

COLLEYVILLE Communicator

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Community Spotlight: Colleyville Chamber of Commerce

In an effort to highlight the contributions of Colleyville's local nonprofit organizations, we're introducing a new Community Spotlight feature in the City's newsletters! In this edition, we sat down with Mark Alphonso, 2023 Board Chair, to spotlight the great work of the Colleyville Chamber of Commerce.

Mark and his family moved to Colleyville in 2015. You may know him as the owner of the Montclair Events Venue in Colleyville. With a background in commercial construction, he segued into owning his own events venue. As business grew in Colleyville, he got involved with the Colleyville Chamber of Commerce at the suggestion of former Mayor Richard Newton. Mark described how the Chamber provided opportunities to step out of his comfort zone. He loves that "the community is always ready to step up to help our neighbors. It's truly a small town feel where you see friends out and about. Colleyville is the best kept secret in DFW."

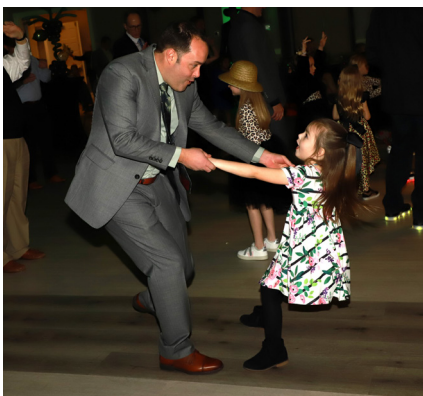
When asked why the Chamber is important for Colleyville, Mark explained, "It's a great communication line with our business. We are a community of small businesses, and the Chamber allows us to work together. It also provides us a great way to partner with the City. The Chamber is the perfect platform for those that own a small business to get in front of others. You get an immediate audience with other businesses and community members. People have great ideas and it's a place where those ideas can be shared and turned into action. The Chamber also has great relationships with other local nonprofit groups. The Chamber often serves as a hub to introduce individuals to those groups, providing volunteers or support for needs that come up."

For those interested in getting involved, both businesses AND individuals can join as members of the Chamber. Monthly luncheons (first Thursdays) are a great way to learn more. The Chamber also hosts a Leadership Colleyville class each year, a nine-month program that provides introductions to how the community works—from businesses, to local government, schools, the hospital system, and more! Membership is not required to participate in Leadership Colleyville. Even for retired community members, the Chamber is a great place to get involved and support local businesses. With over eight events each week, there are numerous ways to network and connect with others.

To Learn More: ColleyvilleChamber.org / 817-488-7148 / Facebook. Offices are located at the Colleyville Business Center, 5601 Colleyville Boulevard.



Create Memories to Last a Lifetime at the Winter Ball



Tickets go on sale starting January 2 for Colleyville's Winter Ball. Pairs can enjoy a night to remember at this Candy Land 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 26, 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 through January 19 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.

Always a community favorite, join us for this special event and create memories that will last a lifetime!

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.

News & Announcements From GCISD

GCISD's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program launched a pharmacy course at the start of the 2023-2024 school year, which is providing students the opportunity to get real-world experiences through practicums at local pharmacies and earn their certification as a pharmacy technician before they graduate from high school.

Two days out of the week, they intern at local pharmacies within the GCISD community. The rotations started in the later part of October with students working alongside a pharmacy technician or the pharmacist. In preparation to do so, students had to apply for and receive a technician trainee license through the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

In the classroom, students are learning everything that will prepare them to take the Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians, or ExCPT, in the spring. Their studies include the top 200 drugs used, along with their brand and generic names, the safety side of the dispensing process, as well as different indications for different types of medications and their purpose.

Additionally, they learn about the different organizations that oversee pharmacies like the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) as well as the continuing education credits that are needed to maintain their licenses and professional organizations that they can join. For more information about GCISD's additional CTE programs of study, please visit the CTE page on gcisd.net.

Congratulations to Colleyville Heritage High School and Grapevine High School student athletes who signed commitment letters to play at the collegiate level on National Letter of Intent Day, otherwise known as "Signing Day." The November 8 Signing Day is the first of several held throughout the school year, and CHHS and GHS had 10 student athletes sign during their special events.

The 2022 State Champion CHHS volleyball team qualified for the UIL 5A State Tournament for the second consecutive year. The team finished third in the state, bringing home the bronze medal. Congratulations Panthers!

GCISD has again received a Superior Rating from the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), which is the highest rating that a district can receive from the state of Texas. The rating is based on 20 indicators related to financial, student and staff data. GCISD has received the top rating each year since the inception of the rating system 20 years ago.

Upcoming Events

City Offices Closed

January 1 & 15

Offices will close for New Year's Day on Monday, Jan. 1 and all trash/recycle collections that week will be delayed one day. Offices will also close for Martin Luther King Jr Day on Monday, Jan. 15, with no impact to trash/recycle collections that week.

Seasonal Leaf & Christmas Tree Collection Day

January 6

Collection begins at 8 a.m. for the last leaf and tree collection of the season.

For questions, please call CWD at 972392.9300, option 2.

State of the City

Thursday, February 1

7:00 p.m.

Colleyville Center

Join us for the City of Colleyville's annual State of the City presentation.

For more information on these and other events, visit

Colleyville.com

City Meetings

City Council	Jan. 3	7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Jan. 8	7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Jan. 9	7 p.m.
City Council	Jan. 16	7 p.m.



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