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#ColleyvilleGives to Assist Businesses, Nonprofits

The City of Colleyville's annual #ColleyvilleGives program, designed to assist Colleyville businesses with their 4th quarter advertising and marketing efforts, is back! Eligible businesses can apply for up to \$1,000 in grant money to put toward an advertising campaign. Businesses who wish to make a \$500 donation to an area nonprofit will receive an additional \$1,000 in grant money. Advertisements must display the hashtag #ColleyvilleGives.

The promotion is intended to help raise awareness of our local businesses and encourage people to shop in Colleyville this holiday season. In addition to supporting businesses, we also want to show our support for area nonprofits and encourage others to give back to their community. For more information, call 817.503.1111 or visit Colleyville.com/SupportBusiness.



City Offices Closed December 25 & 26

City offices, including the Library, will be closed for the Christmas holiday. For the week of December 25, ALL regular trash and recycle collections will shift to the next day for collection.

Colleyville Christmas Gift Cards & Colleyville Cares Cards Return

At the October 4 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the return of the Colleyville Christmas Gift Card program. Each Colleyville household will receive a \$35 gift card for purchases at participating restaurants and commercial retail businesses within our city. Gift cards will be distributed mid-November and a second card will be distributed early December. The City is also partnering with the Ministerial Alliance in distributing \$50 Colleyville Cares gift cards to families in need this holiday season.

Once in hand, the gift card can be presented at participating Colleyville businesses for payment of services. The businesses will use the card to credit the transaction and receive reimbursement from the city at the conclusion of the program. Cards are valid through January 14, 2024. More information and a list of participating businesses can be found at <u>Colleyville.com/2023giftcard</u> or call 817.503.1111.



Cease the Grease, Free Oil & Grease Disposal for Residents

The holidays, with their fried turkeys, buttery foods, and gravy, can be hard on your diet—and on pipes and sewer systems. When fats, oils, and grease are washed down the drain, they stick to the inside of pipes, hardening and building up until they cause clogs and sewer backups. This can cause sewage overflow into homes, streets, and local waterways. Whether the repairs are in your home or in the street, it can be costly and inconvenient. If the sewer overflows, city crews have to shut down streets, tying up traffic and increasing expenses for both residents and the city.

Instead of washing your grease down the drain, participate in the 2023 Holiday Grease Roundup and recycle it for free! The City of Colleyville is partnering with the North Texas Municipal Water District, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Wastewater and the Treatment Education Roundtable, and American BioSource to help protect sewer systems and the environment by providing a drop-off location to collect your holiday grease. The collected cooking oil and grease will be recycled into biodiesel or biogas, which reduces landfill waste and produces an alternative fuel that is clean and green.

Cooking grease and oil will be collected at the Colleyville Public Works Facility located at 1601 Hall-Johnson Road from Monday, November 13 through Friday, January 12. Collection hours are 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will be no collections on weekends or City holidays. For more information, visit <u>Colleyville.com</u>.

Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration, December 1



Christmas time is here! Join us for the annual lighting of the Colleyville Christmas tree outside Colleyville City Hall on Friday, December I from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. to ring in the holidays! Attractions include balloon artists, a giant snow globe, food trucks, choir performances, a Christmas light tunnel, Polar Express hot chocolate specialty drinks provided by local businesses and organizations, and more!

Remember to stop by and write your letter to Santa this year! There will be a magical mailbox on the steps of City Hall delivered by Santa and Mrs. Claus when they come to see us at this event. Santa is even bringing his reindeer! As with all Colleyville events, this is FREE and open to the public. Stay tuned and visit <u>Colleyville.</u> <u>com/2023Christmas</u> for more information.

Special Saturday Collections for Leaf, Christmas Tree Recycling

Special leaf and Christmas tree recycling collections will return this winter. Community Waste Disposal (CWD), Colleyville's trash and recycling provider, will run special collection routes to recycle bagged leaves starting in November. This year's program includes six collections days; Saturday, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16, Dec. 23, and Jan. 6 with collections beginning at 8:00 a.m. CWD will also collect and recycle Christmas trees on the January special collection day. Residents are asked to not enclose the tree in a plastic sack or bag and to remove all tinsel, stands and tree decorations.



To participate, residents just need to set out leaves on the designated collection days. CWD will recycle leaves contained in either a paper lawn craft bag or a plastic bag. If leaf bags are set out prior to the Saturday collections, residents are asked to place leaf bags separately from household trash. With that in mind, residents should be aware of and comply with their Homeowner Association's policies. Regular rearload garbage trucks will be used for these special collection days. If you have any questions or would like more information, visit <u>Colleyville.com</u>.

Common Scams, What to Consider



Scammers are always trying new methods and different types of scams to trick you. The best way to avoid becoming a victim is to recognize the different types of scams and what tactics to look for.

According to the Texas Attorney General's Office, some of the most common types of scams include advance fee scams, tech support scams, phishing, emergency scams, IRS or government imposter scams, foreign money exchange scams, conterfeit cashier's checks, bogus debts, home repair scams, business opportunities or employment scams, and shopping sprees.

Five tactics commonly used include 1) *they* contacted *you*, 2) they dangle bait — usually money, 3) they want your personal information, 4) you have to pay them first, and 5) you have to wire money or send gift cards. If you recognize any of these tactics, stop ... you are probably being scammed. If you suspect you are or have been scammed, contact the Colleyville Police Department for assistance. You may also visit the Texas Attorney General website at <u>www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/</u> <u>common-scams</u> for more information. Stay alert; be smart and safe!

Upcoming Events

Metroport Meals on Wheels Fridays, Dec. I & I5 Colleyville Center

Enjoy coffee, treats & games in the morning; bingo begins after lunch. Contact staff at 817.503.1195 to reserve your meal.

Winter Ball Friday, January 26 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Colleyville Center

Winter Ball 2024 presents a Candy Land themed dance for mothers and sons (or mother figures) and fathers and daughters (or father figures). Tickets go on sale Jan. 2 through Jan. 19 and may be purchased by calling 817.503.1180 or online at colleyvilleparksandrec.com.

Youth Volleyball League Spring Season Registration Open Jan. 2-26 League Dates: Feb. 19 - May 4 Contact Recreation staff at 817.503.1180 for more information.

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

City Meetings

City Council	Dec. 5	7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Dec. I I	7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Dec. 12	7 p.m.
City Council	Dec. 19	7 p.m.



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