



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2015

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The run is not timed and a shuttle will be available to pick up participants at the end of the route to transport back to the start line.

Entry fee is \$15 before Nov. 15 and \$20 between Nov. 16 and 29. Race shirts are guaranteed to participants who register by Nov. 15. Dogs are welcome to join in on the fun, too.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: DEC. 9

Ages 55+ are invited to a free open house on Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Southwood Community Center. Attendees can enjoy sweet treats and entertainment as they explore the center's activities and programs for older adults. Santa will also be available for photos.

HOLIDAY FUN FOR ALL!

The City of College Station has a number of holiday events planned for all ages!

LIGHTS ON: NOV. 26-JAN. 1

Enjoy viewing more than one million lights that will decorate the beautiful 47-acre Stephen C. Beachy Central Park from 6-11 p.m. each day starting on Thanksgiving and ending New Year's Day.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK: DEC. 4-6

By popular demand, the City of College Station is saying goodbye to Christmas at the Creek and bringing back Christmas in the Park at Stephen C. Beachy Central Park.

This fun-filled, family event will be Dec. 4 from 6-10 p.m., Dec. 5 from 12-9 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 6-10 p.m. Daily activities will include: a tour of the park on an old-fashioned hayride, free cookies and hot cocoa, and photos with Santa. Admission is free.

On Saturday, Dec. 5 visitors can enjoy dance performances, inflatables, a petting zoo, giant snow slide and a Holiday Vendor Village with a variety of arts, crafts, jewelry, candles and more. Guests may bring their own refreshments, but coolers must be 48

quarts or smaller. Alcohol, glass containers and pets are not allowed. Food vendors will be available.

Interested in hosting a booth in our Holiday Vendor Village? Register before Nov. 30. Space is limited.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: DEC. 5

The Lincoln Recreation Center will host Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Enjoy a free hot breakfast, hosted in collaboration with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Activities will include: face painting, arts/crafts, coloring activities, entertainment and more. All participants under the age of 15 will receive a gift from Santa.

JINGLE BELL FUN RUN: DEC. 6

Registration is underway for the 25th Annual Jingle Bell Fun Run that is set for Sunday, Dec. 6 at 1:15 p.m. and will be followed by the B/CS Christmas Parade. This two-mile run starts at the corner of University Drive and South College Avenue and ends at the corner of Texas Avenue and Villa Maria.

No matter how you're celebrating, we wish you joy and happiness in the coming year and plenty of good times, too.

For more information on these events, visit cstx.gov/christmas, call 979.764.3486 or email parks@cstx.gov.



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Holiday Safety from CSPD & CSFD

The College Station Fire and Police Departments have teamed up to provide some tips on how to keep you safe this holiday season.

CHRISTMAS TREES

If buying an artificial tree, make sure to select a fire-retardant one. Live trees need to be watered daily to make them less flammable. Trees should be placed at least three feet away from any heat source like fireplaces, heaters/vents, candles, etc. Replace any string of lights that have worn or broken cords or loose bulbs. Always turn off the tree lights before leaving the house or going to bed. After Christmas, get rid of the live tree. Dried-out trees are a fire hazard. You can recycle them by leaving them curbside on your scheduled brush/bulky collection day. Accessories must be removed. Trees are either composted or chipped and spread throughout city parks.

LEAVING TOWN?

If you're going out of town, don't leave your keys under a mat, in a planter, mailbox, etc. Those are some of the first places thieves would look in order to break into your home. It's better to leave keys with a trusted friend. This friend can also stop by to water your live Christmas tree, pick up your mail/newspaper, and check things while you're away. It's recommended to keep a record of the serial numbers of all of your valuables in case of burglary, fire or natural disaster. This record should be easy to access no matter where you are, like your email account. This way you'll be able to easily file claims with your insurance company.

WHEN YOU GO SHOPPING

Don't leave your purse unattended in the shopping basket, always have it on you. Keep your receipts separate from your merchandise bags so you'll have proof of purchase and ownership if they're stolen. Keep your purchased items and valuables out of sight in your car. Put them in the trunk, cover them or hide them.

HEAR IT. SEE IT. REPORT IT.

Don't hesitate to report suspicious activity to CSPD at 979.764.3600.

Learn About YOUR City

Would you like to learn more about your local government, get more involved in your community or build your resume? If you said yes to any of these, we have three, free opportunities for you this spring:

CITIZENS UNIVERSITY

You'll get to talk to those who build budgets, construct capital projects, plan for growth, keep the lights on and neighborhoods safe within the City of College Station. Sessions are conducted Mondays from 7-9 p.m. at various city facilities each spring. 2016 program begins Jan. 25.

If interested, apply before Friday, Jan. 8 at cstx.gov/cu. For questions, contact 979.764.3445 or llively@cstx.gov.

CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

This 11-week learning program is designed to increase awareness about the College Station Fire Department's mission and daily operations. The course will cover a variety of hands-on topics, facilities and equipment tours, and provide CPR and First Aid instruction. A special Saturday session will feature a live fire exercise. Sessions are held Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each spring at various city fire stations and the Brayton Fire Training Field. 2016 program begins Feb. 2.

If interested, apply before Friday, Jan. 15 at cstx.gov/cfa. For additional information, contact 979.764.3712 or cseidel@cstx.gov.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

This interactive program was designed to offer citizens an inside look at the College Station Police Department and their local criminal justice system. Sessions are held Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the College Station Police Department for 12 weeks each spring and fall. Spring session starts Feb. 9. Deadline to apply is Monday, Jan. 25.

If interested, apply before Monday, Jan. 25 at cstx.gov/cpa. For more details, contact 979.764.5098 or sbeatty@cstx.gov.

To be eligible for any of the above programs, applicants must be 18 years of age or older and a Brazos County resident.

events

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, Nov. 26
Day after Thanksgiving: Friday, Nov. 27
Garbage collections will take place one day behind scheduled collection day. Recycling will not be collected.

Christmas Eve: Thursday, Dec. 24
Regular work day for all collections.

Christmas Day: Friday, Dec. 25
New Year's Day: Friday, Jan. 1
Garbage collections will take place one day behind scheduled collection day. Recycling will not be collected.

NO FIREWORKS WITHIN CITY LIMITS
Possession or discharge of fireworks within College Station and Bryan city limits or within 5,000 feet of the city limits is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000.

EXPLORING HISTORY LUNCHEON
Dec. 16. 11:30 a.m. \$5 per person.
"Battle of the Bulge Anniversary"
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
RSVP to: mrodgers@cstx.gov

WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL
Registration ends: Dec. 4
Ages 6-14. Fee: \$70

ADULT SOFTBALL & KICKBALL
Registration: Jan. 1-31
Ages: 16+. Team fee: \$390
cstx.gov/sports, 979.764.3486

BRAZOS VALLEY SENIOR GAMES
Register: Jan. 5-Feb. 7
Event: Feb. 18-21
Ages 45+ can compete for a chance to win medals. Variety of sports.
cstx.gov/seniors, 979.764.3486

THE DREAM WORKS CONFERENCE
Saturday, Jan. 16 • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sessions will focus on character, leadership & personal development.
cstx.gov/lincolncenter, 979.764.3779

For more events, visit:
cstx.gov/calendar