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City of Coppel | Water Bill Insert

Spring into Fun

EGGstravaganza

Sat., March 26, 10 AM - 12 PM
Wagon Wheel Park
345 Freeport Pkwy.

"Hippity Hoppity" up and come out to the annual EGGstravaganza event, full of activities including bounce houses, face painting, live music, photos with the Bunny, and more! Egg hunts begin promptly at 10:30 AM for kids up to age 6, and at 11:00 AM for kids age 7 - 10 years. Candy and toy-filled eggs are in abundance at this event, so dust off those baskets and join us for a morning filled with fun and festivities!

EcoCoppel EarthFest

Sat., April 16, 10 AM - 2 PM
Town Center Plaza
255 E. Parkway Blvd.

EarthFest is a celebration of Coppel's commitment to the environment - an entertaining and educational experience! Visit the many environmental education booths to learn how you can lead a more sustainable lifestyle. Don't forget to shop the plant sale, grab a bite to eat and enjoy live music by *Definitely, Maybe*.

Food Truck Frenzy

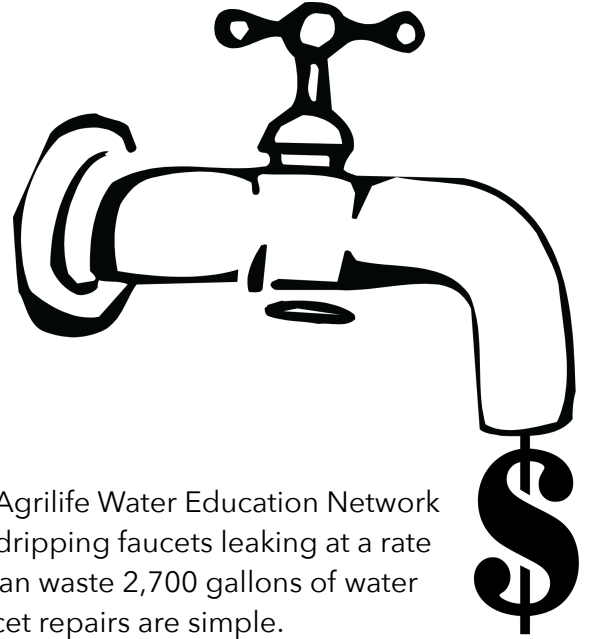
Saturday, April 23, 5 - 9 PM
The Square at Old Town
768 W. Main Street

Grab a couple of chairs and relax on the lawn. Enjoy eats and treats from some of your favorite local food trucks! Your favorite Old Town restaurants and shops will be there, too!

Prevent Storm Water Pollution

Choose native and adapted plants and grasses that are drought tolerant and pest resistant. These require less water, fertilizer and pesticides.

Saving Water Can Save You Money



Look for Leaks

According to Texas A&M Agrilife Water Education Network (<http://water.tamu.edu/>), dripping faucets leaking at a rate of one drop per second can waste 2,700 gallons of water per year. Most times, faucet repairs are simple.

- A leaky toilet can account for much of the water wasted in homes. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day. Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes (flush as soon as you finish the test).
- Outdoor irrigation systems are notorious for springing small leaks. An annual inspection before the weather warms up can save money all year.

Homes with high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances save about 30 percent of indoor water use and yield substantial savings on water, sewer, and energy bills (EPA).

Change Behaviors

Water is at our fingertips night and day, so it's natural to reach for the faucet, turn it on and let the water run. Simple behavior changes can contribute to large savings.

- Take shorter showers.
- Don't run the water while brushing your teeth.
- Scrape rather than rinse food particles off of dishes.
- Add food waste to a compost pile instead of putting it down the kitchen garbage disposal.
- Only wash full loads of dishes and clothes. In the case of the clothes washer, make sure you use the appropriate water level for the load size.

Outdoor Conservation

- Sweep the sidewalk and driveway instead of hosing off debris.
- Use soaker hoses to water landscaping and gardens. A soaker hose will deliver water to the ground versus a sprinkler which can lose a lot of water to evaporation.
- Wash your car using a bucket and an attachable hose sprayer easily turned off and on.
- Plant heat/drought tolerant plant material.
- Water only when needed.
- Install a rain shutoff device on your irrigation system.
- Mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation.

All combined, these efforts can save money and water. To learn more visit <http://water.tamu.edu/home-water-conservation-tips/>.

Dallas County to Collect Property Taxes for Coppell

Beginning April 4, 2016, the Dallas County Tax Office will collect property taxes for the City of Coppell.

During a review of City services it was determined that a more efficient use of resources included consolidating all property tax collections through Dallas County. The Coppell City Council approved this agreement on January 12, 2016, and Dallas County passed the agreement on January 19, 2016.

Coppell residents can pay taxes in person at any of the eight locations identified on the Dallas County website. Payments are also accepted by phone, by mail, or online using a no-cost e-check. Credit or debit cards can be used online or in person (convenience fees apply). Beginning April 4, Coppell Town Center will no longer accept payments at this location.

For additional information please contact the City of Coppell, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, at 972-304-3694 or the Dallas County Tax Office Customer Care Center at 214-653-7811. The Dallas County website can be found at <http://www.dallascounty.org/tax>.

It's Time Texas Challenge

It's not too late to participate in the IT'S TIME TEXAS Community Wellness Challenge. The Challenge runs from now through March 31 and involves cities across Texas demonstrating physical, nutritional or personal wellness behaviors.

Walk the dog, play with the kids, visit one of the many parks in Coppell, shop the Farmers Market. Or, participate in anything 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.



April Meetings

Park Board	4/4	6:30 PM	Town Center
City Council	4/12	7:30 PM	Town Center
Library Board	4/14	7 PM	Town Center
Planning and Zoning Commission	4/21	6:30 PM	Town Center
City Council	4/26	7:30 PM	Town Center

Upcoming Library Programs & Events

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

Gale Courses Available Online

Gale Courses offers a wide range of highly interactive, instructor led courses that you can take entirely online. Library card holders in good standing are eligible for these courses at no cost. Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin every month. For more details and questions, visit the library or our website. www.coppelltx.gov/library/research-and-elearning

Between the Lines After Hours

Saturday, April 2 • 6 - 8 PM

Celebrate a love for books with this Cinder inspired After Hours event. We'll have food, crafts, and free give-a-ways! For teens in grades 6-12. No sign up is required. Please arrive before 6:30 PM. Parents may start to pick up teens by 7:45 PM. Between the Lines After Hours will be held at the Library, 500 Southwestern Blvd.

Some Assembly Required

Monday, April 4 • 6 PM

Join us 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 Grapevine Springs Senior and Community Center, 345 W. Bethel Rd.

Second Saturday Storytime

Saturday, April 9 • 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, 500 Southwestern Blvd.



Page Turners

Monday, April 11 • 6:30 PM

We will discuss *Tolstoy and the Purple Chair* by Nina Sankovitch. Place a copy on hold at the Information Desk. NEW TIME & LOCATION: Page Turners will meet at the Senior and Community Center located at 345 W. Bethel Rd.

Got Books?

Monday, April 18 • 6:30 PM

Have you read anything really great recently? Join our monthly book discussion where we share beverages and some of your favorite books with friends and neighbors! Books discussed at previous meetings are made available on Pinterest and as a monthly email through NextReads. Stop by the library to find out more about these book lists. NEW TIME & LOCATION: Got Books will meet at the Senior and Community Center located at 345 W. Bethel Rd.