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Recreation Center Referendum Approved

On Saturday, May 4, Colleyville voters approved referendum Question A related to expansion of the Recreation Center. Of the 5,136 voters, 74% said yes. Based on these results, the City will undergo a process to evaluate the expansion that includes four elements: fitness center, locker room, indoor track, and multi-purpose fields. Staff has begun meeting and interviewing architects to help master plan the site, create concepts, and estimate the cost to expand (both capital and operations). The City Council will then consider adding a question to the May 2025 ballot asking voters if they approve of the expansion to include the issuance of debt to fund the project. Stay tuned for more details.

Summer Reading Runs Through July

Reading activities and family events continue at the Colleyville Public Library with the 2024 Reading with My Gnomies! Summer Reading Program. The program is open to children, teens, and adults and continues through July 24. 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.

Mark your calendars for the Grand Finale celebration on Friday, July 26 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! For more information on the program or events, visit ColleyvilleLibrary.com.

Councilmembers Gunderson and Raine Take Oaths of Office

Councilmembers Kimberly Holt Gunderson, Place 5, and Tim Raine, Place 6, took their oaths of office at the May 21 City Council meeting. Gunderson and Raine were declared elected during the most recent General Election and will serve until May 2027. Colleyville Councilmembers are elected to serve three year terms in staggered years. Brandi Elder was named Mayor Pro Tem and Scotty Richardson was named Deputy Mayor Pro Tem.

Marking their last City Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Callie Rigney and Councilmember Chuck Kelley were recognized for their service and dedication to the City during the last six years.





Summer Gift Card Program Returns

City Council has approved another gift card program for the summer, exemplifying the City's ongoing commitment to local businesses. Beginning late June, each Colleyville household will receive a \$35 patriotic gift card for purchases at participating restaurants and commercial retail businesses within our city. The City is also partnering with the Ministerial Alliance in distributing \$50 Colleyville Cares gift cards to each Colleyville house of worship for families needing assistance. 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 August 31, 2024. Visit Colleyville.com/SupportBusiness or contact the City Manager's Office at 817.503.1111 for more information.





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 Colleyville.com/vacationwatch.

Doo The Right Thing! Pick Up After Your Pets



Pet waste is not only smelly and unsightly, but it is a health risk to pets and people, and creates water quality issues too. Improperly disposed pet waste can wash into storm drains through rainwater, runoff from sprinklers, and other landscape watering. Storm drains in Colleyville drain directly into our ponds and streams, carrying many

pollutants along with the water. Pet waste that ends up in our streams, creeks, and ponds causes many problems making the water unsafe for activities and can kill fish.

Remember, only rain goes down the drain. The discharge of any polluted water, sewage, oil, and paint is strictly prohibited. Help protect our community and waterways by reporting stormwater pollution when you see it. You can help protect our water quality by picking up after your pets. For more information, contact the Stormwater Division at 817.503.1090. One dog can make a difference in preventing stormwater pollution.

Sign Up for Weekly E-News

While the monthly Communicator newsletter offers valuable information for residents, it's not the best way to receive important City news in a timely manner. By signing up for our weekly E-News, each Friday you will receive the latest City news, services, programs and upcoming events in your e-mail inbox. Sign up at Colleyville.com/enews today!

News & Announcements from GCISD

Student Registration Helps Campuses Plan for Upcoming School Year

Is your GCISD student returning for the 2024-2025 school year? Parents are encouraged to register as soon as possible to help the district gather enrollment numbers for planning purposes. Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is also open for new students, including pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students.

Register your student today at www.GCISD.net/Enrollment!

GCISD Voters Approve Bond Election

On May 4, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD voters approved the school district's \$150,000,000 bond referendum. The passing of this bond will provide funding to address safety and security, aging facilities, update technology infrastructure, and make improvements to the swim center. A detailed list of projects is available at GCISD.net/Bond.

"Thank you to all the GCISD residents who made time to go to the polls and have your voice heard," said Superintendent Dr. Brad Schnautz. "GCISD has a long history of excellence, and with our community's support on the 2024 Bond, we can ensure that GCISD continues to serve our students at the highest level."

In February 2023, GCISD formed a Long-Range Planning Committee that studied and prioritized ways to maintain a positive learning environment for GCISD students, developing a long-range plan for GCISD. Later that fall, a Bond Advisory Committee used the long-range plan to develop and prioritize the list of projects that were included in the approved bond package. Both committees were comprised of parents, community members, and campus and district staff.

"This group of individuals spent many hours pouring over data and discussing what's best for our students, our facilities, and our taxpayers," Dr. Schnautz shared. "I am extremely grateful for their service to our school district and community, and I thank each of them for their time and commitment to GCISD."

Dr. Schnautz says that he and the Board of Trustees take their responsibilities very seriously and are committed to open communication and financial transparency.

"We understand the trust our community has instilled in us by approving these propositions," he said. "These facilities are a big investment, and we will continue to be strong stewards of taxpayer dollars. We are also eager to begin making some of the much-needed updates to campuses, and will share project updates with the community along the way."

In addition to regular bond updates at school board meetings, residents can stay up to date on the bond projects by visiting GCISD.net/Bond.

Upcoming Events

Independence Day Thursday, July 4

City offices including the Public Library will be closed in observance of Independence Day. Trash and recycling collections will not be impacted.

Dinosaur George Tuesday, July 16 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Colleyville Center

This traveling exhibit will feature skulls of predatory dinosaurs as well as other prehistoric creatures. No registration required. For more information, call Library staff at 817.503.1150.

Library Family Events Tuesdays & Thursdays June and July

Visit ColleyvilleLibrary.com for a complete lineup of family-friendly events including Blackland Prairie Raptor Center, Creature Teacher, Dennis Lee, and more!

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

City Meetings

City Council	July 2	7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	July 8	7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	July 9	7:00 p.m.
City Council	July 16	7:00 p.m.



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