens**, October 26, 6:30 pm, Ages: 13-18, Josey Ranch Lake Library, 972-466-4800—Work with staff and other extraordinary teens to make the Library YOUR kind of place. Plan events, suggest materials, and hang out.
- **Fall Festival**, October 27, 6-8 pm, Ages: 0-12, Josey Ranch Lake Library, 972-466-4800—Drop in for some free, family-friendly fall fun! Enjoy games, art activities, stories, a haunted scavenger hunt, prizes, and more. Costumes encouraged!
- **Books for Treats**, October 31, 10 am-9 pm, Both Library Locations—Children age 0 to 12, wear your Halloween costume to either Library and pick out a free book while supplies last.



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PURCHASE YOUR 2017 PET CALENDAR

Now bigger for the same cost!
Pick up your copy and a few extras for the pet lovers in your family.

Calendars are \$10 (sales tax included) and will be sold starting September 12 at the Adoption Center, Recreation Centers, Libraries, and Senior Center. *Cash or check only at City Hall, Marketing Services.*

All proceeds from the calendar go directly to the animals at the Carrollton Animal Services & Adoption Center. Your support provides shelter, food, medical attention, and love to hundreds of animals.