

ROCKWALL CITY NOTES



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ROCKWALL CELEBRATES SPRING

Families enjoyed a festive start to spring with two community Easter events hosted by the City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department: the annual Spring Eggstravaganza and the SNAP Easter Egg Hunt. On April 12, The Harbor transformed into a springtime playground for the Spring Eggstravaganza. Families participated in an Easter Egg Trail, collecting eggs from community vendors while enjoying bounce houses, games, and of course, live music. The event offered a fun-filled afternoon for all ages. Earlier in the week, on April 9, Parks and Recreation hosted the SNAP (Special Needs and Adaptive Programming) Easter Egg Hunt at Yellow Jacket Park. This event featured sensory-friendly egg hunts, games, and a visit from the Easter Bunny, providing a welcoming environment for individuals with special needs and their families. Both events highlighted Rockwall's commitment to fostering community spirit and inclusivity. For more information on upcoming events, visit the City of Rockwall's website www.rockwall.com.



INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES



TxDOT's ongoing construction projects in Rockwall continue to bring major roadway improvements, including the widening of the I-30 bridges over John King Blvd and FM 3549/Stodghill Rd. As part of this work, on-ramp closures and lane shifts are expected through the end of the year.

The eastbound frontage road between Ridge Road/ FM 740 and Goliad St/ SH 205 will be shifted to temporary lanes to accommodate construction of the new frontage road lanes. Speed limits will also be reduced on frontage roads in City limits. Residents and drivers should use extra caution when navigating these lanes and temporary business driveways in the area. Progress continues on the I-30 eastbound frontage road over the lake, with drilling now underway on the westbound side.

For up-to-date information on daily lane closures, please visit drivetexas.org

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ROCKWALL FIRE RECOGNIZED AMONG BEST IN TEXAS



The Rockwall Fire Department has earned the prestigious "Recognized Best Practices Fire Department" designation from the Texas Fire Chiefs Association. Only 36 departments across the state have received this honor since the program began in 2013. The recognition follows a multi-year review process that began in 2019, evaluating the department's compliance with 117 best practices—ranging from emergency response and training to community outreach and professional standards. "Receiving the Best Practices designation is a testament to the hard work and dedication that each of our team members demonstrates daily while serving the residents and visitors of our community" said Fire Chief Kenneth Cullins. This recognition highlights Rockwall Fire's ongoing commitment to safety, service, and continuous improvement.



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City Council Recognizes Community Heroes

Last month the City of Rockwall proudly issued proclamations and recognitions highlighting the people and programs that make a meaningful difference in our community.

- Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month- recognizing the organizations committed to protecting and advocating for children, including the Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County, Lone Star CASA, Rainbow Room Rockwall, and EMPOWER.
- Public Safety Telecommunicators Week- honoring the essential role of dispatchers from the Rockwall Police Department who serve as the critical first link in emergency response.
- JustServe Recognition Day- celebrating the impactful volunteerism facilitated through the JustServe program, an online site connecting volunteers with opportunities.
- Lifesaving Award- presented to Rockwall Fire Department's Engine 2, "A Shift" and Rockwall County EMS for their extraordinary efforts in a recent emergency lifesaving response.

We are grateful for the dedication, compassion, and service shown by these individuals and organizations. Their ongoing commitment helps make Rockwall a stronger, safer, and more connected community.



PET OF THE MONTH ALEX



Hi! I'm Alex! I'm a male, Shepherd/Lab mix and approximately 6 months old. I'm a sweet pup with lots of puppy energy. According to my previous owner, I do well with other dogs, cats, and kids of all ages. I like to play fetch but am not very good at giving the toy back after you throw it. I am currently learning "sit" and "stay" and how to walk like a gentleman on a leash. If you have another dog in the home, a meet and greet is encouraged to make sure we get along before taking me home. I have been searching for my fur-ever family for over 125 days am now a Diamond Dog, so my adoption fee is \$75. I am neutered, microchipped, current on my rabies vaccination, 1st set of puppy boosters, and 1st dewormer. Fill out an application to schedule a time to come meet me!

1825 Airport Road

rockwalladoptions.com

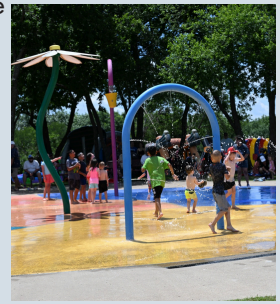
SPRAYGROUNDS NOW OPEN!

Rockwall's spraygrounds are officially open and ready for play! These family-friendly splash pads are the perfect way to cool off and enjoy some outdoor fun.

- The Park at Hickory Ridge
- The Park at Fox Chase
- Harry Myers Park

Locations are open daily from 8AM to 9PM, now through October.

Reminder: The spray plaza at The Harbor is an art feature and not an official sprayground. Please help us keep it beautiful by not using it as a sprayground.



Travis' Toolbox

TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES,
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC

As the growing season gets underway, it's important to keep an eye out for a few common pests that can cause serious damage to your lawn and landscape. Early detection is key to preventing long-term harm. Here are three frequent culprits in Rockwall yards and how to identify them.

A known pest in St. Augustine turfgrass, **chinch bugs** typically create irregular brown patches bordered by green turf, especially in sunny areas. To diagnose, gently pull some loose turf at the edge of a damaged area and shake it over a white piece of paper. If you see tiny insects about the size of a grain of rice with a distinct black-and-white "X" on their backs, treatment is needed. **Grubs** affect multiple turfgrass species, producing brown patches where the grass lifts easily due to root damage. To check for them, dig a 12" x 12" section about 2 inches deep in the affected area. If you find more than 4 or 5 grubs, it's time to treat. **Aphids** are tiny pests that target trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals, feeding on plant sap and potentially spreading disease. Look for clusters of small green insects on the underside of leaves and stems—they often have two small tail-like tubes on their back ends. Their presence signals it's time to act. Regular landscape checks and early treatment go a long way in maintaining a healthy, beautiful yard all season long.

Fun Fact: While over 10 million insect species are estimated to exist on Earth, only about 1 million have been discovered and described. Meaning there's still a lot to learn about what's crawling through our landscapes!



Mark your Calendar

Concert by the Lake Series - Begins May 1

The Harbor
Thursday nights, May - July

San Jacinto Music Series - Begins May 2

San Jacinto Plaza Downtown
Friday and Saturday nights, May - Oct

Rockwall Farmers Market - Begins May 3

Downtown Rockwall
Saturday mornings, May - Sept

Founders Day - May 17

Downtown and Harry Myers Park
Full day of family friendly events

Public Pools Open - June 2

Harry Myers Park and Gloria Williams Park
M-F: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.
Sat: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sun: Closed



Check out more events online

<https://www.rockwall.com/EventCalendar.asp>