

# News & Business

## Burn ban issued for city

Outside hot work requires permit

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The city has followed Collin County in issuing a burn ban, according to fire officials.

The county recently issued a burn ban, and the McKinney Fire Department has instituted a burn ban and hot-work permit program for those performing hot work or cutting and welding outdoors.

There will be no fee for the permits, which are aimed at reinforcing the importance of increased awareness for

### FIRE SAFETY

For more information, contact the McKinney Fire Marshal's Office at 972-547-2850 or visit mckinneyfire.org.

hot-work permitting program pertains to all trench burning and recreational fires. Recreational fires are those used for warmth, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking or other purposes. That includes the use of a fire pit or campfire. During the time the burn ban is in effect, the only exception will be a barbeque grill or pit used exclusively for cooking.

Permits for hot work will be issued at the Public Safety Building, located at 2200 Taylor Burk Drive, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

safety during the summer heat. Those found performing hot work without a permit will be subject to citations, according to Stacie Durham, McKinney Fire Department spokeswoman. Permits will be required until further notice.

The burn ban issued along with the

## GALA AT THE 'GAIT RETURNS SEPT. 26

Event benefits therapeutic horsemanship center

STAFF REPORT

ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship will transform its North Texas homestead into a sparkling scene for dinner, dancing and charitable giving during the organization's 8th Annual Gala at the 'Gait, presented by Stereo East Home Theater, on Sept. 26.

More than 700 people sporting their finest Western attire are expected to attend the fundraiser featuring a host of local restaurants, an extensive auction and dancing to the tunes of up-and-comer Jenna Paulette.

"It's amazing to watch ManeGait's High Five covered arena turn into an elegant party space," said Dawnda Daniel, chair of the 2015 Gala at the 'Gait, in a released statement. "This event has just grown and grown to become something the community anticipates each year, and we are so thankful for the supportive volunteers and donors who make it pos-

### GALA AT THE 'GAIT

**What:** Fundraising event  
**When:** 6-11 p.m. Sept. 26  
**Where:** ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship  
3160 N. Custer Road, McKinney  
\*18 restaurants participating, including downtown McKinney's Harvest and Sugarbacon Proper Kitchen.

ManeGait's therapy horses. Once inside the arena party space, attendees can sample food from 18 restaurants including III Forks, Harvest, Sugarbacon Proper Kitchen, Whiskey Cake, Mexican Sugar and Velvet Taco.

There's also an extensive auction filled with everything from western-themed clothing to exotic vacations.

Proceeds from ticket sales, the auction and sponsorships provide approximately 40 percent of ManeGait's operating budget each year. The money allows the organization to support riders from across North Texas including those in Dallas and Collin counties.

Gala at the 'Gait will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. Sept. 26 at ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship, 3160 N. Custer Road in McKinney. Individual tickets are \$100 each. Sponsorships start at \$2,500.

For information, visit manegait.org or call Tricia Nelson at 469-422-6734.

sible, especially our returning presenting sponsor Stereo East Home Theater."

Gary Montagna, CEO of Frisco-based Stereo East Home Theater, added, "The work being done at ManeGait to help individuals with disabilities is both effective and heart-warming. The Stereo East family is proud to have a part to play in this fundraiser and the organization's mission."

The night's entertainment begins with guests being greeted upon arrival by



## A peaceful place in Collin County

New Hindu temple draws thousands of devotees to mark opening

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Some look at Collin County and see the major developments such as headquarters for Toyota and FedEx and Frisco's \$5 billion mile.

A visiting spiritual leader from India sees something else: peace.

"The city of Frisco is the

most peaceful city in the Dallas-Fort Worth area," Sri Ganapathy Sachchidanada Swamiji proclaimed earlier this month through interpreter, devotee and volunteer RK Panditi, of Plano.

"That's why he chose Frisco to be the place to build this temple," Panditi added, speaking of the Karya Siddhi

Hanuman Temple located along Independence Parkway in Frisco.

A growing Indian population, spurred by that much heralded Collin County industrial and commercial development, also played a part in the selection, Panditi said.

The Association of Reli-

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### TEMPLE HOURS

7 to 9 a.m. Saturday – children's yoga  
7 to 9 a.m. Sunday – adult yoga  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday – worship  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. weekdays – worship  
Dallashanuman.org

## Byler:

'Cemetery not a Muslim takeover'

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nity center all rolled into one. It's a system that Catholics once had and Southern Baptist still hope for.

But a cemetery is not a mosque, and "takeovers" can't be accomplished by the dead.

It's no surprise that Farmersville thrives with people warm of heart and generous of hand. The mayor, Joe Helmsberger, was a voice of reason. Muslims will have a

place in Farmersville to bury their dead.

I find worries of a Muslim "takeover" ironic when there are 60,000 Mexicans in Collin County with everything being printed in Spanish for them. Mexico lost Texas, but they proudly wave the Mexican flag while spokesmen for the perpetually aggrieved tsk tsk over the insensitivity of displaying the Confederate standard on the graves of those that served in another lost cause.

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TUTORING

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STACY PARKELJ AND PETE LEMERY

Owners, Tutor Doctor Frisco/McKinney



Tutor Doctor Frisco/McKinney, run by the daughter-father team of Stacy Parkelj and Pete Lemery, provides on-to-one, in-home tutoring to students in Frisco and McKinney. Tutors work in alignment with the schools' curriculums. All tutors are highly qualified and background checked, taking the hassle out of finding the perfect tutor match for a child.

**Business address:** Services provided in students' homes. Call 972-372-0338 or visit tutordocor.com.

**Year opened:** 2011

**Number of employees:** Five staff members, 110+ tutors

**What does your business offer that is unique compared to similar businesses?**

First and foremost, we are locally owned and run by veteran teachers. Most of my staff, as well as myself, have taught in Plano, Frisco, and McKinney, so we are very knowledgeable about the local curriculums and teaching methods. Our tutoring takes place in your home, as opposed to a center, and it always a 1:1 student/tutor ratio. Finally, our tutoring aligns with the classroom curriculum, and the tutors collaborate with the classroom teacher, making the tutoring applicable to what the students are learning at school.

**What is the most important part of your job on a daily basis?**

The most important part of my job on a daily basis is making sure that all of the wheels are turning as they should be. Tutors must know and understand what their expectations are, and be delivering that to our clients. Clients must be checked up on to make sure tutoring is going as planned. We constantly are having to

research and update any different teaching method trends happening in our schools, and making sure that our tutors are trained on those methods.

**What are your keys to success?**

We communicate very clearly to our tutors what our expectations are for them when they work with our clients, and we don't accept anything less than their best. We also strive to keep the communication open with our clients on a consistent basis so that we can always deliver the best tutoring service for their needs.

**What surprises you most about your job?**

It surprised me how quickly we grew in our first few years. I knew good, reputable in-home tutoring was something our area needed, but I was pleasantly surprised at the reception we've gotten from the community. We expect to have about 450+ active students by the end of this year. I think that is pretty incredible for being in business for four years.

**Tell us something most people wouldn't know about your company.**

Tutor Doctor is an international franchise with over 400 territories worldwide, and our location, Tutor Doctor Frisco/McKinney, was ranked in the top 15 last year (and hopefully will be again this year). Parkelj and Lemery serve on many advisory committees with the head office, and Parkelj also serves as a mentor for new Tutor Doctor franchisees.



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