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### Before You Start, Do You Need a Permit?

Summertime is the perfect time to have some work done to improve the aesthetics of your home. Before you start, check to see if a permit is needed. From major renovations like building an addition or replacing a roof to smaller upgrades such as replacing a water heater or fence, permits **are required** when adding on to pre-existing structures.

Work requiring a permit includes:

- Accessory Building
- Additions
- Fence
- Pool
- Remodels or alterations
- Roof replacements
- Water heater replacements

Property owners who occupy a single family residence and contractors who are properly licensed can obtain a building permit. It is the responsibility of both property owner and contractor to ensure plans are submitted and a permit is obtained.

All permitting is done online on the City website at <u>Colleyville.com/</u> <u>BuildingInspections</u>. For questions, please contact Building Inspections staff at 817.503.1030 or email buildinginspections@colleyville.com.



### Additional School Resource Officers in Colleyville Public Schools

Each summer the City Council holds a workshop to discuss goals and priorities for the year ahead. This year, the Council placed a high priority on supporting additional school safety measures, specifically providing School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned to each public school in



Colleyville. Currently there are officers assigned to Colleyville Heritage High School and the two middle schools. The elementary schools and the alternative school are covered by sharing the three current SROs on a part-time basis.

Over the last several years, there has been increased community support for having a SRO in each school, particularly as tragic events across the country are reported in the news. This is a complex issue given our joint school district serving both Colleyville and Grapevine. To add to the complexity, we have one elementary school within Colleyville city limits that is in Keller ISD (Liberty).

Adding additional SROs is an issue many cities and school districts discuss regularly, with funding challenges often identified as a significant barrier. At the June 21 Colleyville Crime Control and Prevention District (CCCPD) budget worksession, the City Council provided direction to include funding for six additional SROs in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. The CCCPD budget receives funding from the <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cent dedicated sales tax approved by voters in 1999 and reauthorized in 2003. No additional property tax revenue will be necessary to fund the new officers. The CCCPD budget is scheduled for approval by the CCCPD Board on July 6 and the City Council on August 2. Funding will then become available with the start of the new fiscal year on October 1, at which point the hiring process will begin. It is anticipated that it will take at least 12 months to hire the additional personnel, with the intent to have the new SROs in schools for the 2023-2024 school year. More details will be shared as plans progress.

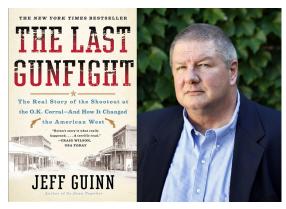
### E-News Offers Up-to-Date Information Each Friday

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. Did you know you can receive **up-to-date** information with our weekly e-news? Each Friday, you will receive the latest City news, services, programs, and upcoming events in your e-mail inbox! To sign up, visit <u>Colleyville.com/enews</u> today and start receiving our weekly e-news this Friday! We'd love to hear your thoughts regarding the Communicator newsletter as we are considering a change to quarterly printing. You can email us your thoughts at colleyville@colleyville.com.

# Colleyville Public Library Hosts Jeff Guinn for Author Luncheon

The Colleyville Public Library will host New York Times best-selling author and Fort Worth resident, Jeff Guinn at an author luncheon on Friday, August 12, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

As our guest speaker, Guinn will discuss his book *The Last Gunfight*, an account of one of the most famous gunfights in American history, the shootout at the O.K. Corral. *The Last Gunfight* reveals who Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, and the Clantons and the McLaurys



really were and what the shootout was all about. Guinn writes that the famous gunfight would shape the views of the Old West. However, based on archival research and materials from private collections, including those of Wyatt Earp and his own hand-drawn sketch of the event's conclusion, Guinn surmises a far more fascinating view of that day and the events that took place.

Guinn, a former journalist, who has won national, regional, and state awards for investigative reporting, feature writing and literary criticism, has authored 24 works of fiction and non-fiction and is a member of the Texas Literary Hall of Fame. Guinn will be selling and signing copies of his book, following the program.

Registration is required and can be done in person, via email, or online at <u>ColleyvilleLibrary.com</u>. For more information, please call 817-503-1155.

## Code Enforcement Key to Maintaining Safe and Healthy Neighorhoods

Have you noticed tall grass and weeds in your neighborhood? Can you post signs for a garage sale? Who's responsible for trees overhanging into street rightof-way? What are a property owner's responsibility regarding swimming pool maintenance? These questions, and more, can be addressed through the City's code enforcement. The Code Enforcement Department, a division of Colleyville Police Department, creates and maintains a safe and healthy environment by reasonable enforcement of codes and ordinances adopted by City Council. The goal is to eliminate public nuisances within neighborhoods by responding to nuisance complaints. The department tries to obtain voluntary compliance of nuisance codes through community education and by appealing to civic responsibility.

In an effort to simplify some of the complexities of interpreting City codes and ordinances, the Code Enforcement Department has developed informational brochures, available online at <u>Colleyville.com/CodeEnforcement</u>, for a variety of topics including:

- Garage Sale Signs
- High Weeds and Grass
- Junked Vehicles
- Substandard Fences
- Removal of Trees Over Street Right of Way
- Residential Swimming Pool Maintenance
- Residential Substandard Buildings and Structures

For questions regarding compliance or to report a possible nuisance complaint/ code violation, call 817.503.1268 or email dnelson@colleyville.com. Life-safety issues are typically inspected the same day. Non-life-safety complaints are inspected within two business days. When in doubt, reach out! Thank you for taking an active role in keeping our community safe for everyone.

### **Upcoming Events**

Evolution Soccer Fall Pre-Season Tune Up August 1-5 U4-U6, 8:00-10:00 a.m. U7-U15, 8:00 a.m. - noon Pleasant Run Soccer Complex Prepare for the fall season by enjoying a fun week of soccer camp. For more information or to register, visit www.colleyvillesoccer.org/camps.

Fall Volleyball League Registration July 25 - August 19

10 & Under - Division I
13 & Under - Division 2
League is designed to introduce young ladies to the game of volleyball. League runs September 12 - November 12. Registration can be completed online at ColleyvilleParksandRec.com. Call 817.503.1180 for more information.

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

#### **City Meetings**

City Council	August 2	7:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	August 8	7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	August 9	7 p.m.
City Council	August 16	7:30 p.m.



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