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City of Carrollton Inclement Weather Practices
Severe weather (snow, ice, high winds, etc.) may necessitate the temporary closure of City of Carrollton leisure service facilities. During adverse weather conditions, the public is advised to limit driving to minimize accidents, falls and other weather-related incidents. To comply with public safety advisories, the following leisure services facilities may be closed:

Crosby Recreation Center	972-466-9810
Rosemeade Recreation Center	972-466-9800
Oak Creek Tennis Center	972-466-6389
Carrollton Senior Center	972-466-4850
Hebron & Josey Public Library	972-466-4800
Josey Ranch Lake Public Library	972-466-4800
Indian Creek Golf Club	972-466-9850
A.W. Perry Homestead Museum	972-466-6380

For customers’ convenience, automated telephone messages regarding inclement weather operating schedules are recorded as conditions warrant. Online services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at cityofcarrollton.com.

2013 Great Texas Warrant Roundup
Cities across Texas will be joining together to actively serve outstanding arrest warrants in 2013. The roundup is designed to target thousands of defendants with traffic, parking, city ordinance, penal code and higher charge warrants from participating jurisdictions. If you have outstanding warrants in the City of Carrollton, or anywhere in Texas, you should handle them as soon as possible. For more information, call Carrollton Municipal Court at 972-466-3348.

Take Advantage of the City’s Low-Cost Fitness Memberships
New Year, new equipment, new space, new goals! That’s what you’ll see in the expanded fitness area at Rosemeade Recreation Center. The latest in cardio, free weights and new circuit training will help you keep that New Year’s resolution. Your individual wellness and health improvement plan can be put in motion at two convenient locations: Rosemeade Recreation Center and Crosby Recreation Center. With great values as low as $7 a month* on memberships that are good at both locations, don’t put off achieving your fitness goal. Join now! Register online at cityofcarrollton.com. *Based on annual residential adult (ages 16-64) membership of $85.

Egret Prevention
Many of you may be aware of the challenges we faced in 2011 with migratory birds nesting in residential areas of our community. These challenges were avoided in 2012 by developing a strong partnership between City staff and the residents in affected neighborhoods. Nesting season is just a few months away and we are encouraging you to join this effort by taking the following steps: trim tree canopy to allow light to shine between limbs and other trees and remove old nesting material. If you identified migratory bird activity in your trees last year, begin thinking now about hanging visual deterrents such as owls, scare-eye balloons, reflective tape or other similar material in your tree. Report heron and egret activity to Animal Services immediately by calling 972-466-3420

Adult Softball – Registration Ends Feb. 1
Registration for the City of Carrollton Athletics’ spring softball league will end on Friday, February 1. Spring Single Games and Double Headers start Sunday, February 17 with games played Sunday through Friday at McInnish Softball Complex. The cost is $385 per team with the following divisions: Men’s D & E, Co-ed, Women’s, Men’s 40+, and Church. For more information on the Free Agent List or to register a team, please contact Athletics at 972-466-9833 or at cityofcarrollton.com/athletics.

Chinese New Year – Feb. 17

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Visit Hebron & Josey Library on Sunday, February 17 from 2 to 4pm to see Carrollton Sun Ray Chinese School Youth Organization and the Newman Smith High School Chinese Class lead a variety of free activities celebrating the Chinese culture.

African American Read-In – Feb. 17
The Carrollton Public Library at Josey Ranch Lake will host their annual African American Read-In at 3 pm on Sunday, February 17 in honor of Black History Month. All are welcome to learn about African American authors, stories, poems and songs. Special guests will read selections aloud for the audience. The afternoon is presented by Professional Achievers for Community Excellence and is planned to promote reading, communication and cultural understanding. The special program is offered free to the public; all ages are invited. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information about the program, call 972-466-4800.

"Daddy's Little Angel" Father/Daughter Dance – Feb. 23
The Carrollton Police Officers Association (CPOA) will host the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance: Daddy's Little Angel from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on Saturday, February 23 at Bent Tree Bible Fellowship Church (4141 International Parkway). Fathers are invited to bring their "angels" out for an evening filled with dancing, games, cookies, punch, crafts, prizes, photo opportunities and memories to last a lifetime. All proceeds benefit the CPOA, which assists police officers and their families in times of need and also supports community programs. For more information or to register, visit ddd2013.eventbrite.com or call 972-466-3031. No moms or sons allowed and dinner will not be served.

Citizen's Evening – Feb. 26
Bring your friends and neighbors to the annual "Citizens' Evening at City Hall" at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26 at City Hall. Mingle with City officials, commission members and departmental representatives; learn how to build stronger Neighborhood Associations; and find out what it takes to develop a successful neighborhood or community action partnership with the City. This event is held to promote neighborhood programs and encourage new partnerships, with a goal to facilitate partnership between the City and involved citizen groups to help foster vital neighborhoods. This year, join us in celebrating Carrollton's "Glorious Past and Promising Future." Featured speakers to help us kick off Carrollton's 100th year include Mayor Matthew Marchant and Toyia Pointer, Perry Homestead Museum Curator and author of *Carrollton: Images of America*.

Event is free and open to the public, no pre-registration is necessary. For more information, call 972-466-4299 or email community.development@cityofcarrollton.com.

Free Tax Assistance in Carrollton
Volunteers with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) provide free tax return assistance from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays at the Carrollton Public Library at Hebron and Josey (4220 N. Josey Lane) through April 15. For seniors ages 50 and over, AARP volunteers will be available on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Carrollton Senior Center (1720 Keller Springs Road) through April 11. Bring identification, a copy of last year's tax return, as well as all documents and information for 2012.