

# COLLEYVILLE Communicator

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## Spring Lawn Tips

Temperatures are warming up and Spring is here. It is the ideal time to give some attention to your lawn and landscaping. Here are a few tips to have your yard looking its best:

### Scalp Your Lawn

Drop your mower blade down by a notch or two. The purpose is to remove the grass blades that turned brown from the cold winter weather and expose the soil to more sunlight. The soil will warm up more quickly, causing the grass to green up faster.

### Weedkillers

Apply pre-emergent in an even layer to your freshly cut lawn. Pre-emergents attack sprouting seedlings to prevent them from developing into mature weeds.

### Fertilizer

Typically mid-April is the best time to fertilize your lawn. Choose a quality fertilizer that contains slow-release nitrogen.

### Irrigation

Healthy plants need deep roots. Water only once or twice a week but water deep. The soil needs to dry out a little between waterings.

### Protect Trees

If you notice mistletoe in your trees, the best time to remove it is during winter months, before the flush of new spring growth. Healthy trees are more resistant to pests and diseases. Promote good health in the tree by giving it plenty of supplemental water and fertilizing in spring.



## Colleyville General Election and Referendum Question Information

The City of Colleyville will conduct a General Election on Saturday, May 4 to elect City Councilmembers for Places 5 and 6 to the City Council and to ask the Referendum Question A, "Should the City of Colleyville place a proposition on a future election ballot asking the City's voters to authorize the issuance of ad valorem tax bonds for expansion of the Colleyville Recreation Center, which may include a fitness center, locker room, indoor track, and multi-use field?" While the election is not until May, there are important dates to note.

The last day to register to vote for the May 4 General Election is Thursday, April 4. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail (received, not postmarked) is Wednesday, April 24. There are 49 polling locations in Tarrant County. For those voting in Colleyville, please go to the NEW VOTING SITE at Annex A at the Parks and Recreation Center, 5008 Roberts Road. Voting will not be conducted at City Hall or the Public Library.

The City Secretary's Office is responsible for conducting all City elections. For more information about this process, call the City Secretary's Office at 817.503.1130. For more information about the May 4 General Election, visit [Colleyville.com](http://Colleyville.com).



## 2024 Stars and Guitars Artist Revealed



The moment you've all been waiting for is finally here! This year's Star and Guitars artist will be Rhett Akins!

Rhett Akins has had an extremely impressive career. He's not just been a successful solo artist; he's written chart toppers for many artists. Rhett has had 35 No. 1 singles (and counting). His first No. 1 hit, "That Ain't My Truck," which he also co-wrote, has since become Rhett's signature song. Some artists who have recorded songs written by Rhett include Luke Bryan, Jason Aldean, Dustin Lynch, Blake

Shelton, John Pardi, Parker McCollum, and Thomas Rhett, to name a few.

This impressive list hasn't gone unnoticed in the music industry. In 2010, Rhett was named the No. 4 Billboard Country Songwriter. The following year, BMI named him Songwriter of the Year. He won it again in 2014. His song "Honey Bee" became the highest-selling digital debut by a country male Solo Artist. His biggest accomplishment, though, may be winning the CMA Triple Play award a total of eight times! In April 2018, Rhett was named Songwriter of the Year, and in September 2019 named the first Songwriter of the Decade by the Academy of Country Music. In November 2021, Rhett was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Rhett Akins has already achieved so much as both an artist and a songwriter, but he's not done yet! We are excited to have Rhett for Stars and Guitars. For more information on the event, visit [Colleyville.com/stars2024](http://Colleyville.com/stars2024).

## City Fair Comes to Town



Come one, come all to the Colleyville City Fair! This event will bring our community together for a family-focused, fun-filled event. Carnival rides, games, a pie eating contest, food trucks, stilts walkers, face painters, balloon artists, award-winning attractions, and much more! Join us on Saturday, May 18 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Plaza at City Hall. Visit [Colleyville.com/Events](http://Colleyville.com/Events) for more information!

## Summer Fun for All Ages in Colleyville

Summer is just around the corner and that means it is time to start thinking about what your children will be doing once school is out. The City of Colleyville offers many fun summer camps to keep your kids learning and engaged. Some of these offerings include soccer, flag football, dodgeball, basketball, golf, volleyball, jazz and pom, chess, physics, engineering, robotics, movie making, adventures in art, and more! Junior Police Academy and Fire Camp provide the perfect opportunity to learn all about Public Safety.

Summer fun isn't limited to just kids. Classes for adults include yoga, Zumba, Pilates, Jazzercise, self-defense, boot camps, tennis, and pickleball. There is also plenty of fun for seniors and active adults as well including jazzercise, line dancing, Tai Chi, resistance training, yoga, bridge, water color painting, genealogy, Lunch & Learns, and senior trips.

For more information on these activities or to register your child (or you) for a City of Colleyville summer activity, visit [ColleyvilleParksandRec.com](http://ColleyvilleParksandRec.com).



## City Begins Seasonal Mosquito Monitoring

Colleyville staff has started its annual mosquito monitoring and testing across the city. We test samples of the mosquito population year-round but increase surveillance during mosquito season, which typically runs from April through October.

Crews place traps across the City to monitor mosquito breeding sites. Each week, City staff sends traps to Tarrant County Public Health for testing. The City will respond to positive mosquito sample sites depending on the results of the testing. Actions can include larvicide or spraying treatments.

Individual responsibility plays a major role in mosquito virus prevention. There are several practices residents should get in the habit of doing to protect themselves and others from possible illnesses. These include using insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus; wearing long sleeves and pants outdoors; and draining standing water on your property. Common breeding sites include old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters. Visit [Colleyville.com](http://Colleyville.com) for more information.

## Door Side Service Available for Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection



If you missed our annual Clean Sweep clean-up event last month, there is another way to dispose of hazardous waste and electronics. Residents wishing to rid their home of these items can participate in Community Waste Disposal's ongoing household hazardous and electronic waste (HH&EW) door side collection program.

Items accepted via the HH&EW Door Side Collection program include poison, solvent, oil-based and latex paint, aerosols, used motor oil, auto batteries, and fluorescent tubes. This service is provided once a month and is included in residents' regular monthly trash and recycling charge. Contact CWD at 972.392.9300 for your collection kit and to schedule a pick up date.

## Upcoming Events

**FIRST LEGO® League  
Parent Interest Meeting  
Saturday April 27 - 10:00 a.m.  
Recreation Center**

The City of Colleyville and Snapology are excited to offer Colleyville's first ever robotics team for elementary and middle school students! Join us for a parent information meeting to learn more. We hope to have enough interest to form teams for FIRST LEGO® League Explore and FIRST LEGO® League Challenge.

**McPherson Park  
Splash Pad Open  
May 3 - October 14  
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**City Offices Closed  
Monday, May 27**

City Offices and Colleyville Public Library are closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Public Safety staff will remain on duty.

For more information on these and other events, visit [Colleyville.com](http://Colleyville.com).

## City Meetings

City Council	May 7	7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	May 13	7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	May 14	7 p.m.
City Council	May 21	7 p.m.



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