



City General Election / Elección General de la Ciudad

The City of Carrollton will hold a General Election Saturday, May 2 to elect At-Large positions including the Mayor and Council Places 2, 4, and 6. / *La Ciudad de Carrollton efectuará la Elección General el sábado, 2 de mayo, para elegir posiciones generales incluyendo el Alcalde y los escaños del Consejo 2, 4, y 6.*

The last day to register to vote in this Election is Thursday, April 2. / *El último día para registrarse en el proceso de votación es el jueves, 2 de abril.*

Visit your County's elections website for polling locations and times. / *Visite el sitio web de elecciones de su condado para los sitios y horarios de votación.*

Dallas County / *Condado de Dallas*
dallascountyvotes.org

Denton County / *Condado de Denton*
votedenton.com

Collin County / *Condado de Collin*
collincountytx.gov/elections

Early Voting Days / Días para Votar Temprano:

Monday-Saturday, April 20-25
lunes-sabado, 20-25 de abril

Sunday, April 26
domingo, 26 de abril

Monday-Tuesday, April 27-28
lunes-martes, 27-28 de abril

Election Day / Día de Elección:

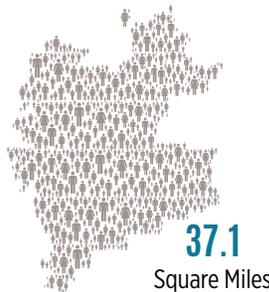
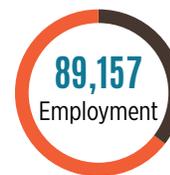
Saturday, May 2 / *sabado, 2 de mayo*

Photo ID is required to vote in Texas, votetexas.gov. / *Para votar en Texas se requiere identificación con fotografía, votetexas.gov.*

Election Hotline: 972-466-3030

Carrollton Reports Economic Growth in 2019

Carrollton's economy grew by more than 3 percent in 2019 as the City's strategic location, transportation links, quality of life, access to a quality workforce, low crime rate, and low tax rate continue to make it a competitive location for corporate business investment. The City's population grew to 136,879, and its assessed value remained strong at \$14 billion. Total employment increased by 1.7 percent from 2018 to 89,157 workers, and the average home value increased to \$283,238. The largest industry sector in Carrollton is administrative and support, employing more than 15,000 people. Metal and product manufacturing is the industry category in Carrollton with the highest relative concentration.



carrolltontxdevelopment.com

— Learn CPR. Get the App. Save a Life.

The City of Carrollton in partnership with the North Texas Emergency Communications Center (NTECC) launched PulsePoint Respond on December 4, a free mobile app that empowers citizens trained in CPR to contribute to the safety and well-being of their fellow community members. During a cardiac event, every second is crucial.

Through the app, those trained in CPR as well as off-duty firefighters, police officers, and nurses have the opportunity to provide potentially life-saving assistance to nearby victims of sudden cardiac arrest. When NTECC receives a call for a cardiac emergency in a public area, the location-aware app alerts users in the vicinity of the need for CPR. This alert happens at the same time crews are dispatched. PulsePoint also directs these potential rescuers to the exact location of the closest AED.



cityofcarrollton.com/thinksafe



State of the City

Don't forget to join us for the State of the City address presented by Mayor Kevin Falconer on Wednesday, **March 4** at Citizens' Evening. The event will be held at the **Carrollton Senior Center from 6-8:30 pm**. Hosted by Carrollton's Neighborhood Advisory Commission.

cityofcarrollton.com/citizensevening

Noise Ordinance

The Carrollton City Council approved an amendment to the City's ordinance during the October meeting regarding unlawful noise. Council voted to prohibit the collection of commercial waste, disruptive commercial and industrial activities, and lawn maintenance between the hours of 10 pm and 7 am within 500 feet of any residential area. A violation will result in a fine not to exceed \$500. The amendment includes an exception to allow the operation of an emergency generator during a power outage.

These expanded restrictions are in response to citizen concerns regarding Title XIII, Section 130.18 of the Carrollton Code of Ordinances Regarding Unlawful Noise.

[972-466-3060](tel:972-466-3060)
cityofcarrollton.com

Water Rate Increase

On January 1, water and sewer rates increased due to rising costs from the City's water and wastewater treatment providers. While the actual impact to individual customers varies based on the type of customer and usage levels, the average increase is approximately 4.6 percent.

cityofcarrollton.com/ucs

Free Tax Assistance

Volunteers with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) are providing free tax return assistance through April 13 at the Carrollton Public Library. Call or visit the website below for dates and times.

[972-466-4800](tel:972-466-4800)
cityofcarrollton.com/library

NTECC Implements State-of-the-Art 911 System



The North Texas Emergency Communications Center (NTECC), which serves the communities of Carrollton, Addison, Coppell, and Farmers Branch, recently upgraded its 911 communications infrastructure to a new, all-digital NextGen911 system, the first of its kind in Texas.

The upgraded system, which is based on the AT&T ESInet™ platform, offers an increased level of service to residents and visitors, while simultaneously saving taxpayers money. The system provides a more secure all-IP-based network with geographically

diverse redundancy, more accurate location technology, and new capabilities such as sending photos and video to 911 from a mobile device in addition to text messages, as well as an automatic callback function for those who call 911 but hang up before speaking with a dispatcher. Through the NextGen911 system, citizens will continue to be connected with the high-quality emergency services offered throughout the area.

NTECC has served the Metrocrest area since 2016, handling approximately 400,000 incoming and outgoing calls annually. It made history as the first emergency communications center in Texas and continues to remain on the cutting edge of technology to ensure the highest levels of safety for citizens. The NTECC Board of Directors approved funding of the new 911 system in October 2018, and the system went live on October 30, 2019.

ntecc.org

2019 Environmental Leadership Award Recipients



The City's Environmental Services Department recognized nine local companies with the 2019 Environmental Leadership Award for having consistently complied with industrial pretreatment and stormwater regulations for a full year.

The awards were presented by Mayor Kevin Falconer and Councilmember John Sutter at the December 3, 2019 City Council meeting to representatives from BuzzBallz, Halliburton Energy Services, Image Industries, International Paper-Belt Line Road, Quality Powder Coating, QuantumClean, QuikTrip #930, Texas Finishing Company, and Wash Solutions.

With a commitment to achieve environmental excellence and to improve the quality and vitality of the community, each company is commended for its leadership in creating a sustainable future.

[972-466-3055](tel:972-466-3055)
cityofcarrollton.com/envservices

Great Texas Warrant Roundup

Cities across Texas are joining together to serve outstanding arrest warrants in 2020. The roundup is designed to target thousands of defendants with traffic, parking, City ordinance, and higher class warrants from participating jurisdictions. Handle any outstanding warrants in the City of Carrollton, or anywhere in Texas, as quickly as possible.

Now through early March, anyone stopped by a City marshal or police officer for suspicion of a traffic violation or for having an

outstanding arrest warrant may, at the officer's discretion, be given the option to pay the fines associated with that warrant during the traffic stop via credit card. *(Driver calls a toll-free number and pays the warrant fine over the phone with the City's credit card vendor. The marshal/officer is not involved in the actual payment transaction.)* **To find out if you have a warrant, visit cityofcarrollton.com/courts and click on "Warrants."**

[972-466-3348](tel:972-466-3348)
cityofcarrollton.com/courts

Citizens Fire Academy



Carrollton Fire Rescue is currently accepting applications for the sixth class of its Citizens Fire Academy (CFA). Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 pm beginning March 26 through May 21.

The CFA will provide participants with an in-depth look into the duties of Carrollton Fire Rescue employees through weekly ride-alongs as well as emergency medical service, technical rescue, and fire training demonstrations. Participants will receive CPR, AED, and Stop the Bleed training and will even be able to cut a vehicle during an extrication exercise.

CFA is limited to 22 participants, and registration is required by Monday, February 24.

 **972-466-3070**
cityofcarrollton.com/fire

Welcome Home These Texas Natives



Put on your best boots and get ready to two-step down to your favorite plant shop. During March, the City of Carrollton is welcoming back some Texas natives. Let's give a big YEEHAW to Texas SmartScape™, an award-winning gardening program educating homeowners about the ecological and economical benefits of using native landscaping plants, trees, shrubs, and grasses adapted to this region and the local climate. SmartScape promotes plants that are native to Texas, and we all know that Texans are tough. These native and adapted plants are just as tough, can tolerate even the harshest Texas weather, don't have to be replaced as

often, and require less water. About 40 to 60 percent of the typical household's water bill goes to irrigation. Native and adapted plants require 80 percent less water, once they are established, compared to other plants. Now you can have a thriving lawn or garden in the middle of summer that requires less water, less money, and looks beautiful. Using native plants conserves water and reduces the amount of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides needed. Learn to create landscapes that can survive the rains of spring, the droughts of summer, and the cold snaps of winter while also saving money and protecting our water resources.

To get started or for more information, visit the Texas Smartscape™ lobby display during the month of March at Josey Ranch Lake Library (1700 Keller Springs Road) or Hebron & Josey Library (4220 N. Josey Lane), or visit txsmartscape.com.

 **972-466-5727**
cityofcarrollton.com/water

WaterSense Fix A Leak Week

The average household wastes nearly 10,000 gallons of water every year, and 10 percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. That's why the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the City want to encourage homeowners to find and fix leaks during the annual **Fix a Leak Week, March 16-22**.

Some common types of leaks are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking valves. Here are a few items to check:

- **Toilets:** Listen for running water and conduct a food coloring test. Put a few drops of food coloring into the tank; let

it sit for 10 minutes. If color shows up in the bowl there is a leak. Be sure to flush afterward to avoid staining.

- **Faucets:** Listen for drips and turn on the tap to check for water going the wrong direction.
- **Under the Sink:** Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.
- **At the Spigot:** Ensure tight connections with the hose and see if the hose washer needs replacing.

 cityofcarrollton.com/water
epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week



Veterans Memorial Plaza

The City is excited to announce the opening of a brand new Veterans Memorial Plaza honoring Carrollton's service members across all branches of the military who have served around the world. The installation is located just west of Josey Ranch Lake Library.

 cityofcarrollton.com/veterans

Egret/Heron Nesting Deterrent Patrol

Beginning mid-March and running through mid-May, Animal Services will be patrolling some residential areas of the community to deter egrets and herons from nesting. The City thanks residents in advance for their patience, as many of the tools used (screamers, bangers, and propane cannons) create loud noises and can be disturbing. Report new nesting activity in your neighborhood by calling the number below.

 **972-466-3420**
cityofcarrollton.com/animalservices

Get Trained to Save a Life

Make your home safer by attending a CPR/AED, Heartsaver CPR/AED (includes an American Heart Association card), or Basic First Aid course. Carrollton Fire Rescue (CFR) also offers on-site training for businesses and other organizations.

 **972-466-4901**
cityofcarrollton.com/signupnow

Close Before You Doze!

A closed door is a powerful fire prevention tool that can:

1. Stop a fire from growing and spreading
2. Keep smoke and heat out
3. Keep your home and your belongings safe
4. Keep the temperature down
5. Save your life

Closing your bedroom door at night can be a life-saving decision.

 cityofcarrollton.com/fire
closeyourdoor.org

Upcoming Events

TEXFest

Saturday, March 7 • 3-9 pm
Free • Downtown Carrollton



Grab your boots and your buckles, and get ready to have a Texas-sized good time at TEXFest, a free celebration of Texas Independence Day. The fifth annual event will feature performances by Vandoliers, Atlantis Aquarius, Frankie Leonie, and Kirk Holloway. Come out for memorable photo opportunities, a beer garden, and a ride on a mechanical bull. For more information, visit cityofcarrollton.com/TEXFest.

\$5 Rabies Vaccinations

Saturday, March 21 • 10 am-12 pm
Animal Services & Adoption Center



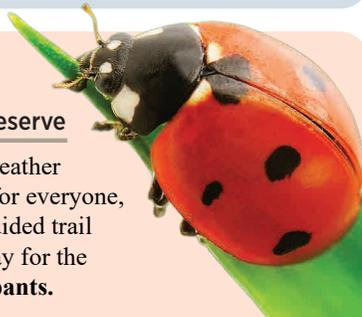
This event includes \$5 rabies vaccinations, free City registration with proof of rabies vaccination for Carrollton residents, hot dogs, pretzels, drinks, a bounce house, and wildlife information.

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 972-466-3420 or visit cityofcarrollton.com/animalservices.

Elm Fork Ladybug Release

Saturday, March 28 • 7pm • Free • Elm Fork Nature Preserve

Learn about the importance of insects, animals, and how weather affects our environment. There will be plenty of activities for everyone, including crafts and games. Join a master naturalist on a guided trail hike through the Elm Fork Nature Preserve. At twilight, stay for the annual ladybug release. **Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants.**



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

Saturday, April 25 • 8 am
Parking at Creekview High School



Enjoy a downhill, paved course as you run through one of Carrollton's best assets, the hike and bike trails. Dogs are welcome, and no canine registration is necessary. Awards will be given to the overall male and female runners, and medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age category of the 5K competitive run.

Visit cityofcarrollton.com/carrolltontrails5k or call 972-466-9816 for more information.

Special Exhibit – Citizens at Last: The Woman Suffrage Movement in Texas

Josey Ranch Lake Library

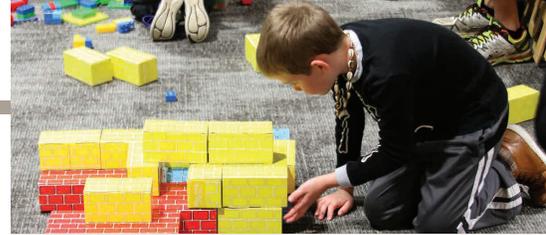
Explore a photographic view of history throughout March in an exhibition created by the Woman's Collection at the Texas Woman's University Library and produced by Humanities Texas. *Provided by Friends of the Carrollton Public Library.*

Celebrate 100 Years of Women's Suffrage in the United States

Saturday, March 7 • 10 am-1 pm
Josey Ranch Lake Library

All ages are invited for activities recognizing this historic anniversary. Make a sash, fill in a commemorative coloring sheet, and pose for a memorable photo opportunity. Learn about the Carrollton Women's Club, also celebrating 100 years.

Visit cityofcarrollton.com/library for more events celebrating women's history.



- **Spring Break STEAM Fair**, March 13, 3:30-5:30 pm, Ages 5+, Josey Ranch Lake Library — Participate in hands-on experiments from UT Dallas, the Perot Museum, Schneider Electric, Metrocrest Amateur Radio Society, GoEngineer, and Castle Hills Chiropractic.

- **Medicare**, March 14, 10:30 am, Adults Only, Hebron & Josey Library — Listen and learn about Medicare supplemental coverage, Medicare prescription drug plans, and more.

- **Super Saturday**, 2 pm, Ages 5+, Hebron & Josey Library — Turn a regular Saturday into a SUPER SATURDAY with free entertainment.

March 21: Build-It Workshop
April 18: All About Animals

- **Financial Literacy Series**, 6:30-8 pm, Adults Only, Hebron & Josey Library — Learn to manage your money and prepare for the future.

April 2: Budgeting

April 9: Saving & Investing for Retirement

April 16: Protection

- **Friends of the Carrollton Public Library Book Sale**, April 3 & 4, 10 am-6 pm, Josey Ranch Lake Library — Purchase donated books, movies, and music. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. *Proceeds fund Library programming.*

- **Saturdays on the Square: Movie Night**, April 11, sunset, Downtown Carrollton — Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a showing of *The Secret Life of Pets 2* (2019), PG. Come early to visit with the Carrollton Animal Services & Adoption Center staff for information on how to keep your pets healthy and safe. Free pet microchipping will be available on site to the first 100 animals, and vaccinations will be available starting at \$5 from 7 to 8 pm.

- **Adaptive Spring Training Camp Day**, April 18, 10 am-12:30 pm, Ages 6+ with varying abilities, Adaptive Baseball Field #6 — Come out for different sports, games, and activities. Snacks and water provided. *Register by April 15.*

- **Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros, Children's Day/Book Day**, April 30, 7 pm, Hebron & Josey Library — Celebrate children's literacy with a bilingual story time, crafts, and snacks.