
CITY DESK

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Plaza Music Series

Town Center Plaza - 255 Parkway Blvd.

A community favorite returns this Spring! The Plaza Music Series is back with some of your favorite bands!

On Saturday, March 12, 7 - 9 pm, dance to the beat of DFW's own Fab Four, Me and My Monkey. With incredible attention to detail, Me and my Monkey recreates the feeling of being at a live Beatles show!

On Saturday, March 19, 7 - 9 pm, DFW's own, The Live 5 Band, will have the crowd dancing to popular party hits! Both concerts are free, and complementary popcorn will be served courtesy of Coppell Parks and Recreation. Gather the family, pack up a picnic and chairs, and come out to the Town Center Plaza Saturdays in March for great live music.

DIY Drip Irrigation

Convert your spray heads and watch your sprinkler system save you money from this hands-on drip conversion class. Come to the Biodiversity Education Center on Saturday, February 27, at 11 am to learn how to install drip irrigation tubing from your faucet or how to convert an existing zone to drip. Drip irrigation for foundation watering will also be covered. The indoor class will be held at the Biodiversity Education Center, 367 Freeport Pkwy., where an extensive rain garden is planted utilizing drip methods.

Free to the public and registration not required. For more information visit coppellcommunitygarden.org.

Do you KnowWhat2Do During Severe Weather?

Spring is typically severe weather season in Texas, however, it can strike at anytime. Now is a good time to take the opportunity to minimize the impact by assuming personal responsibility for developing a plan that could save a life. When it comes to life safety initiatives, the key to successful survival is preparedness.

The KnowWhat2Do program was developed in the north central Texas region as a common tool that all residents and businesses can use to prepare for disasters. The program focuses on three areas: Think! Prepare! Act!

THINK! - Typically tornadoes develop very rapidly, leaving little to no time for advanced warning. It is crucial that you pay attention whenever a severe weather warning has been issued and be prepared to take action immediately.

Flooding is the costliest and deadliest hazard that we face each year. Unfortunately, most deaths from flooding could have been prevented; Turn Around, Don't Drown! If ever you approach a roadway covered by water, turn around immediately and find an alternate route.

PREPARE! - Gather your family and make a plan. This plan should include where you will shelter in your home, office, school, or other building. Always look for the lowest level, most center room of a building (preferably without windows). Your plan should identify how you will receive timely warning information such as local TV, radio, or the National Weather Service. It should also detail how you will maintain communication with each other. If normal communication methods are unavailable, how will you let each other know that you are okay? Phone communications may not be available during times of disaster but you may still be able to send very short text messages. Come up with a short text that you and your family members can send to let each other know you are safe.

ACT! - Practice, practice, practice your plan. Before an emergency happens, make sure everyone knows and understands the plan by practicing. Put the plan into action! Visit www.knowwhat2do.com to get started! There are helpful tools to walk you and your family through the necessary steps to prepare for all types of disasters, especially severe weather.

Upcoming Events at the Biodiversity Education Center

Responsible Resource Use & Management - Friends of the Coppell Nature Park Lecture Series

Saturday, February 20 • 10 am - 12 pm

Wild Sundays - Birds

Sunday, February 28 • 2:30 - 4 pm

Snakes & Reptiles - Friends of the Coppell Nature Park Lecture Series

Saturday, March 5 • 10 am - 12 pm

Biodiversity Education Center • 367 Freeport Parkway

For more information visit coppelltx.gov/BEC

Walk With City Officials

On Saturday, February 27 at 10:30 am, join the Mayor, City Manager, and Living Well in Coppell on a walk to dedicate the new pedestrian bridge crossing Denton Creek at the east end of Andy Brown Park. You'll also hear about the new re-development of the entire Andy Brown park system which will result in a landmark park system for years to come.

Join in the fun and bring your family, friends and co-workers! For more information, go to the Living Well in Coppell website at www.LivingWellinCoppell.com.

Upcoming Library Programs & Events

For information about the library and updates on construction, visit: coppelltx.gov/library.

eBOOKS

Can't make it to the library? No worries! Anyone with a valid Coppell library card may borrow eBooks from 3M. eBooks may be read on your eReader, tablet, computer, or phone. You can access your 3M account 24/7. There is a huge selection of new and bestselling books for children, teens, and adults as well as eAudiobooks and eMagazines! Call, stop by the library, or visit coppelltx.gov/library for more details on downloading the apps.

SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

Monday, March 7 • 6 pm

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

SECOND SATURDAY STORYTIME

Saturday, March 12 • 11 am

A special storytime presented to children of working parents and everyone who cannot attend regular weekday Storytimes. Space is limited. Second Saturday Storytime is held at the Coppell Public Library located at 500 Southwestern Blvd.

March Meetings

Building and Standards	3/3	7 pm	Town Center
Park Board	3/7	6:30 pm	Town Center
City Council	3/8	7:30 pm	Town Center
Library Board	3/10	7 pm	Town Center
City Council	3/22	7:30 pm	Town Center
Planning and Zoning Commission	3/24	6:30 pm	Town Center

2016 Community Wellness Challenge!

Living Well in Coppell is once again sponsoring Coppell's participation in the IT'S TIME TEXAS Community Wellness Challenge. The Challenge runs through March 31 and involves cities across Texas demonstrating physical, nutritional or personal wellness behaviors. Wellness activities which qualify can be as simple as:



- Walking or jogging around your neighborhood
- Cooking or eating a healthy meal
- Working out at the CORE, the YMCA, the Senior Center or a local fitness club
- Helping out at our Community or School Gardens
- Throwing a frisbee or kicking a soccer ball at the park
- Shopping at the Coppell Farmers Market
- Joining Walk to School Wednesdays
- Meditation or Yoga for stress relief
- Playing with your dog or kids in the yard
- Or anything else that contributes to your physical, nutritional or personal wellness

All you need to do is register and then take a photo of your activity and post it on www.ittcommunitychallenge.com.

Living Well in Coppell's goal for the 2016 Challenge is to expand the participation and involvement of citizens, schools, businesses, organizations and faith-based groups over last year. If we can do that, then Coppell will once again demonstrate leadership against similar-sized Texas cities in our challenge category. So get started and encourage your family, friends, co-workers and fellow students to join in with you!

To register and participate, go to www.ittcommunitychallenge.com. Or you can get more information at the Living Well in Coppell website at www.LivingWellinCoppell.com.

Drone Registration Now Required by FAA

Hobbyists and recreational users who fly unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), which include remote controlled aircraft, are now required by the FAA to register. Owners must register small UAS weighing more than 0.55 pounds (250 grams) and less than 55 pounds (approx. 25 kilograms) if they are to be flown outdoors for hobby or recreation.

Federal law requires a \$5 registration fee that will be collected at the time of registration via credit card. After completing registration, owners will receive a personal registration number. If a person owns more than one small UAS, each aircraft must be marked with that number. Any method may be used to mark the UAS, as long as the number is legible. Registrants may put the number in the battery compartment if it is easily accessible. The operator must keep either a printed or electronic version of this certificate on hand for inspection as proof of registration. Registration must be renewed every three years.

Register at www.faa.gov/uas/registration.

Visit www.faa.gov/uas for more information.