

# COLLEYVILLE Communicator

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## Homestead Exemption Approved

The City Council at the June 18 meeting approved a 7% homestead exemption as part of its ongoing commitment to provide property tax relief for residents. This exemption will reduce the taxable value of homestead properties by 7% for fiscal year 2025, beginning October 1. Property owners who already receive a homestead exemption from another taxing entity, such as a school district, do not need to reapply to receive the City's exemption. The 7% exemption will be automatically applied through the Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD).

For those who need to apply for the homestead exemption for the first time, applications can be submitted via TAD at [www.tad.org/forms/homestead-exemption](http://www.tad.org/forms/homestead-exemption).

Also at the Council's worksession that evening, the City's finance director presented the FY25 proposed budget. Under this budget, the City will require approximately 6% in additional property tax revenue to cover expenses such as a new fire truck, police body cameras and vehicles, and other contractual and inflationary costs. The homestead exemption will help offset the additional property tax revenue needed to fund these public safety purchases.

The City Council will continue budget discussions throughout the summer and into early fall, with budget adoption scheduled for September.



## Community Spotlight: Colleyville Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

This month, we'd like to take a moment to recognize one of Colleyville's local nonprofit organizations, the Colleyville Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. We sat down with President Ed Wieland to learn more about their organization and how they "back the blue!"



You've likely seen CCPAAA volunteers around town and wondered who they are. The CCPAAA is a group of Colleyville citizens or business owners who support the Colleyville Police Department wherever they can. The organization raises funds through the sales of merchandise and works various city events preparing and serving food for donations. 100% of the profits made from merchandise sales and food donations goes to help serve the Police Department. One of their major annual efforts is sponsoring and organizing the Police Awards Banquet.

To become a member of the Alumni Association you must first attend the Colleyville Citizens Police Academy. The Academy is a 15-week program offered each year starting in February. Weekly three-hour sessions cover a range of topics including patrol, criminal investigations, traffic stops, crime scenes, and community policing. Participants learn and experience many exciting things including how to process a crime scene, a ride along with an officer, and how K9 units and bomb squads work. Upon graduation, participants can join the Colleyville Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CCCPAAA) and/or Citizens on Patrol (COP). If you are interested in participating in a future Academy Class, applications are available on the Police Department page of the City's website.

If you attended the Stars & Guitars event in June, you may have enjoyed meeting several CCPAAA volunteers. We look forward to having them back out at National Night Out on October 1, another great opportunity to meet and get to know our first responders. To Learn More: [www.Colleyvillecpaaa.org](http://www.Colleyvillecpaaa.org) / [CCPAAAMerch@gmail.com](mailto:CCPAAAMerch@gmail.com)

## Community Shred Day, August 24



Do you need to dispose of sensitive documents safely and securely? The City and Community Waste Disposal (CWD) will offer a convenient and free opportunity for individuals to shred confidential paperwork such as old bank statements, tax documents, and personal records. Join us Saturday, August 24 from 7:00 - 10:00 AM in the south parking lot at City Hall for our first Community Shred Day. Please visit [Colleyville.com](http://Colleyville.com) for more information and event details.

## Alphonso Appointed to City Council, Place 2



At the June 4 meeting, the City Council appointed Mark Alphonso to City Council Place 2 to fill the vacant, unexpired term ending May 2025. Mr. Alphonso had been serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and as part of his appointment, vacated that seat. Mr. Alphonso is active in the Colleyville community as a business owner and serving in leadership roles for groups such as the Colleyville Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. Mr. Alphonso is also active in his children's schools through PTA leadership and other volunteer activities. He was sworn in and took office June 12.

## City Receives Distinguished Budget Award

We are pleased to announce that the City of Colleyville has received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for our Fiscal Year 2023 budget. This marks the 30th time our city has achieved this prestigious recognition, a testament to our commitment to excellence in budgeting and financial planning.

The award represents a significant achievement, reflecting our commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. To receive the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, a government entity must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines assess how well the budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

Our budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories and meet fourteen mandatory criteria within these categories. Over 1,700 entities participate in the Budget Awards Program, making this award a distinguished honor.

This year, our budget document was carefully reviewed by a panel of independent reviewers, who provided their scores and comments. Our continued excellence in budgeting ensured our qualification for the award. This award is valid for one year, and we will continue to strive for excellence in our future budget submissions.

We must specifically acknowledge and thank the Finance Department for their exceptional effort and leadership in preparing our budget document. Their hard work and dedication has been instrumental in achieving this recognition. Receiving this award is a significant accomplishment and a source of pride for our city. It underscores our success in presenting our budget as a comprehensive and effective tool for governance and communication. For more information on the GFOA and their awards program, please visit their website, [www.gfoa.org/awards](http://www.gfoa.org/awards).

## Heroes Park Design Nearly Complete

At the June 18 City Council meeting, City Council reviewed 90% complete design plans for the new Heroes Park. The process began in January 2023 with the appointment of the Heroes Park Design Committee, comprised of veterans and citizens. The committee identified desired elements for the park including event space, hero recognition, landscaping, areas for shared historical information, a water element, and sculptures. A conceptual design was recommended to the City Council in June 2023, and a contract to prepare full construction documents was approved in July 2023. A public Open House to gather community feedback was held in February 2024 and several presentations have been given at City Council Worksessions to provide updates at the 30%, 60%, and now 90% design milestones. Next steps will be finalizing the construction documents and placing the project out for bid in August. The current schedule calls for construction to begin in late October.



## Upcoming Events

**Volleyball Skills Camp**  
**Mon. - Wed. July 29-31**  
**3rd-5th grade; 9-11:30 a.m.**  
**5th-7th grade; 12:30-3 p.m.**  
Tailored for boys and girls, this camp focuses on honing essential skills like serving, passing, defense, attacking and setting. Contact Recreation staff at 817.503.1180 for more information.

**Chair Yoga**  
**Fridays, August 2-23**  
**10:00 - 10:50 a.m.**

**Ages: 50+**  
Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga practiced in a chair that helps increase strength, flexibility, balance, and mind-body awareness. Contact Senior Center staff at 817.503.1195 for more information.

**Boot Scootin'**  
**Saturday Night**  
**Saturday, September 21**  
**7:00 - 10:00 PM**

Join us in the Plaza and kick up your heels for our newest City event. More details to come!

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

## City Meetings

City Council	August 6	7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	August 12	7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	August 13	7 p.m.
City Council	August 20	7 p.m.



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