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Thanking Those Who Give So Much to Our Community

The spirit of the season is alive and well in Rockwall—all year long. Whenever there is a need, volunteers step up to help in any and every way possible.

The City of Rockwall held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception to thank the dedicated people who do so much to keep the city running smoothly. Volunteers donate thousands of hours, saving thousands of dollars every year, to help with a wide array of projects and organizations, such as City Boards and Commissions, Volunteers in Parks (VIPs), butterfly gardens, Hometown Christmas, Farmers Market, Scare on the Square, Citizens on Patrol (COPs), and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) just to name a few. Many thanks to all the generous volunteers who do so much for our community.



Take Care and Be Proactive

Throughout the holiday season and beyond, the Rockwall Police Department is urging shoppers and patrons to be a little more careful to protect themselves and their belongings. The best defense against burglary of motor vehicles (BMVs) is to lock, take and hide valuables.

Police stress the importance of locking your vehicle, taking your belongings with you when you can, and if you can't—keeping the rest out of plain sight to deter criminals.



Introducing the New Student Leaders

Five new members have been selected for the City of Rockwall's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) for the new school year. In addition, seven members will return to the leadership organization. YAC helps teach high school-aged students about local government, while providing them with opportunities to hone their leadership skills.

The new students for the 2020-2021 year include Rylee Braaten, Morgan Crosby, Miriam Gamez, Carissa Heimer, and Evelyn Jimenez. Returning students include Katharine Castro, Mazie Johnson, Peyton Nielsen, Jaxson Stuart, Marvin Villalobos, Mary Claire Weible, and Parker Yarbrough.



Out and About in Rockwall



Arbor Day Celebration

The Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department has planted nearly 350 trees in the last three years in parks, along medians and on trails. They marked the annual Arbor Day celebration by planting trees at The Park at Breezy Hill. The City has ordinances in place to enhance and protect our urban forest.



Scare on the Square

As with most things 2020, Scare on the Square looked different this year, but it was every bit as festive! For the drive through trick or treat and car-stume event, volunteers passed out pre-filled treat bags to costumed kiddos, and prizes were awarded for the best decorated cars.



Shop Small in Rockwall

Local retailers participated in the annual Small Business Saturday event, which helps raise awareness and boost patronage for small businesses that are at the heart of every community. Eager shoppers checked out the latest holiday finds in Downtown Rockwall and across the City.



Trimming Trees During the Holidays

If you find yourself with a little extra time this holiday season, it may be a good time to trim your outdoor trees and shrubs.

Did you know? Homeowners in Rockwall are required to trim their overhanging trees and shrubs to keep them clear of the public right of way? This includes keeping limbs from obstructing views of intersections and street signs. Here are a few tips:

- ◆ Maintain minimum clearance of 12 feet above streets and alleys.
- ◆ Maintain minimum clearance of eight feet above sidewalks.
- ◆ Shrubs and trees must not encroach upon streets or alleys.

Residents are encouraged to plan their tree trimming around their bulk pickup schedule. Please visit Rockwall.com to find the bulk pickup schedule for your neighborhood.



Recycle Your Live Christmas Tree

Once the Christmas season comes to a close and you're ready to toss your live tree, please do so responsibly. The City of Rockwall has a program to recycle trees and use the mulch in public parks. Tree drop-off begins Monday, December 28, and runs for three weeks through Friday, January 15. Be sure to remove all lights, ornaments and stands, and take your tree to the Tuttle Sports Complex parking lot located at 1550 Airport Road.

