

Media Advisory

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Blake Coleman Day in Plano



The City of Plano is honoring a home-grown athlete who rose to the pinnacle of his sport. Blake Coleman, born and raised in Plano, grew up as a passionate Dallas Stars fan, playing in the Stars youth organization. In 2011, Blake was drafted by the National Hockey League's New Jersey Devils. Earlier this year, he was traded to the Tampa Bay Lightning, where he became a Stanley Cup champion, playing for the team that defeated the Stars for the Cup.

While many of us in North Texas were disappointed the Stars lost, that won't stop us from honoring Blake, the pride of Plano as the first Plano and Texas-born NHL player to win a Stanley Cup. On November 2, we will host Blake Coleman Day, culminating with a celebration at the Courtyard Theater in Downtown Plano at 4:00 PM.

Due to the pandemic, the event is closed to the public. It will, however, be live-streamed on www.planotv.org and on the City's Facebook page. Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere and City Council members will present Blake with a proclamation, as well as other special honors.

The news media is invited to attend. However, due to limited capacity, we're asking you to please RSVP so we can reserve a space for you if you plan on attending. Contact Media Relations Director Steve Stoler to RSVP.

The Courtyard Theater is located at 1509 H Avenue in Plano.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Attached: Video of Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere's phone call to Blake Coleman, informing him of the upcoming "Blake Coleman Day" celebration.

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About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 281,390 as of January 2018. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Niche and AreaVibes recently named Plano as one of the Best Cities to Live in America. Forbes designated Plano one of America's safest cities. The City offers a high quality of life that includes nationally recognized schools, award-winning parks, and sustainability initiatives and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home to the headquarters or regional operations of major corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase Boeing Global Services, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Keurig Dr Pepper, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. Our dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at plano.gov.