

CITY DESK

City of Coppell News

City Council Amends Future Land Use Plan

At the June 14, 2016 City Council meeting, the Council voted to amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and remove several areas of mixed use residential designations from the original 2011 plan. After significant discussion, audience input and Council debate, the City Council passed multiple motions indicating that, overall, mixed use commercial land designations in the city should not include a residential component (i.e. residential/apartments over shops and restaurants).



Under consideration were the eight areas of Coppell that were previously identified in 2011 as future mixed use locations in order to determine if these designations were still appropriate. In May 2016 the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) recommended four items: (1) a new land use category that eliminated the residential component for those areas close to existing residential neighborhoods, (2) a revised definition for Mixed Use Community Center to allow for no more than 10 residential dwellings per acre, (3) revision to the future land use map for those eight areas, (4) and the potential of hiring a consultant to examine the data, design specific land use plans, and initiate a comprehensive citizen participation opportunity.

City Council members discussed various aspects and approved several revisions to the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Plan. Visit coppelltx.gov and click on 'News' for a comprehensive list of the areas discussed, their amended land uses and other information.

<p>Splish Splash Storytime</p> <p>August 5 & 12 11:00 a.m. The CORE 234 E. Parkway Blvd.</p>	<p>The CORE and the Coppell Public Library are partnering again this summer to offer Splish Splash Storytime, in conjunction with Tot Swim. Meet at the pool for stories, songs, splashing, and fun! For parents and children up to age 8. Those who wish to stay and swim can do so until 12:45 PM. For parents and children up to age 8 years.</p>
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Cities Receive Regional Cooperation Award

The Cities of Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, and Farmers Branch were recognized by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for their far-reaching regional support efforts, specifically in the area of public safety, at the annual NCTCOG General Assembly meeting on June 17, 2016. Representatives from all four cities accepted the William J. Pitstick Regional Cooperation Award, which recognizes local government entities that work together to develop regional solutions for the communities they serve.

"We appreciate the recognition from the North Texas Council of Governments," said Coppell Fire Chief Kevin Richardson. "Combining services and sharing of resources will ultimately improve public services and safety for first responders. We are proud of all the staff members and look forward to continuing fiscal responsibility."

Residents of the four cities will benefit from the use of regional resources in solving multi-jurisdictional problems to establish higher levels of safety and well-being. Currently, the cities collaborate on the newly opened North Texas Emergency Communications Center (NTECC), a regional dispatch operations hub, the Regional Critical Incident Response Team, NORTEX Regional SWAT Team, the regional jails in Carrollton and Farmers Branch, the Regional Crash Investigation Team, as well as the soon-to-be-erected joint fire training facility.

The region already has one of the lowest crime rates in comparison to other areas within not only the DFW Metroplex, but also the state. Additionally, the four cities often appear on national lists for best places to live, work, visit, or buy a home. The area continues to see decreases in major crimes and increases in community-police relations.



Coppell Chief of Police Mac Tristan said, "The four cities have been working on consolidated services since 2011. Our efforts speak to the essence of building strong teams in order to better serve our communities and be good stewards of tax payer dollars."



***We are rolling out a new and improved utility bill format this September.
More information coming soon!***

2015 Water Quality Report

Delivering the Best Quality Drinking Water to Your Homes & Businesses

Once again Coppell is proud to present our annual drinking water report, covering all drinking water testing performed between January 1 and December 31, 2015. Over the years, we have dedicated ourselves to distributing drinking water that meets all state and federal standards. We continually strive to adopt new methods for delivering the best quality drinking water to your homes and businesses. In compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements, the City of Coppell provides information regarding the contents of water.

Visit coppelltx.gov and click on the 'News' section to view the 2015 Quality Water Report



The Arts and Nature July 27th 10:30am-noon

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.

Wild Wednesdays

Wild Wednesdays are geared toward families and youth ages 4-14. These FREE self-guided "come and go" events feature hands-on learning/activity stations and the activities generally take 30-40 minutes to complete. Participants may arrive and begin the activity anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. RSVP's are requested, but not required. You may RSVP by contacting cnp@coppelltx.gov or calling 972-304-3581.

August Meeting Dates, Times & Locations

Park Board	Aug 1	6:30 p.m.	Town Center
City Council	Aug 9	7:30 p.m.	Town Center
Planning & Zoning	Aug 18	6:00 p.m.	Town Center
City Council	Aug 23	7:30 p.m.	Town Center

Span Transit Picks Up Inaugural Rider

Span Transit made its first stop in Coppell on Monday, June 20 and picked up inaugural rider, Ms. Peggy Nowicki. Peggy visits the YMCA several times a week for swim and wheelchair yoga classes, and was thrilled to have the Span service in Coppell.

"I like it for both convenience and economical reasons," said Peggy. "The public transportation I used before cost me \$20 and now I only have to pay \$5, so it's much more inexpensive and I think that's great."

The Span Transportation Program helps seniors and disabled residents get around town for errands, doctor's appointments, shopping and more. The city partnered with Denton County's non-profit Span Transit to provide shared transportation services for a growing number of transit requests in Coppell. All span vehicles are equipped with wheelchair lifts or ramps, and drivers are trained to assist individuals who may have mobility impairment or use assistive devices.

Deputy City Manager Mario Canizares helped work to bring the Span Transportation Program to Coppell and hopes residents will take advantage of the service. "Offering an affordable transportation system to seniors and residents with disabilities helps ensure that everybody in Coppell has the opportunity to enjoy an active, healthy lifestyle," Mario said.

The cost per rider is \$2.50 each way, and the Span service area includes anywhere in Coppell, as well as surrounding areas in close proximity to the city limits, including Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in Grapevine, Las Colinas Medical, Grapevine Mills Mall and Vista Ridge Mall. The service is by appointment only, and to use Span residents must complete a written application, which is available at www.span-transit.org.

Call Span today for more information: 940-382-1900

Parks and Recreation Seeking Input on New Master Plan

Coppell Parks and Recreation is undergoing an update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and is seeking community input. Input received will be used to develop a long-term vision for park and recreation activities in Coppell, through 2025. Public participation in the process is extremely important, so that we can understand the needs and wants of the community. Citizens are encouraged to participate in the process, both in person and online. Please visit www.coppell.parksplan.com for information on upcoming meeting dates, as well as opportunities to participate in online surveys.

Finance Department Receives Transparency Stars Award from Comptroller

Coppell has been recognized by the State Comptroller's Office for its commitment to financial transparency. We were among the first 10 cities in the state to be awarded the Financial Transparency Star as part of the Transparency Stars program the Comptroller began in May of this year. This award signifies Coppell's willingness to go above and beyond in its support of an open government.



Transparency Stars

Recognizing Local Transparency Achievements