



# ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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## City of Rockwall Employees Make a Difference Through Angel League

Every spring and fall Rockwall employees and their families lace up their baseball shoes and get ready to lend a hand with the Angel League baseball program. Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Rockwall County, Angel League is a special needs baseball program for boys and girls ages 4-15. There's also an adult league for ages 16-60.

The games present a safe and nurturing way for players to grow and excel. The entire program is offered at no cost to parents. The Kiwanis Club provides the uniforms and gloves, the City of Rockwall provides the baseball fields and all equipment, and local businesses donate the end of season trophies.

Assistant City Manager Mary Smith has been involved with the project since its inception 19 years ago. She says the Angel League program has been life changing for both players and volunteers. "This is an amazing collaborative effort. I see something new each season, and I wouldn't trade the experience for anything."



## Happening Around Town

### Thursday-Saturday, May 3-October 27

*San Jacinto Plaza Music Series, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 6:30-9 p.m.*

### Saturdays, May 5-September 29

*Rockwall Farmers Market, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 8 a.m.-12 noon*

### Thursday, June 7

*Concert by the Lake Series, Lime Light, The Harbor 7:30-9 p.m.*

### Thursday, June 14

*Concert by the Lake Series, Metal Shop, The Harbor 7:30-9 p.m.*

### Thursday, June 21

*Concert by the Lake Series, King George Band, The Harbor, 7:30-9 p.m.*

### Friday, June 22

*Family Fun Friday, The Jungle Book, Harry Myers Park, 6 p.m.*

### Wednesday, July 4

*Fourth of July Parade, Fireworks Show and Live Music, Harry Myers Park, starts at 9 a.m.*

*For more information:  
Rockwall.com, PlayRockwall.com*



## A Flurry of Excitement in Downtown Rockwall

Historic Downtown Rockwall was buzzing with activity starting on Thursday, May 3. The festivities kicked off with the opening weekend of the San Jacinto Plaza Music Series, which runs from 6:30-9 p.m. every Thursday-Saturday, May-October.

Also starting that weekend, Rockwall Farmers Market returned to the Square on Saturday, May 5 at 8 a.m. To help mark the opening weekend, Farmers Market combined with the *Movers, Shakers and Makers Market* on Saturday, May 5. This event showcased unique handmade wares, as well as creative food bites and fun food trucks.

Then, the day wrapped up with a Cinco de Mayo Celebration on the Square. The cultural festival included a Mariachi band, Ballet Folklorico, matachines, ropers, and loads of talent and excitement for the whole family.

## Out and About in Rockwall



### Huge Hazardous Waste Day

City of Rockwall residents turned out in large numbers to dispose of their household waste at the 18th Annual Hazardous Waste Day. Every year more than a thousand participants line up to safely get rid of items such as shredding, pesticides, and motor oil.



### Celebrate Our Furry Friends

Recently, enthusiastic pet lovers congregated at the Harry Myers Dog Park for Woofstock and Rockwall Dog Dayz. At this event, residents can get free city pet registrations, as well as low-cost vaccinations and microchipping. The next Woofstock event is planned for Saturday, June 30.



### Rockwall Focuses on Needs of Children

At a recent City Council meeting, Mayor Jim Pruitt helped kickoff a celebration of healthy children, with proclamations recognizing several local organizations for their efforts to protect and nurture children in the community. Among the organizations highlighted were the Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County (CAC), Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Texas, Rockwall CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and the Rockwall Rainbow Room.



### Founders Day Festival Headliner Announced

**Did you know?** On April 21, The Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department revealed that the headliner for this year's Founders Day Festival will be... the Josh Abbott Band!! They will take the Southwest Kia Rockwall Stage at 8 p.m., preceded by opening act Shooter Jennings at 6 p.m. The day-long event takes place on Saturday May 19 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. For full details visit [PlayRockwall.com](http://PlayRockwall.com).



### Let's Hit the Water!

The public boat ramp at SH 66 is now reopened! The detailed, months-long project to add an additional boat ramp, courtesy dock, and erosion control is complete. Boating enthusiasts have been waiting for this day, because it will greatly improve access and the experience on Lake Ray Hubbard. The renovations were made possible by a boating access matching grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

### Love Your Landscaping... Preparing for Fire Ant Season

It is the time of the year when we prepare to face the dreaded fire ant. Officially known as the red imported fire ant, the insect's bite can be dangerous, especially for the young and elderly. Although they may not always be visible, the red imported fire ant is found in every lawn and landscape in the North Texas area. They are mainly visible on cold sunny mornings or after the rain, when the colony brings their nurseries above ground. Eradication is difficult, so the most effective process is to follow the Texas Two-Step.

**STEP 1:** Apply bait in spring and fall when ants are actively foraging. Workers take the bait back to the queen and it kills the colony. To determine if ants are foraging, put a cut up hot dog out in the yard, and if it's covered within 15-20 minutes, then they are foraging.

**STEP 2:** Apply individual mound treatments with a granular contact insecticide as the ants appear, but do not disturb the mound during treatment, because it will drive the ants deep into the ground and prevent the death of the colony.

