



ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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Rib Rub Run & Roll Ready to Return

The best of the best are firing up their grills and getting ready for the hottest BBQ competition around. The highly anticipated results determine who gets to claim the title of the Best in BBQ. The 12th Annual Rib Rub Run and Roll is coming up on Saturday, October 3.

But that's not all that's planned for the day. Get ready to lace up your running shoes, because the family fun starts early with a 5K, 10K and 1-mile fun run. After that, there is live music all day, a car show and loads of BBQ fun, all in Historic Downtown Rockwall. For complete details on Rib Rub Run & Roll 2020, please visit playrockwall.com.



Kids Back in School, Please Drive Safely

Students have been out of traditional school since mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. And although this school year looks extremely different, Rockwall students are now back in school.

While some have chosen to learn remotely from home, others will be in the classroom learning in person, which means many will be walking to and from school every day.

With little walkers filling up the sidewalks and crosswalks in the morning and afternoon, drivers are urged to use extreme caution when travelling through school zones. Lights and warning signs are in effect once again to help ensure the safety of the student walkers.

Mayor Gives Virtual State of the City Address

Every year, the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce hosts leaders of Rockwall for a State of the City presentation. This year the event had to be postponed, and then it transformed into a virtual one.

The presentation, broadcast on Facebook Live and You Tube, was very well attended by viewers spread near and far across the City. In his State of the City address, Rockwall Mayor Jim Pruitt spoke about the way COVID-19 has affected the City so far this year, and ways leaders have prepared to meet the changing needs. While the shutdown caused a momentary dip in business activity, growth and construction have helped to ease the effects. With the overall focus on adaptability and resiliency, Rockwall remains strong.



Out and About in Rockwall



Early Voting Begins October 13

The November election is right around the corner, and that means it's almost time for early voting. Early voting runs from Tuesday, October 13 through Friday, October 30 at the Rockwall County Library (1215 East Yellowjacket Lane). For more information, please visit rockwallvotes.com.



Rockwall PD Helps Those in Need

Recently a woman experiencing homelessness visited the Rockwall Police station for assistance. Noticing the woman needed shoes and clothes, Dispatcher Michelle May ran home and gathered some gently used shoes and clothing, along with some food and personal items, and brought them back to the woman who was extremely grateful for the kindness and generosity.

Honoring Years of Service

The Rockwall City Council honored longtime Rockwall Police Officer and Rockwall County Constable, Tom Egan, with a proclamation recognizing his years of valued service. The Council also named Monday, August 17 as Tom Egan Appreciation Day.



Sergeant Egan served for 26 years with the Rockwall PD. Among his many assignments, he served as a School Resource Officer at Rockwall High School, and he was actively involved with the Santa Cops for Kids program. He was also a member of the Rockwall Volunteer Fire Department and served as a reserve officer with the Heath Department of Public Safety. Egan served in Vietnam with the U.S. Air Force prior to coming to Rockwall, where he undoubtedly made a positive mark in our community.

Love Your Landscape... Preparing Now for Fall and Winter

It may not feel like fall yet, but September is the time to start preparing your landscape for the fall and winter months. Here are a few tips to help ensure you're ready for next spring:

- Apply pre-emergent in mid-September to prevent winter weeds
- Prune trees between November-February
- Final application of fertilizer in October (approx. 1.25 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet)
- Inspect and repair your irrigation system before turning off for winter, so you are ready to go in the spring
- Apply mulch in landscape beds if thin to protect root system over winter (Ideally it is good to have 2 to 3 inches of mulch)
- Plant your winter annuals in mid October so they have time to establish a good root system before winter arrives
- The best time to plant trees and landscape is from October-March

