

CITY DESK

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Leadership Coppel

The City of Coppel will offer Leadership Coppel, an innovative program designed to bring together civic-minded individuals in a forum that encourages learning, questioning and planning. Six, full day sessions are scheduled to begin February 2016.

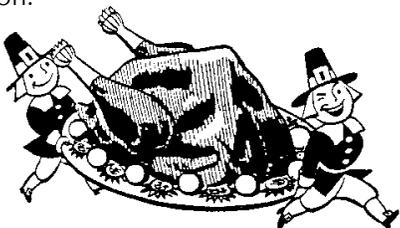
This comprehensive training program includes information about the backbone of how this community operates through the presentation of information and presentation from community and civic leaders, educators, City staff and representatives from Metroplex organizations that help keep DFW in the forefront of labor markets, transportation issues and business needs.

Six sessions are planned beginning February 4. Registration is underway. Class size is limited to 20 participants and applications are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Tuition for the program is \$150 per person. Applications are available at Town Center, 255 Parkway Blvd., and may also be downloaded from the City's website at coppelltx.gov.

Early registration is encouraged. A complete listing of all classes can be viewed on the City's website at coppelltx.gov. For more information and personal assistance, please call the City at 972-304-7065.

Wreath Sale Benefitting Relay for Life

Visit the Dec. 5 Coppel Farmers Holiday Market to purchase a fresh and fragrant holiday wreath. These 22-inch Noble Fir wreaths feature a traditional arrangement of snowy pine cones and a red velvet water repellent bow. All of the proceeds from the \$30 price of these beautiful wreaths benefit Relay for Life, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. The Coppel Farmers Holiday Market will be held at the pavilion in Old Town Coppel at 768 W. Main St., 8 AM to noon.



Make A Child Smile

Smiles during the holidays are priceless and that's why the City of Coppel host the annual Make A Child Smile program, providing gifts of toys and clothing to children in Coppel whose parent's need a bit of extra help during this special season. You can help put a smile on the face of a Coppel child by picking up an ornament listing the gender, size and age of the child. Then, purchase your gift, and wrap and return to the City Manager's office by Dec. 8. Ornaments are available in the City Manager's Office, 255 Parkway Blvd, 2nd Floor, now through Dec. 8. A host of City employee volunteers will deliver the bags of gifts to the families prior to Christmas. If you have any questions regarding this program, please call Ashley Owens at 972-304-7016. This worthy program benefits your community. Your participation and generosity are greatly appreciated!

Holiday Lighted Parade & Tree Lighting

Coppel kicks off the holidays with its annual Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting ceremony on Sat., Dec. 5, at 6:30 PM. Applications are available now for "A Storybook Holiday," this year's parade theme. Participation in the parade is open to area businesses, civic organizations, non-profits, churches and other interested groups. Participants are encouraged to get creative with their floats and costumes! To add intrigue and illumination to the event, every entry must have a minimum of 200 lights. Since the parade takes place at night, walkers are not permitted.

Floats will be judged prior to the start of the parade to determine the "Best Decorated" and "Most Spirited" floats. All applications must be received by Nov. 20, at 5 PM, There is no charge to participate. The mandatory Pre-Parade meeting will take place Mon., Nov. 30, at 6 PM in the Council Chambers in Town Center, 255 E. Parkway Blvd. Applications are available at coppelltx.gov.

Senior & Community Center Craft Fair

The Coppel Senior and Community Center will be bustling with holiday spirit Sat., Nov. 21 hosting the annual Craft Fair from 9 AM to 1 PM, featuring handmade goods made by local craftsmen and artisans. Heres a great chance to start your holiday shopping. And, bring the kids! Kiddy Krafts will be held for children, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, for just \$2 per child. Free popcorn will be served rom 10 AM - 12 PM for shoppers.

For more information on these events and others taking place and the Coppel Senior and Community Center, call 972-462-5136. The Center is located at 345 W. Bethel Rd., in Old Town.

Thanksgiving Holiday Closings

	Wed Nov 25	Thurs Nov 26	Fri Nov 27
City Admin	Close at Noon	Closed	Closed
CORE	Close at 5 PM	Closed	Closed
Library	Close at Noon	Closed	Closed
Municipal Court	Close at Noon	Closed	Closed

Upcoming Library Programs & Events

HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will close at noon on Wed., Nov. 25 and be closed all day Thurs., Nov. 26 and Fri., Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving. The library will reopen at 10 am on Sat., Nov 28.

TEMPORARY LOCATION

During the renovation the Coppell Public Library will be located at 500 Southwestern Blvd next to Animal Services. You can also use the new return drop-box in front of Town Center at 255 Parkway Blvd. The renovation is scheduled to be completed October 2016. During that time the library will continue to offer books and movies for checkout, public computers, storytimes, programming, and online resources. Visit the library or coppelltx.gov/library for information about free activities, the library redesign, and eBooks. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the renovation.

SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

Monday, December 7 • 6 PM

Join us for some casual crafting! Work on a simple craft with supplies provided by the library. Sign up is required, please call 972-304-3658 or email: cozbyprograms@coppelltx.gov. Some Assembly Required will meet at the Senior and Community Center located at 345 W. Bethel Rd.

SANTA STORYTIME

Thursday, December 10 • 10:30 AM

Here comes Santa Claus...Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for Storytime at The Children's Courtyard! Don't forget your camera! All ages welcome. The Children's Courtyard is located at 129 W. Town Center Dr.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Tuesday, December 15 • 7 PM

Join us for stories, songs, snacks, fun, and maybe even a special guest all the way from the North Pole! All ages welcome. Family Fun Night will be held at the Coppell Public Library located at 500 Southwestern Blvd.



December Meetings

Park Board	12/7	6:30 PM	Town Center
City Council	12/8	7:30 PM	Town Center
Planning & Zoning Commission	12/17	6:30 PM	Town Center

i-Naturalist-Becoming a Science Citizen Friends of Coppell Nature Park Lecture Series

Saturday November 21 • 10 AM to noon

The Biodiversity Education Center
367 Freeport Parkway, Coppell

Derek Broman, a biologist from Texas Parks and Wildlife, will teach the i-Naturalist web site and how to record wildlife observations to provide a living record of wildlife and nature in Coppell and North Texas.

Sponsored by Friends of Coppell Nature Park. For more information, please visit coppellnaturepark.org. Free to the public and registration is not required.

Natural Kids Drop-In

Mondays from 10 AM to noon

The Biodiversity Education Center
367 Freeport Parkway, Coppell

A fun and natural way to spend the morning. Join other moms and their tots at the Biodiversity Education Center in the Coppell Nature Park for this "stay and play" style class for ages birth to 5. Simple and nature-based toys, arts and crafts, building materials, and musical instruments will be available for free play; each week will have a different theme. Instructor: Beth Reynolds. For more information and to register visit:

www.coppellactivities.com or call 972-304-7077.

Deck the Trails

Saturday December 5 • 8 AM

Coppell Nature Park at Wagon Wheel Park
345 Freeport Parkway, Coppell

Three-mile trail run, toy drive, fun run and Santa visit. Race through Wagon Wheel Park and Coppell Nature Park. For more information visit: <http://www.runproject.org/race/deck-trails-3m-fun-run>.

Annual Coppell Nature Park Christmas Bird Count & Tour

Saturday December 12 • 8 AM to noon

The Biodiversity Education Center
367 Freeport Parkway, Coppell

North Lake College's Chuck Siegel will conduct an early morning bird count of Coppell Nature Park from 8 to 9:30 AM and will present "Birds of North Texas" from 10 am to noon. Attendees can participate in the nation's annual bird count for Audubon Society records. Sponsored by Friends of Coppell Nature Park. For more information, please visit coppellnaturepark.org.

Free to the public and registration is not required.

Cease the Grease

Don't pour your Thanksgiving grease down the drain! Grease clogs your pipes and can even cause sewer backups. Protect your home, city, and environment by recycling it during this regional collection event! All used cooking oil and grease will be donated to the Dallas County Schools Alternative Fuels Program to be processed into biodiesel for school buses.

Two drop-off locations are available 24 hours a day, between Nov. 30, and December 11 at the Coppell Service Center (816 S. Coppell Rd.) and Village Parkway Pump Station (1101 Village Parkway). These collection sites are for cooking oil and grease only. Motor oil and other automotive fluids are not accepted. Please visit coppelltx.gov for more information.