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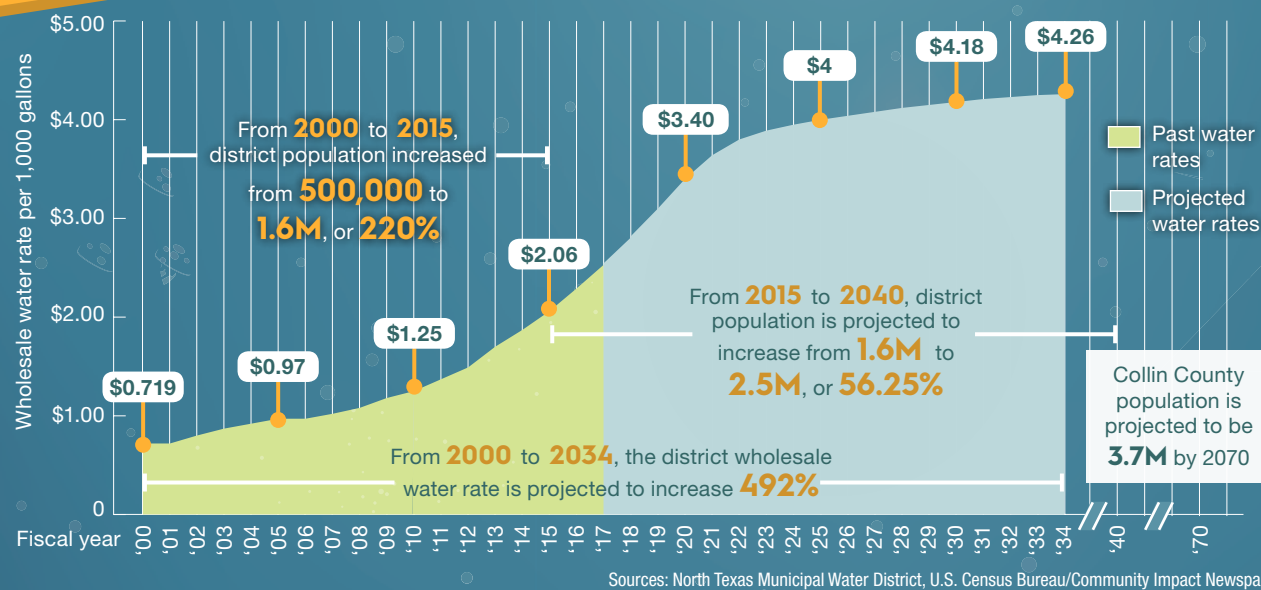
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## Water rates & POPULATION GROWTH

The North Texas Municipal Water District has increased its water rate every year since 2001 to keep up with the growth rate of its service area. The district is responsible for maintaining the current infrastructure as well as providing for the additional 2.1 million residents expected to move to the area by 2070. Rates are projected to continue to increase until at least 2034.



## Jail keeps pace with rapid county population growth

By Krista Wadsworth

When Collin County outgrew its jail facility in the early 1990s and began looking for a new location, officials knew the county needed a jail that would not only provide for current needs, but for the future as well.

The county succeeded. Twenty-two years later, there is still room for the Collin County Detention Facility to grow.

“Early in the ‘90s, we were out of space at the old jail in downtown McKinney,” Collin County Sheriff Terry Box said. “With the rapid amount of growth coming to Collin County, we were foreseeing building something that would handle our immediate needs but also would be easy and hopefully cheaper to be added onto for over a 25-50-year period.”

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## Rising cost of water presents district challenges

Officials: City of Plano’s customer water rates to remain flat in fiscal year 2016-17

By Krista Wadsworth

For the 10th year in a row, the North Texas Municipal Water District has increased water rates to its member cities.

The NTMWD, a nonprofit wholesale water provider, is increasing its rates almost 10.5 percent, or 24 cents per 1,000 gallons. The rate will increase from \$2.29 per 1,000 gallons to

\$2.53 per 1,000 gallons for fiscal year 2016-17.

For the city of Plano, that equals an increase of \$6.4 million owed to the NTMWD for the upcoming year. However, this year the city is not passing along any of the NTMWD increase to its residents.

City of Plano Budget Director Karen Rhodes-Whitley explained in a July 28

budget meeting that the city received unexpected increased water revenues when the water district lifted water restrictions in early summer last year.

“As soon as [the NTMWD] lifted [watering restrictions], in a three-month period [the city of Plano] collected \$7.4 million over what we had originally thought we were going to

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The Collin County Detention Center opened in 1994 and has grown from 536 to 1,298 beds.

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## FROM THE EDITOR



As another summer winds to a close, our parched yards are just as eager as we are to see cooler temperatures.

For the second summer in a row, however, the North Texas Municipal Water District's lifted water restrictions offer more leniency with conservation serving as the backdrop for Plano residents. The result has been an increase in water usage, something that will keep the city of Plano from raising water rates despite increases imposed by the district. Our front-page story explores the dynamics of the water cycle as it applies to cost and usage, and where conservation fits into that equation.

Take a moment to also check out our annual Volunteer Guide on Page 24. It can help connect you with local nonprofits who bring positive change to the lives of others on a daily basis. The city of Plano's Food 4 Kids program is a classic example of what it means to make a difference. Read about how you can be a part of the program's annual peanut butter drive this September on Page 23.

From a breakdown of the city's proposed budget to local business news, this issue is for all of us who strive to be better-informed Plano residents. Keep the feedback coming—I love covering this city and want to be sure we are covering the news that matters most to you.

*Kelley Crimmins*

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**DART, Plano working to improve regional public transit options** (Volume 2, Issue 11)

"I am pro mass transit so I want to see the Cotton Belt Line implemented faster. I also want effective transit for Plano residents north of Legacy Drive. I live near Davis Library and can only catch a bus at Independence and Spring Creek [parkways]. The other thing I want is to extend the Red Line north to between Legacy and Spring Creek so folks can use [Dallas Area Rapid Transit] for regional events like the Balloon Festival at Oak Point Park or events at the Plano Center as well as Collin College access."

—Leslie Bails

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## IMPACTS | NORTH



## Now Open

**1** Los Angeles-based frozen yogurt chain **Menchie's** opened its second Plano location Aug. 6 at 8255 Preston Road, Ste. 200, Plano. The company has hundreds of franchises throughout the U.S. and uses natural ingredients. The chain offers a range from nonfat, low-fat and low carbohydrate options. 214-556-2647. [www.menchies.com](http://www.menchies.com)

**2** **HomeGoods** opened Aug. 21 at Preston Village shopping center, located at 8700 Preston Road, Plano. The home decor store boasts items, such as lighting, housewares and furniture, at prices generally 20 to 60 percent below department and specialty store regular prices. The company has locations in Allen and Richardson. 972-678-0980. [www.homegoods.com](http://www.homegoods.com)

**3** **Cafe Gecko** reopened in late May after moving from 6855 Windhaven Parkway, The Colony, to 6145 Windhaven Parkway, Ste. 100, Plano. The new restaurant features 13 new bigscreen TVs and the restaurant's same menu and cocktail offerings. 972-797-7726. [www.cafegecko.net](http://www.cafegecko.net)

**4** **International Suit Wearhouse** opened its fifth Dallas-area location Aug. 1 at 5580 SH 121, Plano. The store offers designer men's suits as well as dress shoes, tuxedos and sport coats. The company also has a location in Richardson at 1621 N. Central Expressway. 469-362-6677. [www.iswmenswear.com](http://www.iswmenswear.com)

**5** **Jimmy John's**, known for its "freaky fast" sandwich delivery, opened its fifth Plano location Aug. 16 at 4152 W. Spring Creek Parkway, Ste. 168. The company, which was

founded in 1983 in Charleston, Illinois, has more than 2,000 locations across the U.S. 972-519-9292. [www.jimmyjohns.com](http://www.jimmyjohns.com)

**6** Tea and coffee shop **Sucré Cafe** opened July 1 at 6100 K Ave., Ste. 104-D, Plano. The family-owned and -operated cafe specializes in customizable drinks with toppings, such as jelly, pudding and boba. The cafe also serves smoothies, coffee, milk tea and desserts. 469-931-2955

## Coming Soon

**7** Doctors Joshua Baek and Daniel Baek will open **Keystone Chiropractic** at 8604 Preston Road, Ste. 118, Plano, in October. The brothers' new practice will provide customized care for patients of all ages using infrared thermography, digital X-rays and computerized percussive analysis,

which measures how segments in the spine are responding via real-time digital feedback. 469-351-7083. [www.gokeystonechiro.com](http://www.gokeystonechiro.com)

**8** Legacy West announced it will welcome the first **Dean & DeLuca** store in Texas in early 2017 at the corner of Legacy Drive and the Dallas North Tollway. The gourmet food emporium will sell gifts, food items, treats, spices and a variety of housewares. [www.deandeluca.com](http://www.deandeluca.com)

**9** **Dollar Plus Family Store** is set to open Sept. 1 at 820 W. Spring Creek Parkway, Ste. 308, Plano. The discount store will sell a variety of products, including clothes, toys, housewares and appliances.

**10** **Dog Haus** restaurant is expected to open later this year in Plano at Village 121, 8255 Preston Road. The Southern California's craft casual hot dog concept offers signature 100 percent all-beef skinless Haus Dogs, Haus Sausages and 100 percent natural Black Angus beef burgers on grilled King's Hawaiian rolls. Guests can choose from signature creations or customize their own dishes. [www.doghaus.com](http://www.doghaus.com)

**11** Mike Floyd plans to open Texas's first **I Love Juice Bar** in Plano on Sept. 30 at 4021 Preston Road, Ste. 616, in Lakeside Market. I Love Juice Bar is a vegetarian, gluten-free and "organic when possible" juice and smoothie shop. The company has 47 locations in 15 states, including new locations opening in Dallas and Allen. [www.facebook.com/ILoveJuiceBarPlano/#](http://www.facebook.com/ILoveJuiceBarPlano/#)

## Relocation

**12** After roughly 40 years in downtown Plano, the **Plano Chamber of Commerce** moved from 1200 E.

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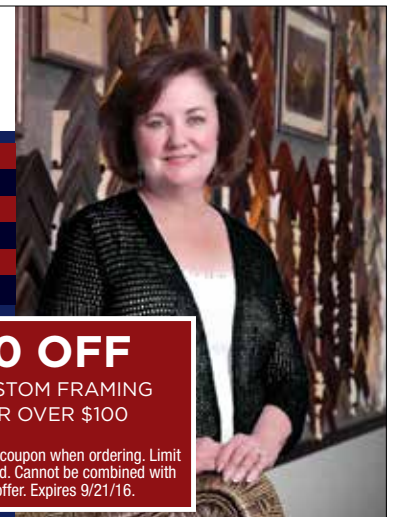
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15th St. to the second floor of Legacy-Texas Bank's branch at 5400 Independence Parkway, Plano. The new location opened Aug. 24 and allows chamber members to conduct business matters in a modern and spacious environment. Room space is available via reservations made through the chamber. The new location also includes staff offices and gathering space for chamber functions. 972-424-7547. [www.planochamber.org](http://www.planochamber.org)

**13** The Impeccable Pig is moving from 1900 Preston Road, Ste. 155, Plano, to 5800 Legacy Drive, Ste. C10, Plano, and will reopen in early September. The family-owned and -operated Dallas-based boutique has 20 locations throughout the U.S. that sell diverse selections of fashion-forward and modestly priced women's clothing. It's former location will remain open until the end of October. 972-312-0004. [www.theimpeccablepig.com](http://www.theimpeccablepig.com)

## New Ownership

**14** Family ER + Urgent Care announced Aug. 3 that it has completed its acquisition of **Texas Emergency Care Centers** and **ER Centers of America**, including its Plano location at 6501 Preston Road. Family ER + Urgent Care specializes in providing high-quality, fairly priced emergency and urgent care services. The combined company will have five facilities in the Dallas, Houston and Lubbock metropolitan areas offering emergency room services. 972-403-1300. [www.txercare.com](http://www.txercare.com)

**15** Umeko Sushi is under new ownership and was renamed **Yama Izakaya & Sushi** in June. The restaurant, located at 240 Legacy Drive, Ste. 100, Plano, serves authentic izakaya-style Japanese food as well as Bento boxes, rice bowls and sushi. 972-517-2079. [www.yamadallas.com](http://www.yamadallas.com)

## Anniversaries

**16** Mah-Jong Chinese Kitchen celebrated its one-year anniversary Aug. 10 at 4025 Preston Road, Ste. 604, Plano. Located in Lakeside Market, the restaurant focuses on Chinese classics with a refined touch. Mah-Jong also offers a full wine list with sake selections and craft beers. 972-403-0163. [www.mahjongkitchen.com](http://www.mahjongkitchen.com)

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Home decor store **HomeGoods** opened its first Plano store off Preston Road on Aug. 21.



**Sucré Cafe** serves coffees, snacks, smoothies and fusion teas with fresh fruit and toppings.



**Dean & DeLuca's** Mousse Of Duck Foie Gras (\$38) is gluten-free with no preservatives.



Dallas-based boutique **The Impeccable Pig** offers women's clothing and accessories.



**Yama Izakaya & Sushi** offers a wide variety of sushi rolls as well as rice and noodle dishes.

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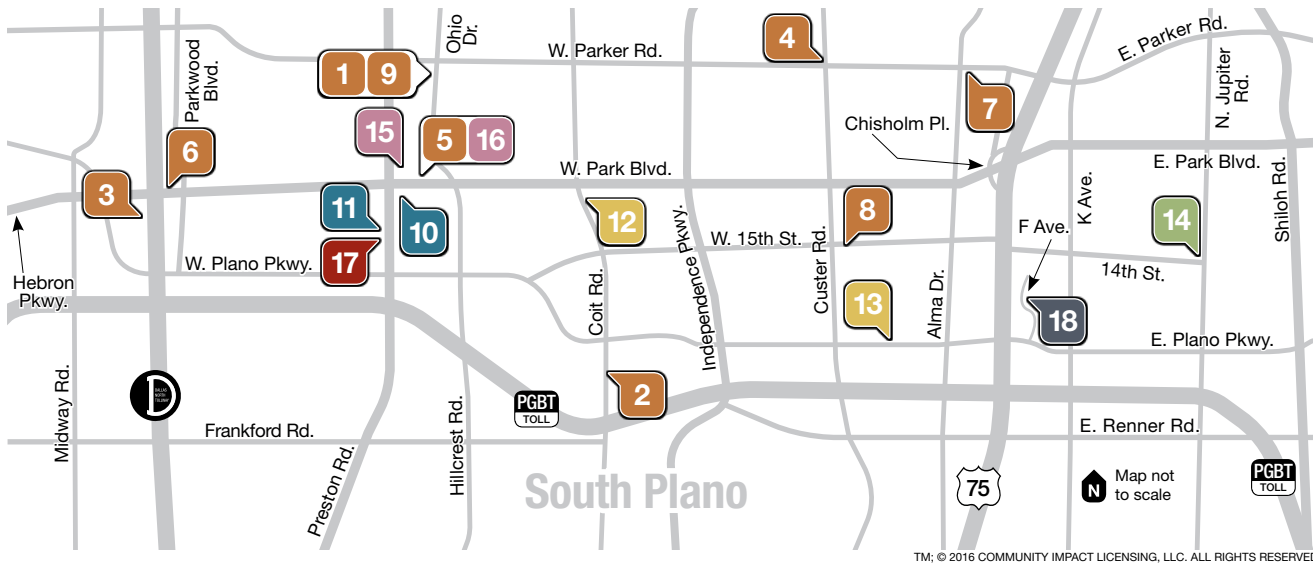
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## IMPACTS | SOUTH



## Now Open

**1 Celebrity Cafe & Bakery** opened Aug. 4 at 4709 W. Parker Road, Ste. 450, Plano. Owners Brian and Brittany Livingston bought the Celebrity Bakery company and also reopened locations in Frisco, Dallas and Colleyville. The Plano bakery offers custom cakes as well as catering services, and lunch and dinner items. 214-387-0060. [www.enjoycelebrity.com](http://www.enjoycelebrity.com)

**2 Rosa's Cafe & Tortilla Factory** opened its first Plano location Aug. 1 at 420 Coit Road. The fast-casual Mexican restaurant features traditional dishes, such as burritos, tacos and enchiladas, as well as a kids menu and catering services. 469-543-0380. [www.rosascafe.com](http://www.rosascafe.com)

**3 Local franchise owner Bob Gregg** opened the fast-casual restaurant **Slim Chickens** on July 25 in the former Del Taco storefront at 6100 W. Park Blvd., Ste. 100, Plano. The restaurant is the first of 15 planned throughout southern Oklahoma and Texas, including one in Frisco that is set to open in September. The Arkansas-

based chain serves chicken tenders, salads, Buffalo wings and wraps as well as 21 dipping and wing sauces. The chain also offers chicken and waffles and several dessert options served in Mason jars. 469-543-0779. [www.slimchickens.com](http://www.slimchickens.com)

**4 Olive Burger**, a fast-casual restaurant serving gourmet burgers and sandwiches with organic toppings, opened Aug. 6 at 2129 Parker Road, Ste. 301-C, Plano. The family-owned and -operated company also has a location in Richardson at 451 W. Arapaho Road, Ste. 100. 972-479-9722. [www.oliveburgerllc.com](http://www.oliveburgerllc.com)

**5** Kenny Bowers, owner of Kenny's Burger Joint and Kenny's Smoke House, opened his newest concept, **Kenny's East Coast Pizza**, on Aug. 24. Located at 4701 W. Park Blvd., Plano, The menu features New York-style pizza cooked classically crunchy in a Bakers Pride pizza oven as well as salads, sandwiches and signature dishes, such as midnight meatballs, lasagna and chicken Parmesan. 972-519-9669. [www.chefkennybowers.com](http://www.chefkennybowers.com)

**6 Elite Care Emergency Room** opened Aug. 15 at 2000 Dallas Parkway, Plano. The 24-hour ER treats illnesses and injuries, and also offers radiology and laboratory services seven days a week. The company also has locations in Coppell, The Colony and Mansfield. 972-378-7878. [www.elitecareemergency.com](http://www.elitecareemergency.com)

**7 Sofra Kabab House** opened in late July at 910 W. Parker Road, Ste. 360, Plano. The Mediterranean restaurant serves breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner and offers a buffet with items, such as vegetables, meats and other classic dishes. 214-440-2858

**8 Erbert & Gerbert's** opened Aug. 6 at 1921 W. 15th St., Plano The Wisconsin-based sandwich shop opened its first location more than 20 years ago and now has more than 80 locations across the U.S. The company prides itself on unique sandwich names, including Narmer, Bornk and Girf. 214-256-3941. <https://www.facebook.com/erbertandgerbertsplano>

**9** Nonmedical caregiving company **Home Care Assistance** opened July 15 at 4709 W. Parker Road, Ste. 470, Plano. Services include help with cooking, cleaning, socializing and providing transportation to and from doctor's appointments. The company also offers cognitive therapy for individuals with dementia, Alzheimer's disease and brain injuries. 214-586-0120. [www.homecareassistance.com](http://www.homecareassistance.com)

## Coming Soon

**10 MesoMaya** will open its fourth Dallas-area location this November in the former Chili's Grill & Bar at 4800 W. Park Blvd., Plano. The upscale Mexican restaurant serves brunch, lunch and dinner with a menu that features traditional Mexican dishes as well as specialty recipes, such as budin Azteca and short rib relleno. MesoMaya also has a restaurant at 11909 Preston Road, Ste. 1426, Dallas. 469-726-4390. [www.mesomaya.com](http://www.mesomaya.com)

**11 Tropical Smoothie** will open its newest location at 1937 Preston Road, Bldg. D, Ste. 20, Plano, on Aug. 25. The Atlanta-based company was founded in 1995 and has locations in two locations in Texas, including its McKinney store at 2014 W. University Drive. 972-542-2251. [www.tropicalsmoothie.com](http://www.tropicalsmoothie.com)

## Relocations

**12 Primary Care Clinic of North Texas** marked its move from 1200 Medical Drive, Ste. 102, Plano to 3900 American Drive, Ste. 201, Plano, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 11. The nonprofit healthcare facility provides medical care to uninsured adults. 972-596-6005. [www.primarycareclinic.org](http://www.primarycareclinic.org)

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**13** The **Barber Law Firm** opened its new location at 1751 W. Plano Parkway, Plano, on July 15. The firm was formerly located at 1000 E. 14th St., Plano, and was founded by Kristopher Barber in 2008. 972-231-5800. [www.thebarberlawfirm.com](http://www.thebarberlawfirm.com)

## New Ownership

**14** J. Dicks took over ownership of **J's Pancake House and Grill**, located at 1405 Jupiter Road, Ste. 108, Plano, in late February. The new owner has invested in new kitchen equipment and upgrades with regard to food quality and customer service. Dicks has introduced a new menu and plans to start testing dinner service from 5-9 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays beginning Sept. 15. 972-312-0697. [www.pancakehouseandgrill.com](http://www.pancakehouseandgrill.com)

## Anniversaries

**15** The **Barre Code** celebrated its one-year anniversary in mid-August and will offer free classes and other giveaways Sept. 10 from 9 a.m.-noon. The boutique fitness studio, which opened Aug. 17, 2015, at 4757 W. Park Blvd., Ste. 112, Plano, offers barre, kickboxing, boot camp and cardio dance classes. 469-298-0482. [www.thebarrecode.com](http://www.thebarrecode.com)

**16** **Menchie's** celebrated its one-year anniversary at 4801 W. Park Blvd., Ste. 425, Plano, on Aug. 15. The California-based frozen yogurt shop provides a variety of kosher flavors with toppings such as fruit, chocolate chips, sprinkles and tapioca balls. Gluten-free and vegan options are also available. 972-612-0100. [www.menchies.com](http://www.menchies.com)

## Closing

**17** **Overstock Furniture & Mattress** is closing Sept. 6. The store, located at 1701 Preston Road, Ste. E, Plano, sells mattresses, and living room and dining room furniture.

## In the News

**18** Plano-based **Hope's Door** and Garland-based **New Beginning Center** will merge efforts on Sept. 1 to form one of the largest domestic violence shelters in Texas. The move to Hope's Door's main office at 860 F Ave., Ste. 100, Plano, will enable the nonprofit organizations to serve more residents. 972-422-2911. [www.hopesdoorinc.org](http://www.hopesdoorinc.org)

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The new **Celebrity Cafe & Bakery** specializes in creating customized cakes and cookies.



In addition to chicken tenders, **Slim Chickens** also serves desserts served in Mason jars.



The half-pound burger (\$5.45) from **Olive Burger** comes with lettuce, tomato and fries.



Barryasa classes at **The Barre Code** consist of deep stretching to restore the body and mind.



Guests at **Menchie's** can top his or her frozen yogurt with sprinkles, fruit, syrups or candy.

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## BUSINESS FEATURE

# Plano Super Bowl

## Bowling alley evolves into modern center

By Jean Ann Collins

**W**ith a major renovation project nearing completion, Plano Super Bowl continues to evolve as a local mainstay. The bowling alley, which opened in 1985, is a hybrid between a conventional bowling center and the new trend of family entertainment centers, owner Jamie Brooks said.

The bowling alley is undergoing a \$2.7 million renovation project complete with various upgrades and exterior work. The project began in 2013, and its first phase is expected to be complete this fall.

"We are best at making the best better, that's what we're doing," said Brooks, 82. "We think customers will enjoy the whole experience. The new food will be amazing, the bar will have big TVs and our bowling customers are going to like how great it will look."

Plano Super Bowl's new look will also help it cater to more birthday parties and other group events, he said.

First phase improvements include the addition of seven private lanes, a VIP room for parties and a new cafe called Scratch Kitchen. The kitchen will be run by Adrian Creasie, former chef for the Dallas Stars.

The eatery will also feature a wood-fired pizza oven. Its new bar, The Draft House, is already open for business and features 24 different beers on tap.

"We are going to serve a giant pizza that's a meter wide as well as wagyu burgers. The menu will strive to be upscale while keeping the prices competitive," Brooks said. "A traditional bowling center has a concession stand

environment. The new trend is servers coming to the lanes with handheld devices for ordering."

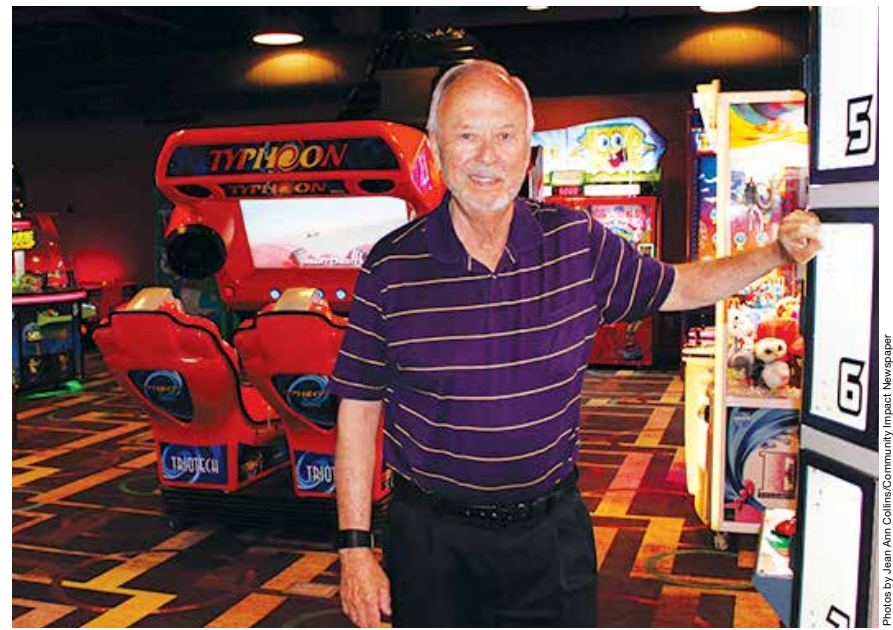
Brooks started in the bowling business in 1955 in Houston and has owned 43 bowling centers over the course of his lifetime. Having purchased the Plano Super Bowl 10 years ago, Brooks said bowling alleys today are being built as family entertainment centers with movies, games, laser tag and ropes courses.

Although the majority of Plano Super Bowl's customer base consists of bowling league members who compete in in-house tournaments, the facility was in need of a larger game room as well, Brooks said.

"I've had Plano Super Bowl for 10 years, and I would say this is the most successful bowling center in the South," he said. "We have the second biggest youth program in the country and largest in the state with the biggest adult program in the state."

With plaques covering the wall in his office, Brooks' successful career in the bowling industry is evident. In 2009, he was named Proprietor of the Year by the U.S. Bowling Congress, a recognition he has received twice. He attributes his success and active life to being a lifetime bowler. Brooks is also included in the Texas Hall of Fame and the National Bowling Proprietors Hall of Fame.

"I strive to interact with all the customers to help them have fun and forget all their problems," he said. "This is how I meet some of the most wonderful people in the world. Bowling is the heart of middle America."



Plano Super Bowl Owner Jamie Brooks has made lasting friendships with many of his patrons.



Facility renovations include the addition of seven private bowling lanes for guests.



Plano Super Bowl hosts summer camps, birthday parties and other group events.



The bowling alley's new bar, the Draft House, is open and features 24 different beers on tap.

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### Interview with Scott Coleman, Candidate for TX House of Representatives - District 67



*Coleman's District 67 serves Allen, Plano, Richardson, and Dallas. A Texas native who holds an MBA/JD from Texas Tech University, he's a school administrator, and he and his wife have two young children.*

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Owner Steve Fields opened Steve Fields Steak & Lobster Lounge restaurant in Plano in 2005.



The 6-ounce filet and 6-ounce lobster tail (\$68) with mashed potatoes dish is a popular item.



A 15-dozen rose centerpiece complements the restaurant's wine wall in the main dining room.



The 6-ounce chef's filet (\$44) is topped with lump crab, sauteed shrimp and Bearnaise sauce.

## DINING FEATURE

# Steve Fields Steak & Lobster Lounge

Steakhouse combines fine dining with casual atmosphere

By Cassidy Ritter

**S**teve Fields, owner of Steve Fields Steak & Lobster Lounge, has been in the dining and entertainment industry for 33 years. He first opened his restaurant in 2005 at its current Plano location, 5013 W. Park Blvd. The restaurant is open for dinner seven days a week.

After owning nightclubs and piano bars around Dallas and a stint as a former partner of Truluck's Restaurant Group, Fields said he knew Plano was an ideal city in which to start his latest venture. Steve Fields Steak & Lobster Lounge is a neighborhood steakhouse that combines the entertainment and food industries. He said the two concepts are similar.

"It's all about the people," Fields said. "You put out a good product and you make sure you take care of your customers, and they'll return. It was the same way with the bar business but more [so] in the restaurant business."

The steakhouse offers guests a casual fine dining experience. When entering

the door, a lobster tank can be seen behind the hostess stand adjacent to the bright red bar in the Lobster Lounge. The lounge doubles as a piano bar and is open seven days a week.

Guests are seated at white clothed tables, which includes a 15-dozen rose centerpiece and a wine wall in the back of the main dining area. Signs with dining quotes like "There is no sincerer love than the love of food" are found throughout the room.

With previous restaurant experience at Truluck's Seafood, Steak & Crab House, Fields said he became familiar with lobster, steak and crab dishes, which led him to open a steak and seafood restaurant.

However, he said he wanted to make his venture more unique by focusing on three key deliverables: "good food, good entertainment and good, hospitable service."

"That's me. I'm just an ole' Kentucky boy," Fields said. "It's just kind of a reflection of my personality."

The restaurant's most popular dish is its 6-ounce filet and 6-ounce lobster tail (\$68), which comes with a baked potato and side of melted butter. Fields said the most popular appetizer is the pan-seared jumbo crab cake (\$16), and for dessert, he recommends the large slice of carrot cake (\$9).

Menu items vary in price and size, but guest always receive a side with the order of a main dish. Typically meals come with a loaded baked potato; however, guests have the option to substitute it for mashed potatoes, sauteed mushrooms, french fries or asparagus, among other options.

Reservations are popular—about 80 to 85 percent of guests call ahead—but they are not required. Fields said he appreciates it when guests make reservations because he likes to know why people come to his restaurant.

"I don't expect to see [a guest] every night or every week, but when there's a special occasion, I need to see you," he said.

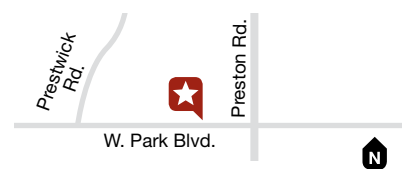


The carrot cake (\$8) slice is topped with house-made cream cheese icing and butterscotch.

## Lobster Lounge

The Lobster Lounge is a piano bar with nightly entertainment and daily specials. Service at the Lobster Lounge begins at 4:30 p.m.

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# TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Major projects in the area

Compiled by Kelley Crimmins and Cassidy Ritter



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## Project update



Photos by Kelley Crimmins/Community Impact Newspaper

### 1 US 75, President George Bush Turnpike improvements

A construction project to reconfigure the ramps and merging lanes at US 75 and the President George Bush Turnpike interchange stretches from the interchange to 15th Street. The project will include extending the railroad bridge north of PGBT, building new auxiliary lanes and rebuilding the Plano Parkway bridge spanning US 75. No major lane closures will occur in the next month other than the current HOV lane closures. Once complete, drivers on northbound US 75 will have to use the Plano Parkway exit to get

to 15th Street. Southbound US 75 drivers exiting to 15th Street will use a ramp relocated farther north.

**Timeline:** July 2016-early 2019

**Cost:** \$37 million

**Funding source:** Texas Department of Transportation

### 2 PGBT widening project

Drivers will see construction to the east of the PGBT to US 75 near the edge of Plano and Richardson and westbound between Renner Road and US 75. This is part of the 52-mile widening project, which will add one additional lane in each direction of the turnpike. Upon completion, the additional lanes will run from North Belt Line Road and West Irving Boulevard to SH 78 in Garland. The stretch between Interstate 30 and I-20 in Grand Prairie also will be widened to three lanes in each direction. All widening will take place within the center median.

**Timeline:** May 2015-21

**Cost:** \$175 million (entire project)

**Funding source:** North Texas Tollway Authority

## New project



### 3 Los Rios Boulevard, 14th Street improvements

Construction crews are finishing utility relocations at several intersections to prepare for various improvement projects. Dedicated right- and left-hand turn lanes will be added to the intersections of **A** Los Rios Boulevard and 14th Street; **B** Los Rios Boulevard and Plano Parkway; **C** Plano Parkway and Shiloh Road; and **D** Hedgcoxe and Coit roads. These projects may take place at the same time or may be staggered depending on the contractor's schedule.

**Timeline:** June 2016– Aug. 2017

**Cost:** \$2.3 million

**Funding source:** city of Plano

### 4 Parker Road, Plano Parkway repairs

The city of Plano started a project in July to repair concrete along **A** Parker Road from Coit to Custer roads. Once these repairs are complete in January, crews will then begin a similar repair project along **B** Plano Parkway from Jupiter Road to Los Rios Boulevard. Two lanes in both directions will be closed from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily with one lane being closed 24 hours a day.

**Timeline:** July-2016-April 2017

**Cost:** \$2.2 million

**Funding source:** city of Plano

### 5 Brown Branch sewer line project

A sewer line installation at Parker Road from Jupiter Road to east of Spring Creek Parkway is anticipated to be complete by the end of August, weather permitting. The sewer line runs in the middle of the median but drivers can expect intermittent left-lane closures when crews are out working. Workers are also installing a second 820-foot sanitary sewer line and a 4,450-foot sewer pipeline, but traffic impact will be minimal.

**Timeline:** Feb. 2016–Jan. 2017

**Cost:** \$4.2 million

**Funding source:** city of Plano

### 6 Independence Parkway repairs

The project to repair the roadway along Independence Parkway is on schedule. Lane closures will continue to take place from **A** Cross Bend to Parker roads and from **B** 15th Street to Plano Parkway.

**Timeline:** Jan. 2016–Jan. 2017

**Cost:** \$4.2 million

**Funding source:** city of Plano

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## DOWNTOWN

# New valet program starts Sept. 21

## HDPa partners with Mercedes-Benz of Plano for services

By Cassidy Ritter

The Historic Downtown Plano Association will launch a downtown valet service to meet the demand of visitors coming to the area. The service will begin Sept. 21, HDPa Executive Director Alex Hargis said.

“It is a necessary service because we have to meet the demand of consumers and the attention coming downtown,” he said. “Downtown is experiencing a renaissance right now ... As you increase activity and population that’s in the arts district, you have to provide the infrastructure.”

Services will operate during lunch Wednesdays through Fridays and during dinner Thursdays through Saturdays. Once operational, drivers will have two valet locations to choose from. One podium will be placed at McCall Plaza and another will be placed near K Avenue and 14th Street, Hargis said.

Valet parked cars will not be parked in the main lots, Hargis said. Instead, the service will use private parking

lots to keep main lots available for other visitors. Lone Star Valet, a Dallas-based company, will provide the valet service, and funding will come from the HDPa and Mercedes-Benz of Plano.

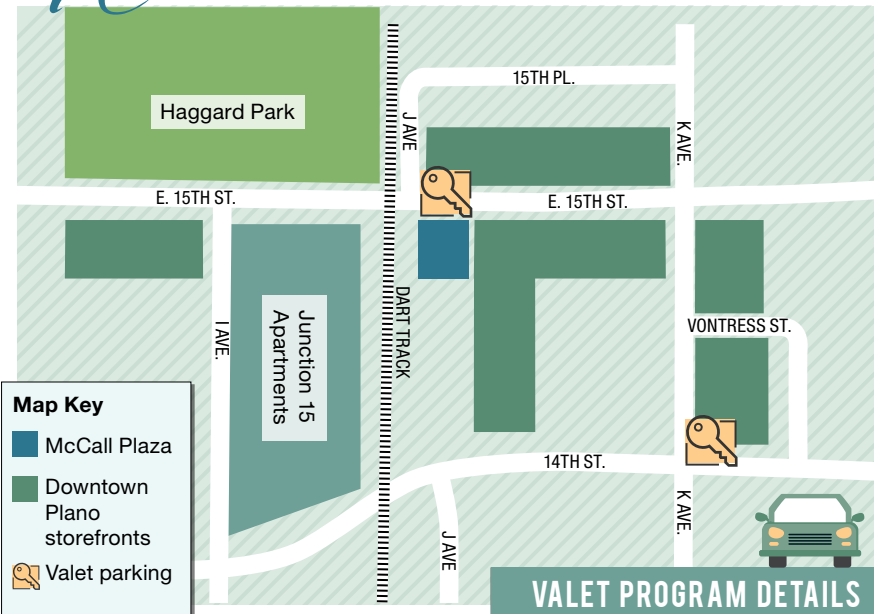
HDPa requested funding from the city at a July 25 City Council meeting, but city funding will not be determined until Sept. 12 when the city’s budget is finalized.

“Downtown Plano is revitalized and there’s so many great restaurants down there, and we wanted to be a part of the pilot program and see how it goes,” said Ashley Simpson, marketing director for Mercedes-Benz of Plano.

The service is complimentary for Mercedes-Benz drivers. All other drivers can get the service for free with a validation ticket from any downtown storefront, Hargis said.

The idea of offering valet service came to the city as a short-term recommendation from a parking

## New VALET PARKING PROGRAM



study by Walker Parking Consultants conducted in February.

Hargis said downtown visitors would start seeing more parking initiatives in September and October. Along with valet service, the HDPa is updating downtown parking maps to acknowledge parking issues in the area. HDPa will re-evaluate the valet service in November to work out hiccups and determine the demand, Hargis said.

### VALET PROGRAM DETAILS

To be offered during lunch hours Wednesdays-Fridays and dinner hours Thursdays-Saturdays.

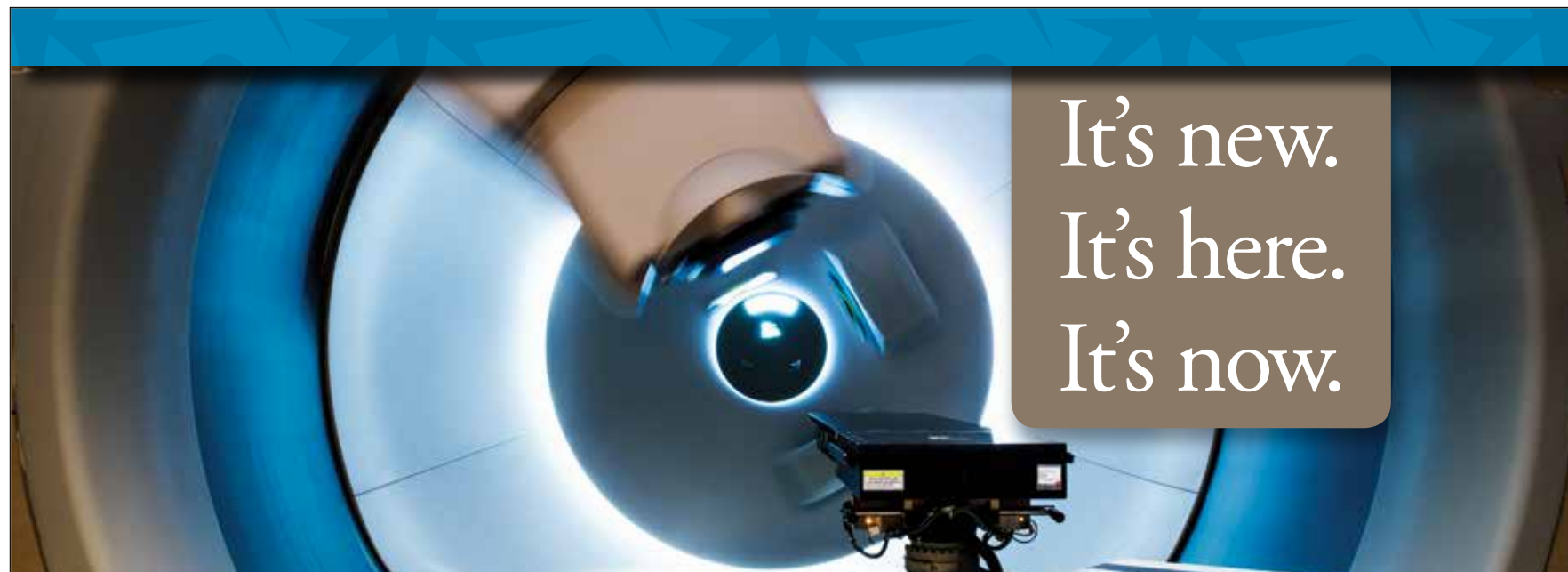
#### Cost:

Mercedes-Benz drivers: free  
Others: free with validation from any storefront business

#### Funding:

Historic Downtown Plano Association, Mercedes-Benz of Plano, with potential to receive funding from the city next year

Source: Historic Downtown Plano Association/Community Impact Newspaper



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## BUSINESS

# Lakeside Market gets new owner

By Carrie Taylor

Dallas-based commercial investor TriGate Capital purchased Plano's longtime shopping center, Lakeside Market, in late June.

Located on Preston Road just south of West Spring Creek Parkway, the center is home to retail stores, service-oriented businesses and restaurants. TriGate Senior Vice President Keith Schneider said the firm was attracted to the property because of its central location and history of success.

"Our plan for the center is to keep operating it as a first-class center and to continue working with the tenants that are there to improve their performance, and bring new vibrant tenants to the center that will make it all the more attractive," Schneider said.

Some of Lakeside Market's eateries include Mi Cocina, Mignon's Steakhouse and Taverna Rossa. There are also a variety of service-oriented businesses, such as Beaux Arts Photography and Boardroom Salon for Men as well as several fitness-related centers. Shopping choices range from furniture to children's clothing and toys.

Jim McDevitt, owner of Lakeside Market store Corner Wines, said he has high hopes for the new ownership. The wine and spirits boutique opened in 2006, and McDevitt's decision to locate to the area mirrors TriGate's motives in purchasing the center.

"It's a great location and the curb appeal is excellent," he said. "The area is great, and even though it's been here 15 years, it still looks fresh and inviting. It's also on a very good road with lots of traffic."

TriGate owns similar properties nationwide. Lakeside Market will be managed and leased by JAH Realty, which has offices in Dallas, Oklahoma City and Phoenix.

Looking ahead, Schneider said he hopes to attract tenants of similar stature and reputation to fill the center's remaining vacancies. It is operating at about 90 percent capacity.

"Several tenants at this center have locations in other parts of the Metroplex and chose Lakeside because of its location," he said. "We think this will be a continuing source of prospects for the shopping center."



Lakeside Market was built in 1999 and offers an upscale, open-air shopping experience.

## Art-About Saturdays

Shoppers are invited to Lakeside Market's Art-About events the first Saturday of every month now through October from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The monthly events features live music, art from local vendors, crafts and culinary artists.

## Lakeside Market

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## BUDGET

## Plano city budget by department

By Cassidy Ritter

A proposed budget for the fiscal year 2016-17 has been sent to Plano City Council for approval. The proposed \$527 million proposed budget, which includes an increase of \$28.6 million from last year's budget, is due to be finalized Sept. 12.

**Editor's note:** Graphic does not include all city departments. This list is not comprehensive.



## Water &amp; sewer fund

- There is no proposed rate increase, but there is a 5 percent sewer fee increase.
- The city estimates its revenue from water and sewer will be \$145.2 million, an increase of \$9.9 million.



## Neighborhood Services

- \$4.4 million, no increase or decrease
- \$3,097,144 for neighborhood services
- \$1 million for reinvestments
- \$341,000 for the rental and registration department



## Plano Fire-Rescue

- \$58.07 million according to budget, an increase of \$6.11 million.
- Additional engine company of 15 firefighters and equipment at the price of \$1,809,163
- Additional ladder truck company of 15 firefighters and an aerial ladder truck with equipment at the price of \$3,238,611
- Lieutenant position in the fire marshal's office to help with new building inspections at the price of \$187,680
- Exhaust capture systems for bays at each of the 13 stations at the price of \$500,000



## Environmental Health

- \$1.67 million, an increase of \$170,875
- Complete the process of developing a comprehensive noise ordinance
- New environmental health specialist at the price of \$99,138
- Suite reconfiguration at the price of \$50,000 funded by Capital Reserve Fund
- Last year, the Environmental Health Department conducted 6,100 food inspections and 830 pool inspections.



## Planning

- \$3.34 million an increase of \$279,787
- \$50,000 for a one-time study of residential development near expressway corridors
- \$93,379 for an additional planner position to support planning activities, including heritage preservation, long-range planning and demography research



## Public Safety communications

- \$7.03 million, an increase of \$1.23 million
- \$77,526 to hire a hiring coordinator to assist with recruitment, testing, interviewing and selection of new hires
- \$83,781 for a training coordinator to provide in-house training, mentoring and coaching for the department's telecommunicators
- \$67,200 in renovations: Move an existing security hall and add an additional emergency exit, secure additional office space, remodel the existing break room and add additional lockers



## Plano Public Library

- \$11.55 million, a decrease of \$936,795
- \$1 million for the continuation of library books, e-books and e-audiobooks acquisition and replacement.
- \$99,445 would go toward furniture



## Parks and Recreation

- \$27.7 million, an increase of \$1.8 million
- Revenue increase of \$6,125 through four supplements that increase revenue through the restructuring of room rental fees
- One senior equipment operator for downtown caretaking duties totaling \$80,596
- Two additional work trucks



## Community Investment Program

- \$209 million, an increase of \$31 million
- Furniture fixtures and equipment related to the expansion and renovations of Oak Point and senior recreation centers totaling \$777,318
- Five new hires totaling \$433,851

Of the \$527 million proposed budget, \$391,284,188 will be used for the above departments. The remaining \$135,715,812 will go towards other city departments.

Source: city of Plano/Community Impact Newspaper



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## CITY & STATE

News from the city of Plano

Compiled by Kelley Crimmins

### Collinwood House set for May bond election

**PLANO** The Plano City Council unanimously agreed at an Aug. 8 preliminary meeting to let voters decide the fate of the Collinwood House, an 1860s-era home located off Windhaven Parkway that, for nearly two years, has garnered support from residents who want to see it preserved.

The informal vote placed the \$3.5 million project to restore the home on the May 2017 bond election. The council requested the city's Heritage Commission further research the historical value of the home.

If voters approve the bond, the city will restore the home and will cover future maintenance costs. If the bond fails, city officials said they would move forward with demolishing the home, which is located on the future site of Windhaven Park.

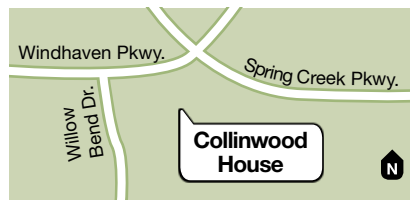
"We really believe this recommendation achieves the general goal of the interested stakeholders and the Heritage Commission," City Manager Bruce Glasscock said. "It [also] allows the voters to make a determination as to whether city funds should be used for restoration [of the house]."

In April, the council gave preservationists until May 11 to raise the \$1 million needed to cover restoration costs for the home. Groups had been seeking a match from the city to begin the restoration process at its original location.



Courtesy city of Plano

Plano's oldest home was named Collinwood House by its last private owner in 1956.



Because the house is located in what will be a public park, council members have questioned how the house would survive in a public area. Council members and city staff have also raised questions about security and maintenance costs.

"I think we've done a very good job preserving our history and our heritage," Council Member Rick Grady said. "But ... to say that this home, which was a good day's ride by horseback in the 1860s, was in Plano is not a fact. For the citizens to make a decision on the home, they need all the true facts about the home."

### Texas deal helps voters to cast ballots

**AUSTIN** After a U.S. circuit court ruled the Texas Voter ID law in violation of the Voting Rights Act on July 23, state officials have reached a temporary deal to make voting easier.

Voters, who previously had to have one of six specific forms of identification, no longer need photo identification to cast a ballot. The new deal allows registered voters without a photo ID to use any of the following to verify their identity: voter registration certificate, certified birth certificate, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or any other government

document that displays the voter's name and address.

The deal, made by U.S. Department of Justice and Texas officials, also calls for a \$2.5 million statewide voter education plan to be implemented before the November elections.

The state reportedly spent \$3.5 million defending the law in five different lawsuits. Prior to the circuit court ruling, the only acceptable forms of election identification were limited to a state driver's license or ID card, concealed handgun license, passport, military ID card or citizenship certificate accompanied with a photo.

### Planners request funds for Oak Point plan

**PLANO** The Plano City Council will consider including in the fiscal year 2016-17 Planning Department's \$250,000 request to create a special area plan for the Oak Point area, which extends from K Avenue and Spring Creek Parkway eastward to Jupiter Road and northward to Legacy Drive.

Funding would be included in the city's fiscal year 2016-17 budget. Properties included in the 718-acre study are Oak Point Recreation Center, Plano Centre, Collin College, Lavon Farms and Plano Market Square Mall.

The plan includes 634 acres of private-publicly owned property, 50 commercial property owners and 144 residential property owners. The plan would explore redevelopment options at and around Plano Market Square Mall, which lost its anchor store when At Home relocated to 2704 N. Central Expressway in June.

"We have lots of community assets that we think can only get better through a specified plan," Planning Director Christina Day said. "We can create a unique vision that gives us something that's better than the sums of its parts."

#### Meetings

##### ▶ Plano City Council

Regular meetings are scheduled at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

**Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Ave.**  
Live webcasts are available online.  
972-941-7000. [www.plano.gov](http://www.plano.gov)

##### ▶ Plano Independent School District

Meetings are scheduled at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

**Plano ISD Administration Building, 2700 W. 15th St.**  
469-752-8100. [www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu)

##### ▶ Collin County Commissioners Court

Meetings are generally scheduled at 1:30 p.m. each Monday.

**Jack Hatchell Collin County Administration Building, 2300 Bloomdale Road, McKinney.**  
972-424-1460. [www.co.collin.tx.us](http://www.co.collin.tx.us)

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## FROM THE WEB

Abridged stories from our market website, [communityimpact.com/plano](http://communityimpact.com/plano)

# New Barnes & Noble bookstores open at Collin College

By Nicole Luna

Barnes & Noble College has partnered with Collin College to open bookstores on three of the community college's campuses in Plano, Frisco and McKinney. The bookstores offer new and used textbooks, support and guidance, and a spirit shop, according to a news release.

Students will also be able to use financial aid funds in the bookstores.

In addition to managing the stores, Barnes & Noble has created and will manage the college's online bookstore

website, which provides students, faculty, alumni and the community the option to shop online.

"At Collin College, students are the top priority," said Brenda Kihl, Collin College executive vice president, in a news release. "We are excited to partner with Barnes & Noble College to provide new, student-centered bookstores at all of our campuses."

Barnes & Noble College operates 751 campus stores nationwide, and Collin College is one of the 28 higher education institutions in Texas that

features Barnes & Noble College operations.

"We're thrilled to be partnering with Collin College," Barnes & Noble College President Patrick Maloney said. "We're looking forward to offering the campus community an outstanding retail experience, a multitude of resources, innovative technologies and an array of course material offerings that will support these student-centered bookstores."

For more information, visit [www.collin.bncollege.com](http://www.collin.bncollege.com).

## TOP 5 WEB STORIES

Most read web stories from 7/27/16-8/17/16

- 1 Restauranteurs to welcome a dozen award-winning chefs to Legacy Hall
- 2 Town hall, web tool to explain Plano's budget process
- 3 LegacyTexas and Plano chamber partner on new business center
- 4 Collinwood House goes to a vote in May 2017 bond election
- 5 New renderings released for The Boardwalk at Granite Park

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# North Texas Performing Arts's repertory theatre begins

By Cassidy Ritter

Marcus Miller is one of the Plano Children's Theatre's former students looking for a way to participate in North Texas Performing Arts, PCT's parent company. Miller joined PCT in 2008 and remained with the program for six years until leaving for college.

This summer, Miller is back as a summer camp instructor at PCT and actor at the new NTPA Repertory Theatre. The theater program will provide opportunities for local adult actors. It also gives area youth the chance to interact with more experienced actors through mentorships and exposure to adult plays and musicals.

Its first production, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," was held Aug. 11-14 at Cox Building Playhouse, 1517 H Ave., Plano.

Sara Akers, founder and executive director of NTPA, said the Repertory Theatre is an homage to the Plano Repertory Theatre, which closed in 2005.

The Plano Repertory Theatre was a beloved institution in Plano for more than 30 years, she said.

"We really want [the Repertory Theatre] to be a place that you really want to go with your husband, wife and sometimes with children, depending on the show," Akers said.

The new theater program completes a circle for many PCT actors



"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" castmates show off.

and students, including Miller. The program meets the needs of these past students and also helps keep people in Plano, Akers said.

The NTPA Repertory Theatre's next production is "Songs for a New World" by Jason Robert Brown. For more information, visit [www.northtexasperformingarts.org](http://www.northtexasperformingarts.org).

# Plano City Council approves ballistic protective gear purchase for PD

By Kelley Crimmins

At an Aug. 8 regular meeting, the Plano City Council unanimously voted to adopt a resolution for the purchase of helmets, plate carriers and rifle-rated hard armor plates for the Plano Police Department totaling \$362,246.

The enhanced ballistic protective equipment is a first for the city's officers, whose SWAT teams have similar specialized equipment, said David Tilley, public information officer for Plano Police Department.

The new gear will not replace the soft armor plates the officers wear on a daily basis, which protect from pistol shots. The hard armor plates are heavier and are designed to withstand rifle rounds. The equipment will be paid for with money seized from criminals and criminal enterprises, not city funds, police Chief Gregory Rushin said.

"Officers killed by gunfire is up around 75 percent this year. This equipment is something we have been looking at purchasing for awhile now," Tilley said. "We do regular training on active threat incidents but will conduct additional training with this [equipment]."

# Downtown Artfest set for Sept. 17

By Cassidy Ritter

Plano Artfest will be held Sept. 17 at McCall Plaza, 998 E. 15th St., Plano. The free event includes food trucks, an artist village, local musical performances, an apprentice studio, kids crafts, a graffiti exhibit and the return of last year's chalk art competition.

A week of community art programming, including gallery exhibits, film screenings and concerts, will lead up to the event.

"Our city has an entire community of artists looking for someone to give them a home and an opportunity to

show their work. We want to make the Historic Downtown Arts District that place for creative incubation and use Artfest to bring all local artists together," said Alex Hargis, executive director of the Historic Downtown Plano Association, in a news release.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with performances by the Plano Metropolitan Ballet, Men of Note, the Plano Dance Theatre, Chamberlain Performing Arts, Plano Children's Theatre and other local groups.

For a complete schedule of the day's events, visit [www.planoartfest.com](http://www.planoartfest.com).





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## CALENDAR

### August

#### 27 Movies in the Park series

The Historic Downtown Plano Association hosts its final summer installment of the Movies in the Park series with a screening of "Cinderella." In addition to the film, food trucks are also onsite selling refreshments. Attendees are encouraged to show their enthusiasm for the film in a best-dressed costume contest, complete with a fairy godmother commendation for all princesses. 8 p.m. Free. Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St., Plano. 972-543-8840. [www.visitdowntownplano.com](http://www.visitdowntownplano.com)

### September

#### 01 Courtyard Texas Music Series

The Courtyard Texas Music series welcomes Micky & The Motorcars. The alternative Texas Country band formed in Stanley, Idaho, before moving to Austin, Texas, and has released five mainstream albums, including a live album. 7:30 p.m. \$25. Courtyard Theater, 1509 H Ave., Plano. 972-941-5613. [www.plano.gov](http://www.plano.gov)



#### 02 through 25 'The Hollow'

Presented by Theatre Britain, this Agatha Christie whodunit explores the story of a murder committed when friends and family gather at a house for the weekend. 2:30 p.m. (Sept. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25), 8 p.m. (2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24). \$21 (adults), \$16 (seniors), \$14, (students). Cox Building Playhouse, 1517 Ave. H, Plano. 972-490-4202. [www.theatre-britain.com](http://www.theatre-britain.com)

#### 03 through 4 Taste of Ethiopia

This second annual event showcases Ethiopian culture and heritage. It also features health workshops and screenings, a talent show competition, a children's essay contest, historical and cultural exhibitions, traditional Ethiopian food, music, comedy and a fashion show. 1-6 p.m. \$25. Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. 214-321-9992. [www.ethiopiancommunitydfw.com/ethiopia-day](http://www.ethiopiancommunitydfw.com/ethiopia-day)

#### 05 Texas Pool's Labor Day party

The Texas Pool marks the last day of the regular swim season with a Labor Day celebration featuring food and traditional pool games. Visitors are welcome to bring food and coolers. Noon-6 p.m. \$7.50 (per person). Texas Pool, 901 Springbrook Drive, Plano. 972-881-8392. [www.texaspool.org](http://www.texaspool.org)

#### 08 through Oct. 1 'Kong's Night Out'

A farce by Jack Neary and presented by Rover Dramawerks, "Kong's Night Out" tells the story of what happened in the hotel room next to the hotel room where Fay Wray was whisked out into the Manhattan night by King Kong. 3 p.m. (Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1), 8 p.m. (Sept. 10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-30, Oct. 1). \$14 (students and seniors, 3 p.m. shows), \$16 (adults, 3 p.m. shows), \$22 (adults, 8 p.m. shows), \$20 (students and seniors, 8 p.m. shows). Rover Dramawerks, 221 W. Parker Road, Ste. 580, Plano. 972-849-0358. [www.roverdramawerks.com](http://www.roverdramawerks.com)

#### 09 through 17 'Les Miserables'

This school edition of the famous Broadway musical is presented by the Plano Children's Theatre. The production is recommended for audiences 13 years of age and older. 2:15 p.m. (Sept. 10-11, 17), 7:15 p.m. (Sept. 9-10, 15-17). \$15. Courtyard Theatre, 1509 H Ave., Plano. 972-422-2575. [www.planochildrenstheatre.org](http://www.planochildrenstheatre.org)

#### 09 through 11 Vintage Market Days

This outdoor market at Southfork Ranch features upscale, vintage-inspired antiques, original art, clothing, jewelry, handmade gifts, home decor and outdoor furnishings for purchase. The event also offers food and live music. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$10 (three-day pass), \$5 (Sept. 10-11), free (children age 12 and younger). Southfork Ranch, 3700 Hogge Road, Parker. 972-442-7800. [www.vintagemarketdays.com/Market/dallas-mckinney/home](http://www.vintagemarketdays.com/Market/dallas-mckinney/home)

#### 10 through 17 Electronics recycling

Residents, small and large businesses, and educational organizations can drop off their used electronics, such as all computer-related equipment, printers, audio and video equipment, consumer electronics, cell phones and TVs for recycling. 9-11 a.m. Free. St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 5801 W. Plano Parkway, Plano (Sept. 10). Christ United Methodist Church, 3101 Coit Road, Plano (Sept. 17). 972-769-4150. [www.plano.gov/692/electronics](http://www.plano.gov/692/electronics)



Compiled by Kelley Crimmins

Worth the **TRIP**

Courtesy, city of Grapevine

**SEP 15** through 18  
**GrapeFest**

The largest wine festival in the Southwest returns for its 30th year in Historic Downtown Grapevine. The four-day festival features a variety of activities and events, such as wine tastings, a grape stomp competition, children's activities, golf and tennis classics, live entertainment and local vendors. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. (Sept. 15), 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m. (Sept. 16-17), 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (Sept. 18). \$8 (adults), \$5 (children and seniors), \$18 (weekend pass), free (children ages 5 and younger). Historic Downtown Grapevine, 636 S. Main St., Grapevine. 817-410-8136. [www.grapevinetexasusa.com/grapefest](http://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/grapefest)

**11 DFW Brass concert**

The Lord of Life Lutheran Church presents DFW Brass in a concert featuring the music of Eric Ewazen, James Barnes, Michael Kamen and John Philip Sousa. The group performs selections from "The Sound of Music" and is joined by organist Benjamin Kolodziej for Charles-Marie Widor's famous "Toccata" arranged for organ and brass. 4:30 p.m. \$10 (suggested donation). Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 3601 W. 15th St., Plano. 972-867-5588. [www.planolutheran.com/finearts](http://www.planolutheran.com/finearts)

**16 McCall Concert Series**

This monthly series features musical performances by local artists. 8-10 p.m. Free. McCall Plaza, 998 E. 15th St., Plano. [www.plano.gov](http://www.plano.gov)



Courtesy, city of Plano

**17 Plano Artfest**

The festival is the newest event to the Arts District's lineup of activities for families and art lovers of all types. Built around artistic inclusiveness, creative curiosities and cultural connection, the event features the best creative talent North Texas has to offer ranging from artisan craftsmen to street buskers. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. McCall Plaza, 998 E. 15th St., Plano. 972-543-8840. [www.planoartfest.com](http://www.planoartfest.com)

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Jaclyn Monroe performs at Taverna Rossa on Sept. 22

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**September**

- 02** Jacob & the Ladders, 8:30 p.m.
- 10** Bone Brothers, 8:30 p.m.
- 16** Three 2 Go, 8:30 p.m.
- 22** Jaclyn Monroe, 8:30 p.m.

**Urban Rio**

1000 14th St., Ste. 100  
972-422-4466  
[www.urbanrio.com](http://www.urbanrio.com)

**September**

- 1** Manny Trevino, 7 p.m.
- 10** Josh Goode, 9 p.m.

## Online Calendar

Find more or submit Plano events at [communityimpact.com/pln-calendar](http://communityimpact.com/pln-calendar).

To have Plano events considered for the print edition, they must be submitted online by the first Friday of the month.

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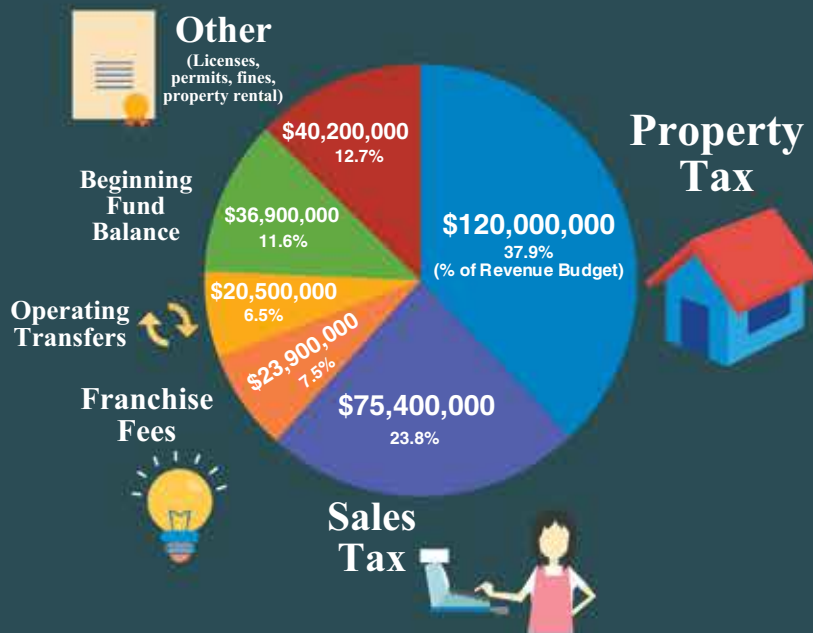
## Budget

We understand that your property tax value has increased in the last few years. To help ease this burden, City Council is considering lowering the tax rate by 1¢ per \$100 of assessed property valuation, from 48.86¢ to 47.86¢, or about \$2.17 reduction a month for the average Plano homeowner.

Just like your personal family budget, City Council must decide where to allocate funds. Walk through the budget with us to get a better understanding of this year's process.

## Where does the city get its revenue from?

### \$317 Million Revenue Budget 2017



## The 2016-17 Budget includes the following additions/enhancements:

The following will be included in this year's budget:

Public Safety Additions	\$10,203,793
Neighborhood Reinvestment	\$1,116,527
Infrastructure Maintenance	\$804,239
Internal Support & Facilities	\$883,517
Community Investment Program	\$1,847,259
Parks and Recreation Program Maintenance and Support	\$564,865
Capital Reserve Fund Transfer	\$950,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,370,200</b>



Below is the 2016-17 "Bucket List." These items are not funded at this time. City Council will determine if they would like to add any of these items in the 2016-17 budget. If they decide to add any of these items, the tax rate may need to increase from the Recommended Tax Rate of 47.86 cents to potentially 48.86 cents.

### Library Collection Addition

Additional on-line products, non-fiction titles and expand DVD collection

- McCall Plaza Programming
- Plano Artfest
- Temporary Artist Opportunities

### Parks Median & Field Maintenance

Restore once a week median mowing and Cheyenne Park field leveling

### One Time Expenditures

- Veterans Recognition Wall/Pavers - Install a veterans recognition area at Memorial Park
- Oak Point Special Area Plan - Consultant to study 700 acres around Plano Center
- Arts Theatre Feasibility Study
- Courtyard Signage

### Public Safety

- 1 Public Digital Specialist
- 1 Police Planner
- 1 Firearms Examiner
- 8 Police Officers
- 1 Part-time Crime Analyst

### Neighborhood Services

Pilot Multi-Family Complex Reinvestment Incentive Program

## What Would You Do?

If you had to choose from this "Bucket List", which would you want to add to the budget?

Let us know at [www.plano.gov/budget](http://www.plano.gov/budget)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF PLANO'S PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET:

[plano.gov/budget](http://plano.gov/budget)

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## BUDGET CALENDAR KEY DATES FISCAL YEAR 2016-17

August 13

Council Worksession on the Budget

August 22

1st Public Hearing on tax rate

August 31

2nd Public Hearing on tax rate

September 12

Council adopts operating budget and CIP, and sets tax rate

October 1

New fiscal year begins





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## City of Plano General Budget Overview

For the first time in 15 years, the City of Plano is recommending a tax decrease. The proposed decrease has been suggested in response to taxpayers' concerns over increasing assessed property values.

"We are committed to providing exceptional city services at the greatest value," said Plano City Manager Bruce Glasscock. "This is reinforced by offering one of the lowest tax rates in the region."

The city is proposing to decrease the tax rate by 1 cent (from 48.86 cents to 47.86 cents per \$100 of assessed property valuation). Even with the cut, this proposed budget provides funding for a number of existing and new service offerings, including police and fire-rescue programs

and the addition of 59 public safety personnel.

The proposed budget also allows for dollars to be directed to a variety of neighborhood reinvestment programs such as the continuation of the "Great Update Rebate," a program that assists Plano homeowners with the financial burden of caring for older homes.

The proposed budget will also provide funding for capital projects such as repair, rehabilitation and renovation projects related to Plano's streets, parks and municipal facilities.

However, there are several significant items which would not be funded under the current proposed budget. These items will be reviewed by the Plano City Council in September.

These "bucket list" items include:

- hiring 12 additional public safety personnel,
- development of a neighborhood services department multi-family reinvestment program,
- once-a-week median mowing and Cheyenne Park athletic field maintenance,
- increased downtown Plano arts programming at McCall Plaza and elsewhere, and
- additions to the Plano Public Library online, non-fiction and DVD collections.

The "bucket list" also includes funding for several one-time programs:

- veterans recognition wall or pavers at Plano's Memorial Park



- arts theater feasibility study
- Courtyard Theater signage, and
- consultant-led study on how to best utilize the 700 acres surrounding Plano Centre.

How do you think the City of Plano should spend its dollars? Should the recommended tax rate be increased – in other words, should some or all of the penny be "put back in" - to include one or more of these "bucket list" items? Or should the proposed 1-cent decrease stay as is, not allowing for funding of the "bucket list" items?

Visit [plano.gov/budget](http://plano.gov/budget) to share your feedback.

## Take a look inside "Open Budget" Portal

Do you ever wonder how your tax dollars are being spent? Now there's a simple way to find out!

The City of Plano has launched a new web-based tool called Open Budget that allows citizens to quickly and easily view the city's financial data.

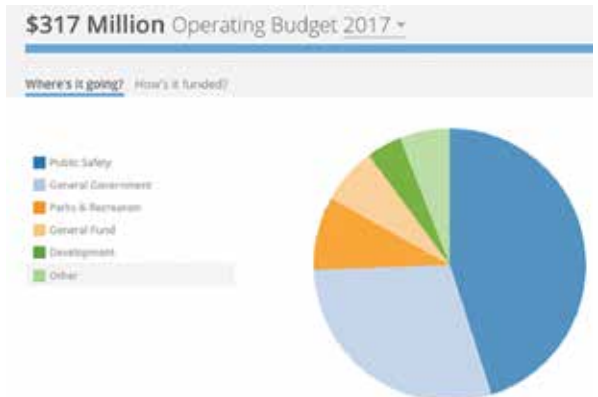
Open Budget features charts, graphs and maps helping citizens to interpret City of Plano budget data in an accessible and understandable way. The site also features interactive tools to find answers to their budget questions.

"More than anything I think this makes the budget data much more understandable," said Casey Srader, City of Plano Budget

Manager. "For most people, when you see things in a graphical or chart format, the numbers make more sense. The ease and flexibility of the tool brings the numbers to life. We are using this as a tool to augment and enhance our budget documents."

Open Budget provides access to budget data in an easy-to-understand format, an alternative to wading through pages of legal and financial documents. Citizens can access financial data via charts, graphs and images that are attractive, easily navigable and simple to comprehend.

Open Budget is powered by Socrata, a Seattle-based provider of open data and government performance management



solutions. Socrata offers technology solutions that make it easy for governments to publish budget data via tools like the City of Plano's Open Budget portal.

Access the Open Budget tool at [budget.finances.plano.gov/budget](http://budget.finances.plano.gov/budget)



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# Food 4 Kids Plano

City program is run by North Texas Food Bank

By Rosemary Smith

**N**o one wants to see a child go hungry. That is why North Texas Food Bank's Food 4 Kids Plano program is asking the community to help to collect 10,000 pounds of peanut butter during Hunger Action Month in September.

"You can donate other canned goods and nonperishables, but we are focusing on peanut butter because it's a healthy protein that's easy to distribute and it's something that kids enjoy," Senior Communications Manager Anna Kurian said.

Kurian said the mission of the Food 4 Kids Plano program is simple: Eliminate child hunger by delivering weekend backpacks filled with food that provides 60 percent of a child's

nutritional needs on any given weekend. According to the North Texas Food Bank, 1 in 5 children in Collin County are food insecure, meaning they might be struggling to find their next meal.

In 2014, Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere led the charge in a communitywide effort to ensure that was not the case for children in Plano. The mayor challenged local businesses, community and faith organizations and citizens to donate \$1 million to cover costs to kick off the Food 4 Kids Plano program.

Out of more than 7,000 Plano ISD's early childhood and elementary students eligible for free and reduced lunch, teachers and counselors identified 1,400 students as food insecure. All of these

students receive weekend backpacks with nutritional food during the school year.

"It may come as a surprise, but hunger is a reality for a number of families in Plano," LaRosiliere said. "Food 4 Kids provides our children with the most fundamental need we have—simple nourishment. We're not only feeding stomachs but hearts, minds and souls."

Corporations, individuals, churches and community organizations are encouraged to give money, time and talents to help Food 4 Kids families in need. The benefits of the program also extend to the schools that participate.

A volunteer day is set for Sept. 17. For information and drop off locations, visit [www.ntfb.org/planokids](http://www.ntfb.org/planokids).



The city of Plano hosted a peanut butter drive last fall for Food 4 Kids Plano.



Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere started the program in 2014.



## Rally for Hunger Action Month

A rally for this year's peanut butter drive will be held Sept. 28 at John Paul II High School, 900 Coit Road, Plano.

Last year, the school collected 1,566 jars of peanut butter for the drive.



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# 2016-17 VOLUNTEER

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## GUIDE

The annual Volunteer Guide lists organizations in and around Plano that rely on volunteers to help them provide services. Volunteers organize and run events; provide assistance for in-need residents; or care for abused, neglected or homeless animals. Prospective volunteers can reach out to the following organizations for more information.

*\*List not comprehensive*

### Agape Resource & Assistance Center

Agape serves the unmet shelter and service needs of women and children living in poverty and crisis in Collin County. Volunteer opportunities include administrative assistance, helping with fundraisers and special events.  
P.O. Box 861664, Plano  
469-814-0453  
[www.hope4agape.com](http://www.hope4agape.com)

### The Assistance Center of Collin County

For more than 35 years, the center has helped families and individuals who find themselves in crisis. Trained volunteers respond to emergency calls, welcome clients and help with fundraising activities and information technology.  
900 E. 18th St., Plano  
972-422-1125  
[www.assistancecenter.org](http://www.assistancecenter.org)

### Big Brothers Big Sisters

The nation's largest mentoring organization gives children facing adversity professionally supported relationships aimed at changing lives for the better. Volunteers enter into community-based mentoring as individuals, couples or families.  
101 S. Coit Road, Ste. 115, Richardson  
214-441-2227  
[www.bbbstx.org](http://www.bbbstx.org)

### Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County-Plano branch

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County works to help enable young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Volunteers assist with daily activities, homework tutoring, mentoring, facility maintenance and events.  
1111 H Ave., Plano  
972-424-6301  
[www.bgccc.org/plano](http://www.bgccc.org/plano)

### CASA of Collin County

Court Appointed Special Advocates turns community members into advocates for children removed from

their homes by Child Protective Services. The group works to ensure children's needs are met and their rights are protected. Volunteers receive training and assist with court appearances and visitations.

101 E. Davis St., McKinney  
972-529-2272  
[www.casaofcollincounty.org](http://www.casaofcollincounty.org)

### City House

For more than 26 years, City House has helped at-risk and homeless youth in Collin County. Volunteers have the opportunity to lend a helping hand at events held by City House year-round.  
901 18th St., Plano  
972-424-4626  
[www.cityhouse.org](http://www.cityhouse.org)

### City of Plano volunteer program

This program works in partnership with city staff, organizations, faith-based groups, schools, universities and nonprofits at local events and through programs like Food 4 Kids. Volunteer opportunities also include administrative duties and assisting the city departments including libraries, police and fire, and environmental education.  
1520 K Ave., Plano  
972-941-7000  
[www.volunteersinplano.gov](http://www.volunteersinplano.gov)

### Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County

The center provides support, therapy and protective services for children who have been abused. Volunteers are needed for support services, special projects, child care and more.  
2205 Los Rios Blvd., Plano  
972-633-6600  
[www.caccollincounty.org](http://www.caccollincounty.org)

### Heritage Farmstead Museum

The educational institution serves as a living history site for the Blackland Prairie region of North Texas. Volunteers help with cleanups, tours and tending gardens.  
1900 W. 15th St., Plano  
972-881-0140  
[www.heritagefarmstead.org](http://www.heritagefarmstead.org)

### Hope's Door

Hope's Door offers intervention and prevention services as well as education to individuals and families throughout Collin County who have been affected by domestic violence. Volunteers are needed to help stock the resale store, answer the shelter's emergency hotline and assist in general administrative duties at the outreach office.  
860 F Ave., Ste. 100, Plano  
972-422-2911  
[www.hopesdoorinc.org](http://www.hopesdoorinc.org)

### The Junior League of Collin County

Formerly the Junior League of Plano, the league promotes volunteerism and developing the potential of women in the community. Members volunteer in and around the community and help with special events.  
5805 Coit Road, Ste. 301, Plano  
972-769-0557  
[www.jlcollincounty.org](http://www.jlcollincounty.org)

### Livada Orphan Care

Livada Orphan Care provides family-style housing, mentor apartments, and private foster care for abandoned infants, toddlers and children. Volunteer opportunities include administrative assistance and program coordination.  
2001 W. Plano Parkway, Ste. 3430, Plano  
972-941-4416  
[www.livada.org](http://www.livada.org)

### Meals on Wheels of Collin County

Meals on Wheels of Collin County provides and delivers meals and other support services to senior citizens age 60 and older. Volunteers provide administrative support and help prepare and deliver meals.  
600 N. Tennessee St., McKinney  
972-562-6995  
[www.mowcc.com](http://www.mowcc.com)

### Minnie's Food Pantry

Named after founder Cheryl Jackson's mother, Minnie's Food Pantry provides food assistance to children and families in need in Plano and surrounding areas.



Courtesy City of Plano

Food 4 Kids



Courtesy My Possibilities

My Possibilities



Courtesy South Collin County Habitat for Humanity

South Collin County Habitat for Humanity



The program serves nearly 4,000 clients per month.

3033 W. Parker Road, Ste. 116, Plano  
972-596-0253  
[www.minniesfoodpantry.org](http://www.minniesfoodpantry.org)

#### My Possibilities

My Possibilities serves adults with cognitive disabilities. Volunteer opportunities include serving lunch and assisting in the organization's fitness, music and art programs.

1631 Dorchester Drive, Plano  
469-241-9100  
[www.mypossibilities.org](http://www.mypossibilities.org)

#### nonPareil Institute

Located on the SMU-in Plano campus, the nonPareil Institute provides technical training and long-term solutions for adults on the autism spectrum disorder. Volunteer opportunities include assistance with fundraising events.

5240 Tennyson Parkway, Ste. 105, Plano  
469-247-1101  
[www.nptix.org](http://www.nptix.org)

#### Plano Children's Theatre/North Texas Performing Arts

Founded in 1991, the Plano Children's Theatre's mission is to develop the character of youth through quality performing arts education and family entertainment.

1301 Custer Road, Ste. 706, Plano  
972-422-2575  
[www.planochildrenstheatre.org](http://www.planochildrenstheatre.org)

#### Plano Day Care Learning Center

The Plano Day Care Learning Center was organized and developed out of a growing concern for preschool-age children of mothers who must work to supplement or provide for the family income, mainly single mothers.

1111 H Ave., Ste. 100, Plano  
972-424-1121  
[www.planodclearningcenter.com](http://www.planodclearningcenter.com)

#### Plano ISD Education Foundation

The nonprofit provides financial support to educators and academic programs to fulfill its mission of helping all Plano students achieve their full potential. Volunteers assist with regularly held events and fundraisers like the annual Ski Plano event.

2700 W. 15th St., Plano  
469-752-8272  
[www.pisd.edu/about.us/foundation](http://www.pisd.edu/about.us/foundation)

#### Salvation Army

The Salvation Army's community center offers a variety of services for residents of Plano, Richardson, Wylie, Sachse and Allen. Programs include day camps for children, emergency financial assistance, disaster relief and a food pantry.

3528 E. 14th St., Plano  
972-423-8254  
[www.salvationarmydfw.org](http://www.salvationarmydfw.org)

#### South Collin County Habitat for Humanity

The organization helps others by building homes and communities. Volunteers can help build or repair homes, as well as assist in administrative work or help with merchandise at the organization's ReStore.

1400 Summit Ave., Ste. D4, Plano  
972-398-0634  
[www.habitat-scc.org](http://www.habitat-scc.org)

#### Second Chance SPCA

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is an animal welfare agency that brings pets and people together through the many programs offered to the community. Volunteers can enroll dogs in pet training, work with potential adopters and help with fundraising.

1700 J Ave., Plano  
972-424-0077  
[www.secondchancespca.org](http://www.secondchancespca.org)

#### Susan G. Komen North Texas

Founded in 1990 as its namesake's seventh chapter, Susan G. Komen North Texas provides breast health services and education to the medically underserved men and women of Collin, Cooke, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Montague, Wise, Baylor, Archer, Clay, Wichita and Wilbarger counties. Its volunteers assist in the Race for the Cure fundraiser, health fairs and other community events.

6130 W. Parker Road, Ste. 312, Plano  
972-378-4808  
[www.komennorthtexas.org](http://www.komennorthtexas.org)

#### The Turning Point

The Rape Crisis Center of Collin County treats and prevents bullying, sexual harassment and sexual assault through counseling, education and advocacy. Volunteers can help as crisis advocates to provide support to assault survivors.

3325 Silverstone Drive, Plano  
972-985-0951  
[www.theturningpoint.org](http://www.theturningpoint.org)

#### Veterans Center of North Texas

The all-volunteer organization is dedicated to helping veterans navigate the network of agencies to receive assistance. Services include employment help, legal assistance, aid for those who have a loved one in need of adult day care supervision, or any other personal issues. The center is staffed predominately by veterans and referral services are provided without charge.

900 E. Park Blvd., Plano  
214-600-2966  
[www.vcont.org](http://www.vcont.org)

#### Wellness Center for Older Adults

Serving adults 55 years of age and older and their caregivers in Collin County, the center provides preventative health services and screenings as well as educational programs.

401 W. 16th St., Ste. 600, Plano  
972-941-7335  
[www.wellnesscenteronline.org](http://www.wellnesscenteronline.org)

#### The Women's Auxiliary-Legacy Chapter

The local chapter helps meet the needs of Children's Medical Center Plano by raising funds, offering family activities and raising awareness for the center. Members work events and charitable drives to benefit patients and families.

2777 I-35 E., Ste. 700, Dallas  
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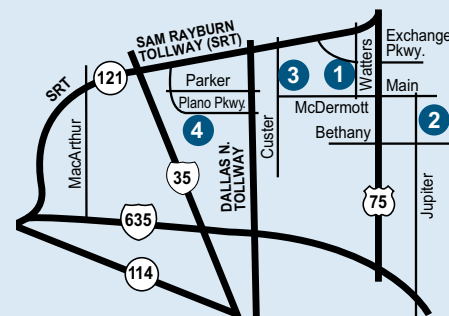
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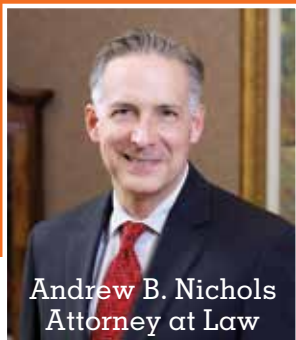

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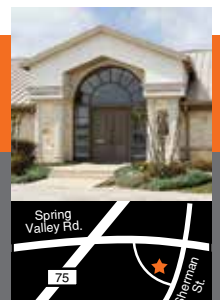


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## TOP STORIES

## Labor market drives urban living in Frisco

**FRISCO** When it comes to new apartment development in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Frisco is one of the hot spots, according to information from Axiometrics, a Dallas-based research company with a focus on apartment real estate.

As of July 18, the uptown Dallas market had the most apartment development in the area with 3,073 new units to open this year, followed by the Collin County and Richardson markets.

Frisco has 1,727 new units that are either up for lease or will be up for lease later this year as well as an additional 1,580 units under construction. This multifamily development growth is being spurred by job growth in the area, said John Lettelleir, Frisco director of development services.

Many new apartments in Frisco are concentrated in or near the \$5 Billion Mile and other mixed-use

developments where new jobs will be located, he said.

Most apartments coming into Frisco are urban-living units, which are on average denser than traditional garden-style apartments and are typically placed on a street grid with the building adjacent to the sidewalk.

Full story by Lindsey Juarez



Apartment development is on the rise in Frisco, particularly for urban living complexes.

## Airport seeking development partners

**MCKINNEY** Since voters in November did not approve bond funds for McKinney National Airport to continue to expand its operations, city officials are now looking for a different way to fund future airport development—through a public-private partnership.

The airport consists of about 750 acres—42 acres of which have not been developed—with plans to expand to more than 1,100 acres at build-out if additional land purchases can be secured.

MNA Executive Director Ken Weigand said continued expansion of the airport has the potential to benefit the entire county. However, Weigand said he fears if the airport is unable to secure additional land, someone else could develop the



McKinney wants to expand development around its airport.

surrounding property, which would put an end to any potential airport growth and greatly stifle other economic development possibilities surrounding it.

In order to help address that concern, in mid-July the city issued a request for proposal, or RFP, to local developers who might be interested in partnering with the city to further develop the airport.

Full story by Marthe Rennels

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## County jail

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At the same time, the county purchased a 292-acre tract that now houses the jail, sheriff's office, courthouse, administration building, animal services and other county services.

The Collin County Detention Facility opened in 1994 with 536 beds and a solid plan to add on as needed, Box said. The facility—attached to the Collin County Sheriff's Office by a breezeway—was designed with one building for jail services and a series of other buildings called clusters. Each cluster is made up of four pods, where inmates are housed.

The jail facility opened with two clusters, and as the jail population grew, two clusters were added, along with a new minimum security facility.

"When we first opened the building, every five years we were adding on another cluster of 288 beds. That stopped several years ago," Box said.

The latest cluster—the fourth—opened in 2007, and despite Collin County's significant growth in the past

decade, Box said he does not think the jail will need to add another cluster for at least another four to five years.

### Trending against the population

The highest the jail population has been was 1,013 inmates in 2011. For the first six months of 2016, the jail population has averaged 897 inmates.

Jail Administrator Charles Adams said an agreement with the Collin County District Attorney's office and the court system put more priority on jail cases, which helped bring down the inmate population to a more manageable count after 2011.

While the population of Collin County increased about 17 percent from 2010 to 2015, the average yearly jail population has decreased by almost 4 percent during the same time frame, according to sheriff's office records.

Neither Box nor Adams can pinpoint the reason for the growth discrepancy between the county and the jail populations, but both said their best guess is because of demographics.

"Our [jail] admissions are down, but the county continues to grow," Adams

said. "I think a lot of that could have to do with the robust economy we have here in Collin County right now. The county itself is a fairly wealthy county when you look at the demographics, so I think that contributes to it."

Adams said crime trends could shift as areas in northern Plano and Frisco continue to grow.

"I would expect that to draw more retail crime, but we just haven't seen a huge jump," Adams said.

The sheriff said although there is plenty of crime in Collin County, the jail has worked to put in processes in the DA's office and court system to be able to monitor cases and ensure inmates are moving through the system and not sitting in jail.

"There are a lot of mechanisms in place that allows the jail to keep people moving," Adams said. "The cities have programs where we cooperate with them and allow [inmates] to bond out of jail by statute, so some of them were never transferred here. Even here in the jail system alone, there is a lot of programming that gets people out of jail."

Local jails, such as the Plano City Jail, are short-term facilities, meaning a person will leave the facility within a week, Plano detention manager Meredith Poole said. Prisoners accused of more serious Class A or B offense are transferred to the county jail within 48 hours, she said.

All prisoners arrested in Plano will go through the Plano jail before being transferred to the county jail.

Regardless of future growth, the Collin County Detention Facility is in a

good position to expand, Box said. Two more housing clusters can be added to the existing complex, and the minimum security facility can be doubled in size, he said. Long-term plans could include another housing complex east of the current jail facility.

Although the county facility is now 22 years old, it was built as a state-of-the-art facility. Careful attention to maintenance along with an innovative style of jail management has kept the jail in excellent condition, Box said.

"I want our employees to feel like they work in a professional environment," Box said. "This is the taxpayers' big investment—it's cleaned up, it's painted, it's taken care of."

### Direct supervision

The facility is operated as a direct supervision facility, which means that rather than having inmates locked up behind bars, inmates are free to roam their pods during the day as long as they follow jail rules. Inmates are constantly supervised by deputies.

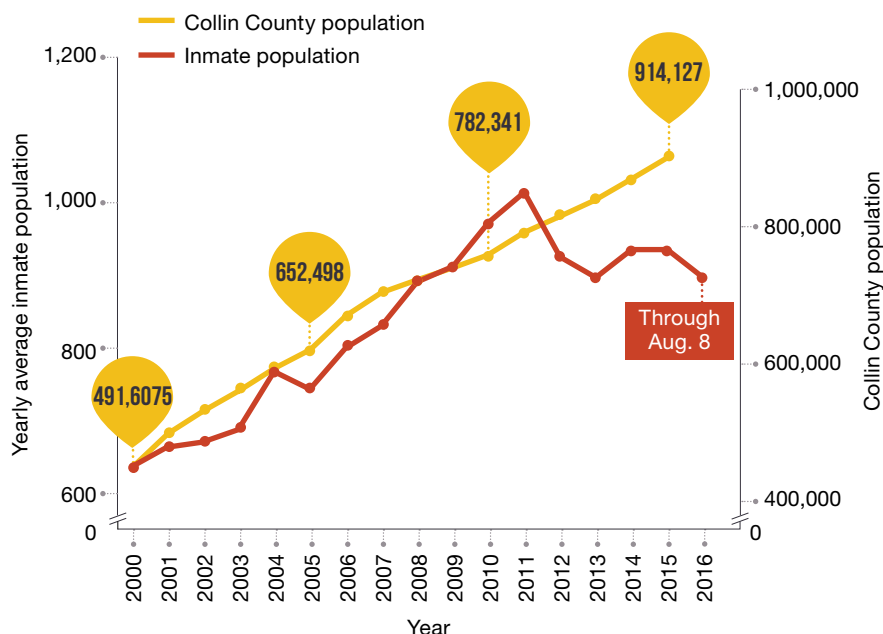
"A lot of people expect to see bars and sliding gates," Adams said. "When you get back inside my jail, you will see that it will look more like a hospital when you're walking down the hallways."

Inmates are first placed into a classification pod where they learn jail rules. They are then transferred to a general population pod already understanding, and are already aware of what is expected of them.

"What ends up happening is that by having those rules and having those officers in the pod who are constantly

## COLLIN COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY AVERAGE DAILY JAIL POPULATION BY YEAR

Collin County's population growth has consistently outpaced the growth of the Collin County Detention Facility. From 2000-15, the inmate population increased 46 percent, while the Collin County population increased by nearly 83 percent.



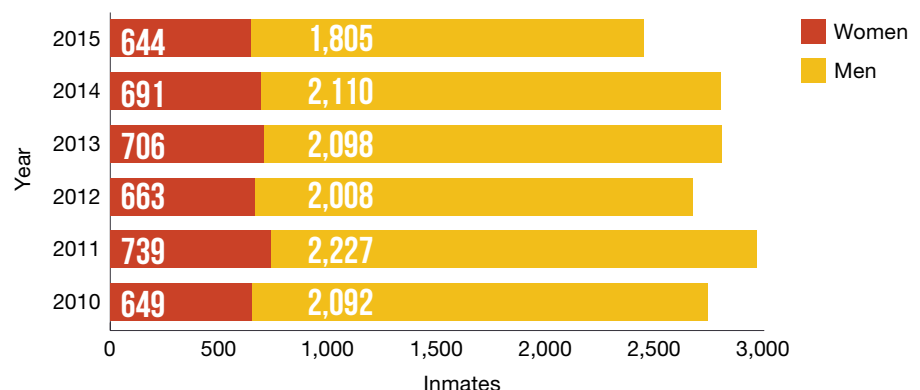
## PLANO CITY JAIL TRANSPORTS TO COLLIN COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY

This chart shows the number of transports made from the Plano City Jail to the Collin County Detention Facility. The figures do not include repeat offenders.

The city jail is equipped to handle any type of prisoner—including people who are intoxicated, mentally unstable or under the influence of drugs.

Local jails, such as the Plano City Jail, are short-term facilities, meaning a person will leave the facility within a week.

"Plano City Jail adheres to almost all standards set forth for county facilities exceeding the standards in many areas," detention manager Meredith Poole said.



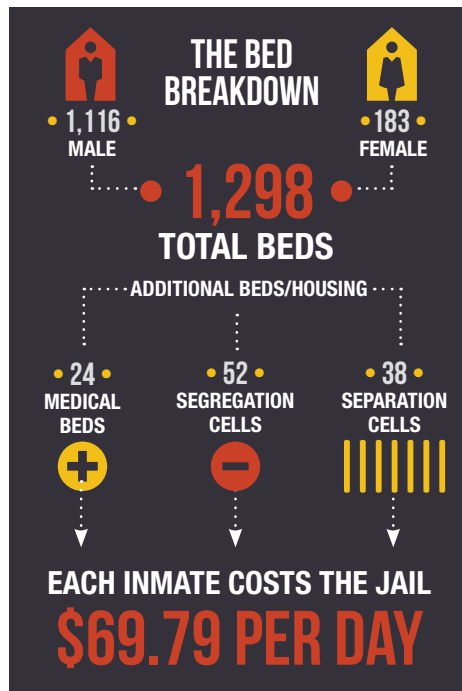


# BEYOND THE BARS

Compiled by Krista Wadsworth

## COLLIN COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY

The Collin County Detention Facility opened in spring 1994. The facility was designed to be able to add clusters to house more inmates as the jail population grew. The facility has four clusters—each of which contain four pods. Inmates are assigned to specific pods, where they primarily stay throughout their time in the facility. The facility can be expanded by two more clusters.



### DIRECT SUPERVISION

The Collin County Detention Facility is a direct supervision jail. Rather than confining inmates to cells for the majority of the day the way traditional jails do, most of the Collin County inmates are free to roam their individual pod with constant supervision by a detention officer. Each pod can hold about 72 inmates.

### THE NINE COMMON SENSE PRINCIPLES OF A DIRECT SUPERVISION JAIL ARE:

- Effective control
- Effective supervision
- Competent staff
- Safety of staff and inmates
- Manageable and cost-effective operation
- Effective communications
- Classification and orientation
- Justice and fairness
- Ownership of operations

Sources: Collin County, city of Plano, U.S. Census Bureau/Community Impact Newspaper

### TOP FIVE CCDF ARREST CHARGES JANUARY-JULY 2016

Possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.....	1,324
Driving while intoxicated .....	887
Possession of a controlled substance, Class Penalty Group 1, less than 1 gram.....	763
Failure to maintain financial responsibility.....	733
No driver's license .....	609

### TOP 10 ARRESTING AGENCIES JANUARY-JULY 2016

Collin County Sheriff's Office.....	8,858
Plano Police Department.....	2,900
McKinney Police Department.....	2,162
Allen Police Department.....	1,185
Wylie Police Department .....	591
Frisco Police Department.....	577
Department of Public Safety .....	470
Anna Police Department .....	285
Prosper Police Department .....	312
Celina Police Department.....	243



Photos courtesy Collin County

monitoring those rules and making sure those inmates understand our expectations, then the inmates begin to feel safer,” Adams said. “When a person feels safer, they aren’t going to act out as much.”

The jail was the first in Texas to adopt the direct supervision jail style—a style Collin County adopted after officials toured another such facility in Reno, Nevada, before beginning construction. The Collin County jail now serves as an example for counties throughout the U.S. wanting to build direct supervision jails, Box said.

“We’re kinda the showplace for county jails right now in the nation that people want to come to and look how we’re operating and how it works for us,” Box said. “We’re very proud of that, and I think the employees are, too.”

Adams said the direct supervision approach has cut down on lawsuits and

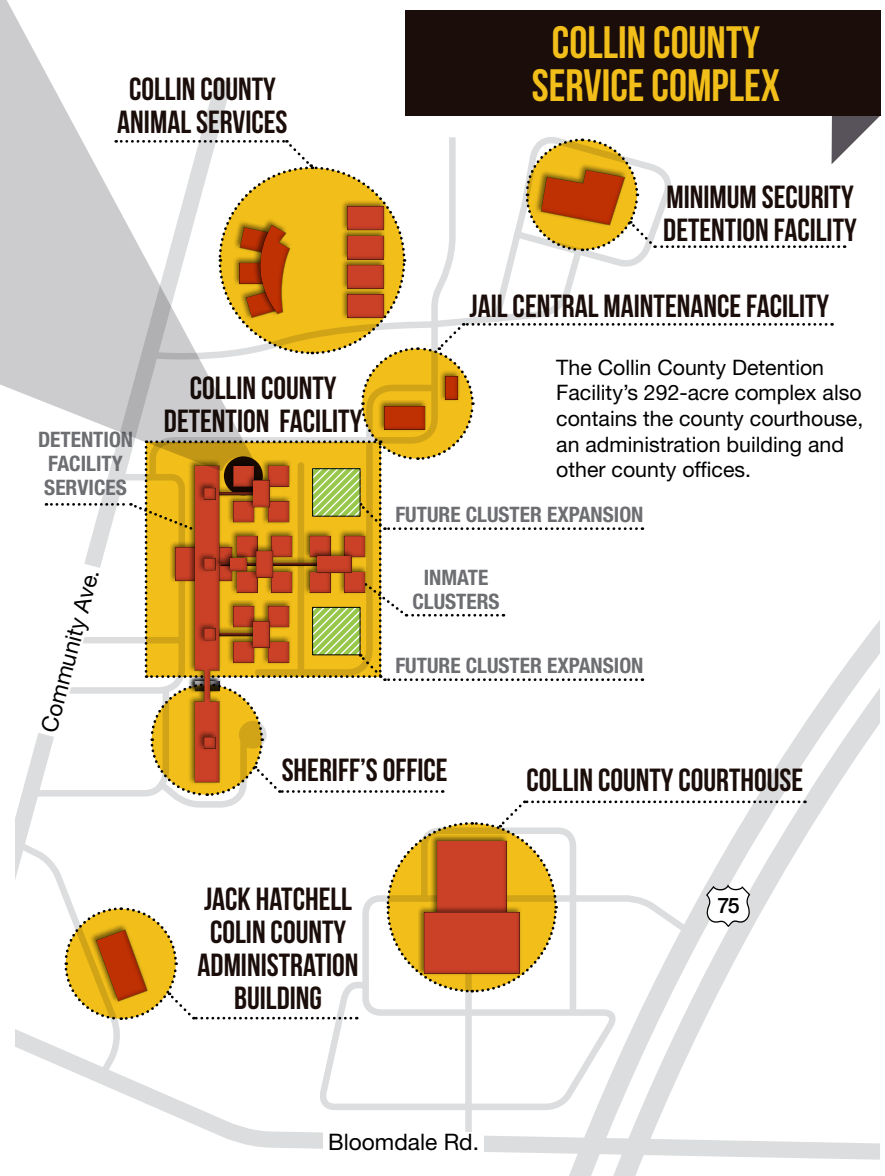
inmate assaults as well as wear and tear on the facility. It also requires less staff than a traditional jail.

Box said the management style works because it is a jail and not a penitentiary. He and Adams said the majority of inmates in the jail have not been convicted—they are waiting for a trial through the court system.

“I have never in my career here, as sheriff for 32 years, settled a lawsuit,” Box said. “There has never been a lawsuit come up in this jail that the county has been liable for, because the courts, judges and everybody else knows that Collin County runs a very efficient, constitutional operation here ... [lawsuits] are pretty well knocked out the first time they are filed.”

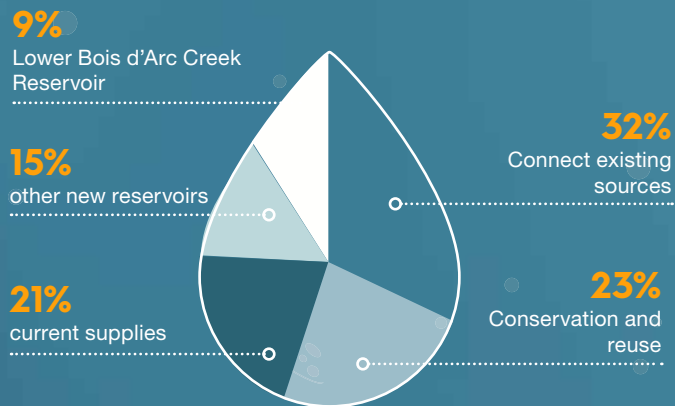
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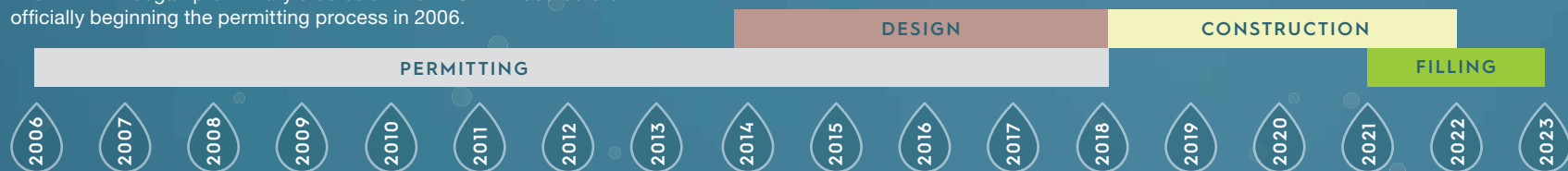
# Water for THE FUTURE

By 2060, 9 percent of the North Texas Municipal Water District's projected water demand will be met by the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir.

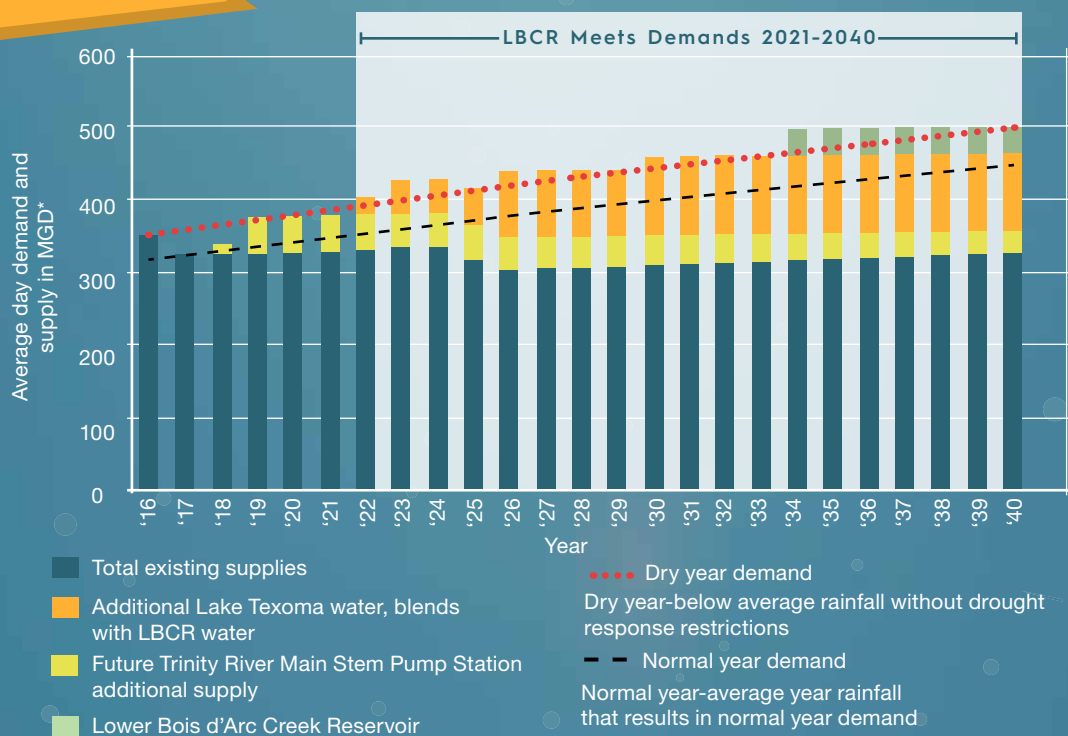


## LOWER BOIS D'ARC CREEK RESERVOIR TIMELINE

The NTMWD began preliminary studies on the LBCR in 2003 before officially beginning the permitting process in 2006.



## WATER DEMAND AND SUPPLY PROJECTIONS FROM 2016 TO 2040



\*Million of gallons per day

## Water

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collect,” Rhodes-Whitley said. “So therefore you have prefunded your increased cost to the district [for the upcoming year], which totals [\$6.4] million.”

The city had projected receiving revenue for only 18 billion gallons of water for the past year. However, when the district lifted watering restrictions and residents were able to resume watering yards twice per week, that usage jumped to about 23 billion gallons of water used from July 2015 through July 2016, Rhodes-Whitley said.

The city of Plano joins the 12 other water district member cities—which are spread throughout portions of 10 North Texas counties—in finding ways to pay for the increasing cost of water.

According to NTMWD projections, rates are projected to increase 29 cents per 1,000 gallons again late next year and an additional 28 cents in FY 2018-19. Rates are projected to continue to increase until at least 2034, when the projected water rate is \$4.26 per 1,000 gallons.

### District challenges

NTMWD spokesperson Janet Rummel said there are three factors driving water rate increases: costs associated with rehabilitation and replacement of aging infrastructure, complying with strict state and federal regulation requirements and finding additional water supplies to support the district's rapidly growing service area.

The population in the NTMWD's service area in 2015 was 1.6 million. By 2040, the district is projecting a population of 2.5 million residents and by 2070, 3.7 million people.

Since 2006, the district has spent nearly \$1.05 billion in supplementing existing supplies, complying with mandated regulations and working to develop additional water sources. Rummel said these projects are primarily the reason for increases to its wholesale water rate.

“Adequate funding through rates is required to cover increasing fixed costs and repay bonds for capital projects,” Rummel said. “From 1993 to 2001, NTMWD held water rates flat while the population in our communities grew by more than a quarter million people. With the continued significant growth

projected, NTMWD could no longer wait to invest in new [water] supplies and infrastructure.”

Multiyear drought and regulatory challenges, such as a \$125 million ozone disinfection project at the Wylie water treatment plants and a \$300 million pipeline to circumvent infectious zebra mussels in Lake Texoma, drove rate increases, Rummel said.

In addition, the high population growth projection in the district—particularly in Collin County—requires the water district to work ahead now to supply water for the future, she said.

Rummel said the NTMWD is closely monitoring major developments in its service area, including Legacy West in Plano, the \$5 Billion Mile in Frisco, Watters Creek in Allen and CityLine in Richardson. West McKinney, which is largely undeveloped, is also closely watched for its development potential, she said.

Since 2006, the district has been working on land acquisition and permitting for the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir in Fannin County. The district has already spent more than \$125 million, and the total cost of the project is projected at \$1.2 billion. This water

source is expected to supply the district's water needs through 2040.

Covering a service area as large as the one NTMWD is responsible for, combined with the growing state of Texas, means a substantial amount of pipe to maintain and additional infrastructure to be installed, said Tommy Holmes, the legislative director for the American Water Works Association. The Colorado-based organization is the largest nonprofit, scientific and educational association dedicated to managing and treating water.

“Building a new reservoir—that's a big deal. It's difficult to get one built in the first place because there's a lot of permitting involved,” Holmes said. “[The NTMWD is] to be saluted for looking forward and trying to anticipate future needs.”

### Mounting costs

The NTMWD has been working since 2006 on a permitting process that will allow them to build the 16,526-acre Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir northeast of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Construction of the reservoir has been pushed back two years because of



a fall 2015 delay in receiving a federal permit. Construction is now expected to start in 2018 with completion projected for 2022.

Construction costs on any water project, including the reservoir, trend higher every year, said Cesar Baptista, assistant deputy director of engineering for the NTMWD. He said the ENR Construction Cost Index, which is typically consulted by the construction industry, tends to increase by about 3 percent every year.

Baptista said increased construction costs are also caused by the same reason the district needs additional water supply—rapid growth in the North Texas area.

“Escalation of cost due to delays is a factor, but so is the current state of the economy,” he said. “Currently, there is a lot of [construction] work ongoing in the [Dallas-Fort Worth] Metroplex, which impacts material costs as well as labor resources.”

#### A national problem

According to a 2014 American Water Works Association study, water rates have been increasing steadily across the country for the past two decades.

The AWWA polled water utilities across the U.S. and found rates increased on average more than 12.3 percent from 2008-14.

“If a utility has been putting off rate increases or implementing very small ones, it likely has some catching up to do to keep its infrastructure sound and to comply with regulations,” Holmes said.

He said he thinks there are some “reality checks” taking place at many utilities across the country about the cost of providing water. In addition, many are working toward correcting water rates that have been too low.

“I think in the coming years we are going to see lots of utilities striving toward full-cost pricing—the true cost

[of water],” Holmes said.

He said the South and Southwest U.S., in particular, have struggled to keep up with water demands because of a growing population and drought. Increasing rates are also caused by the need to replace aging infrastructure.

“The nation’s infrastructure was built in cycles or in waves, and the water infrastructure that was laid down in the boom years after World War II is starting to show its age,” he said. “We need to start replacing it now because it’s going to get more expensive.”

Holmes said the AWWA has been campaigning for a decade to get policymakers and the public to better understand the need to reinvest in water infrastructure.

He said the AWWA knows there is a need for low-cost capital for utilities to be able to do large-scale projects, such as major infrastructure work or new water supplies.

The AWWA, along with other organizations, worked to get the Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act past Congress in 2014, Holmes said.

WIFIA will allow utilities or municipalities to apply for low-interest federal loans for drinking water, wastewater or stormwater projects. Projects that qualify for WIFIA funds must be at least \$20 million, he said.

Holmes said the Environmental Protection Agency has spent the past two years putting together the program administration.

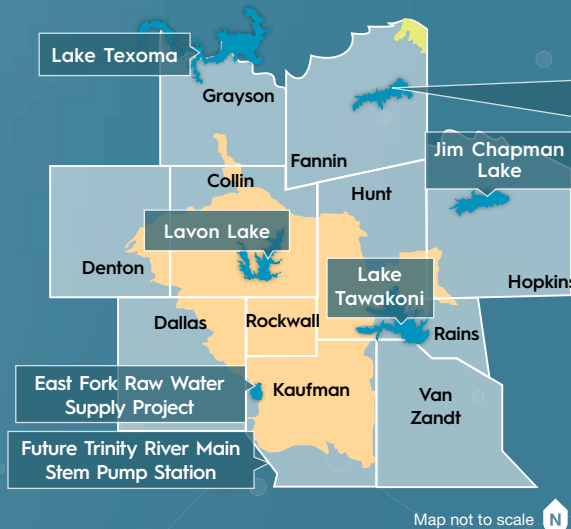
The EPA is developing application documents and the AWWA expects to see a formal application process unveiled soon, Holmes said.

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## A NEW water supply

### NTMWD SERVICE AREA



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### RESERVOIR DELAY

The Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir project is projected to be the main additional water source for the North Texas Municipal Water District through 2040.

The reservoir was originally expected to be complete in 2020. The completion date has been pushed back to an estimated 2022, however, because the water district is still working to receive a federal permit that hinges on the reservoir's mitigation area, said Janet Rummel, public relations manager for the NTMWD.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers originally completed a forested wetlands evaluation for the mitigation area using a model from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Last fall, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requested additional studies using a new model to evaluate wetland impacts.

Rummel said the process to complete the second mitigation study takes time—both for the study itself and for the extensive public input process that is also required. She said the district is now hoping to have the federal permit by 2018, which would mean construction would be complete in 2022.

The district is waiting on the completion of the new study to determine whether it will have to purchase additional land for the mitigation area and also determine features the mitigation area is required to include.

The district has been working toward reservoir construction since 2003, Rummel said.

Source: North Texas Municipal Water District/Community Impact Newspaper

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## Market Pulse-July 2016

## Market Data comparison

July 2015

July 2016

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710



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Homes under contract

414



367

Median sale price

\$234,000



\$221,000

Percent of original price received

99.9%



99.3%

## July new listings

2015 vs. 2016

## Collin County

2,378

2,166

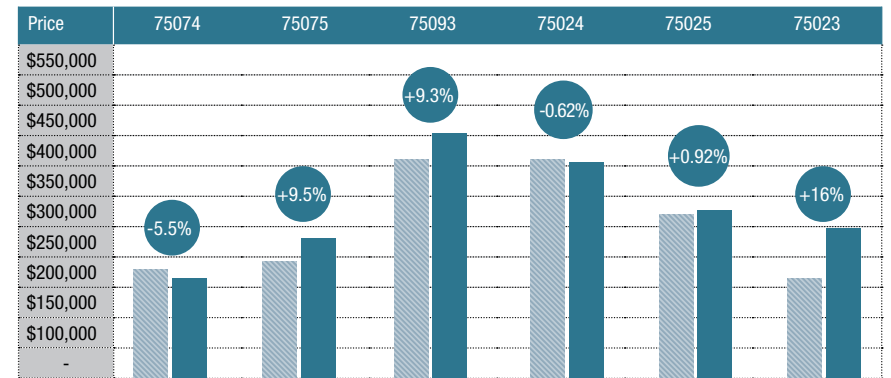
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## Median price of homes sold by ZIP code

July 2015 vs. July 2016



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## Ask a title officer



Local title officers answer questions about real estate trends and offer tips to homebuyers and sellers considering buying or selling a home in or around Plano.

By Kelley Crimmins

**Britt Fair**  
President  
Fair Texas Title-Plano

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years. The pricing is on a sliding scale based on basic policy amount plus any options (called "endorsements") selected. Title companies also charge a flat escrow fee or settlement fee for serving as the escrow agent. Prices for this, may vary by title company and/or submarket but are typically a few hundred dollars per client.

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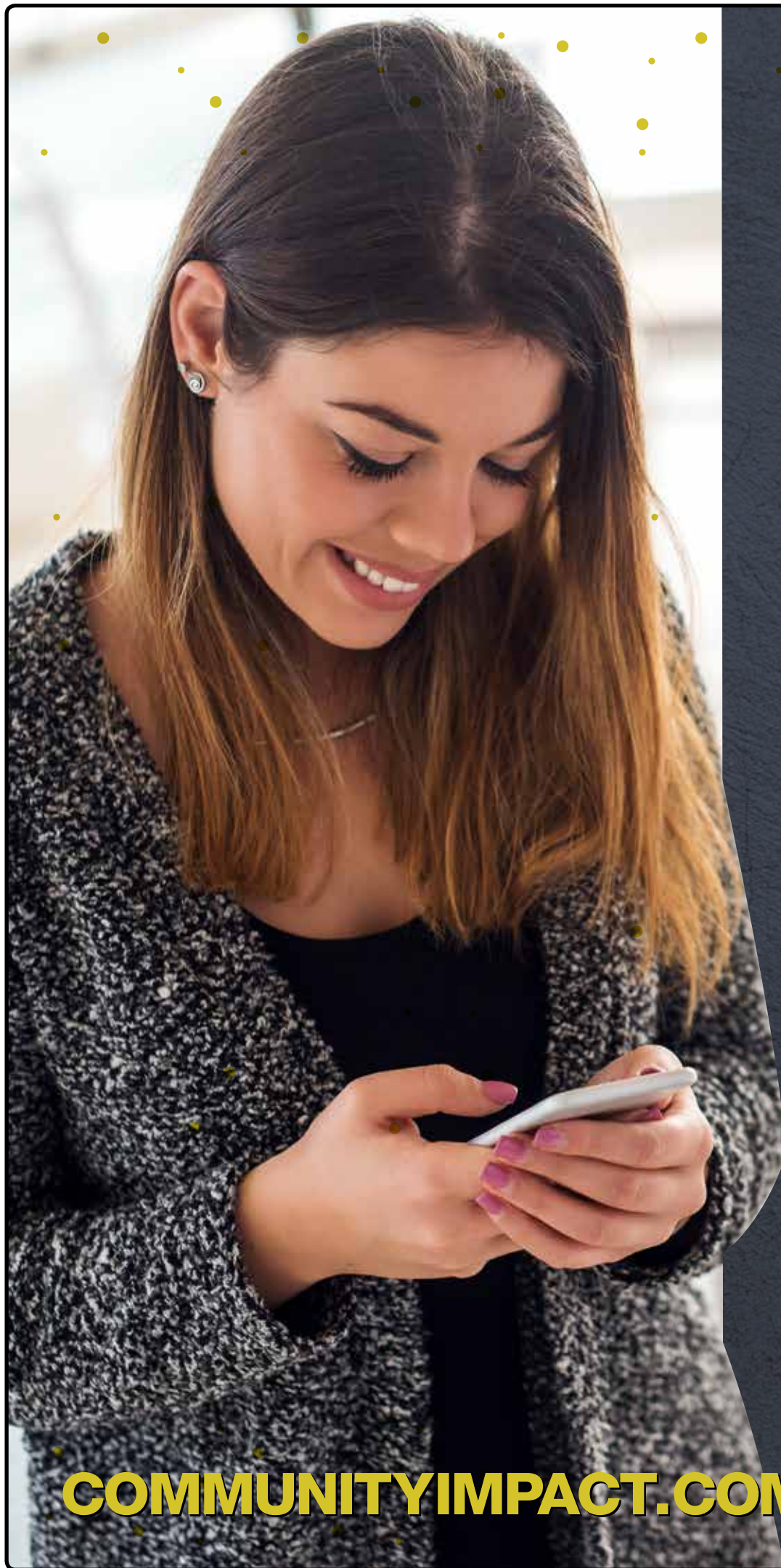


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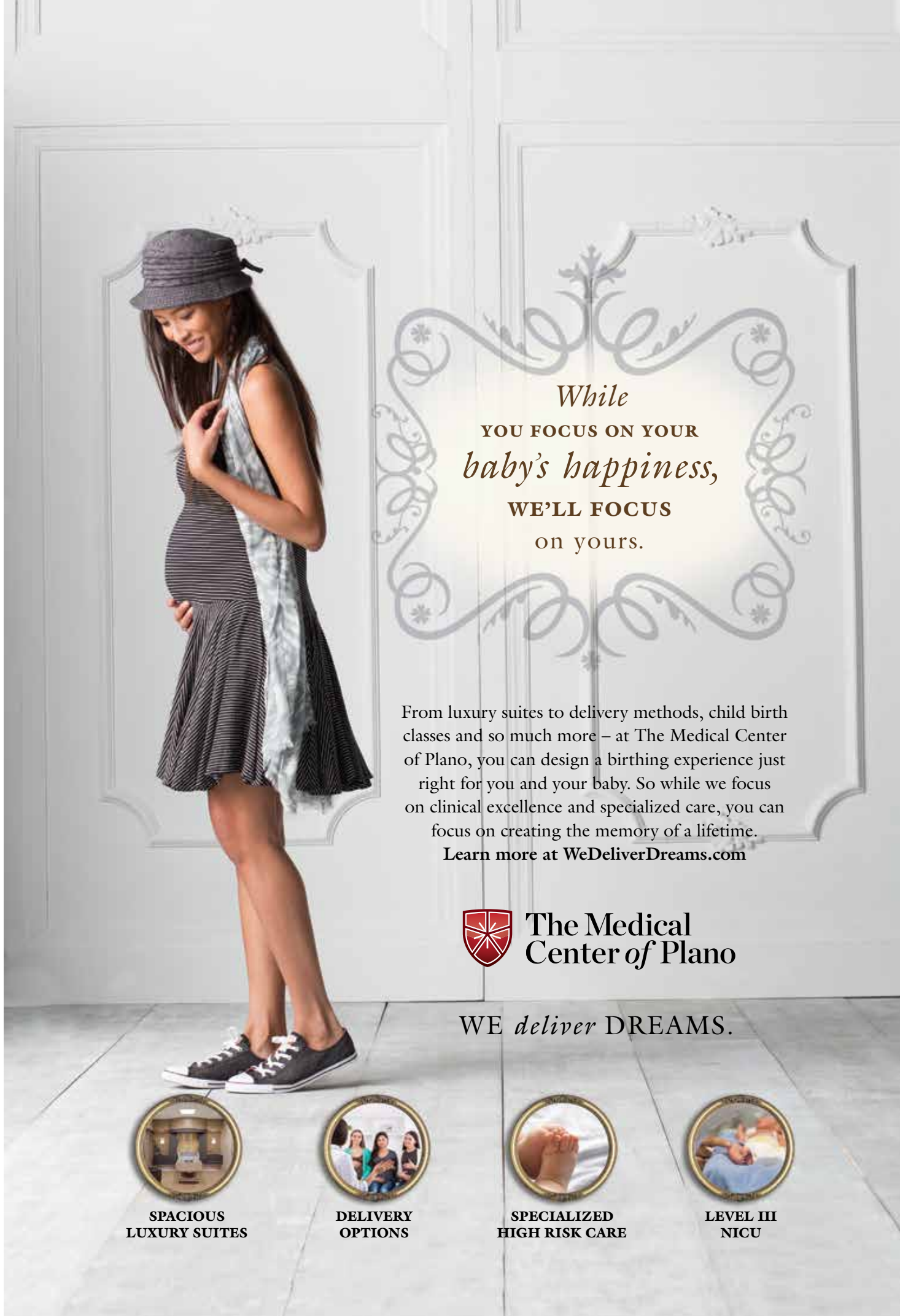


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