



City of University Park THE ARBOR



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UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Tuesday, Nov. 15
5 p.m.
City Hall,
Council Chamber**

**Tuesday, Dec. 6
5 p.m.
City Hall,
Council Chamber**



**City offices closed
Nov. 24 & 25 for
Thanksgiving**

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Snider Plaza tree lighting festivities - Sunday, November 20



The 10th annual University Park Tree Lighting in Snider Plaza is set for Sunday, November 20 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Throughout the event there will be live performances on the LegacyTexas Bank main stage, and lots of children’s activities including bounce houses, face painting and photo opportunities with Elvis, the “Rein-Steer” and Santa Claus.

Tasty snacks and drinks

Local vendors will be offering a variety of tasty treats and snacks. For the first time, sponsored by Andrews Distributing, the event will also feature a Beer Garden, a designated area on the Plaza’s south side, where beer and wine will be sold.

A season for giving to those less fortunate



This year, the Rotary Club of Park Cities and the UP Merchants Association are joining up to raise money for Pat and Emmitt Smith Charities to benefit the North Texas Food Bank and low income areas of South Dallas.

Additional event parking

Additional parking will be available at the SMU Law School parking garage at Daniel and Hillcrest, and along Lovers Lane just west of Dickens, adjacent to Curtis Park and UP Elementary School.

2016 Event sponsors

This year’s key sponsors include: LegacyTexas Bank, People Newspapers, Andrews Distributing, SMU, UP Merchants Association, Rotary Club of Park Cities and the City of University Park.



If you have questions about the event, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 214-987-5488.



Community Camera program - UPPD crime fighting tool



Last summer the University Park Police Department announced that residents and businesses could bolster the department's crime fighting efforts by registering their privately owned security camera systems.

Why is this program worthwhile?



Because they are caught in the act of committing the crime, video surveillance is one of the best methods to catch suspects and convict them. As crimes occur nearby, many residents and business owners are unaware that their camera systems may have captured information that could help solve a crime. Likewise, police are not always aware of who may have captured potentially vital video evidence.

If your residence or business has a security camera system meeting these two requirements, you can help UPPD investigate and solve crimes by registering your camera system.

- Exterior facing security camera system
- Camera system records and retains video

How to register your security camera system

To register your security camera system with UPPD go to the City's website at uptexas.org. Once on the homepage, click on the Police icon and then click on the Crime Prevention page. From there you can access the online registration form and find out more program details. Once you've completed the form, hit the "submit" button. Within 48 hours UPPD will contact you to verify your participation.

Sign up for Water My Yard

Landscaping and lawn care is a 12-month commitment, and just like during the spring and summer months it's tough to know how much water is needed in the fall and winter.



Residents now have a quick and definitive way to answer that question. Sponsored by the Dallas County Park Cities Municipal Utilities District, the Park Cities are now part of the Water My Yard program. Offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, this free online tool helps you determine how much supplemental water is needed to maintain a healthy lawn year-round.

Weekly updates from Water My Yard

To learn more about the Water My Yard program and to sign-up to receive weekly updates go to www.uptexas.org/watering. It only takes a few short steps to begin receiving automated emails or text-messages with weekly guidance that is based on weather and soil conditions in the Park Cities.

New crosswalk at Goar Park

The City has installed a lighted crosswalk on the northwest side of Goar Park. Located on Turtle Creek, between Vassar and Hunters Glen, this ADA compliant crossing was put in place for the convenience and safety of those who visit the park, whether they are stopping by for youth soccer games, exercise classes, annual events or any other outings. A second lighted crosswalk, located on University near the tennis courts, also serves Goar Park.



Crosswalk location: Mid-block 6600 Turtle Creek.

Are your house numbers properly displayed?

House numbers at the front of the house

With the holidays approaching make sure you that you have made it easy for guests, delivery trucks and Santa's sleigh to find your home. The City's building and fire codes require all property owners to post official address numbers either on the front of the house or in the front yard. Proper display also improves your family's safety in the event of an emergency.



When responding to 911 calls, police and fire personnel rely on house numbering that is clearly visible from the street. House numbers must meet the following requirements:

- 4 inches in height with a minimum width of one-half inch
- Standard numbers and alphabet letters
- Contrasting colors between numbers and background
- Clear visibility from the street

House numbers at the rear of property

City codes also require property owners to post the official address numbers at the rear of the property, adjacent to the alley. Properly posted rear numbers help City and other utility workers properly locate homes needing gas, electric, water, sewer or telecommunications service.

Most area hardware stores sell house numbers that meet the City's code requirements. For less than \$10, you can ensure quick and proper identification of your home. Please contact the Community Development Department at 214-987-5411 with questions or concerns.

UPFD's Santa Around Town begins December 12



While his elves are back at the North Pole making sure his sleigh is ready for the big night, Santa Claus will tour the streets of University Park on a UPFD fire engine.

Starting Monday, December 12 and continuing each night through Friday, December 16, Santa will ride through a different section of University Park spreading holiday cheer. The fun begins each night at 6 p.m. and ends each night about 8 p.m.

Santa Fire Engine Tracker

If you want to wave at Santa as he rides by, consult the color-coded City map to the right. Better yet, beginning

December 1, go to the City's website homepage at uptexas.org and click on the Santa Around Town details. There you will find a link that you can click on any of the five nights to track Santa's progress through the neighborhoods. **Dates/times subject to emergency calls.**



City news briefs

Trees for Town



Turn over a new leaf by participating in the City's Trees for Town program. Since 1982, the City has planted, in partnership with residents, thousands of trees in parkways and at home sites. The trees come in different varieties and are priced according to the desired planting location.

Parkway trees

The purchase price for trees in the parkway (the grassy area between the sidewalk and curb), including planting by the Parks and Recreation Department, is \$150. Parkway trees, all container grown, have a trunk diameter of approximately 1 3/4 inches and are 8-10 feet tall. Residents can choose from Cedar Elm, Chinquapin Oak, Live Oak, Shumard Red Oak and Crape Myrtle.

Home planting trees

Home planting trees cost \$75 each. Although residents are responsible for the planting and care of these trees, the Parks and Recreation Department will deliver them to your property. Smaller in size than the parkway trees, these container grown trees have 1-1 1/2 inch calipers and are 6-8 feet tall. Available tree varieties include Lace Bark Elm, Bur Oak, Chinquapin Oak and Shumard Red Oak.

Although container grown trees can be planted year-round, the primary planting season runs from mid-November to mid-February. Residents should note that whether the trees are planted on the parkway or on private property, they are not guaranteed. However, because they are picked by the City's Urban Forester, their survival rate is high.

Park Reforestation

If you would like to participate in the reforestation of University Park to maintain a vibrant, healthy city, but do not have room on your parkway or property, you may gift a tree that will be planted in one of the city's parks or other properties maintained by the city.

Sign up by December 31

The last day to order either parkway or home planting trees is December 31. Planting will begin in late January or early February after all the orders are processed. For more information, or to download an application form for the City's Trees for Town program, residents can go to the City's website and click on Parks and Recreation/Parks Services/Trees for Town. Or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 214-987-5488.

Fall recycling event numbers

Thanks for participating in last month's Park Cities recycling event at the Middle/Intermediate School parking lot. In addition to old records and documents for the



shredders, residents dropped off electronics, household items and clothing.

Just short of 15,000 pounds of E-waste was collected. That figure included nearly 3,000 pounds of TVs, 2,600 pounds of personal computers and 2,600 pounds of copiers, printers and fax machines. Additionally, more than 1,900 pounds of cardboard was recycled and the Salvation Army filled nearly two trucks with donated household items and clothing.

The next Park Cities recycling event, open, free-of-charge to all University Park and Highland Park residents, will take place next spring. Details will be published in the Arbor, and posted on the City's website and on the City's Twitter and Nextdoor accounts.

Thanksgiving Sanitation Collection Schedule

Regular Route
Mon - Thur
Tues - Fri

Holiday Route
Mon - Fri
Tues - Sat

