



City of University Park THE ARBOR



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Assist the City with coyote sightings

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, March 19
5 p.m.
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Few animals in the U.S. are more adaptable to changing conditions than coyotes. Commonly seen along the banks of Turtle



Creek, coyotes are a fact of life in nearly all urban areas. In recent weeks coyote sightings have risen throughout University Park and in many other Dallas suburbs. During this same time span, on three separate occasions, family pets have been attacked and killed in the Park Cities.

In response to these attacks the City is working to boost resident awareness, and we need your help on three fronts.

Report coyote sightings

If you see a coyote, regardless of the time of day, please call UPPD dispatch at 214-363-3000. If you prefer, you can report your sighting online at uptexas.org.

Remove easy food sources

Coyotes are omnivores that eat plants and animals including rodents, skunks, possums and raccoons, but they also like ready meals. Here are ways to eliminate easy food sources:

- Do not leave dog and cat food outside
- Remove rotting fruit under trees
- Do not leave bird seed on the ground (position bird feeders so that coyotes cannot get feed)

- Make sure that trash is not accessible, keep your garbage containers properly secured

Protect small pets

While coyotes remain generally wary of people, coyotes have learned that small dogs and cats are easy prey.

- Do not allow your pets to run free
- Walk your dog on a leash and accompany your pets outside, especially at night
- Trim and clean, near ground level, any shrubbery that provides hiding cover

If you see a coyote, chase them away by shouting, making loud noises, or by throwing rocks or tennis balls at them. This interaction lets them know they are unwelcome in the neighborhood.

Coyote sighting map



The City will soon place an interactive map on our website, so you and your neighbors can see where coyotes have been reported over 30-day time spans. The City is also keeping a list of sightings so we are able to forward a compilation of locations to Texas Wildlife Services, a division of the USDA, and if necessary, they can proceed with trapping or lethal enforcement.

Photo top left: USDA/Texas Wildlife Services Urban Biologist, Adam Henry providing the City Council with an overview on coyote/wildlife management efforts and procedures.

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Goar Park hosts “Eggstravaganza” on April 13

Celebrate spring and hop on over to Goar Park **Saturday, April 13** for the City’s annual Easter egg hunt! The event, designed for children up to 8 years old, begins 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, face painting, bounce houses, snacks and music.

Candy trivia



According to the National Confectioners Association:

90% of Americans will consume chocolate and candy this Easter.

- chocolate eggs/bunnies - 55%
- candy-coated eggs - 15 %
- jelly beans - 17%

- marshmallow candy - 9%
- other - 4%



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

City releases 2018-19 Annual Report



The 2018-2019 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. 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 473 fire hydrants. In 2018, the division installed 90 water and sewer taps, and repaired 76 water main breaks.

Praise for the City's Sanitation crews

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



Recently crew members Roberto Soto, Juan Martinez and Kevin Avalos found a backpack that looked like stolen property. Soon after, they worked with UPPD to retrieve other belongings that had been dumped out nearby. After the stolen items were returned to the proper owner, she wrote the City a note commending the trio on their great dedication and beautiful hearts.

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 2018, crews collected more than 17,400 tons of

material. Of that material, 25 percent 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 container like a bleach bottle, plastic milk container or liquid detergent bottle. 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.

Iconic LOVE sculpture donated to University Park

Created by renowned artist Robert Indiana, the famous LOVE sculpture has been gifted to University Park on long-term loan by Pauline and Austin Neuhoff. As residents of the City, the Neuhoffs recently had their 25th wedding anniversary and wanted to celebrate and share their “love” with their community, so they donated the sculpture to the City.



Once the LOVE sculpture agreement was approved by the City Council, a special committee of members with art expertise was formed to choose the best location for the 6x6 foot sculpture. After some consideration, it was decided that placement on the south side of the Williams Park island would provide the perfect community backdrop.

The LOVE sculpture adds to the list of art on display in various City parks. Hitzelberger Park is home to a sculpture titled “Parental Embrace,” created by Dallas stone-carver Harold F. Clayton and donated by former University Park Mayor Barbara Hitzelberger-Wooten. There are also sculptures on display at Coffee Park, Caruth Park and Elena’s Children’s Park.

Robert Indiana, who passed away in May 2018 at the age of 89, created the famous LOVE sculpture as a pop art image in 1964, and the original rendering in sculpture was made in 1970. The original piece is located at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. There are fewer than 25 original LOVE sculptures in the United States. University Park is the second location in Texas, the other is displayed at the McNay Art Museum in San Antonio.

City news briefs

Park Cities recycling event - Saturday, April 6

The next Park Cities recycling event will take place in the parking lot just south of Burleson Park on Saturday, April 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Get a jump on spring cleaning and close out past tax seasons by clearing your garage, attic and closets of old financial and medical documents, outdated or unused electronics, and even clothing, furniture and large appliances.

Paper products and documents that can be disposed of include: Tax records, medical records, legal files, financial records, invoices, cancelled checks, blueprints, contracts, payroll records, company letterhead, junk mail containing personal information, and any information that contains credit card, social security, driver license and account numbers.

Accepted E-waste items include: Computers, computer monitors, computer accessories, TV's, printers, DVD/CD players, copiers, fax machines, scanners, cell phones and chargers, external hard drives, video and camera equipment, video game systems, microwaves, cables, power cords, power strips and more.

Participating firms/organizations

Shred-it will collect and shred all paper documents.

Global Asset - In addition to working with the City and other municipalities, the company currently supports over 180 customers within both the public and private sectors. Global Asset's data destruction process is Department of Defense (D.O.D. 5220.22m) compliant.

Goodwill Dallas will be on site to take gently used donated items. Their list includes: housewares, electronics, books, toys, shoes, clothing items that are not torn or stained, furniture, and large and small appliances that are in working condition. No mattresses or TVs. All donors will be given a receipt for tax donation purposes.

Have you tried Waste Wizard yet?

Waste Wizard is part of the City's 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. 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, and the moisture content is gone, 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.

Swim team sign-up's underway



Registration for this summer's Makos swim team is underway. The team is open to swimmers 5 to 17 years old. To be eligible for the team, swimmers must be able to swim 25 meters in freestyle and backstroke. Registration is open to UP and HPISD residents and is limited to 100 swimmers. The season runs from May 26 to July 12. Program cost: \$300 per swimmer. For more information please contact Jpost@uptexas.org.



In the April Arbor, look for details on 2019 pool passes for the Holmes Aquatic Center. The purchase of a season pass covers your admission fees for the full pool season.