



# City of University Park THE ARBOR



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## When are building permits required?

### UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

**Tuesday, March 20**  
5 p.m.  
City Hall,  
Council Chamber

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The Community Development Department's primary responsibilities are the administration of building codes and zoning ordinances, and to help ensure the safety and welfare of the general public through proper enforcement of these regulations.



### When do you need a building permit?

- To remodel a bathroom? **YES**
- Replace a toilet? **NO**
- Replace an existing fence? **YES**
- Add tool sheds or accessory structures? **YES**
- Replace existing electrical receptacles, switches or fixtures? **NO**
- Replace an existing gas range? **NO**
- Replace a water heater? **YES**

For much more information on building permit requirements and related topics, go to the City's website at [uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org). From the homepage click on Government and then, Community Development.

The Community Development Department operates out of the City's Peek Service Center. The Center is located just east of Highway 75, off SMU Boulevard.

- Address - 4420 Worcola - Dallas, TX. 75206
- Phone - 214-987-5411
- Hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Inspector Phone Availability: 8:30 - 9 a.m. or 3:30 - 4 p.m.

### Did you know?



Residential construction – In 2017, for the second consecutive year, new residential permits dropped. Overall, 72 permits were issued, a drop of 17% from 2016. Declared value was \$70 million, \$8 million less than in 2016. Meanwhile, the number of major remodels and additions remained steady with 110 permits issued for a declared value of about \$20 million.



## Goar Park hosts “Eggstravaganza” on March 24

Celebrate spring and hop on over to Goar Park **Saturday, March 24** for the City’s annual Easter egg hunt! The event, designed for children up to 8 years old, gets underway at 9:30 a.m. Participation is free of charge.

### Eggstravaganza activities

- The Easter egg hunt begins at 10 a.m. Remember to bring a basket for egg collection. More than 10,000 plastic eggs will be placed in the park.
- Event activities will also include photos with the Easter Bunny, a petting zoo, face painting, bounce houses, snacks and music.

### Candy trivia

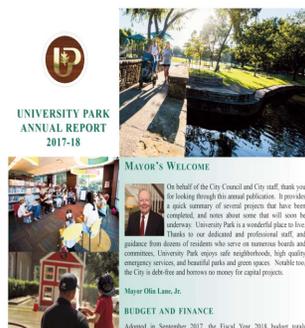


- According to the National Confectioners Association, Easter is the second top-selling confectionary holiday behind only Halloween.
- 76 percent of people eat the ears on their chocolate bunny first.
- Kids rank red jelly beans as their favorite.



With baskets in hand, youngsters dash for the eggs during a recent Eggstravaganza.

## City releases 2017-18 Annual Report



The 2017-2018 edition of the City's Annual Report is now available on the City's website. The report summarizes the City’s finances and recaps current major projects and activities on a department-by-department basis. The report also contains information on

various projects and objectives for the months ahead. To view or download the report, go to the City’s website home page at [uptexas.org](http://uptexas.org). Then, click on News Briefs.



**Did you know?** The City’s Infrastructure Maintenance Division is responsible for maintaining and repairing the City’s 74 miles of street pavement, 40 miles of alley pavement, 89 miles of water mains, 63 miles of sanitary sewer mains, 25 miles of storm sewer mains, and 470 fire hydrants. In 2017, the division completed 14 alley pavement replacement work orders, installed 97 water and sewer taps, and repaired 34 water main breaks.

## “I’ve been looking for those keys”

We are proud of our Sanitation Department. Each day, regardless of weather conditions or time of year, our crew members are efficient and friendly as they go about their duties.



Recently a crew was emptying residential recycling bins in the 3600 block of Villanova and noticed a set of keys inside a discarded cardboard box. Knowing the keys might be important, a crew member knocked on the home’s front door. The person who answered said the family had been looking for those keys for days. After thanking the crew member, the resident took the time to send a note to our Public Works Department saying, “What might have been a small gesture for them, was huge to us!”

### Did you know?



The Sanitation Division collects residential waste twice a week and residential recycling, brush and yard waste once a week. Commercial waste

and recycling dumpsters are emptied up to six times a week. In 2017, crews collected more than 17,000 tons of material. Of that material, 26% was diverted from the landfill for recycling or composting.

### Safe disposal of “sharps”

“Sharps” is a medical term for items with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut skin. Examples include



needles, syringes, and lancets. Every year University Park sanitation workers are injured by sharps that are improperly discarded. To safely dispose of sharps, place them in a strong

plastic containers like a bleach bottle, plastic milk container or liquid detergent bottles. These containers all have small openings with caps and lids that fit tightly and secure the sharps inside. When the container is full, tightly secure the lid and reinforce it with heavy duct tape before including it in your trash for collection.

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## Classic & Antique Car Show - April 21 at Burleson Park



If you are a fan of classic and antique cars, mark Saturday, April 21 on your calendar. Dozens of vehicles in various classifications will be on display at Burleson Park. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. On-site registration and parking will get underway at

8:30 that morning. Early registration for those interested in showing cars, trucks and motorcycles is open until March 31. Club participation is welcome.

**Event Admission** - Free

**Early Registration** - Until March 31 - \$25 for cars and trucks, \$15 for motorcycles

**Registration Day of Event** - \$35 for cars and trucks, \$25 for motorcycles

All show proceeds will benefit the Park Cities Historic & Preservation Society. The event includes a trophy presentation and food and drinks. The event’s rainout date is Saturday, April 28.

Need more information? Email: [carshow@PCHPS.org](mailto:carshow@PCHPS.org)

# City news briefs

## Have you tried Waste Wizard yet?

The City has 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 Home Chemical Collection Center. The Center is located at 11234 Plano Road in northeast Dallas.

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 Home Chemical Collection Center, or drop them off at a collection event conducted by the Household Hazardous Waste Network.

## Prescription Drug Take Back Day - April 28



Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., University Park residents can dispose of accumulated, unwanted, and unused prescription drugs by stopping by the fire station side of University Park City Hall at 3800 University Blvd. This effort, hosted by UPPD, is part of a nationwide drug disposal program started by the Drug Enforcement Administration in 2010.

A reminder - Residents don't have to wait for a national Drug Take Back Day event to dispose of prescription drugs. The police department has installed a MedReturn box at City hall. It's located inside the building's 24-hour entrance (3800 University Blvd.) next to the City's 911 call center. The MedReturn box will not accept liquid medications, inhalers, needles, syringes or lancets.

## Nationwide emergency number turns 50

In 1968, AT&T announced that it would establish 9-1-1 as the nation's emergency code. Those three digits were chosen because they best fit the needs of all parties involved. First, and most important, they met public requirements because they are brief, easily remembered, and can be dialed quickly. Second, those digits have never been authorized as an office code, area code, or service code, so they best met the long range numbering plans and switching configurations of the telephone industry. Today, approximately 96% of the geographic U.S. is covered by some type of 9-1-1.



University Park's 9-1-1 dispatch center is located on the first floor of City Hall at 3800 University Boulevard. It can be accessed by the public 24-hours-a-day through a fully automatic door, located to the right of City Hall's main entrance.



### Did you know?

The City has a back-up 9-1-1 facility in the Peek Service Center.

## Disposal of dog waste



If you are a dog owner, as a courtesy to your neighbors, please pick up after your furry friend. To assist you, the City has placed pet waste receptacles in all major parks. Residents are reminded that it is against City Ordinance to place pet waste in someone else's trash container.