

COLLEYVILLE Communicator

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Council Approves New Tax Rate and Homestead Exemption

At the September 17 City Council meeting, a new property tax rate of \$0.276204 per \$100 of value was approved for the upcoming year. This new rate, part of the City's 2025 budget, is needed to cover rising costs for public safety, inflation, and other essential services that keep our community running smoothly.

To help homeowners, the City also introduced a new 7% Homestead Exemption this year. This exemption lowers the taxable value of your home, meaning most homeowners will see a smaller tax bill than last year. For example, if your home is worth \$700,000, you will pay about \$29 less in property taxes compared to last year.

Your tax bill will show the full rate, but don't worry — the 7% homestead exemption will reduce the amount you actually pay. This means most homeowners will still pay less in taxes compared to last year, despite the new rate.

We're committed to keeping taxes as low as possible while continuing to provide the high-quality services you expect. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Finance Department at 817.503.1010. We're here to help!

Christmas Tree Lighting Earlier This Year; November 23



Mark your calendars ... Christmas is coming early to Colleyville! Join the community for the annual lighting of the Christmas tree outside Colleyville City Hall to ring in the holidays! Traditionally, this annual event has been held the first Friday in December. With this year's calendar, the first Friday would be December 6 and allow only 19 days before Christmas for everyone to enjoy the tree and decorations. Moving it up a week landed us at Thanksgiving weekend when many citizens travel. So, this led us to November 23 — and 32 days to experience the magic of Christmas!

Join us from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Plaza at City Hall. Attractions will include a new drone show, balloon artists, food trucks, choir performances, Holly Colley Express hot chocolate specialty drinks provided by local businesses and organizations, and more! Remember to stop by and write your letter to Santa. There will be a magical mailbox on the steps of City Hall that Santa and Mrs. Claus will deliver when they come to see us at this event. Santa is even bringing his reindeer! If you want to watch Santa and Mayor Lindamood's arrival down Main Street, plan on arriving at 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we usher in the holiday season!

Early Voting Begins October 21 for Joint General and Special Elections

Residents of Tarrant County may early vote in the upcoming Joint General and Special Elections at one of the 51 voting locations throughout Tarrant County. For Colleyville residents and those who work in Colleyville, early voting and Election Day voting will be conducted at Annex A at 5008 Roberts Road, Colleyville. Annex A is located behind the Colleyville Recreation Center. For a list of other Tarrant County voting locations and additional locations for Election Day, please follow this link: <https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/elections.html>

Early voting and Election Day voting will be conducted as indicated. Please note there are additional locations for Election Day, November 5, which can be found at the link above. For questions, call the City Secretary's Office at 817.503.1130 or Tarrant County Elections Administration at 817.831.8683.

EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS & HOURS:

- Oct. 21 - 25 (Mon.–Fri.) 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Oct. 26 (Saturday) 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Oct. 27 (Sunday) 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Oct. 28 - 31 (Mon.–Thurs.) 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Nov. 1 (Friday) 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

ELECTION DAY

- Nov. 5 (Tues.) 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Community Spotlight: Colleyville Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association

This month we'd like to take a moment to recognize another one of Colleyville's local nonprofit organizations, the Colleyville Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association!

The CCFAAA is a group of graduates from the Colleyville Citizens Fire Academy who serve both the community and Fire Department. Their education efforts strive to create a safer environment at home and in the workplace. They are dedicated to increasing public awareness of the operations of Colleyville's Fire Department as well as fundraising. Each year, they participate in the Colleyville Fire Department Open House selling food, beverages and merchandise with all proceeds benefiting the Colleyville Fire Department. They also provide support at city events and Fire Department callouts through the use of their Rehab 24 unit with a cooling and heating unit, first aid station, nourishment and liquids.

To join the Alumni Association, you must first complete the one-day Colleyville Citizens Fire Academy training. This immersive experience includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the fire station, fire safety basics, fire scene operations, and other valuable skills. Visit www.Colleyville.com/CFA for information on the Citizens Fire Academy.



Special Saturday Collections for Leaf, Christmas Tree Recycling

Special leaf and Christmas tree recycling collections will return this winter. Community Waste Disposal (CWD), Colleyville's trash and recycling provider, will run special collection routes to recycle bagged leaves starting in November. This year's program includes five collection days; Saturdays, Nov. 23, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21, and Jan. 4 with collections beginning at 8:00 a.m. CWD will also collect and recycle Christmas trees on the January special collection day. Residents are asked to not enclose the tree in a plastic sack or bag and to remove all tinsel, stands, and tree decorations.

To participate, residents just need to set out leaves on the designated collection days. CWD will recycle leaves that are contained in either a paper lawn craft bag or a plastic bag. If leaf bags are set out prior to the Saturday collections, residents are asked to place leaf bags separately from household trash. Regular rear-load garbage trucks will be used for these special collection days. With that in mind, residents should be aware of and comply with their Homeowner Association's policies. If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this program, please contact CWD at 972.392.9300, option #2.

FY2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan Available Online

As part of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget process, the City Council recently adopted the FY 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program. The CIP document can be found at Colleyville.com/CIP. In addition to the program document, the website also includes an interactive map that allows users to explore existing and planned projects in Colleyville to learn about the project status and funding sources. The map contains details for Capital Improvement Projects planned throughout the City relating to City facilities, parks and recreation, sidewalks and trails, streets, and drainage. While major projects often get most of the publicity, the map cites those and much smaller projects, with funding sources ranging from the city's budget to county and state grants.

Upcoming Events

City Offices Closed November 11

City offices, including the Library, will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. Public Safety staff will remain on duty. Trash and recycle collection will not be impacted.

City Offices Closed November 28 & 29

City offices, including the Library, will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. Public Safety staff will remain on duty. Trash and recycle collection for Thursday (11/28) and Friday (11/29) will shift one day.

Colleyville Tree Lighting Saturday, November 23 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Make plans to join us for the annual lighting of the Christmas tree outside Colleyville City Hall to ring in the holidays. Visit Colleyville.com for more information as we get closer to the date!

For more information on these and other events, visit Colleyville.com

City Meetings

City Council	Nov. 6	7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	Nov. 12	7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adj./Sign Board	Nov. 13	7 p.m.
City Council	Nov. 19	7 p.m.



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