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# **CPD Awarded National Accreditation by CALEA®**

The Colleyville Police Department was recently awarded national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®). The Colleyville Police Department was unanimously recommended by the commission for CALEA accreditation. This is Colleyville's first award of national accreditation. The department is one of thirty-four (34) police departments in Texas to achieve CALEA accreditation, and is one of only six (6) agencies in Texas to hold accreditations by both CALEA and the Texas Police Chief's Association, putting it in elite company.

Following more than a three-year self-assessment phase and a meticulous site-based assessment of community engagement, policy, procedures, equipment and facilities by CALEA assessors, Colleyville Police Chief Michael C. Miller and Accreditation Coordinator Cynthia Bauman attended the CALEA virtual conference. Each agency being



reviewed goes before CALEA's 21-member Board of Commissioners where the commission reviews all findings and determines the agencies' accreditation status.

Police Chief Michael C. Miller said, "This is an incredible accomplishment that reflects the dedication and commitment of the department to delivering exceptional police services to our community. We want our residents and business owners to take pride and comfort in knowing that an independent and highly respected organization exhaustively reviewed all aspects of our agency and confirmed that we meet or exceed the highest standards of professional excellence in law enforcement. Our desire is to be the best modern police department that we can be, and with this achievement, we are proud to be recognized among the very best in the country."

The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence. The accreditation process is how a public safety agency voluntarily demonstrates how it meets professionally-recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery.

In alignment with CALEA's specific goals, the Colleyville Police Department is committed to serving its community with excellence, while also allocating attention to its internal personnel with fair and nondiscriminatory practices, sustaining solid interagency cooperation and coordination, and increasing the community and staff's confidence in the agency. Every Police Department employee played a role in this accreditation process and we are proud to have achieved this major milestone as a team.

#### State of the City Premieres Feb. 3

This year's State of the City presentation will be revealed Thursday, February 3 at the Colleyville Chamber of Commerce luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The State of the City covers a variety of topics including citywide beautification efforts, economic development, customer service, infrastructure, public safety, award winning programs and projects, and finances. A public presentation will be held that evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Colleyville Center. The presentation will be recorded and available for viewing on the City's website.

## Winter Reading at the Colleyville Library



The Colleyville Public Library is bringing back the Winter Reading Club to encourage readers ages 0-12 to start off the new year with a good book!

"Snow is Falling, Books are Calling!" begins January 18 and children can stop by Youth Services or the Circulation Desk to receive a book bag and punch card to track their reading. The Winter Reading Club runs for 12 weeks, from Tuesday, January 18 through Saturday, April 9. Participants can begin tracking the number

of books they check out and receive a decal to add to the Snowtastic Reader Wall. All materials must be checked out from the Colleyville Public Library and books must be kept at least one night. Children can receive punches for their punch card at the Circulation Desk or at the drive through window. For more information, contact the Library at 817.503.1154.

# Filing for City Council Places Open Soon

Candidate filing for City Council seats for the May 7 General Election are open from January 19 to February 18.

The City of Colleyville will conduct a General Election on May 7 to elect a Mayor and City Councilmembers for Places 1 and 2. Applications will be available at the City Secretary's Office on the third floor of Colleyville City Hall, 100 Main Street or online at <u>Colleyville.com</u> starting January 3.

City Councilmembers are elected to three-year terms. Candidates must be a resident of the City of Colleyville or within an incorporated area annexed by the City, according to the City Charter. Candidates must have been a resident for at least 12 months, be qualified voters of the State of Texas and the City of Colleyville, and cannot be financially delinquent to the City.

Applications can be filed in person at the City Secretary's Office or via mail to: Office of the City Secretary • Colleyville City Hall • 100 Main Street • Colleyville, Texas 76034

## Pick Up After Your Pets, Only Rain Goes Down The Drain



Pet waste is smelly and unsightly, a health risk to pets and people, and creates water quality issues. 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.

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 also help protect our water quality by picking up after your pets. For more information, visit https://www.nctcog.org/envir/watershed-management/stormwater/pet-waste, or contact the Stormwater Division at 817.503.1090.

## Prepare Now, Don't Let Severe Weather Take You By Surprise

From last year's winter storm to recent tornadoes that impacted the central part of our country, it is a good reminder to make sure you have multiple sources to receive weather alerts, such as watches and warnings, from the National Weather Service.

**Outdoor Warning Sirens:** The City of Colleyville has outdoor warning sirens located throughout the city. These sirens are used to advise people that are outside to seek shelter inside and turn to local news for more information. The sirens are not only used for tornadoes, large hail, and strong winds, they may be used for a hazardous materials incident or other situations where people should seek shelter inside. Do not depend on the sirens as your only source to alert you of dangerous weather. The sirens may fail or if you are inside you may not hear the sirens when activated.

**CodeRED Weather Notifications:** The City of Colleyville offers weather notifications through our mass notification system, CodeRED. The CodeRED notifications are free, and will alert you by phone, text, and/or email when the National Weather Service issues a watch or warning that includes Colleyville. To register for this free service, visit <u>Colleyville.com</u>.

**NOAA Weather Alert Radio:** Every house and business should have a NOAA Weather Alert Radio. When turned on, the radio will be activated when a weather watch or warning is issued for your area.

**Weather Apps:** Some local news stations have free weather apps for your phone that can alert you in the event a watch or warning is issued. Visit local news websites for information on a local weather app.

Be sure to have multiple ways to be notified of severe weather and notifications set to wake you up in the middle of the night, if needed. Make sure all family members know where to seek shelter. Stay Alert and Stay Safe!

## **Upcoming Events**

Winter Reading Club Tuesday, Jan. 18 - Saturday, April 9 Colleyville Public Library

Sign up at the Youth Services or Circulation Desk and receive a punch card and book bag. Kids can win prizes for reading books! Contact the Library at 817.503.1154 for more information.

> State of the City Thursday, February 3 7:00 p.m. Colleyville Center

The City of Colleyville's annual State of the City presentation will provide residents information on accomplishments made in 2021 and what to expect in the upcoming year.

#### Beginner Line Dance Wednesdays, February 2-23 II:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Colleyville Public Library

For ages 50<sup>+</sup>. Students should be capable of learning basic dance steps. Contact Senior Center staff at 817.503.1195 for more information.

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

### **City Meetings**

City Council	February I	7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	February 8	7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	February 14	7 p.m.
City Council	February 15	7:30 p.m.



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