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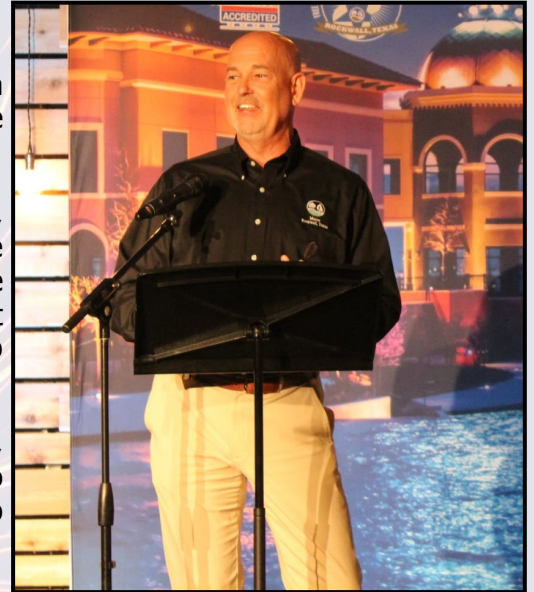
Mayor Fowler Delivers State of the City Address

Rockwall Mayor Kevin Fowler delivered the State of the City address at a recent Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon. In his speech, the Mayor highlighted the many successes of the past year.

Among the high points are the continued growth and prosperity of our city, despite the obstacles the pandemic presented. Also noteworthy were the resilience and adaptability of our residents, especially the way everyone rallied to patronize local businesses during a challenging year. This support has enabled the City Council to continue operating conservatively, and keep taxes at a 15-year low.

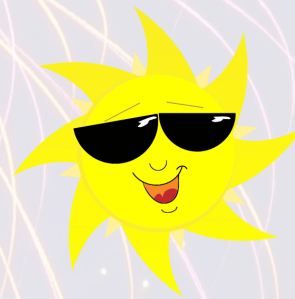
Additionally, Mayor Fowler showcased the dedicated City employees, including those from the Police, Fire and Public Works departments who worked around the clock during the winter storm earlier this year to keep residents safe.

He also mentioned a few exciting developments recently approved by the Rockwall City Council. The upcoming Discovery Art Project will feature a larger-than-life sculpture on the Square honoring the City's founders. The Flagpole Project will extend a Texas-sized welcome to visitors—with a 190' flag pole and 50'x80' American flag at the entry to Rockwall, located on I-30 across the highway from The Harbor.



City Council Approves Founders Statue

The Rockwall City Council has approved an art project to honor the City's founders. The Discovery Art Project is named for the three founders who discovered the rock wall, for which our city was named. The Council has approved funding for a larger-than-life sculpture to be located next to the Historic Courthouse on the Square. The local arts community has discussed this project for many years, and it is now becoming a reality. The sculpture is projected to be installed by Founders Day 2022.



Happening Around Town

Saturdays, May 1-September 25

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

Fridays-Saturdays, May 7-October 30

San Jacinto Plaza Music Series, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 7-9:30 p.m.

Thursdays, May 13-July 29

Concert by the Lake Series, The Harbor (2059 Summer Lee), 7:30-9 p.m.

Monday-Friday, June 7-July 30

Summer ROCK Camp, Harry Myers Community Center (815 E. Washington St.), 8-5 p.m.

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

Out and About in Rockwall



Concerts by the Lake End July 29

Every year the Concerts by the Lake (CBTL) Series draws thousands of music lovers from miles around. In the 20 plus years since they began, the concerts have become a fixture at The Harbor every week during the summer. Although CBTL closes on July 29, look for more entertainment on the horizon next summer.



Honoring Parks & Rec Employees

July is National Park and Recreation month, and Rockwall is inviting residents to Go Outside and Play!

Rockwall Parks and Recreation employees work hard to maintain the parks, pools, splash grounds, nature areas, trails, sports fields, and so much more. They do that so we all have beautiful outdoor spaces to gather and play with our families.



Mayor for the Day

Mayor Kevin Fowler recently hosted 7th grader, Reagan Reazor, as Mayor for the Day. She won the opportunity at her school fundraiser this spring. Reagan had a full day of fun, learning what the role of Mayor entails, touring the Fire and Police Departments, Main Street, and Parks and Recreation.



Rockwall Welcomes Junior Firefighters

The Rockwall Fire Department's second annual Junior Fire Academy is once again a success with students. After a break for COVID-19 in 2020, the FD welcomed the students back for an educational and fun-filled week. The boys and girls ages 8-12 geared up like their grown-up counterparts and went to work to learn about what it takes to be a firefighter.

The Junior Fire Academy introduced nearly 20 campers to extrication techniques, as well as fire prevention, suppression and investigations. Among the week's highlights, the students met the department's K-9 fire investigations team and got to simulate putting out a fire. Overall, the camp was designed to instill in the young people camaraderie, servant leadership, self-confidence and teamwork.

Love Your Landscape: Watering Responsibly

Automatic irrigation systems are one of the best inventions out there, but they are only as good as the person operating them. There is a big misconception that you can simply set it and forget it... but that can end up wasting a lot of water.

Most systems only operate at night, and are never even seen by the homeowner. A better way is to test the system once a week, running through the zones to identify any leaks or broken sprinkler heads that only leak when the system is in operation.

One broken sprinkler head can have a major impact on water use. A typical spray head puts out, on average, two gallons per minute, while a broken head can put out **20+ gallons per minute!** The average run time per sprinkler head is 20 minutes—so if you do the math, a properly operating head puts out 40 gallons during a watering cycle—and a broken sprinkler head puts out **400 gallons per cycle!** That means your lawn never gets the proper amount of water, a lot of precious water is wasted running down the street, and you get a much higher water bill... with nothing to show for it.

