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"On the Horizon" is the City of Carrollton's quarterly utility bill newsletter inserted into all paper copies of utility bills mailed out to households. http://cityofcarrollton.com/onthehorizon.

Save The Drains For Rain!
Don't dump any liquids, chemicals or waste into storm water drains! Not only is it illegal, the polluted storm water can impact our drinking water. The polluted storm water runoff eventually flows into the Trinity River, impacting the source of our drinking water, endangering the fish, ducks and other aquatic life in our creeks, as well as destroying the beauty of our greenbelt. Report any observed pollution that could result in the impairment of our waterways to 972-466-3060 or by visiting cityofcarrollton.com/envservices.

Rosemeade Rainforest Aquatic Complex Passes April 1
Memberships will go on sale Monday, April 1. The Complex will be open for pre-season hours, May 25 through 27 and June 1 and 2, and then will be open for daily swimming beginning Sunday, June 9. For memberships or information on swim lessons, rentals and more, visit cityofcarrollton.com/aquatics.

Summer 2013 Leisure Magazine
The May-August 2013 issue of Carrollton's *Leisure Connections* magazine will fill you in on all City-sponsored activities at recreation centers, libraries and other leisure facilities including athletic league opportunities, community events and classes for all ages. Registration begins April 8 for residents and April 22 for non-residents; classes begin April 29. The magazine is available online at cityofcarrollton.com/leisuremag or in hard copy at City facilities.

Register for the Carrollton Trails 5K and Fun Walk May 4
Sign up now for the City of Carrollton's 2nd annual Carrollton Trails 5K and Family Fun Walk on Saturday, May 4. Early registration guarantees a race bag, a T-shirt and timing chip. Races include a Timed 5K, a 5K Fun Run (untimed) and a 1K Fun Walk. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age, stroller and registered dog categories of the 5K competitive run. For more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com/carrolltontrails5k.

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off April 6
Keep Carrollton Beautiful will be participating in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on Saturday, April 6 from 9 am until noon in the Carrollton City Hall Parking Lot. Get your troops, groups and families together and take a nice walk in a park or roadway that you will be assigned when you arrive. Visit keepcarrolltonbeautiful.org for more information.

Texas History Alive! April 13
Sign up now to participate in Texas History Alive! at the A.W. Perry Museum on Saturday, April 13 from noon until 5pm. Learn about Texas history in a fun environment with hands-on experiences. Presentations by historical figures and docent led tours of the farmhouse. Make-and-take crafts will be available for a small supply fee. All ages are invited. There is a $10 fee per child; accompanying adults are free. For more information or to register, email Kathy.ogle@swbell.net or call 214-906-5792.

Free Tax Assistance in Carrollton - Through April 15
AARP volunteers provide free tax return assistance from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays at the Carrollton Public Library at Hebron and Josey through April 15 and for Seniors ages 50 and over, on Thursdays from 10am to 4pm at the Carrollton Senior Center through April 11. Bring identification, a copy of last year's tax return, as well as all documents and information for 2012.

First Egret Scout Birds Return: Nesting Abatement Efforts Underway
Birds that precede egret nesting have been sighted and City staff have begun efforts to encourage them to relocate. Hand-launched pyrotechnics have been effective in keeping the birds on the move thus far. As they become more accustomed to these, propane cannons will be deployed in the next couple of days. Be aware that the cannons, although very effective, are loud and may sound like gunfire. Activity will most likely be focused in the areas affected last year, especially neighborhoods near Josey Lane north of Frankford Road.

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Take the following steps before eggs are laid in nests:Protect your trees by thinning the tree canopy to allow sunlight to shine between limbs and other trees and remove old nesting material. Deter the birds from nesting by hanging reflective tape and scare eye balloons in trees, spraying birds with a water hose and by using air horns or other loud noises to frighten birds from your trees. Report any egret or other migratory bird activity immediately to Carrollton Animal Services at 972-466-3420 or animalservices@cityofcarrollton.com.

Book Lovers Unite April 20
Children ages 6-12 come to Josey Ranch Lake Library at 2pm dressed as your favorite book character (not required but encouraged). There will be arts and crafts materials for you to make a spectacular "book celebration" showcasing one of your favorite books. After the event, visit cityofcarrollton.com/library for a video of the "show and tells" and a list of all the featured books. Registration required! Call 972-466-4800 or visit either Library location to sign up for this program through April 12.

Carrollton Centennial Website
Carrolltoncentennial.com features information about special commemorative events coming soon, including a Centennial Gala and Community Picnic and Vintage Baseball Game. Centennial Gala tickets will go on sale April 1. The website also contains opportunities for citizens, both current and former, to share their memories about Carrollton and participate in our ongoing Centennial Digital Photo Contest.

Free Movie on the Lawn April 27
Select short films from the *Edison, The Invention of the Movies* collection will be screened. The films will be shown outside at the A.W. Perry Homestead Museum on April 27, beginning at 8pm. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket for seating. Concessions are available for purchase.

Got Drugs? April 27
Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, April 27 at Hebron Valley Elementary or the Carrollton Police Department.

Jazz on the Square April 27
Attend the 2nd annual free Jazz on the Square event on Saturday, April 27 from 11am to 11pm in Historic Downtown Carrollton. Live jazz musicians from throughout North Texas will play from the Downtown gazebo. Come early and stay late to enjoy the live entertainment, fantastic shopping and great restaurants.