



## Why Shop & Dine Local?

Help maintain the quality of life in Carrollton by thinking local first. For every \$100 in taxable sales in Carrollton, one dollar goes directly back to residents of the City in the form of public safety, parks, streets, and much more. So, let's work together to keep our local businesses strong and continue to strengthen the community.

[cityofcarrollton.com](http://cityofcarrollton.com)

## Carrollton: Make It Yours

Carrollton depends on residents who volunteer their time and expertise as members of boards, commissions, and committees. It's a great opportunity to:

- Give back to the community
- Have a seat and voice at the table
- Learn and grow
- Hear the latest City updates
- Serve as an ambassador by sharing the knowledge acquired

**Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, September 9.** City Council will make appointments in October.

[972-466-4892](tel:972-466-4892)  
[cityofcarrollton.com/boards](http://cityofcarrollton.com/boards)

## Experience Key in Fire Chief and CFO Hires

Newly appointed Fire Chief and CFO will use extensive training and vast experience to serve the City of Carrollton.

Two important roles for the City of Carrollton have been filled after an extensive process to bring expertise and knowledge to the leadership roles. Long-time fire service professional Michael Thomson has been named Chief of Carrollton Fire Rescue (CFR) replacing former CFR Chief Gregg Salmi, who retired in January. Diana Vaughn has been named the new Chief Financial Officer, taking over after former CFO Bob Scott's departure. Vaughn has worked at the City since 2018 as the Finance Director and Controller. She has served as the interim lead of the finance team since April.

### Thomson Brings 20+ Years of Experience

Thomson is a 24-year fire veteran having begun his career in British Columbia, Canada in 1998 as a volunteer firefighter and medical first responder. He has held leadership roles in the surrounding communities of Farmers Branch and Addison Fire Departments and has spent the last three years as Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator of Highland Village Fire Department.



Fire Chief  
Michael Thomson

Among his many achievements, Thomson was chosen as the 2015 Fire Officer of the Year by Farmers Branch Fire Department.

He was named 2020 Fire Officer of the Year by Highland Village Fire Department.

Thomson earned an associate degree and a Bachelor of Science in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University. He graduated summa cum laude and earned a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in Fire/Rescue Executive Leadership.

### Vaughn Served as Interim Since April

Vaughn was selected from a highly qualified pool of more than 140 applicants. She gained valuable experience as the City's Finance Director, responsible for steering the activities of the accounting, purchasing, budgeting, payroll, and risk divisions. She supported the City's strategic goals and financial sustainability by overseeing the effective and efficient use of the City's resources.

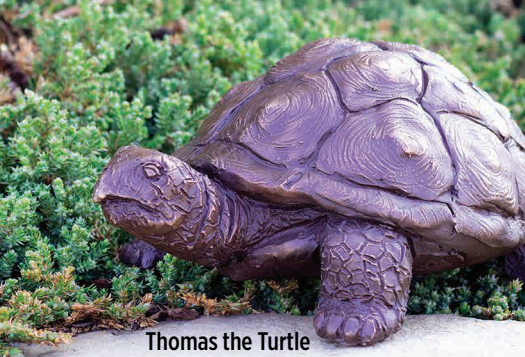


Chief Financial Officer  
Diana Vaughn

Vaughn is a Certified Public Accountant licensed by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy and a Certified Internal Auditor by the Institute of Internal Auditors. She holds a Master of Accountancy and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Southern Illinois University.

[cityofcarrollton.com/news](http://cityofcarrollton.com/news)





Thomas the Turtle

## Discover Carrollton's New Residents

Carrollton has 11 bronze critters that have taken up residence throughout the Downtown area. Visit the website below for clues on where to find Thomas the Turtle and his friends, then take a photo or selfie and post it to the City's social media. #CarrolltonCritters

[cityofcarrollton.com/critters](http://cityofcarrollton.com/critters)

## Look Before You Lock!

It doesn't take long for the inside of a vehicle to reach potentially lethal temperatures. In 10 minutes, a car can heat up by 20 degrees. Rolling down a window does little to keep a vehicle cool, and heatstroke deaths have occurred even in vehicles parked in shaded areas. Here's how you can help.

- NEVER leave a child (or pet) in an unattended vehicle.
- Make it a habit to look in the back seat EVERY time you exit the car. **Tip:** Place something essential to your daily routine next to your child.
- ALWAYS lock the car when not in use and put the keys out of reach.
- TAKE ACTION if you notice a child alone in a car.

[nhtsa.gov](http://nhtsa.gov)

## Can First Responders Find Your Address?

Minutes matter when responding to an emergency. The Carrollton Police Department and Carrollton Fire Rescue remind residents to make sure their home address numbers are clearly visible. Wasting precious time looking for the proper address can be the difference between life and death. It is also helpful if the numbers are displayed on the back of the house. Officers responding to a call for assistance do not always come to the front of the house.

[cityofcarrollton.com/fire](http://cityofcarrollton.com/fire)  
[cityofcarrollton.com/police](http://cityofcarrollton.com/police)

# Make a Positive Impact by Recycling

Did you know: The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle will operate a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.

**A**s a community, we can make sure recyclables don't end up in lakes and landfills. Follow these simple guidelines to become a better recycler.

### 1. Know What to Throw

#### Glass\*



Bottles



Jars



Colorful Glass

Tips: no glass broken into small pieces, no Pyrex or heat-resistant glass

#### Plastic\*



Milk, Water, & Juice Jugs



Beverage Bottles



Detergent, Shampoo, & Soap Jugs

Tips: remove soapy residue from detergent containers; no plastic bags; no bubble wrap, packing peanuts, or foam packaging

#### Metal & Steel/Tin\*



Beverage Cans



Food Cans

Tips: no metal smaller than a credit card, remove paper labels

\* Keep lids on bottles or toss them in the trash - they're too small to recycle by themselves.

#### Paper



Newspaper



Mail & Magazines



Notebook Paper



Scrap Paper

Tips: remove all staples and paper clips, remove the plastic windows from envelopes, no pieces smaller than a credit card, no tissue or sparkly wrapping paper, no paper towels and napkins

#### Cardboard



Moving Boxes



Shipping Boxes



Food Boxes



Envelopes & Folders

Tips: remove shipping labels and packaging tape, no used paper plates and to-go cups, no wet or soiled materials

### 2. Empty. Clean. Dry.™

Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid. One dirty item can contaminate an entire truckload, so make sure recyclables are empty, clean, and dry.

### 3. Don't Bag It

Never bag or bundle recyclables. Items should be placed in the container loose.

[cityofcarrollton.com/recycling](http://cityofcarrollton.com/recycling)

# Festival Early Bird Vendor Discount

Showcase your products and services to thousands of Festivalgoers this November in Downtown.

**A**pplications are being accepted for food, artisan/craft, and marketplace vendors to participate in Carrollton's 12th Annual Festival at the Switchyard. An early bird discount is offered for applications received before Monday, August 1.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for local companies to get their name out to the Carrollton community and DFW Metroplex.

This outdoor event featuring nationally known headliners and free family fun will be held on Saturday, November 5 in Downtown Carrollton from 11 am to 10 pm.



[carrolltonfestival.com](http://carrolltonfestival.com)  
[facebook.com/CarrolltonFestival](https://facebook.com/CarrolltonFestival)  
[twitter.com/carrolltonfest](https://twitter.com/carrolltonfest)

# Public Safety Tips for Caregivers

Help law enforcement quickly locate missing persons who are unable to effectively communicate through CPD's Project H.O.M.E.

Similar to wandering incidents in older adults with Alzheimer's and related dementias, those with intellectual disabilities are also prone to wandering into unsafe environments. Below are a few tips to help loved ones find their way home:

## Sign Up for Project H.O.M.E.

The Carrollton Police Department's Project H.O.M.E. – Help Our Missing and Endangered – program is designed to help officers identify children or adults who are lost and unable to communicate their names or addresses. This includes people with autism spectrum disorder, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, Down syndrome, a traumatic injury, or any other condition which makes communication difficult, especially in stressful situations.

Caregivers can voluntarily enroll individuals in Project H.O.M.E.'s private database by completing a simple form and submitting a current photo of their loved one.

## Take a Daily Photo

A recent photo makes it easier to find a missing person. Outdated photos can make it more difficult to identify someone due to



age or other factors. Take a daily photo in a format that can be easily texted or emailed. When appropriate, officers will share the photo with neighboring agencies and the public through social media as a missing person alert.

## Report Missing Persons Immediately


Caregivers or family do not have to wait 24 hours if a loved one has dementia or another cognitive impairment. Timing is everything when a person is lost and confused. Call 9-1-1 and notify the operator that the missing person is vulnerable. It is easy to cancel the report should the person be located.

 Click on 'Project H.O.M.E.' at [cityofcarrollton.com/police](http://cityofcarrollton.com/police)



## Book a Librarian

Need more time with a librarian than you can get over the phone or as a walk-in? The Book A Librarian service allows patrons to reserve 30 minutes with a friendly, knowledgeable staff member to receive one-on-one, uninterrupted personal assistance scheduled at your convenience. Whether you need help exploring job search resources, downloading eBooks, researching health or medical resources, or getting an in-depth demonstration of how to use the Library's databases, Carrollton librarians are here to help.

 [cityofcarrollton.com/bookalibrarian](http://cityofcarrollton.com/bookalibrarian)

## Make a Reservation

Carrollton's multi-purpose meeting rooms, sports facilities, swimming pools, and outdoor areas offer a wide range of accommodations perfect for your next party, special event, meeting, 5K run, or activity. With so many unique indoor and outdoor facilities to choose from, you are sure to find just the right place for your next special occasion.

Most outdoor pavilions and some study rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis with no reservations accepted and no rental fees charged. To see a listing of available City facilities and parks, visit the link below.

 [cityofcarrollton.com/rentals](http://cityofcarrollton.com/rentals)

## 35E Phase 2 Work Begins

TxDOT has started preparing for Phase 2 construction of I-35E from the I-635 partial loop in Dallas up to the Denton County line in Carrollton. The project will widen a 39-mile stretch from six to eight lanes and improve intersections and frontage roads to decrease congestion and improve safety. For more details on the project, visit the link below.

 [txdot.gov/35ephase2](http://txdot.gov/35ephase2)

# WE'RE HIRING



## CITY GOVERNMENT IS FOR YOU ...

- IF YOU ARE A PROBLEM SOLVER
- IF YOU HAVE A PASSION TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY
- IF YOU LIKE THE CHALLENGE OF HARD WORK AND THE REWARD OF MEANINGFUL SERVICE

## MULTIPLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Full-Time, Part-Time, and Seasonal

**APPLY TODAY**  
[cityofcarrollton.com/jobs](http://cityofcarrollton.com/jobs)



# Help Protect Our Creeks, Lakes, and Rivers

When we keep stormwater drains free of trash, the flow of rainwater keeps the City's surface water free of debris.



Stormwater is rainwater that flows over surfaces, such as parking lots, streets, and lawns. It enters the storm drain system by flowing into the inlets (gutters) located in parking lots and on the sides of streets. Storm drains are designed to remove water from the streets quickly to prevent flooding. Stormwater is then discharged directly into surface waters, including creeks, lakes, ponds, and rivers, without treatment.

The goal is for stormwater to be comprised completely of rainwater. Unfortunately, as rainwater flows, it picks up contaminants including motor oil, soap/detergents, paint, trash, pet and human waste, fertilizer, and many other items. These contaminants pollute surface waters, can result in fines, and produce harmful effects on drinking water supplies, recreation, and wildlife.

Here are some tips on protecting waterways:

- Place used cooking oil, fats, and grease into a non-breakable, tightly sealed container, and dispose of it in the trash. Or, collect it and recycle it during the City's FREE grease collection event held every year the Monday and Tuesday after Thanksgiving.
- Recycle used motor oil at an approved recycling center. If a vehicle is leaking

fluids, place a can underneath it to collect the fluids until it can be repaired. Clean up any oil from the driveway or street using kitty litter or dirt and sweep it up. Never wash off the driveway with water. It could flow into a storm drain.

- Dispose of trash and debris in a covered trash receptacle.
- Bring a plastic bag to collect your pet's waste on a walk and dispose of it in a trash receptacle in one of Carrollton's parks.
- Leave grass clippings and leaves on your grass or place in bags to be collected on your collection day. Use a leaf blower to blow grass clippings and leaves back onto your yard and not into the storm drain inlet.
- Discharge pool water to the sanitary sewer, not to the street, alley, or storm drain.
- To dispose of unused portions of paint or other household hazardous waste (HHW), call the HHW hotline at 469-451-3713, schedule a pickup time, receive a kit, place your items in the kit, and it will be picked up from your house for free.
- When hiring a contractor, make sure waste is disposed of properly and materials are not discharged into drains.

 **972-466-3060**  
[cityofcarrollton.com/stormwater](http://cityofcarrollton.com/stormwater)



## Upcoming Events

**Saturdays on the Square: Outdoor Movie Night, Aug. 13, Sunset, Downtown Carrollton** – Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a showing of *Sing 2* (2021), PG.

**Family Game Night, Sept. 6, 6:30-7:30 pm, Hebron & Josey Library** – Bond with your family with some friendly competition.

**Pooch Pool Party, Sept. 10, 12-3 pm, Rosemeade Rainforest** – Bring your dog to splash around and play with their four-legged friends. Dog admission is \$5 but free for humans. Texas Coalition for Animal Protection will be onsite from 10 am to 12 pm offering rabies vaccinations, and Carrollton Animal Services & Adoption Center will be offering free City pet registrations.

**Saturdays on the Square: Live Music, Sept. 10, 6-8 pm, Downtown Carrollton** – Grab your dinner from a local restaurant and enjoy some live music from the Gazebo.

**World of Foodies, Sept. 17, 3-9 pm, Downtown Carrollton** – Bring your appetite and enjoy authentic international refreshments and live performances while celebrating multiple nationalities and flavors. Entry to the event is free. Food purchases and culturally diverse craft vendors will be onsite. Purchase a Foodie Passport (limited quantity) prior to the event for the best deal on 10 food samples and an 8 oz. drink, including a souvenir glass.

**Friends of the Carrollton Public Library Book Sale, Sept. 29, 12-8 pm & Oct. 1, 10 am-5 pm, Hebron & Josey Library** – Purchase donated books, movies, and music. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. *Proceeds fund Library programming.*

For more information and a complete list of upcoming events and programs, visit the link below.

 [cityofcarrollton.com/events](http://cityofcarrollton.com/events)



### HELP NEEDED:

Emergency shelter setup/takedown  
 Shelter staffing and Food  
 Transportation support • Pet Care  
 Donations management  
 Volunteer management • And more

Scan the respective QR code to sign up.



Organizations



Individuals