

CITY DESK

City of Coppell News

FY16-17 Proposed City Budget & Tax Rate

The proposed FY16-17 budget includes a decrease in property taxes for the 5th year in a row and is the lowest property tax rate since 1990.

The proposed budget is available on the city website in the scrolling news section at the top of the homepage: coppelltx.gov

In September the Coppell City Council will consider a \$110,580,650 proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (FY16-17) based on a \$0.5795 cent tax rate. If approved, the tax rate represents a \$0.0045 cent reduction.

The budget reflects City Council's awareness and commitment to remaining competitive in attracting and retaining quality employees who are dedicated to serving Coppell's citizenry. Additional funding has been allocated to the new facilities that will be coming online this fiscal year, including the newly renovated Cozby Library and Community Commons, Life Safety Park and Andy Brown Parks. Major road and utility construction projects include reconstruction of Freeport Parkway from Bethel Road to 635, reconstruction of Parkway Boulevard and reconstruction of Town Center Boulevard.

AAA Bond Rating

The City of Coppell has earned the coveted AAA bond rating from Moody's Investor Services and S&P Global Ratings, making it one of only a handful of cities statewide to achieve this level of financial stability. Coppell is not only the smallest city in the state with a AAA bond rating by two agencies, but also only one of eight cities in Texas with the favorable designation.



from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Old Town Coppell Plaza. The event will include numerous booths with local businesses and organizations providing valuable physical, nutritional and personal wellness information. All ages are invited, so bring the whole family!

Guests can also drop by the Coppell Farmer's Market for some fresh produce, or take a walk on the trail system between Old Town and the Senior Center/Grapevine Springs Park. The Coppell Wellness Expo is a great way to get outdoors and participate in community wellness activities. Visit the Living Well in Coppell website at www.LivingWellinCoppell.com

First Human Case of WNV in Coppell This Season



Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) has confirmed the first human case of West Nile infection in Coppell for the 2016 season. The patient was diagnosed with West Nile Virus Fever. For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information.

In July the City Council approved aerial spraying as a possible option for Coppell to consider in the effort to combat mosquitoes and the diseases they carry. The city has not made a final decision regarding aerial spraying, but will continue to target mosquitoes on the ground and ask for the public's assistance.

"The Environmental Health team has stepped up regular inspections of water sources around Coppell and continues to treat any standing water with larvicide briquettes," said Coppell Environmental Health Officer Luay Rahil. "Dallas County trucks will conduct ground spraying as needed, but we rely heavily on the public's assistance to help reduce the mosquito population by making sure there is no standing water on or around private property."

The best way to avoid exposure to West Nile Virus is to avoid mosquito bites. Residents should use the 4Ds to reduce their risk:

- **DEET All Day, Every Day:** Whenever you're outside, use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA approved repellents and follow instructions.
- **Dress:** Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.
- **Drain:** Drain or treat all standing water in and around your home or workplace.
- **Dusk & Dawn:** Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

DFW Airport Runway Closure

DFW Airport has closed Runway 17R/35L until November 2nd, 2016. The full closure is necessary for extensive work to remove and replace the asphalt shoulders on the full length of the runway (13,400 feet) as well as replace some deteriorating concrete panels.

Runway 17R/35L is DFW's primary departure runway on the east side of DFW Airport. More information about the Airport's planned runway work is available on DFW's website at the dfwairport.com link: www.dfwairport.com/aircraftnoise/index.php.

We encourage citizens with inquiries or complaints to contact DFW Airport. The email address for the Noise Office is dfwnoise@dfwairport.com. The telephone Hotline, 972-973-3192, is manned 24/7.



Coppell Wellness Expo - September 24th

Living Well in Coppell and the Coppell Chamber's Working Well in Coppell group are once again sponsoring the Fall edition of the Coppell Wellness Expo on Saturday, September 24

from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Old Town Coppell Plaza. The event will include numerous booths with local businesses and organizations providing valuable physical, nutritional and personal wellness information. All ages are invited, so bring the whole family!

BEC Upcoming Events

**Hike Coppell Nature Park
Biodiversity Education Center**
367 Freeport Parkway
Sunday, September 25
1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.



Come hike the trails of Coppell Nature Park with a North Texas Master Naturalist on Sunday, September 25th from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Participants will meet at the Biodiversity Education Center and then go on a 40 minute hike through Coppell Nature Park. Participants with children are invited to attend Wild Sundays - The "Little" World at the Biodiversity Education Center after the hike.

Those attending are asked to wear tennis shoes, socks, and bug repellent. In addition, participants are encouraged to bring a bottle of water. Strollers are welcome, but the trails are dirt and wood chip and there are areas with stairs, steep inclines and stepping stone water crossings.

Please register for this FREE hike by calling 972-304-3581 or emailing cnp@coppelltx.gov.

**Wild Sundays-The "Little" World
Biodiversity Education Center**
367 Freeport Parkway
Sunday, September 25
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Take a small-scale look at the world around you! Use microscopes to look at plant cells, insect parts, and much more. We will also make an onion tissue slide.

Wild Sundays are geared toward families and youth ages 4-14. These FREE self-guided "come and go" events feature hands-on learning/activity stations. Activities take 30-40 minutes to complete. Participants may arrive and begin the activity anytime between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. RSVP's are requested, but not required. You may RSVP by contacting cnp@coppelltx.gov or calling 972-304-3581.

Fall is a Wonderful Time of Year at Coppell Farmer's Market



The Coppell Farmers Market invites you to join us this October for cool weather activities and fall harvest bounty! Food Day for Kids, Saturday, October 15th, will bring a day full of fun and learning for children, including a petting zoo, scavenger hunt, garden time, and more. On Saturday, October 29th the Coppell Farmers Market will host more than 25 local artisans and makers who will sell unique hand made items. Beginning in October our farmers will haul in butternut squash, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, leafy greens, beets, and carrots, to name a few. Coppell Farmers Market is located at 768 W. Main St in Old Town Coppell and is open Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

October Meeting Dates, Times & Locations

Park Board	Oct 3	6:30 p.m.	Town Center
City Council	Oct 11	7:30 p.m.	Town Center
Planning & Zoning	Oct 20	6:30 p.m.	Town Center
City Council	Oct 25	7:30 p.m.	Town Center

Friends of Coppell Nature Park Lecture Series

Mosquitoes and North Texas Awareness
Saturday, October 15 | 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Biodiversity Education Center
367 Freeport Parkway

Dallas County Health and Human Services has advised travelers to be aware of West Nile, Chikungunya, Dengue and Zika viruses, which are transmitted by mosquitoes. Dr. Christopher Perkins (Medical Director), Spencer Lockwood (microbiologist), and Dr. Zachary Thompson (DCHHS Director) will discuss these viruses.



"Dallas County residents may be traveling to countries where these viruses are endemic and need to be aware of precautions to take while traveling," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS Director. "Additionally, if they become infected, they should be aware of what to do to help prevent spreading a virus here locally."

The event is free to the public and registration is not required. For more information, please visit coppellnaturepark.org.

Sustainable Home and Garden Tour

October 1 | 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Meet at Helping Hands Garden
255 Parkway (Community Garden next to Coppell Town Center)

This casual, self-guided tour is an opportunity to explore green living ideas such as solar, smartscape design, rain water catchment systems and composting, by talking to homeowners. Learn from other Coppell residents and get inspired with eco-friendly home and garden improvements. There will be a special giveaway for the first 100 people. The event is free to attend with no registration required.

Begin the tour and pick up a map from Helping Hands Community Garden (next to Coppell Town Center) – 255 Parkway Blvd. Coppell, TX

Smartscape Design for Pollinators

October 8 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Biodiversity Education Center
367 Freeport Parkway

Learn how to use native plants and water features to attract butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds! Get great tips on which plants to choose, how to design the space and what kind of maintenance to expect with SmartScape design. This class is free to the public with no registration required.