

ROCKWALL CITY NOTES



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Rib Rub Run and Roll

The City of Rockwall's annual Rib Rub Run and Roll event at Harry Myers Park and Downtown took place on October 5th, with over 325 racers, 24 BBQ competitors, and 90+ cars in the show. The day began with 1 Mile, 5K, and 10K races—congrats to the winners, 5K Overall: Chance Anderson and 10K Overall: Chris Mullins! The BBQ competition followed, with Ben Blanton of HB BBQ taking Grand Champion and Sean Hill of Texas Moonswiners named Reserve Grand Champion. The Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Car Show featured over 90 vehicles, with Best of Show awarded to a '32 Ford Roadster and People's Choice to a '75 Toyota Land Cruiser. The City thanks all participants, volunteers, and sponsors for making it a fantastic event!



Volunteers Shine in Rockwall



Rockwall recently hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Event, celebrating the incredible contributions of volunteers who help support the community. The event highlighted key accomplishments over the past year, including the Citizens on Patrol (COPs) volunteers, who contributed 5,881 hours to the Rockwall Police Department and assisted with over 35 special events. Downtown Rockwall volunteers, including Friends of Downtown, the Downtown Business Association, and the Mainstreet Advisory Board, contributed more than 600 hours to keep downtown thriving. Additionally, volunteer firefighters made 142 responses and completed over 150 hours of training.

Rockwall thanks all the volunteers who make the city a better place. Those interested in joining can learn more at <https://www.rockwall.com/volunteer.asp>



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The City of Rockwall Presents HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS Saturday, December 7, 2024

**9AM
KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARADE**
THEME: MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE

**10AM-5PM
DOWNTOWN CELEBRATIONS**
FOOD TRUCKS, SNOW HILL, PHOTOS WITH SANTA, AND MORE!

**6PM-8PM
CITY HALL TREE LIGHTING**
CRAFTS, LIVE MUSIC, SWEET TREATS, AND MORE
385 S GOLIAD ST, ROCKWALL TX 75087

PARADE

Register your float by
November 27, 2024

<https://rockwallkiwanis.org/>



ROCKWALL PARKS & RECREATION

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





INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES

TxDOT is launching significant projects in Rockwall, including the widening of Interstate bridges over John King Blvd and FM 3549/Stodghill Rd. These upgrades will involve adding lanes in the center of the existing bridges. Moreover, both eastbound and westbound frontage roads between Ridge Road and Hwy 205 will undergo transformations. TxDOT will lay down temporary pavement to facilitate traffic while the current roads are being revamped. The new frontage roads will feature enhanced drainage systems and sidewalks. The substructure for the I-30 eastbound frontage road is nearing completion, and construction over the lake will soon begin to shape the new lanes. Meanwhile, drilling has started on the westbound frontage road. Residents should expect various lane closures on I-30 and the adjoining frontage roads as these expansions and improvements take place. For up-to-date information on daily lane closures, please visit drivetexas.org

Sign up for text alerts at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/signup/35720>

PET OF THE MONTH
Duck
 I'm a sweet and slightly goofy 7-year-old Lab mix, weighing 58 lbs. I was found off Bass Road in March and have been waiting for my forever home ever since, for over 230 days. Don't let my age fool you—I still have plenty of energy and love to play with toys, go on walks, and cuddle! If you have another dog, we can set up a meet and greet. My adoption fee is \$75, and I'm neutered, microchipped, and up-to-date on vaccines. I tested positive for heartworms but I'm getting better. My treatment is covered thanks to Rockwall PAWS. Come meet me today!

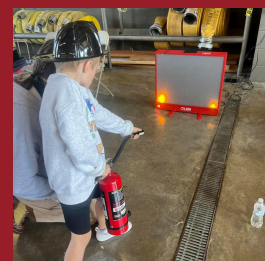



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FIRE DEPARTMENT Open House

The Rockwall Fire Department Open House kicked off on October 19th at 9 a.m. with an exciting lineup of activities for the whole family! Visitors enjoyed giveaways, bounce houses, and an up-close look at the impressive ladder truck and fire engine. Guests even had the chance to try out fire extinguisher training, adding a fun hands-on experience to the day.

By 11 a.m., attendees refueled with pizza and cupcakes, while a second round of treats followed shortly after. The highlight of the event came at noon when the Firefighters and Explorers wowed the crowd with an exciting live car extrication demonstration. The fun continued until 2 p.m., wrapping up a fantastic day full of community engagement and unforgettable experiences!




Join the City Team

APPLY NOW




As the holidays approach, it's important to remember to Cease the Grease and keep our drains clean! Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) from cooking can build up in pipes, leading to costly clogs and overflows. When FOG goes down the drain, it hardens and can cause raw sewage to back up into homes, streets, and even nearby waterways, impacting our environment and drinking water. To avoid damage, never pour grease down the drain. Instead, soak up small amounts with paper towels and toss them in the trash. For larger amounts, cool the grease, then dispose of it in a sealed container. Keep your drains safe and clean this season!



November marks the perfect time to begin pruning your trees as they enter dormancy for the winter. This period, lasting through February, allows you to safely shape and care for your trees without risking unnecessary stress. When pruning, be intentional—while proper pruning is beneficial, it's still a wound to the tree. Focus on removing dead or diseased limbs, thinning the canopy for light, and, eliminating crossing or damaged limbs. Reminder: never top your trees, including Crape Myrtles. Topping can weaken limb attachment over time and may even lead to the death of the tree. *Did you know?* Owners of land bordering public streets and alleys must maintain trees and vegetation in adjacent right-of-ways by removing any dead or hazardous limbs. Trees must be pruned to avoid obstructing streetlights, traffic signs, pedestrians, vehicles, or visibility at intersections, with a minimum clearance of 12 feet above streets and 8 feet above sidewalks. Additionally, trees and shrubs must maintain a 6-inch clearance from the curb or edge of the street and alley.

Travis' Toolbox

TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC



Mark your Calendar

Hometown Christmas - December 7
Parade 9am
Downtown Events 10am-5pm
City Hall Tree Lighting 6pm-8pm

Offices Closed
City offices will be closed for Thanksgiving, November 28 and 29
Republic Services trash will be delayed 1 day
City offices will be closed for Christmas, December 24 and 25
Republic Services trash will be delayed 1 day
City offices will be closed for New Years Day, January 1
Republic Services trash will be delayed 1-2 days
Check your trash schedule: <https://www.republicservices.com/schedule>



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