

# COLLEYVILLE Communicator

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## Scam Alert

Scams are on the rise. The Colleyville Police Department offers the following information to keep you alert!

### Impersonation Scam

Please remember: No law enforcement agency, or genuine government entity, will ever call to threaten you with an arrest unless you pay them in the form of gift cards or Bitcoin. If such a request is made, you can be absolutely certain that it is a scam. Scammers often try to keep you on the line, creating an illusion of urgency. Please know that we do not operate in this manner.

### Investment Scam

Be aware of a widespread scam that begins with unsolicited messages from strangers on social media or other applications. Scammers build rapport over time using fake (yet convincing) profiles, and an unusual reason for reaching out. They eventually steer the conversation toward investments, persuading victims to invest money.

The scammers use false claims of asset growth to entice you to make larger investments. Unfortunately, victims often transfer their money overseas, never to be recovered. These scams have surged recently, causing significant losses.

### Gift Card Safety

When purchasing gift cards for loved ones, please inspect the card packaging carefully. Ensure the protective stickers are intact and there are no signs of tampering. Also, verify that the PIN on the back is not visible. If you notice any irregularities, choose a different card and bring the tampered one to the attention of a cashier or manager.

If you receive calls like these, or are unsure, hang up immediately and contact the Colleyville Police non-emergency number at 817.743.4522 to report it. Protect yourself – DO NOT become a victim!

## New Fall Event - Colleyville Boot Scootin'



For the first time ever, Colleyville turns the City Hall Plaza into a dance hall! Join us for a night of country dancing, live music and more in the Plaza on Saturday, September 21 from 7:00 - 10:00 PM.

This new event will feature The Redwine Band, a local Texas Country & Top 40 music cover band. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. For

more information, visit [Colleyville.com/bootscootin](http://Colleyville.com/bootscootin). Put on your boots and kick up your heels! We'll see you on the dance floor at this new free Colleyville event!

## Community Spotlight: The Colleyville Friends of the Library

Continuing our theme of #It'sThePeople this year, we'd like to recognize another one of Colleyville's local community groups: the Colleyville Friends of the Library! For those who might not be familiar with this group, we hope you enjoy learning more about them.

The Friends of the Library was first organized in July 1991 as a nonprofit organization to promote the interest and welfare of the Colleyville Public Library. Their donations to the Library include a popcorn machine, additional play tables, extra iPads for programs, and, most recently, a new Cricut and Glowforge laser engraver. You might have recently seen them selling ice cream after the Library's Thursday afternoon programs or selling popcorn and water at the Library's Summer Reading Finale on July 26th!

If you want to get more involved in the Library community, joining the Friends is a great way to do that! You can become a member for as little as \$10.00 a year! Memberships are, of course, welcome to anyone who wishes to support the Library. To Learn More: [www.friendscolleyvillelibrary.org](http://www.friendscolleyvillelibrary.org) / FriendsColleyvilleLibrary@gmail.com.



## Colleyville Garden Club Daffodil Sales



The Colleyville Garden Club is again selling bags of 50 Carlton daffodil bulbs, well-suited to grow in our area, for \$35. Bulbs should be planted this November to bloom next spring.

For ordering information, please visit the garden club website [www.ColleyvilleGardenClub.org](http://www.ColleyvilleGardenClub.org). All bulbs must be pre-ordered and payment made by September 23. Bulbs will be available to be picked up at the Colleyville Center on October 25, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. For questions, please contact Carol Wollin at 817.798.3058 or Nancy Coplen at 817.300.8351. Proceeds will go towards CGC beautification projects.

# Fall Recreation Sensation Now Available



The Colleyville Recreation Center will hold a Grand Opening celebration on Tuesday, August 27th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The facility, located at 5008 Roberts Road, features a newly renovated gymnasium, 7 multi-purpose classrooms, and a game room. The back section of the building is currently undergoing renovations to add another gymnasium. The Recreation Center offers a variety of classes and programs for both youth and adults, as detailed in the Fall 2024 Recreation Sensation Brochure.

The Senior Center, which reopened in January 2024 after renovations, continues to expand its offerings with new trips, games, educational activities, and fitness classes.

For more information on classes and activities for youth, adults and seniors, visit [ColleyvilleParksandRec.com](http://ColleyvilleParksandRec.com) or contact Recreation staff at 817.503.1180 and Senior Center staff at 817.503.1195.

## News & Announcements from GCISD

### GCISD Honored with Transparency in Finance Award

GCISD's Financial Services has been recognized with the Transparency Stars Award from the Texas Comptroller. The award recognizes local governments for going above and beyond in their transparency efforts. GCISD was recognized in the area of traditional finances. Read the full story at [www.gcisd.net](http://www.gcisd.net).

### GCISD Looks to Potential Voter-Approved Tax Ratification Election (VATRE) Amid Texas School Funding Crisis

Despite opening with a record \$32.7 billion state budget surplus, the 88th Legislative session closed with no additional increase to per-student funding for Texas public schools. Since 2019, there has been no increase by lawmakers to the basic allotment for school districts despite inflation soaring to 19 percent, additional state mandates that are not fully funded, and continuing recapture, otherwise known as "Robin Hood," payments that some school districts, like GCISD, are required to send to the state each year. Across the state, school districts closed the 2023-2024 school year with budget deficits in the millions, and some in North Texas announced large deficits, budget cuts or school closures.

In GCISD, the Board approved the 2024-2025 general operating budget consisting of revenues of \$185,296,372, and corresponding expenditures amounting to \$184,824,841. This budget includes, pending Board approval, nearly \$6 million in revenue for the district that would be generated through a three-cent tax rate increase, following a Voter-Approved Tax Ratification Election, or a VATRE, planned to take place in the November 5 General Election. This three-cent increase will be made of "golden pennies." Tax funds collected through these additional three pennies would stay within GCISD and not be subject to recapture, also known as "Robin Hood" in Texas, meaning that 100 percent of these funds would remain in the district. In September 2023, GCISD's Board reduced the tax rate for the fifth consecutive year, and another overall reduction in the tax rate is anticipated this fall.

For more information, read Superintendent Dr. Brad Schnautz's recent letter to the community at [www.gcisd.net/JuneCommunityLetter](http://www.gcisd.net/JuneCommunityLetter).

### Download the GCISD App

Don't miss any updates from GCISD. On the app, you can read the latest announcements, review upcoming events and find important documents. Additionally, this school year the app will have Parent-Teacher Chat to make it easier to stay up-to-date with the district, schools and your student's teachers and classes. Download the GCISD app on your mobile device via Google Play for Android or the App Store for iPhone.

## Upcoming Events

### Labor Day

**Monday, September 2**

City offices and the Library will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Public Safety remains on duty. Trash and recycling collections will not be impacted.

### Boot Scootin' Saturday Night

**Sept. 21, 7:00 - 10:00 PM**

**Plaza at City Hall**

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### National Night Out

**Oct. 1, 5:30 - 8:00 PM**

**Plaza at City Hall**

Come meet the men & women who keep Colleyville safe! Festivities include food, games and activities for the whole family. We'll have City and specialty vehicles that kids (and kids-at-heart) can explore.

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

## City Meetings

City Council	Sept. 4	7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Sept. 9	7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	Sept. 10	7 p.m.
City Council	Sept. 17	7 p.m.



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