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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

City of Carrollton Inclement Weather Practices
Severe weather (snow, ice, high winds, etc.) may necessitate the temporary closure of City of Carrollton leisure service facilities. During adverse weather conditions, the public is advised to limit driving to minimize accidents, falls and other weather-related incidents. To comply with public safety advisories, the following leisure services facilities may be closed:

Crosby Recreation Center	972-466-9810
Rosemeade Recreation Center	972-466-9800
Oak Creek Tennis Center	972-466-6389
Carrollton Senior Center	972-466-4850
Hebron & Josey Public Library	972-466-4800
Josey Ranch Lake Public Library	972-466-4800
Indian Creek Golf Club	972-466-9850
A.W. Perry Homestead Museum	972-466-6380

For customers' convenience, automated telephone messages regarding inclement weather operating schedules are recorded as conditions warrant. Online services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at cityofcarrollton.com.

Twelve Days of Winter Break at Carrollton Libraries Through Jan. 6
Enjoy an educational staycation this holiday at the Carrollton Public Libraries' "Twelve Days of Winter Break" which continues through January 6:
January 4, 2-3 pm: Fire Safety – Josey Ranch Lake Library; Explore a Fire engine afterward in the parking lot; for ages 6+.
January 5, 2-4 pm: Board Game Day – Josey Ranch Lake Library; for ages 6+.
January 6, 2-4 pm: Scavenger Hunt – Josey Ranch Lake Library; for ages 6+.

For more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com/library

Library Story Times Resume for 2013
Free weekly stories for preschoolers have resumed for 2013. Toddler Time for children ages 1-3 will be Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:15am at Hebron & Josey Library, as well as at Josey Ranch Lake Library at 10:45 on Mondays and 10:15 on Tuesdays. Story Time for ages 3-6 will be Tuesdays at 11am at Josey Ranch Lake and Wednesdays at 11am and Thursdays at 7pm at Hebron & Josey. Mother Goose Time for Babies will be at 11am on Mondays at Hebron & Josey. For more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com/library.

Oak Creek Tennis Center – 2013 Classes Begin Jan. 3
Oak Creek Tennis Center offers tennis classes year round for all ages and levels. The next session of classes for adults and kids begins January 3. To sign-up or for more information, go to cityofcarrollton.com/tennis or call 972-466-6389.

2013 Recycling Calendar Available Online
Visit cityofcarrollton.com/solidwaste for a copy of Carrollton's 2013 residential trash and recycling calendar. This color-coded calendar shows days of pickup for your neighborhood as well as a list of acceptable items for recycling.

Firefighter Entrance Exam Registration Ends Jan. 11
The City of Carrollton Firefighter Entrance Exam registration will be open through January 11. For more information and qualification details, visit cityofcarrollton.com/fire.

Free SKYWARN Class – Jan. 12

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Attend a free SKYWARN training class on Saturday, January 12 from 9-11am at Carrollton City Hall and join the team of SKYWARN storm spotters that are part of the ranks of citizens who form the Nation's first line of defense against severe weather, giving communities the precious gift of time. 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. For more information, call 972-466-4736.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade – Jan. 19
Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by watching a parade through Carrollton on Saturday, January 19 at 10am. The parade will start on Jamestown Street (behind Carrollton City Hall) and proceed west to Josey Lane; south on Josey to Keller Springs; east on Keller Springs to Kelly Boulevard; south on Kelly Boulevard to end at Ted Polk Middle School (2001 Kelly Boulevard). The parade is sponsored by Christ Community Connections, in partnership with the City of Carrollton. Call 972-242-0933 for more information.

TAAF Youth Volleyball League – Register by Jan. 25
Registration for the TAAF Youth Volleyball League has begun. Boys and girls, ages 8-14 years old (as of September 1, 2012), may register through the City of Carrollton Athletics Office. Players will learn to bump, set, spike and serve, as well as the rules of the game. League registration includes eight league games, officials, one hour of practice each week and an end of the season tournament. The cost is $80 for Carrollton residents and $100 for non-residents; games start February 23. Call 972-466-9833 or visit cityofcarrollton.com/athletics to register a team.

Property Taxes Deadline – Jan. 31
Property taxes for the City of Carrollton are due and considered delinquent if not paid on or before January 31. Taxes have been due and payable since October 1, but become delinquent if not paid on or before January 31.

A penalty is imposed at the rate of 6 percent on the first day of the month of delinquency and will increase 1 percent each month thereafter, reaching the maximum of 12 percent by July 1. Interest is imposed at the rate of 1 percent on the first day of the month of delinquency and will increase 1 percent each month thereafter. Taxes that remain delinquent on July 1 will incur an additional penalty, not to exceed 20 percent of the total taxes, penalties and interest due.

Business personal property taxes that remain delinquent on April 1 will also be subject to a penalty pursuant to Section 33.11 of the Texas Property Tax Code. That provision allows for an additional penalty of 20 percent of the total taxes, penalties and interest to defray the costs of collection.

Property taxes for properties in Dallas County are collected by the Dallas County Tax Office. For more information or other payment locations, please contact the Dallas County Tax Office at 214-653-7811.

Property taxes for properties in Denton and Collin counties are collected by the Denton County Tax Office. For more information or other payment locations, please contact the Denton County Tax Office at 940-349-3500.