



City of University Park

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UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tues. Jan. 15, 2013
5 p.m.
City Hall,
Council Chamber



*City offices
will be closed*

*Dec. 24, 25 & Jan. 1
in celebration of
the holidays*

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UP Public Library move-in just weeks away



Construction on the new University Park Public Library in The Plaza at Preston Center is in its final stages. The City anticipates the new library will open to the public in late January.

Move-in schedule

The library's interior is set for completion late this month. Computer equipment and furniture will be in place in early January. Shortly after that, the library's temporary home in the Peek Service Center will close so that the book collection can be moved.

Library layout

Located on the second floor of the five-story building, the library's street-level lobby is separate from the rest of the building's tenants. From the parking garage, a designated elevator will take people directly to the second floor. The library's interior features floor to ceiling windows, providing a wonderful view of the plaza and surrounding neighborhoods.

The library's main floor encompasses nearly 15,000 square feet of space and provides:

- Room for approximately 60,000 books
- A large children's area and a separate teen space
- Small study rooms
- A room housing a local history collection
- A quiet reading room with a fireplace
- 16 public access computers

With seating for more than 100, the library's third floor meeting room is intended to host various events and programs. The room can also be rented by community groups.

Children's area

The library's children's area is designed to excite and inspire imagination. Special features include:

- Bookworm bookshelf and seating area at the entrance with comfortable child-size furniture
- Adult seating nearby
- Computer workstations
- An interactive learning table
- Space for a large collection of children's materials

Teen area

The teen area, designed with input from University Park teens, will include:

- The newest books -- print and ebooks
- 2 computer workstations
- PlayStation, Wii, Xbox
- A media:scape table with 42" monitor for sharing media from laptops
- Comfortable furniture

The library's downloadable media includes:

- Overdrive, a downloadable service for ebooks and audiobooks

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- OneClick, a downloadable audiobook provider
- TumbleBooks, which features online, animated talking books for children
- Zinio, a new downloadable magazine service

Library staffing

Following the move to its permanent home, the library will continue to be staffed by three professional librarians: a director, a children’s librarian, and a technical services librarian. Together with five circulation assistants, the staff is counting the days until they can introduce University Park residents to their new library.

Photos: Top right - Carpet treatment in the children’s area. Bottom right - Worker installing wood paneling in the library’s Local History Room.



“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas ...”



Hundreds of families attended November’s annual tree lighting festivities in Snider Plaza. The event was sponsored by the Snider Plaza Merchants Association, Sewell Automotive, Legacy Texas Bank, Park Cities People Newspaper, the Rotary Club of Park Cities and the City of University Park.

Resident Online Center - a valuable website resource



The City's website has nearly 1,000 pages of content and nearly 2,000 links. This collection of resources provides residents and those who work in or visit University Park with a vast amount of pertinent information. The Resident

Online Center is one of the website's key components.

Resident Online Center

Located on the City's homepage at www.uptexas.org, the Resident Online Center (ROC) gives you the ability to easily place an online request for service from the City.

- Request over 90 different City services from 13 different City departments.
- Make an Open Records request.
- View City Council meetings and City Manager Briefing videos.
- Sign up to receive severe weather warnings from CODE RED.
- Sign up to receive the Arbor electronically.

You can also use ROC to quickly find answers to over 400 commonly asked questions about City services, policies, or procedures.

ROC statistics

ROC was added to the City's website in September 2010. The section averages 120 views a day. These are the most frequent service requests since its launch:

- Special (trash) collection – 2,172
- Brush pickup – 1,623
- 32-gallon recycling container requests – 1,311
- Bulk item pickup – 1,183



Nearly 75% of all online service requests involve the City's Sanitation Division. On average, that division completes service requests in 1 business day.

ROC's most frequently asked questions (FAQs)

- Most searched for keywords in the FAQ section – 'parking' (366 times), 'permit' (291) and 'building' (256)
- Top viewed FAQs – 'Parking Regulations on City Streets,' 'Bulk Trash Collections,' 'How do I request a new 32-gallon recycling container?'

Students plant tree in Smith Park to mark Arbor Day



Last month, using gold shovels, 4th grade students from Hyer Elementary School planted a live oak tree at Smith Park. The annual Arbor Day observance included remarks by Park Advisory Committee Chairman Bill Pardoe.

He reminded the students that trees are a critical community resource. A proclamation detailing the City's commitment to planting trees was also read. Since 1982, the City has planted more than 3,600 trees as part of its Trees for Town program.



City news briefs

City Ordinance bans automatic sprinkler system use in freezing weather



A reminder this winter season -- City Ordinance prohibits the use of automatic sprinkler systems when the temperature is at or below 32 degrees. In addition to conserving water, this measure is intended reduce the likelihood of vehicle and pedestrian accidents caused by runoff that freezes on sidewalks, streets and alley surfaces. Property owners who are responsible for these dangerous conditions are subject to fines.

Holiday safety reminders for pet owners



- Anchor your Christmas tree and other decorations so they won't tip over or fall.
- Avoid using tinsel on the tree — it is tempting to feline friends. Swallowed tinsel can cause severe digestive problems.
- Keep lighted candles away from your pet's active paws and wagging tail.
- Remember— as much as you like chocolate, it is not good for pets. Even a tiny bite can be deadly. The same is true for some sugar-free candy and gum.

Candle safety during the holidays and all year long

Each winter the University Park Fire Department responds to fires caused by burning candles. Most of the time the candles are left unattended.



Remember:

- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.

- Never burn a candle on or near a Christmas tree. Keep candles away from decorations or other combustible materials.
- Place candles where they will not be easily knocked over, in sturdy nonflammable holders. Never leave a lighted candle unattended. Extinguish candles before leaving a room or going to bed.

Christmas tree recycling

Don't forget to recycle your Christmas tree. The Sanitation Division will pick up discarded trees on scheduled collection days from front curbsides.



Before setting your tree out for collection, remove the tree's stand and all ornaments, lights, tinsel and plastic. If you live south of Lovers Lane, collection is free if the tree is at the curb by January 10. For residents who live north of Lovers Lane, collection is free through January 11. After those dates, there is a \$10 collection fee. For more information, call the Sanitation Division at 214-987-5451, or dial 3-1-1.

Holiday Sanitation Collection Schedule

Christmas

Regular Route	Holiday Route
Mon - Thur	Mon - Thur
Tues - Fri	Wed - Fri

New Year's Day

Regular Route	Holiday Route
Mon - Thur	Mon - Thur
Tues - Fri	Wed - Fri