

# COLLEYVILLE Communicator

SEPTEMBER 2016

## October Events

### Senior Trip: Cottonwood Arts Festival

Sat., Oct. 1, 9:15 a.m.

For details call 817.503.1180

### Tumbling for Tots

Senior Center\*

Mon., Oct. 3-31, 3:45 p.m.

For details call 817.503.1180

### National Night Out

City Park

Oct. 4, 6:00 p.m.

For details call 817.503.1200

### Beginning Yoga

Senior Center \*

Tues., Oct. 4-25, 5:30 p.m.

For details call 817.503.1180

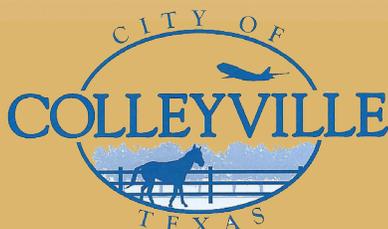
### Haunted Trail Fest

Nature Center

Oct. 15, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For details call 817.503.1161

\*Denotes a regular recreation program held at the Senior Center



## Council calls City Charter amendment election in Nov.

The City Council has called a Nov. 8 election for voters to decide on five propositions to amend the Colleyville City Charter.

The city of Colleyville adopted the charter in 1977 establishing the city's council/manager form of government and city bylaws. It was last amended after a charter election in 2005 that included giving the mayor the power to vote and expanding the number of City Council members.

The Council established a citizen-led Colleyville Citizens City Charter Review Committee to explore possible changes to the charter. The committee developed recommendations, which the Council approved to appear on the ballot. The 2016 proposed amendments provide:

- **Proposition No. 1** amends the Charter by adding a new section 3.01A which would limit the Mayor and Council members to two consecutive terms, and would provide that no person should serve more than 12 consecutive years in combination as a Council member and Mayor without a one term (3 year) break in service. The proposition would take effect at the next municipal election.
- **Proposition No. 2** clarifies that the City Council can vote electronically.
- **Propositions No. 3** would require senior city staff positions mandated by the Charter, including the city secretary, police chief, fire chief, public works director, and finance department head, to be approved by City Council before hiring, which was in the charter prior to 2005.
- **Proposition No. 4** would remove amendments adopted in 2005 that outlined the transition of an expanded voting body because the transition is complete and those amendments are no longer needed.
- **Proposition No. 5** expands required financial disclosure and conflict of interest forms to include senior city staff and requires annual updates for senior staff, elected officials, and certain appointed officials. It also provides that a citizen complaint regarding a conflict of interest may be filed within 15 days from when a citizen knew or reasonably should have known of the asserted violation. Currently section 14.02 provides for a 15 day deadline from the date of the asserted violation.



# COLLEYVILLE CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION

[www.colleyville.com/election.html](http://www.colleyville.com/election.html)

## ACTUAL BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR PROPOSITION 1

**Amend the Colleyville City Charter by adding Section 3.01A, Limitations on Terms to provide that no person shall serve as Mayor for more than two (2) consecutive elected terms, and no person shall serve as a Council Member for more than two (2) consecutive elected terms. Under no circumstances may any person ever serve for more than twelve (12) consecutive years in combination as a Council Member or Mayor. The amendment shall be effective, at the next municipal election, shall apply to all persons currently occupying the Office of Mayor or Council Member, and shall apply to all municipal elections conducted after the date of adoption; provided however that this amendment will not cause a Council Members' current term to be terminated prior to the completion of their elected term.**

### Charter language if approved:

Section 3.01A. Limitations on Terms  
No person shall serve as Mayor for more than two (2) consecutive elected terms, and no person shall serve as a Council Member for more than two (2) consecutive elected terms. Under no circumstances may any person ever serve for more than twelve (12) consecutive years in combination as a Council Member and Mayor. For purposes of this Section 3.01A. and computing the limitations on terms:

- (1) a Mayor or Council Member, who vacates, for any reason, the office before the end of the term for which he was elected, shall be considered to have completed that term.
- (2) an appointment or election to fulfill an unexpired Council Member term, or unexpired Mayor term if applicable, shall be computed as follows:
  - (i) if fifty percent (50%) or more of the term is remaining, it shall be included in the computation of term limits; or
  - (ii) if less than fifty percent (50%) of the term is remaining, it shall not be included in the computation of term limits.

Any Council Member or Mayor, who is ineligible to run for elected City office due to the limitations on terms as provided herein, shall remain ineligible to hold an elected City office for a period of one (1) full term following the expiration of the most recent term of City office for which he was elected with the exception of a Council Member seeking the office of Mayor or the Mayor seeking the office of a Council Member.

The term that each person as Mayor or as a Council Member is currently filling, and all terms consecutively served prior to that current term, shall be counted for purposes of determining whether two (2) consecutive terms have been served.

This amendment shall become effective immediately upon adoption at the next municipal election, shall apply to all persons currently occupying the Office of Mayor or Council Member, and shall apply to all municipal elections conducted after the date of adoption. (Amended November 8, 2016)

## ACTUAL BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR PROPOSITION 2

**Amend Section 3.09(c) to allow for electronic voting by City Council and to provide that voting on nominations to City Boards, Committees, and Commissions do not require a roll call vote.**

### Charter language if approved:

Section 3.09(C) Quorum and Voting. Four (4) voting members of the City Council shall constitute a quorum. Voting, except on procedural motions, and nominations to City Boards, Committees and Commissions shall be by roll call and the "ayes" and "nays" shall be recorded in the minutes. The Mayor and every City Council Person shall vote on all issues unless there is a declared and recorded statutory conflict of interest. If because of a statutory conflict of interest a member steps down and remains in the Chamber to return after the item is resolved, then a

quorum will be considered in attendance even though only three (3) City Council Persons are left to vote. However, no action shall be approved with less than four (4) affirmative votes. If during the course of a meeting a quorum ceases to exist, the meeting shall be deemed adjourned and no further business shall be conducted. The roll call may be conducted electronically. (Amended May 7, 2005) (Amended November 8, 2016)

## ACTUAL BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR PROPOSITION 3

**Change Sections 7.02, 7.03, 7.04(a), 7.05, and 7.06 to provide that the appointment of the City Secretary, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Director of Public Works and Head of Department of Finance will require the approval of the City Council, for an indefinite term.**

### Charter language if approved:

Section 7.02 City Secretary:  
The City Manager, with the approval of City Council, shall appoint a qualified individual to fill the position of City Secretary, for an indefinite term. The City Secretary shall not be appointed for a definite term, but may be removed from office by the City Manager. (Amended May 7, 2005) (Amended November 8, 2016)  
Section 7.03 Department of Police:  
(A) Chief of Police. The Chief of Police shall be the chief administrative officer of the Department of Police. He shall appoint and remove the employees of said department and shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the City Manager. The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the City Manager, with the approval of City Council, for an indefinite term. The Chief of Police shall be fully responsible to the City Manager for the administration of his Department, and for the carrying out and enforcement of the resolutions and ordinances of the City Council. He may be removed from office by said City Manager. (Amended November 8, 2016)

Section 7.04 Fire Department:  
(A) Fire Chief. The Fire Chief shall be the chief administrative officer of the Fire Department. He shall appoint and remove the employees of said department and shall perform such duties as may be required by the City Manager. The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the City Manager, with the approval of City Council, for an indefinite term. The Fire Chief shall be fully responsible to the City Manager for the administration of his department, and for the carrying out and enforcement of the resolutions and ordinances of the City Council. He may be removed from office by said City Manager. (Amended April 7, 1984) (Amended May 7, 2005) (Amended November 8, 2016)

Section 7.05 Department of Public Works:  
The Director of Public Works shall be the chief administrative officer of the Department of Public Works. He shall appoint and remove the employees of said department and shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the City Manager. The Director of Public Works shall be appointed by the City Manager, with the approval of City Council, for an indefinite term. The Director of Public Works shall be fully responsible to the City Manager for the administration of his Department, and for the carrying out and enforcement of the resolutions and ordinances of the City Council. He may be removed from Office by said City Manager. (Amended April 7, 1984) (Amended May 7, 2005) (Amended November 8, 2016)

Section 7.06 Department of Finance:  
There shall be a Department of Finance headed by the City Manager or his appointee, with the approval of City Council, for an indefinite term. The City Manager may appoint a deputy director of finance who may be the City Collector of Taxes. (Amended April 4, 1981) (Amended May 7, 2005) (Amended November 8, 2016)

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**ACTUAL BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR PROPOSITION 4**

**To eliminate and delete Article XIII which provided for transitional matters after the 2005 Charter amendments.**  
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**ACTUAL BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR PROPOSITION 5**

**To amend Section 14.02 “Personal Financial Interest” by adding to subsection (F) providing that a complaint can be filed 15 days from when a citizen knew or should have known of the asserted violation and adding subsection (K) to provide that Council and Mayoral candidates, Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment applicants, City Manager and senior staff shall file financial disclosure and conflict of interest forms, providing a time frame for initial filing and for filing due to changes, and a duty to supplement, providing for the information to be contained in such forms to include certain described property owned in Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant County or property held in trust or by certain family members or business entities; and the name and address of any person or corporation with a contractual relationship with the City and from which the person(s) stated above or family members have received a something of value over \$100; or the person or family members own more than 2% of the outstanding equity interest or more than 2% of the assets; and such reporting that is required by Section 14.02(K) applies to all of the relationships listed above.**

**Charter language if approved:**

Section 14.02 Personal Financial Interest:  
(F) Citizen Complaints. Any citizen of the City may file with the City Secretary a statement of suspected conflict of interest. Such statement of suspected conflict of interest shall be filed within fifteen (15) days of the decision, or vote, or if another event giving rise to an asserted violation of paragraph C above, within fifteen (15) days of when the citizen knew or reasonably should have known of the asserted violation, and shall describe the complained of conflict in reasonable detail. The City Council, or its designee, shall respond in writing to a timely filed statement of suspected conflict of interest, and the statement of suspected conflict of interest and response of the City Council shall be maintained in the public records of the City.

(K) Financial Disclosure and Business Conflict of Interest Forms shall be provided by candidates for Mayor and City Council and by applicants seeking appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission or the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and shall file such forms within two (2) business days following the end of the candidate filing period, or if for appointment, within (2) business days following the end of the application period stated in the official City advertisement for application for the position. The city manager and the city manager’s senior staff members (including any staff member who is appointed with City Council approval) shall also file the same within thirty (30) days of hiring. All person(s), as outlined above, shall have a duty to file supplemental disclosures annually and within five (5) business days of an occurrence of any change in the information reflected in the forms previously filed by the individual. These forms shall include the following information:

- (i) The location, size, and current use of all property owned within the portion of Dallas, Denton and Tarrant County north of Interstate 30 and east of Interstate 35W, and that portion of Denton County south of State Highway 114 and east of Interstate 35W, or held in trust by the person(s), as outlined above, their spouse, and any dependent minor children, or any business entity in which the person has a financial interest.
- (ii) The name and address of any person or corporation which currently has or during the preceding twelve (12) months has had a contractual relationship with the City and from which the person(s), as outlined above, their spouse or dependent minor children have received a fee, salary, or gift of a value exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (iii) The name and address of any corporation or business, which currently has or in the preceding twelve (12) months has had a contractual relationship with the City, of which the person(s), as outlined above, their spouse, or any dependent minor children own more than two percent (2%) of the outstanding equity interest or more than two percent (2%) of the assets.

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# More information

For more information regarding the upcoming election contact the City Secretary's Office at 817.503.1130 or visit Colleyville.com. A digital copy of the current Colleyville City Charter is available on the city's website or a hard copy can be requested from the City Secretary's Office. City Hall will serve as a polling location for early voting but not on election day.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Last day to register to vote is Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016
- Election Day — Nov. 8, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Early Voting — Oct. 24 - Nov. 4

## EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES

Oct. 24-28	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Oct. 29	Saturday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	Sunday	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 31-Nov. 4	Monday - Friday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## ON THE BALLOT

The City Charter amendment propositions will appear after the presidential elections on the ballot in November.

## VOTER INFORMATION

Contact Tarrant County Elections at 817.831.8683 or visit TarrantCounty.com

### Walk the Haunted Trail on October 15

One of Colleyville's most popular events, Haunted Trail Fest returns on Saturday, Oct. 15. This event features a trip along a wooded path filled with scary creatures and ghostly special effects. Costumed ghouls gather for a night of games, prizes, a 12-and-under costume contest, and fun before venturing down the haunted trail at the Colleyville Nature Center, 100 Mill Wood Drive. The festivities begin at 7 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m. Trail activities cater to younger children from 7:00-7:30 p.m. and the fright factor intensifies after 7:30 p.m.



### National Night Out set for October 4

Join police officers and firefighters for the annual National Night Out on Oct. 4 at City Park. Starting at 6:00 p.m., meet your public safety officers, get inside our police cars and fire trucks, and see live demonstrations, and more. The night ends with the Police versus Fire softball game.

### Foundation: Think of the Library on North Texas Giving Day

The Colleyville Public Library Foundation wants you to think of the Public Library on North Texas Giving Day, Sept. 22.

North Texas Giving Day is an online event that encourages the community to give back and raise money for local

nonprofits. The Colleyville Public Library Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is participating this year.

Since its creation the Foundation's goal has been to raise funds to support the Colleyville Public Library's programs.

To participate all you have to do is visit [NorthTexasGivingDay.org](http://NorthTexasGivingDay.org) or Sept. 22 and donate.

