

CITY DESK

City of Coppell | Water Bill Insert

How To Schedule Span

- To schedule a pick up, qualified riders will call Span's dispatch office, Monday through Friday, between 8 AM and 2 PM as early as two weeks in advance of the desired date and as late as one day prior to pick up. Call at least one day in advance (before 2 P.M.) to schedule your trip. Span will be in a better position to offer desirable pick-up and drop-off times, the closer out to two weeks in advance that service is requested.

SPAN 940-382-1900

- Call again the evening before your trip (5 to 5:30 P.M.) to get your specific pick-up time.
- Riders will need to allow for a 30-minute window around their scheduled pick-up time.
- Fares must be paid each time the rider boards the Span Denton County vehicle.
- Qualified riders include those age 60 and older, and those with documented disabilities.
- Cost per rider is \$2.50 each way.

New Paratransit Service Coming To Coppell - Span

The City of Coppell will introduce a new senior and paratransit service this summer in an effort to accommodate a growing number of transit requests within Coppell. The City is partnering with Denton County's non-profit Span Transit, to provide shared transportation services, by appointment, for seniors and those who may have mobility impairment. Span is not an emergency medical transportation service.

Span service will begin accepting reservations for riders on June 6 with the first transport of Coppell riders beginning on or around June 20. Transportation service is by appointment only and must be scheduled in advance.

In order to use SPAN Transit, passengers must first complete and submit a written application to Span. The application is available online at <http://span-transit.org>, or by calling the SPAN Dispatch Office at (940) 382-1900. Upon receipt of completed applications, please allow a maximum of 21 days to process applications. SPAN will begin processing properly completed applications immediately upon receipt.

Only completed, signed applications will be considered for review. Once the application is fully completed, the signed original should be dropped off, mailed or faxed to: SPAN, 1800 Malone, Denton, TX 76201, or faxed to 940-383-8433. Upon completion of review, applicants will receive written notice via U.S. mail and may begin scheduling trips. Passengers will need to reapply every three years from the date they are initially approved so that Span will have up-to-date information.

All Span vehicles are equipped with wheelchair lifts or ramps. Span drivers are trained to assist individuals who may have mobility impairment or use assistive devices.

Span's service area includes all of Coppell and surrounding areas in close proximity to the Coppell city limits (see map below). Service to and from Baylor Scott & White Medical Center of Grapevine is also included as a part of Span's contract with Coppell. A one year contract for this service will cost the City \$75,000 annually.

With DART and DCTA not an option, City staff began looking into potential transportation services that could meet the needs of the community. Metrocrest Services currently provides limited transportation to qualifying Coppell residents, however an increase in demand could hamper their ability to continue to provide quality service.

For more information regarding Span's policies and procedures, please visit http://span_transit.org.

Upcoming Events

CozbyCon

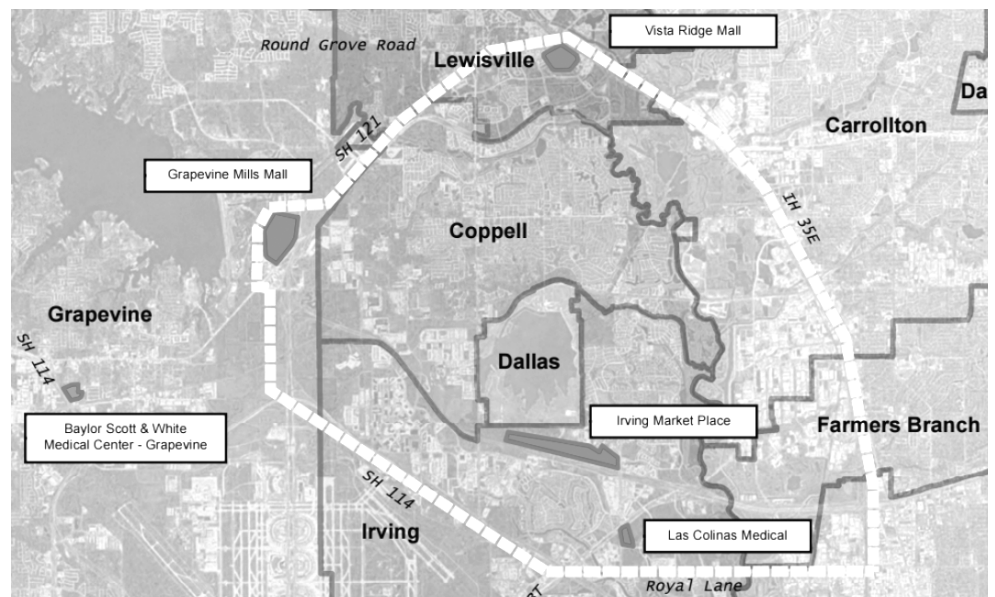
Saturday, May 21 • 1 to 3 PM
500 Southwestern Blvd.

Come to the library's 6th annual comic book/anime convention, CozbyCon! Watch anime, enjoy yummy snacks, and win awesome prizes from Funimation! All ages are welcome. CozbyCon will be held at the Library located at 500 Southwestern Blvd.

Teen Volunteer Fair

Tuesday, May 24 • 6:30 PM
Biodiversity Education Center in Wagon Wheel Park, 367 Freeport Pkwy.

Need volunteer hours? Local organizations (not the library) looking for teen volunteers will discuss their opportunities at the Teen Volunteer Fair. This year's fair will be held at the Biodiversity Education Center.



Black Land Prairie Restoration

FCNP Lecture

May 21 • 10 AM to noon

Biodiversity Education Center in
Wagon Wheel Park, 367 Freeport Pkwy.

During the past three years, the students of Holly Anderson's Coppel High School science class worked to restore a portion of the Black Land Prairie within the Coppel Nature Park. Now, they are ready to report the progress and some of their unique findings. Sponsored by Friends of Coppel Nature Park. Free to the public and registration is not required. For more information, please visit coppellnaturepark.org.

The Arts and Nature-Wild Sunday

May 22 • 2:30 to 4 PM

Biodiversity Education Center in
Wagon Wheel Park, 367 Freeport Pkwy.

Bring your artistic talents out to the Biodiversity Education Center and experience the four-step process of Nature Explore's "Look, Move, Build, Sketch" art technique. We will have natural artifacts to "look" at, we will use our bodies to create nature such as flowers and trees, we will build nature with tree blocks and other natural materials, and finally we will sketch and paint what we see in nature.

Designed for families and youth ages 4 to 14, these FREE self-guided "come and go" events feature hands-on learning/activity stations. RSVP's are requested, but not required. You may RSVP by contacting cnp@coppelltx.gov or calling 972-304-3581.

Fossils and Rocks Camp

June 13 thru 17, 9 AM to noon

Ages 10-15 years

Biodiversity Education Center in
Wagon Wheel Park, 367 Freeport Pkwy.

Learn basic fundamentals of geology including a discussion of the earth's crust, mantle and core, rocks and minerals, stream, river mechanics, plate tectonics, and more! Each camper receives a certificate of achievement and a genuine fossil keepsake. David Goodner, instructor. Cost per camper \$125 To register, visit www.coppellactivities.com

Memorial Day Holiday

City administrative offices, the Library, Municipal Court and Animal Services will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Visit coppelltx.gov for all holiday openings and closings.

June Meetings

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| Park Board | 6/6 | 6:30 PM | Town Center |
| Library Board | 6/9 | 7 PM | Town Center |
| City Council | 6/14 | 7:30 PM | Town Center |
| Planning & Zoning Commission | 6/16 | 6:30 PM | Town Center |

Summer Movie in the Plaza

June 3 • 8 to 10 PM • Town Center Plaza, 255 E. Parkway Blvd.

School's out so why not kick-off a great summer with a movie under the stars! Bring a blanket and chairs to Town Center Plaza for a showing of *Minions* (rated PG). Complimentary popcorn will be available courtesy of Coppel Parks and Recreation, or purchase a tasty, cool snow cone from Kona Ice!

Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan

The Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan describes the watering stages the City of Coppel has established for outdoor water use. The Ordinance establishes the stages based on the demand and the City's ability to supply water. The stages are posted in various City buildings, in the water bill insert and on the City's Web site at coppelltx.gov. The plan runs year round and is currently in Stage 1.

STAGE 1 - WATER AWARENESS STAGE

No outside watering will be allowed between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM, with the exception of the use of non-spray irrigation systems and hand watering. The use of non-spray irrigation systems and hand watering will be allowed all days, at all times during Stage 1.

Stages are established based on the availability of water and the City's ability to supply essential water demands and fire protection. Stages 2, 3 and 4 will move from awareness to *watch*, *warning*, and *emergency stages*. Violators of the Ordinance can be guilty of a separate offense for each day or portion of a day during which the violation continues. The Ordinance sets the penalty fine at \$200 for each offense. Learn more about the stages, <http://www.coppelltx.gov/residents/water-conservation-plan>.

Watering Techniques

When Should I Water?

Ideally, a lawn should be watered just before it begins to wilt. Most grasses take on a dull purplish cast and leaf blades begin to fold or roll. Grass under drought stress also shows evidence of tracks after someone walks across the lawn. Common bermuda grass lawns can go 5 to 7 days or longer between waterings without loss of quality.

Early morning is considered the best time to water. The wind is usually calm and the temperature is low so less water is lost to evaporation. The worst time to water is late evening because the lawn stays wet all night, making it more susceptible to disease.

How Much Water Does It Take?

It takes about 1/2-inch of water to achieve the desired wetting depth if the soil is high in sand, and about 3/4-inch of water if the soil is a loam. For soils high in clay, an inch of water is usually necessary to wet the soil to the desired depth. If waterings are too light or too frequent the lawn may become weak and shallow-rooted, which in turn makes it more susceptible to stress injury.

To estimate the amount of water your sprinkler or sprinkler system puts out, visit <http://www.coppelltx.gov/residents/water-conservation-plan>.