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Mike Land

## City Council Appoints Next City Manager

At the December 13th meeting, Coppell City Council voted unanimously to appoint Mike Land as the next City Manager. Land currently serves as Deputy City Manager, and will officially take the reins on April 1, 2017 upon the retirement of City Manager Clay Phillips.

"Mike is a big idea person who has demonstrated solid leadership qualities over his tenure in Coppell," said Mayor Karen Hunt. "His strong understanding of our organizational culture, long-term vision for the city and his ability to build relationships and foster partnerships are huge assets for Coppell. Mike has built solid connections with staff, Council and the community-at-large over the years, and we look forward to him continuing his efforts as City Manager."

Clay Phillips announced his retirement in September of this year and will continue to serve through March 31, 2017. As part of the Coppell succession planning process, Phillips will mentor Land over the next few months in preparation for his new role next spring.

"I am humbled and appreciative of the opportunity to serve the Coppell community as City Manager," said Deputy City Manager Mike Land. "Clay set a high standard for expectations and performance, and I am excited for the opportunities that lie ahead. The City's long-term strategic plan, Vision 2030, sets a clear road map for the future and I will continue to work with staff, residents, businesses and community partners to make sure Coppell remains a Community of Choice for years to come."

Mike Land was hired in July of 2012 as Deputy City Manager. Prior to coming to the City of Coppell, Land served as the Town Manager for the Town of Prosper for five years. Prior to that, he was the City Manager for the City of Gainesville, Texas for 10 years, Executive Director of the Southwestern Diabetic Foundation and the Community Development Director of the City of Gainesville. Land received a Bachelor of Environmental Design and Masters of Science in Land Development from Texas A&M University.



*You're invited to the Grand Opening of Coppell's*  
**★ LIFE SAFETY PARK ★**  
*Located near Old Town Coppell*

Jan 28 | 10 am – 3 pm | 820 S. Coppell Road

*Visit with Police Officers, Firefighters & Paramedics*

- 10 am** Grand Opening Ceremony
- 11 am** Emergency Operations Center tours every hour
- 11 am - 3 pm** Police & Fire tours in the Public Safety Building
- 11 am - 3 pm** Public Safety classes & demonstrations
- 11:30 am, 1 pm, & 2:30 pm** Fire Safety Clown Programs

### ACTIVITIES

- Police & Fire equipment on display*
- Outside games in Safety Town*
- Playground*
- Face painters & balloon artists*
- Photo opportunities*
- Hot chocolate & cookies from Kona Ice Truck*
- Hook & Ladder*
- Pizza Truck*



*Don't miss the fun!*  
 lifesafetypark.org

*SAVE THE DATE*

**Music in the Plaza**

February 11  
7 pm - 9 pm  
Town Center Plaza

Enjoy live music under the stars with family & friends!



**Cozby Library Seeks Resident Input Regarding Cultural Programming**

The library has held the Festival of Nations program for nearly a decade, covering more than a dozen countries and cultures. Library staff is looking to update the program to better serve the community and needs resident input regarding what cultural programs Coppell citizens would enjoy.

If you or a family member would like to provide feedback, please attend a meeting on Thursday, January 26 to discuss the past and current cultural programming offered by the library. The group will also discuss ideas for creating new programs for the community. This committee is open to the public and all ideas are welcome. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this meeting.

**Thursday, January 26  
7 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Cozby Library and Community Commons  
177 N. Hertz Road**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  
Monday, January 16**

All City administrative offices, the Coppell Public Library, Animal Services, Coppell Municipal Court, and the Senior and Community Center at Grapevine Springs will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

**Holiday Hours**

- Wagon Wheel Tennis Center | 10 am - 7:30 pm  
- The CORE | 7 am - 7 pm.  
*There will be no group exercise classes or childcare at The CORE on Monday, January 16th.*

*Trash service is not affected by the holiday.*

 *Happy Valentine's Day*  
Tuesday, February 14

**February Meetings**

Parks & Recreation Board	2/6	6:30 pm
Library Board	2/9	7:00 pm
City Council	2/14	7:30 pm
Planning & Zoning	2/16	6:30 pm
City Council	2/28	7:30 pm



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**SELF DEFENSE CLASS FOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS**

**The Coppell Police Department is hosting**

a self-defense class for high school senior girls. The Self Defense Class will begin on Thursday, February 2 at 6 pm at Coppell Life Safety Park and will be held every Thursday evening at the Life Safety Park main class room from 6 pm to 8 pm for six weeks. This program is FREE to participants and is for Senior girls who attend a CISD High School, New Tech High School or private school seniors that live in Coppell.

For more information and to register, contact Officer Peter Dirks at [pdirks@coppelltx.gov](mailto:pdirks@coppelltx.gov) or 972-304-3625.

**Thursday evenings at 6 pm for six weeks — Begins February 2  
Coppell Life Safety Park  
820 S. Coppell Rd.**

**Be Mine, Valentine Dances**

**Sunday, February 12 at The CORE**

You are cordially invited to an afternoon of royal proportions! Join The CORE on Sunday, February 12 for a magical afternoon of music, dancing, and light refreshments at the Be Mine, Valentine Dances. Special visitors from far away kingdoms, including Princess Cinderella and Belle and The Beast, will welcome guests to the event. Take home a professional portrait to remember the magical time spent with your little princess or prince. Cost to attend is \$24 per couple and \$6 for each additional child. Ages 1-14 years. Register at [www.coppellactivities.com](http://www.coppellactivities.com)

**Mom and Sons Royal Dance: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Dads and Daughters Royal Dance: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm**



**Small Space Gardening**

**Saturday, February 11 | 12:30 pm  
Biodiversity Education Center  
367 Freeport Parkway**

Looking to add a little color or texture to your front entry or back patio? Container gardens can be a great way to give a little curb appeal or jazz up a back patio. This program teaches how to prepare and install a container garden. You will learn how to prepare the container, prepare the soil, and install a well-planned mix of annuals, perennials, and other colorful foliage plants.



Keep Coppell Beautiful is offering this class. It is free with no registration required.