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# Inside College Station

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## Award Winning In Pool Safety

College Station Parks and Recreation Department's Aquatics Division is known for being an award winning operation. Over the years they have consistently show superiority in their operations as evidenced by their many awards. Recently the division, under the direction of Pools Supervisor Vera Vowell, once again received top honors with the 2008 Season Gold International Aquatic Safety Award.

The international status makes the award an even greater honor. This award is given for those facilities that consistently exceed audit criteria for aquatic safety. It is important to note that only the top 20% of Ellis and Associates clients score well enough to receive this award. College Station citizens and guests are consistently being afforded the highest degree of swimmer protection currently available in the aquatic industry.

Commenting on the award Marco "Tony" Cisneros, College Station Parks

and Recreation Director had this to say, "I know that I can always sleep better at night because we are fortunate enough to have in College Station one of the top lifeguard staffs in the nation; always on duty and ready to respond when needed."

College Station staff were congratulated for their commitment to "professional excellence" and their desire to "make a difference" in the aquatic industry.

Don't forget about summer swim lessons! Classes meet nine times per two-week session, Monday through Friday for 25-45 minutes. The goal of this program is to provide swimming instruction to all ages (6 months to adult) to keep them safe in, on, and around water and to teach what to do in an aquatic emergency.

Sign up begins May 4 online at [parkweb.cstx.gov](http://parkweb.cstx.gov) or by calling 764-3486.

Summer Pool Hours Begin May 30

### Adamson Lagoon Pool

1900 Anderson  
979.764.3735

#### Pool Hours

8:00am-12:00pm	Mon-Fri	Swim Lessons
1:00pm- 7:00pm	Mon-Thu	General Public
2:00pm- 7:00pm	Fri	General Public
12:00pm- 7:00pm	Sat	General Public
1:00pm- 7:00pm	Sun	General Public

### Southwood Hallaran Pool

1600 Rock Prairie Road  
979.764.3787

#### Pool Hours

9:00am-12:00pm	Mon-Fri	Adult Lap Sw, Water Aerob.
10:00am- 8:00pm	Mon-Thu	General Public
12:00pm- 7:00pm	Fri	General Public
1:00pm- 7:00pm	Sat	General Public
1:00pm- 7:00pm	Sun	General Public

### Thomas Park Pool

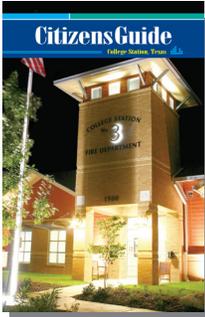
1300 James Parkway  
979.764.3721

#### Pool Hours

12:00pm-1:00pm	Mon-Fri	Adult Lap Sw, General Public
1:00pm- 6:30pm	Mon-Thu	General Public
6:35pm- 8:30pm	Fri	General Public
12:00pm- 7:00pm	Sat	General Public
1:00pm- 7:00pm	Sun	General Public

For more information on  
College Station pools, go to:

[www.cstx.gov/parks](http://www.cstx.gov/parks)



### Citizens Guide Now Available

The City of College Station recently published a Citizens' Guide. The guide contains information for residents to get in touch with City services through a full phone directory. It also provides city maps—including parks and building directories—for residents. Get your copy at City Hall, or check out the online version at [cstx.gov/citizensguide](http://cstx.gov/citizensguide).

### Salamanca, Mexico Visits College Station -----



A group of 9 visitors from Salamanca, Mexico recently visited our community as part of the Bryan/College Station Sister Cities program. Their goals for the trip were to explore possible economic exchanges including the possibility of an American company installation in Salamanca or export of their local products to the Brazos Valley. They also wished to promote tourism and cultural exchanges through their visit to both cities.

### CSU Receives National Recognition -----



College Station Utilities is one of 60 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities to earn Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) recognition from the American Public Power Association for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service.

The RP3 recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

### Tree City USA -----

The City of College Station was recently designated with Tree City USA status for 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation. This is the nineteenth year College Station has received this national recognition honoring the City's commitment to community forestry. The City received the honor at this year's

Arbor Day event at Woodland Hills Park, in conjunction with Keep Brazos Beautiful and the City of Bryan.

### Lanscaping For Beauty & Savings -----

Correct selection and placement of trees and shrubs adds not only beauty to your home but can actually assist in saving you dollars on your utility bill.

Native trees and plants are accustomed to our local soils and climate so they need less watering. Properly placed trees and plants can keep your home cooler in hot summers and block the wind in winter months. Planting trees that lose their leaves in winter on the southern and eastern sides of the house provide shade in summer while shedding their leaves in winter to provide needed heating from the sunlight. Planting evergreen trees and shrubs on the northern and western sides of the house provide a natural winter block during winter months.

Vines, trained on a trellis, work well as sun blocks in areas with limited ground space. Shading patios and driveways helps to reduce radiant heat and heat conduction through walls and windows and can actually reduce wall temperatures up to 29 degrees.

For safety, always remember to call 1-800-344-8377 (DIG TESS) at least 2 working days before undertaking any landscaping task to locate underground lines.

For any questions on this, contact Jane Sayers, College Station Utilities Energy Coordinator at 764-3724.

In addition to visiting a number of local businesses and attending various organization meetings, the delegation went to the College Station City Council on March 26. College Station Mayor Ben White and Bryan Mayor Mark Conlee read a proclamation proclaiming March 26 as Salamanca day. Gifts were exchanged between the Municipal President of Salamanca and the Mayor of College Station.

2009 Starlight Music Series Schedule	
May 30	Cowboy Mouth w/ Vocal Trash
June 6	Separate Ways (Journey Tribute Band) w/ Leannasaurus Rex
June 13	Jason Boland & The Stragglers w/ Band of Heathens, Paula Nelson

For more, visit: [www.cstx.gov/starlight](http://www.cstx.gov/starlight)