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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Tuesday, July 19**  
**5 p.m.**  
**City Hall,**  
**Council Chamber**

**Tuesday, August 2**  
**5 p.m.**  
**City Hall,**  
**Council Chamber**



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## Park Cities part of Water My Yard program



Do I need to water my yard? 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](http://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.

### Don't overwater your yard

Especially from April to October, when mosquitoes are most abundant, it is important to not overwater. By eliminating stagnant or standing water you are limiting the places mosquitoes can breed. More than 50 percent of landscape water is wasted due to overwatering, inefficient watering practices and broken or poorly maintained irrigation systems.

### Are watering restrictions in University Park still in place?

Yes. Watering by automatic sprinkler systems is limited to twice a week, year-round. Residents with addresses ending in an even number can use automatic sprinklers on Sundays and Thursdays. Addresses ending in an odd number can use automatic sprinklers on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

The use of automatic watering systems is prohibited from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily until October 31. Residents can water year-round, on any day of the week, with a hand-held hose, a drip irrigation device or soaker hose.

### Maintenance of City irrigation systems

Parks and Recreation Department staff members routinely check all park irrigation systems. System checks and repairs are conducted during the workday. When this work is being performed, staff will post signs in the park to let people know why the sprinklers are in use. System checks are usually short in duration.

Parks and other landscaped areas including medians are programmed to receive water no more than twice a week. Because the City's irrigation system includes more than 50 water controllers, it's possible you may see an irrigation malfunction before a City staff member does. If you notice a problem, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 214-987-5488 or dial 3-1-1.

## Eddy Moore - 2016 Citizen of the Year

Eddy Moore has been selected University Park's 2016 Citizen of the Year. One of the nominating letters the City received in support of his selection read in part, "Moore is the utmost champion of University Park's causes." Currently the chair of the City's Board of Adjustment, Eddy's list of volunteer and charitable pursuits reflects his ongoing focus to enhance our community and assist those in need across North Texas.

A graduate of the Leadership University Park program, Eddy chairs the University Park Community League, and recently chaired the Foundations for the Future PAC in support of HPISD's bond measure. He is also a member of the Order of the Flags of La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas, and is a Life member of the Dallas Safari Club and Safari Club International. A member of the



Salesmanship Club of Dallas, Eddy will serve as 2018 AT&T Byron Nelson PGA Tournament chairman. Working with his wife JoAnne, the couple is leading this year's fund drive to support the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. He and JoAnne have also served as honorary chairs of the Trains at NorthPark benefitting RMHD.

Before moving to Houston, where he finished high school, Eddy and his mom Gloria lived in University Park for two years, and he attended HPISD schools for 8th and 9th grade. A graduate of Princeton University and SMU Dedman School of Law, he and JoAnne moved to University Park in 1989, and daughters Peggy and Barbara are HPISD graduates. The family attends Christ the King Catholic Church. Currently practicing with Frost Brown Todd LLC, Eddy is a Fellow of the American Bar Association and is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Dallas Bar Association.

After Mayor Olin Lane called him with the news that he had been named Citizen of the Year, Eddy said, "I was very surprised and humbled. I'm grateful that I've had the opportunity to serve my community in a number of roles. The time I've spent working with my neighbors has been an enriching and rewarding experience for me. Honestly, I couldn't do what I do without the support of my family, friends and colleagues."



After riding in the Fourth of July Parade, Eddy will be presented with a plaque and a special Citizen of the Year gift during a brief ceremony at the Goar Park Gazebo. The Citizen of the Year award was created by the City Council in 2005 to boost public awareness and appreciation for the many residents who work, often behind the scenes, to better the City's quality of life.



### Previous Citizen of the Year recipients

- 2015 - Byron Egan**
- 2014 - Youth Advisory Commission**
- 2013 - Bill Skelton**
- 2012 - Connie O'Neill**
- 2011 - Jim and Judy Gibbs**
- 2010 - Max Fuqua**
- 2009 - Nancy Egan**
- 2008 - Chris Murzin**
- 2007 - Bill Pardoe**
- 2006 - Diane Galloway**
- 2005 - Elizabeth Farley**

## 2016-17 high school parking district stickers



The sticker application process for residents who live in the Highland Park High School parking district is underway. High School area parking district stickers are valid for the current academic year only (see left).

Two stickers and two year-long visitor placards are provided per household, free of charge.

- To obtain annual parking stickers **homeowners must show proof of residency** - Valid Texas Driver License or ID Card, current electric, phone or water bill (within the last 60 days), or current lease agreement or insurance policy.
- All applicants renting property must provide a copy of their current lease for review by staff.
- Proof of residency is also required for issuance of year-long visitor placards.
- Stickers will not be provided for high school students, HPISD volunteers or PTA members who have on-campus business.

- Stickers are valid only when they are permanently affixed to the **OUTSIDE** of the vehicle (lower left-hand corner of the rear window).
- Stickers are not transferable. If a resident sells a vehicle, or a lease vehicle is returned, the resident is responsible for removing the sticker and obtaining a replacement sticker for the new/current vehicle.
- Residents who reside in the high school parking districts can still receive five-day visitor parking passes, especially when a planned party or other gathering results in the need for temporary curbside parking.
- As a courtesy to others, park with traffic at all times. It is illegal in Texas to park facing oncoming traffic.

### Online applications

You can download an application online, but you must present the completed form, with appropriate proof of residency, to the Police Department at 3800 University Blvd. Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To download an application go to the City's website at [uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org). Click on the Police icon, then click on Resident Parking Districts.

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## Preventing third-row seat thefts

Arrests last fall and winter put a serious dent in reported third-row seat thefts in University Park. However, since this crime is cyclical the University Park Police Department reminds SUV owners with 2014 and older models to continue to take precautions.



Thieves most often target GM products including Suburbans, Tahoes, Yukons and also Cadillac Escalades. The stolen seats are commonly sold on eBay, Craigslist, and at area swap meets. Although 2015 and newer GM full-sized SUVs feature third-row seats that are bolted to the floor, earlier-models have seats that can be easily removed.

Steps residents can take to safeguard their vehicles:

- Secure the third-row seat with a cable lock, or consider purchasing even more secure locking products that are on the market.
- Store the seat if it's not being used.
- Park your vehicle in your garage. If not, back the vehicle to the garage, a fence or wall to hinder thieves from entering the vehicle through the back glass.
- Etch your VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) on the seat. The police department has electric engravers available for resident use.

Report any suspicious activity to the University Park Police Department at 214-363-3000 or call 911 for an emergency.

# City news briefs

## Big turnout for annual Children’s Fishing Derby



The rain stayed away, the turnout was terrific, and the fish were biting! Thanks to everyone who participated in last month’s Children’s Fishing Derby, including event sponsors Highland Park & Preston Hollow ER, and In-N-Out Burger.

Photo: So how big was your fish? The measuring table was a busy place all day long.

## Coyote sightings

Seen along the banks of Turtle Creek, coyotes are a fact of life in nearly all urban areas. Omnivores, coyotes eat plants and animals including skunks, possums and raccoons. Do not intentionally feed a coyote. Since they prefer to find easy meals, they are also attracted to:



- Dog and cat food that is left outside
- Rotting fruit under trees
- Bird seed on the ground
- Trash that is accessible due to garbage containers that are not properly secured

It is also not a good idea to leave small pets outside overnight.

Even though coyotes have adapted to living in cities and towns, they are wary of people. If you see a coyote in your yard, wave your arms, shout and spray it with a water hose. It is likely to leave the area quickly after any of these actions. If you feel the need to call the Police Department or the City’s Animal Control Officer, please do so. For more information on coyotes and their habits, go to the City’s website at [uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org).

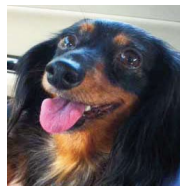
## Have you tried Waste Wizard yet?

Last fall the City added Waste Wizard to its website offerings. Using Waste Wizard, residents type in key words to get disposal tips on hundreds of items. This quick and easy search tool provides details on what materials go into the recycling bin or the trash can. It also tells you if an item must be taken to Dallas County’s Hazardous Waste Center. To use Waste Wizard go to the City’s homepage at [uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org). Click on Government, Sanitation/Recycling and then Recycling.



What item have residents asked about most? How to dispose of paint cans. Here’s the answer: If the paint cans are empty you can toss them into your blue recycling bin. If they are full or partially full you must take them to Dallas County’s Hazard Waste Center, or drop them off at a collection event conducted by the Household Hazardous Waste Network.

## Pets in hot weather



Never leave your pet unattended in a parked vehicle. Even with the windows open, on a warm day, the temperature in a car can easily exceed 100 degrees in just a few minutes.

- Be alert to signs of heat stress -- heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue.

If your pet becomes overheated, take the following steps:

- Move your pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water all over his body to gradually lower his body temperature.
- Apply ice packs or cold towels to your pet's head, neck and chest only.
- Let your pet drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.
- Take your pet directly to a veterinarian.