

# COLLEYVILLE Communicator

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## Holiday Safety Tips from Colleyville Police

The holiday season is a time for joy and merriment; don't let a theft or robbery ruin your holiday cheer. Colleyville Police are here to share some holiday safety tips.

### If You Shop Online

- Sign up for email/text notifications to track your packages from shipment to arrival at your home, or the recipient's address if you have the gift delivered directly.
- Switch your delivery location to your work where it can be received by a person and not left on the porch.
- See if the post office or store the product is being shipped from can hold the package for pick up.

### If You Are Shopping in Stores

- Park in well-lit spaces and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Stay alert and be aware of what is going on around you.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.

### If You Are Traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ensure your home safety system is working properly, including all alarms, motion detectors, cameras, and other monitoring equipment.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Have mail and newspaper delivery stopped.

### After You've Opened the Gifts

- Don't leave boxes for new electronics and other items in the alley or other garbage pick-up locations for several days at a time.
- Break down any boxes you are throwing out, put them in garbage bags, and place them inside a trash can.

## Sales Tax Report Ends on Great Note

The City has received all sales tax receipts to close out fiscal year 2022 and it was another record-breaking year. Total revenue for FY22 came in at \$10.29M which is the first year Colleyville broke \$10M in sales tax receipts. Three consecutive years of strong growth led to a 36% increase in sales taxes from 2019-2022, adding an extra \$2.7M in resources to the City's budget.

The City collects a total of 2% on every purchase (the State collects 6.25%), with 1% going to the general fund, .50% going to the Colleyville Crime Control and Prevention District, and .50% going to the Colleyville Economic Development Corporation. You may have heard these referred by their acronyms CCCPD and CEDC. These sales tax dollars help pay for police officer salaries, equipment, and training, as well as parks and trail improvements and library operations. The increase in sales tax dollars is one of the ways that the City was able to adopt the no new revenue property tax rate for the fifth consecutive year. Every dollar the City collects in sales tax is a dollar the City does not need in property tax. Keep shopping local!

## Sewer Averaging Begins in December

The City of Colleyville averages individual household water consumption during December, January, and February to set residential sewer rates for the year. For households that have no preceding winter months usage, Colleyville uses an average of 9,000 gallons as set by city ordinance. During the winter months, residents should be aware of all unnecessary water usage, dripping faucets, leaking toilets, etc. to minimize their monthly sewer bill during these months. Wastewater averaging provides a measure that is generally reflective of the amount of water that goes directly into the sanitary sewer system from each property. This is considered the most equitable way to determine the sewer volume.

December, January, and February are used to calculate the sewer average, as that time period provides a true picture of interior water use when water consumption is not impacted by outdoor water use such as filling swimming pools and lawn sprinkler systems. Water averaging allows customers the opportunity to lower their monthly sewer bill by reducing water use during winter months and keeps the sewer charges consistent each month.

The calculation process is repeated every year in the same manner. While many households may not see a big change from year to year, some homes may actually see a drop or rise in the wastewater charge because of the calculations from the three month period.



# Create Memories to Last a Lifetime

## Winter Ball Tickets on Sale January 3

Tickets go on sale starting January 3 for Colleyville's Winter Ball. Pairs can enjoy a night to remember at this safari themed dance for mothers and sons (or mother figures) and fathers and daughters (or father figures). Activities include dancing to music from a live deejay, professional photos, gift bags, and lots of fun. Desserts and refreshments will also be served.

The event runs from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, January 27, at the Colleyville Center, 5301 Riverwalk Drive. Once tickets go on sale, they may be purchased by calling 817.503.1180 or online at [ColleyvilleParksandRec.com](http://ColleyvilleParksandRec.com) through January 20 or until sold out. Tickets are \$25 per couple and \$10 for an additional daughter or son. Hurry and get your tickets today; space is limited.



## News & Announcements From GCISD

GCISD is proud to partner with all members of our community, and we know that quality schools are an integral part of keeping the cities we serve exceptional places to live and work.

Recent updates in Grapevine-Colleyville ISD for the 2022-2023 school year include:

- Deputy Superintendent Dr. Brad Schnautz was named the district's Interim Superintendent of Schools, beginning January 6, 2023. He will serve in this role as the GCISD Board of Trustees searches for a permanent replacement after current Superintendent Dr. Robin Ryan recently announced his retirement. The Board will provide a brief update regarding the superintendent search process at each regularly scheduled board meeting.
- 28 students earned AP Capstone Diplomas, 17 National Merit Semifinalists were announced, 25 students earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs, and 49 students received the National Merit Commended designation.
- Grapevine High School won the UIL 5A Boys State Cross Country Championships for the third consecutive year and Coach Rick Miller was honored as the recipient of the 2021 State Coach of the Year for Boys' Cross Country.
- An Overall tax rate decrease of 14.43 cents in 2022, which represents a \$626 annual savings for the average homeowner in GCISD. Find more tax rate info at [www.GCISD.net/Finance](http://www.GCISD.net/Finance).
- New and revised policies approved in August 2022 related to books, curriculum, and controversial topics. Full policies can be found on the GCISD website.
- A compensation plan for employees that includes starting teacher salaries of \$57,000, a pay increase of 2% of midpoint for all teachers, nurses, and librarians, and a pay increase for all other employees of 1% of midpoint of their pay grade.

To receive more communication from GCISD on a regular basis, please sign up for the weekly "GCISD Update" at [www.GCISD.net/GCISDUpdate](http://www.GCISD.net/GCISDUpdate).

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## Upcoming Events

### City Offices Closed

January 2 & 16

Offices will close for New Year's Day on Monday, Jan. 2 and Martin Luther King Jr Day on Monday, Jan. 16. There will be no delays in trash/recycle collection due to holidays.

### Seasonal Leaf & Christmas Tree Collection Day

January 7

Collection begins at 8 a.m. for the last leaf and tree collection of the season. For questions, please call 817.503.1111.

### State of the City

Thursday, February 2

6:00 p.m.

Colleyville Center

The City of Colleyville's annual State of the City presentation will provide residents information on accomplishments made the past year and what to expect in the coming year.

For more information on these and other events, visit

[Colleyville.com](http://Colleyville.com)

## City Meetings

City Council	Jan. 3	7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Jan. 9	7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Jan. 10	7 p.m.
City Council	Jan. 17	7 p.m.



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