

Heroes Park Design Committee Makes Recommendation

In January 2023 the City Council created the Heroes Park Design Committee and appointed citizens with different military backgrounds or relevant experience with similar projects. The group was tasked with exploring the idea of shifting the location of the existing Heroes Park over to the area immediately south of City Hall and expanding it into a dual purpose park that both honors community heroes and includes ample space for City events. The Heroes Park Design Committee has met four different times, including a site tour of similar parks in other communities. The committee identified desired elements including event space, hero recognition, landscaping, areas for shared historical information, a water element, and sculptures. Based on those desired elements, two different design options were presented to the committee. At their last meeting, the committee unanimously approved a concept that combined aspects from the two design options. This recommendation will then be presented to the City Council for consideration and discussion in June.



Councilmembers Richardson and Graves Take Oaths of Office

Councilmembers Scotty Richardson, Place 3, and Ben Graves, Place 4, took their oaths of office at the May 16 City Council meeting. Richardson and Graves were unopposed candidates and declared elected during the most recent General Election and will serve until May 2026. Colleyville Councilmembers are elected to serve three year terms in staggered years. Callie Rigney was named Mayor Pro Tem.



Marking their last City Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Wheat and Councilmember George Dodson were recognized for their service and dedication to the City during the last six years.





CWD Provides Recycling CartWash Service

Make your recycling cart look like new! Community Waste Disposal (CWD) offers a state-of-the-art pressure washing service, CartWash, that will have your recycling cart clean and germ-free inside and out. The mobile units are environmentally friendly, employ practices that do not leave debris or runoff water behind, and use a hypoallergenic solution that has a naturally pleasant scent and does not employ chemical fragrances. This system kills more than 99.9% of germs, fungi, and viruses. As a Colleyville resident, you qualify for up to three FREE cart washes through October 31, 2025.



To obtain service, contact CWD at 972.392.9300, option 2 to be added to CartWash schedule. CartWash days are scheduled based upon what day you receive recycling service. Ideally your CartWash should be scheduled the day after your recycling is serviced, with those receiving recycling service on Fridays to schedule CartWash for Monday. Prior to your scheduled CartWash, remove any recyclables from your cart and place your empty cart at the curb. Upon arrival, CartWash personnel will take the cart to the mobile unit, perform the cleaning process, and return it back to the location where it was picked up. The cart will then be fresh, clean, and ready for future use!

Police Department Offers Vacation Watch

An empty house can be a tempting target for a burglar. If you are planning a trip soon, be sure to include the Colleyville Police Department on your planning checklist. The Vacation House Watch, a free service provided by the Colleyville Police Department, can provide Colleyville citizens peace of mind while away from home for an extended period of time. Homeowners can request a vacation house watch and a member of the department will check the residence (at least once per shift) to ensure the premises are secure. To register for the service, visit <u>Colleyville.com/vacationwatch</u>.

Summer Reading Program Runs Through July



Reading activities and family events continue at the Colleyville Public Library with the 2023 **Celebrate Reading!** Summer Reading Program. The program is open to children, teens, and adults and continues through July 21. Participants can track the number of books read or amount of time spent reading. Prizes and reading awards are earned throughout the program by reaching designated reading achievements, along with weekly drawings.

In conjunction with the Summer Reading Program, family-friendly performers will entertain children and their families every week through July and are scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Library.

Mark your calendars for the Grand Finale celebration on Friday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Plaza at City Hall. Enjoy a live deejay, children's arts and crafts, balloons, carnival games and rides, special guests, and more! Be sure to stay for our SPARKTACULAR Laser Light Show! For more information, visit <u>ColleyvilleLibrary.com</u>.

News & Announcements from GCISD

GCISD Trustees Approve Four Percent Raise, Addition of Wellness Day

The Board of Trustees approved a compensation plan that includes a raise for all GCISD employees for the 2023-2024 school year, along with the addition of one wellness leave day. This year's raise is the largest that GCISD employees have received, and the wellness day is a new leave opportunity that provides an extra benefit to staff.

The compensation plan for 2023-2024 includes:

- A starting salary for teachers, librarians and nurses of \$59,250. Continuing teachers, librarians and nurses will receive \$2,550. This is a four percent of the midpoint pay increase.
- A four percent of the midpoint pay increase for all other employees.
- A starting hourly rate of \$15.50 for auxiliary and instructional support pay grades.
- Adopting proposed pay structure adjustments to improve market alignment.

The wellness day policy addition will allow all District employees, other than temporary employees and substitutes, one wellness day per budget year, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.

Student Registration Helps GCISD Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year

By registering now, parents can help GCISD prepare for the 2023-2024 school year. While parents are able to register up until the first day of school, enrollment numbers help with planning purposes so don't delay – enroll today!

GCISD Names Employees of the Year

Congratulations to Ashley Benson, music teacher at Bransford Elementary School and GCISD's Elementary Teacher of the Year, Patton Garay, science teacher at Grapevine High School and GCISD's Secondary Teacher of the Year, and Tony Carnevale, instructional assistant at Grapevine Middle School and GCISD's Paraprofessional of the Year.

Upcoming Events

Independence Day Tuesday, July 4

City offices including the Public Library will be closed in observance of Independence Day. Trash and recycling collections will not be impacted. The City Council meeting will move to Thursday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Incredible Inventions Camp Mon. - Fri., July 24-28 I:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Senior Center

Learn about the process real inventors go through to create new inventions while you design, build and program robotic machines to solve problems. For more information, call 817.503.1180.

Library Family Events Tuesdays & Thursdays June and July

Visit <u>ColleyvilleLibrary.com</u> for a complete lineup of family-friendly events including Dennis Lee, Professor Brainius, Celebrating STEAM, and more!

For more information on these and other events, visit <u>Colleyville.com</u>

City Meetings

City Council	July 6	7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	July 10	7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	July 11	7:00 p.m.
City Council	July 18	7:00 p.m.



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