

COLLEYVILLE Communicator

Issue 08/2023

Back to School Driver Safety Tips

It's that time of the year again, school is back in session. We can all do our part to ensure students get to and from school safely by remembering a few safety tips.

Look before you back out. Watch out for children walking or bicycling to school when backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage.

Slow down in your neighborhood. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.

Watch for children. Children may be playing or gathering near bus stops during morning or afternoon commutes.

Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus or school may dart into the street without looking first for traffic.

Don't block crosswalks. Blocking crosswalks forces pedestrians to go around you and puts them in the path of moving traffic.

Pay attention to school buses. Stop for flashing red lights or a stop sign on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed. Drivers must remain stopped until the bus starts to move. If the road is a divided highway, only the cars behind the bus have to stop. The others can proceed with caution.



Fire Department Awarded Mission Lifeline® EMS Gold Designation



The Colleyville Fire Department has received the American Heart Association's 2023 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold with Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll achievement award. The fire department is part of an elite group of pre-hospital providers recognized by the American Heart Association for commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care by ensuring that every STEMI patient receives treatment according to nationally accepted evidence-based guideline recommendations and standards.

Each year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), the deadliest type of heart attack, caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it is critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

Colleyville is blessed to have an outstanding Fire Department committed to the health and safety of our community!

Heroes Park Project Moving Forward

At the July 18 City Council meeting, City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for development of construction documents and bidding assistance for Heroes Park. This process is expected to take 9-12 months.

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 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 designs. This recommendation was presented to the City Council on June 6 for consideration. The Council was supportive of the committee's recommendations and discussed moving forward with a contract to develop construction documents. With that contract now approved, the design engineering process will begin and includes open house opportunities for public input and update presentations throughout the process.



Fall Recreation Sensation Now Available



Fall is on its way, hopefully along with much needed cooler temperatures! Colleyville Parks and Recreation's *Recreation Sensation* is now available and offers a full selection of fall classes and activities for all ages!

Youth classes and activities include soccer, ballet, dance, Kenpo karate, tennis (lessons, clinic, jr. tennis team, tournament), and a youth volleyball league.

Adults can choose from a variety of activities including yoga, Zumba, boot camps, karate, tennis, pickleball, and a co-ed sand volleyball league.

We have lots to offer our seniors and active adults as well including yoga, jazzercise, line dancing, and a genealogy group. Meals on Wheels is offered twice each month, with bingo after lunch!

Visit ColleyvilleParksandRec.com to view the full selection of classes and activities or contact Recreation staff at 817.503.1180 and Senior Center staff at 817.503.1195.

News & Announcements from GCISD

GCISD Forms Bond Advisory Committee

GCISD formed a Bond Advisory Committee to study and prioritize ways to create the best possible learning environment for the community's students. This committee, which kicks off in August 2023, is comprised of parents, community constituents, and campus and district staff, who will meet throughout the coming months to prioritize projects for a potential May 2024 bond. The committee will also review the work from its predecessor committee, a Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) that met from February through June to study, discuss and review 2,500 line items of proposed projects based on feedback from across the district as well as an independent facilities needs assessment. Stay informed by visiting the district's bond page at gcisd.net.

GCISD Offers Gold Card for Seniors

GCISD residents 65 years and older can sign up at no cost to be a Gold Card member with the school district. Members receive free general admission to all GCISD athletic, theatrical productions and musical events. To become a member, residents must attend an informational session about the district. Visit the district's website, gcisd.net, to learn more and see the dates of upcoming meetings.

New Principals at CES, OCT and CHHS

The school year opened with new principals at Colleyville Elementary, O.C. Taylor Elementary School and Colleyville Heritage High School. All three are seasoned administrators and familiar faces in GCISD.

Joshua Cassada, CES's new principal, is in his 16th year in education, Cassada was an assistant principal at Colleyville Middle School. Prior to joining GCISD in 2022, he served in the same role in Irving ISD at both the elementary and middle school levels since 2018.

Michael Schilleci, new principal of OCT, was assistant principal of Cross Timbers Middle School where he also taught eighth grade English and Literacy Achievement and coached boys athletics for five years before becoming a campus administrator.

Derek Cain was promoted in July to the role of principal. Cain began at CHHS in 2021, serving as assistant and associate principal before stepping into the role of interim principal this summer as GCISD administrators collected parent and staff feedback and conducted the search for the next principal.

Upcoming Events

Labor Day

Monday, September 4

City offices and the Library will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Public Safety remains on duty. Trash and recycling collections will not be impacted.

Girls on the Run

Sept. 11 - Nov. 15

McPherson Park

An afterschool youth development program for girls in 3rd - 8th grade. The program unlocks life skills through curriculum and physical activity. To register or for more information, visit gotrdfw.org/locations/.

Meals on Wheels

Fridays at noon, Sept. 1 & 15

Colleyville Center

5301 Riverwalk Dr.

Enjoy coffee, treats, and games in the morning. Bingo begins after lunch. Please call 817.503.1195 to reserve your meal.

For more information on these and other events, visit Colleyville.com

City Meetings

City Council	Sept. 6	7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Sept. 11	7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Sept. 12	7 p.m.
City Council	Sept. 19	7 p.m.



100 Main Street, Colleyville, TX 76034
Colleyville@colleyville.com | 817.503.1110

Colleyville.com



@Colleyville
Government



@CityColleyville



@ColleyvilleTexas