Allen Police and Fire Departments are partnering on a citywide initiative to cut down on dangerous driving. Residents will notice increased traffic patrols, especially along US 75 and SH 121, as the departments work to decrease deaths, injuries and damages caused by bad driving behaviors.

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We're all in this together to make each other feel safer. We want to see fewer people in the back of our ambulances.

-Allen Fire Chief Jonathan Boyd

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Stepped-up enforcement is only one part of this effort. Later this summer, Allen Fire Department will launch a large public education and awareness campaign focused on safer driving behaviors. Allen's engineering and traffic divisions will be part of the final phase of this effort, as all three City departments work on ways to ensure roadway safety.

Allen prides itself in its sense of community and how we treat each other. So, it follows we also want drivers in our city to respect each other on our roadways to ultimately maintain our standard of keeping everyone in Allen safe.

- Allen Police Chief Steve Dye
New spaces, furnishings and features will greet Allen Public Library patrons when renovations on the facility are complete next year.

The expansion project will add nearly 19,000 square feet to the building, which includes new multipurpose meeting/program rooms on the first floor, two additional study rooms (for a total of six), an expanded and enhanced teen area (moving to the second floor) and significant additions to the children's area, including two large program rooms. These program and multipurpose rooms can be combined into larger spaces when needed.

**ADDITIONAL NEW FEATURES INCLUDE:**
- A remodeled and improved drive-through material book return with automated check-in
- An enclosed indoor toddler/preschool learning/play area
- An elevator added to the north wing
- An expanded social gathering area on the first floor with a view of the library courtyard and gardens
- Additional tables and seating throughout the building
- Updated fixtures and finishes
- New chiller, boiler, and roof

The library will remain open at its current location through July, giving Allen readers the chance to make the most of the Summer Reading Challenge. Beginning early August, facility operations will pause to move resources and the collection to the interim location at 800 East Main Street (formerly Rountree Elementary School). The digital library resources will remain available to enjoy during this time. Physical materials will be not due until the interim location is open.

The temporary location will open to the public in early fall, giving library patrons a place to read, study, learn, browse the collection, and attend story times and other programs. New reading kits for early elementary students, as well as craft and memory kits for adults, will be added to the collection this fall.

The Allen Public Library expansion project was approved by Allen voters in the 2016 bond election, design began in 2021, community surveys were conducted in 2021 and 2022, and construction began with the ground-breaking ceremony on June 22, 2024. The entire project is expected to be complete in mid-2025.

**KEEP UP WITH THE PROGRESS:** AllenLibrary.org/Expansion
ALLEN POLICE OFFERS PROJECT H.O.M.E. SERVICE

ABOUT THE SERVICE
Project H.O.M.E. (Help Our Missing and Endangered Persons) helps first responders identify children or adults who are unable to communicate their names or addresses due to a cognitive impairment such as autism, dementia, Alzheimer’s, Down Syndrome or a traumatic injury.

HOW THE SERVICE WORKS
If the individual is found wandering, the Allen Police Department can search the database for individuals who match the physical description. With photo identification, medical information, and emergency contacts easily accessible, Police can return the individual to caregivers quickly and safely.

HOW TO ENROLL IN THE SERVICE
A caregiver of the special needs individual can enroll either online (AllenPolice.org/ProjectHOME) or in-person by visiting the Allen Police Department Headquarters (205 W. McDermott Drive).

LEARN MORE AT: AllenPolice.org/ProjectHOME

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**JULY EVENTS**

**TUES 9**

**TALKING HISTORY**

*Women of the American Revolution*

Allen Public Library and Dr. Rachel Gunter from Collin College invite you to explore the often overlooked contributions of women in colonial America and their indispensable role alongside the Founding Fathers in the fight for independence.

**TUES 16**

**ONSTAGE @ APL**

*Friday Night Lights*

Special guest Brad Leland will talk about his four decades of acting work in television and film, including his iconic role in the movie "Friday Night Lights" (2004). A screening of the movie will follow.

**FRI 26**

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

*At Ford Pool*

Celebrate Christmas in July at Ford Pool! Capture the holiday spirit with pictures with Santa, dive into festive fun with Christmas-themed decorations, and join the joyous atmosphere by wearing your favorite Christmas swim attire and Santa hats.

**AUGUST EVENTS**

**FRI 2**

**END OF SUMMER BASH**

*At Ford Pool*

It's a final night of excellent summer fun as we prepare to close down Ford Pool activities until next year! Take the plunge and compete in the cannonball contest. Judges will be looking for style, height and the biggest splash.

**SUN 18**

**VISIT THE VILLAGE:**

**OPEN HOUSE**

*At Allen Heritage Village*

Visit the Allen Heritage Village during our Open House! Join us on the third Sunday of each month. Arrange a tour by calling 972.740.8017.

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