



State of the City

Mayor Kevin Falconer will present the State of the City address on Wednesday, **March 4** at Citizens' Evening. The event will be held at the **Carrollton Senior Center from 6-8:30 pm**. Learn about Carrollton's services, volunteer opportunities, and how to build stronger neighborhood associations, and find out what it takes to develop a successful neighborhood or community action partnership with the City. *Hosted by the City of Carrollton with the Neighborhood Advisory Commission.*

Volunteer award nominations will be accepted through Friday, January 3 at 11:30 am.

cityofcarrollton.com/citizens evening

Winter Quarter Averaging

Reminder: Residential sewer use is calculated using the average water consumption for meter readings taken in January, February, and March as the estimated sewer volume per month. Your new sewer usage level based on the Winter Quarter Average will be effective for the bill that includes your April meter read.

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New Adaptive Playground

Rosemeade Park (1330 E. Rosemeade Parkway) playground received a makeover by the City in partnership with the Rotary Club of Carrollton-Farmers Branch. The new ADA accessible playground includes a music station, friendship swing, We-Go-Round, and more.

[972-466-3080](tel:972-466-3080)

Trash Talk

The City's solid waste provider offers residents several options for recycling and safe disposal of hazardous household materials.

Residential Recycling

Residential recycling collection occurs every other week. A map of your neighborhood and its recycling schedule can be found on the City's website. To request a printed copy, call 972-466-3593 or email marketing.services@cityofcarrollton.com.

Trash and bulk waste are collected one day each week from Carrollton single-family residences (Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day collections will be delayed by one day). Call 972-466-4950 for any questions or to request a recycling container.

[972-466-4950](tel:972-466-4950)
cityofcarrollton.com/solidwaste

— Leaves – The Pesky Pollutant

Residents will use leaf blowers to remove troublesome leaves quickly from their yards by blowing them into the streets. This seems like a quick and harmless fix, but in urban areas like Carrollton, rainwater gushes down our sidewalks and streets, transporting the leaves along with dirt, oil, fertilizers, grass clippings, and garbage into the storm drainage system. Once the stormwater reaches the storm drainage system, it goes untreated into our ponds, creeks, and rivers. Leaves can also clog storm drain inlets which can cause streets to flood.

Prevent pollution by following these simple, water-friendly practices:

- **Compost:** Adding leaves to a compost pile creates an inexpensive and nutrient-rich fertilizer for your gardens.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services

The City's enhanced Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) disposal service is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

- 1 Carrollton household residents can call the Waste Management HHW Hotline at 800-HHW-PKUP (800-449-7587) to schedule a collection appointment.
- 2 Residents will receive a kit via mail in which to place HHW items. The kit should be placed by the resident's garage or front porch by 7 am on appointment day.
- 3 A customer service representative will collect the items at no additional charge.

- **Till:** Tilling leaves directly into a garden contributes valuable organic matter.
- **Mulch:** Use a mulching mower to chop leaves into small particles that will decompose directly into your lawn, flowerbeds, and shrubs.
- **Rake:** Rake leaves and collect them in a bag for curbside pickup.
- **Move:** Blow or sweep leaves and grass clippings back onto your lawn rather than into the street or storm drain inlet.

If you use a landscaping company, make sure they are following these practices.

Individually, we contribute little to pollution. Collectively, our urban households have a damaging effect. By working together, we can build a healthier environment.

[972-466-5727](tel:972-466-5727)
cityofcarrollton.com/stormwater

Upcoming Events

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade

Saturday, January 18 • 10 am • Free

Celebrate MLK Day by watching a memorial parade through the streets of Carrollton. The parade will begin on Rainwater Lane (behind Carrollton City Hall) and proceed west to Josey Lane; south on Josey Lane to Keller Springs Road; east on Keller Springs Road to Kelly Boulevard; and south on Kelly Boulevard to end at Ted Polk Middle School (2001 Kelly Boulevard). Call 972-242-0933 for more information. *Sponsored by Christ Community Connection, Inc. in partnership with the City of Carrollton.*

African-American Read-In

Sunday, February 9 • 4-5 pm • Free
Josey Ranch Lake Library



All are welcome to hear excerpts from stories, poems, and songs written by African-American authors. Special guests will read selections aloud for your enjoyment. Free books will be given to children and teens. Light refreshments will be provided. *Presented by Professional Achievers for Community Excellence.*

National Library Week Bookmark Contest March 1-31



Create a bookmark that shows why you love libraries, reading, and books.

Winners will receive a prize, and their bookmark will be reproduced and distributed at both Library locations during National Library Week April 19-25. Entry forms will be available online and at both Library locations starting March 1. Submit entries to either Library from March 1 through March 31. Winners will be announced on April 20.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 22 • 6-9 pm
Bent Tree Bible Fellowship Church



Join us for a dance party with cookies, punch, crafts, games, prizes, and photo opportunities. Preregistration cost is \$25 for both daddy and daughter (plus \$10 for each additional daughter). Additional charges apply for day-of registration. Register online at cityofcarrollton.com/daddydaughterdance. *Presented by the Carrollton Police Officers Association. Sorry, no moms or sons allowed.*

Run for Rover

Saturday, February 29 • 8:30 am
Preregistration by February 24: \$35
McInnish Dog Park & Sports Complex



Sign up your pup for this annual dog-specific race benefiting the Carrollton Animal Services & Adoption Center. The race begins at McInnish Dog Park and will route through the sports complex for a full 5K. A shorter course will be offered to smaller or older dogs, or dogs who are still working off some holiday weight. Don't have a dog? Your new best friend is waiting for you at the Adoption Center. There will be playtime, treats, giveaways, and refreshments after the run.

If you want to support the Adoption Center, but do not want to participate in the race, donations such as Purina Dog Chow*, Purina Cat Chow*, specialty food (any brand of canned puppy or kitten food), non-clumping kitty litter, and cleaning supplies will be accepted at all three recreation facilities. For a complete list of items to donate, visit cityofcarrollton.com/animalservices.

**Dry food items are brand specific as a change in diet can upset stomachs.*

Coming Soon:
**\$5 Rabies
Vaccinations**

March 21 • 10 am-12 pm
972-466-3420



- **Adult Prom, January 18, 7:30-11 pm, Ages: 21+, \$40 Couples/\$30 Singles, Crosby Recreation Center** — Dress in your best Mardi Gras attire and mask, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and dance the night away. *Preregistration required.*
- **Special Tween Hangout, January 20 & February 14, 3 pm, Ages 9-12, Josey Ranch Lake Library** — Pick up a monthly calendar at either Library location for details.
- **STEM Story Time, January 20 & February 24, 4-4:45 pm, Ages 3-8, Hebron & Josey Library** — Enjoy book-sharing and a hands-on STEM activity. *Registration required.*
- **Chinese New Year Celebration, January 26, 3-5 pm, Hebron & Josey Library** — Celebrate Chinese culture with a performance from the Carrollton Sun Ray Chinese School.
- **Rec Out!, February 11, 10:30 am-3:15 pm, Ages 18+ with varying abilities, Crosby Recreation Center** — Join us for games and activities; then set off for lunch and an adventure in the community.
- **Family Literacy Night, February 24, 6:30 pm, Josey Ranch Lake Library** — Bond with your child(ren) through various challenges and activities.

Adult Classes @ the Library

The Carrollton Public Library offers computer, financial literacy, genealogy, legal, and small business classes for adults. Pick up a copy of *Leisure Connections* at any City facility for a full list of offerings.

Free Tax Assistance

Volunteers with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will provide free tax return assistance from 10 am to 5 pm on Mondays at Hebron & Josey Library from February 3 to February 10 and March 9 to April 10, and Fridays at Josey Ranch Lake Library from January 3 to April 12. Bring identification, 2018 tax return, and all 2019 documents and information.

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