



# ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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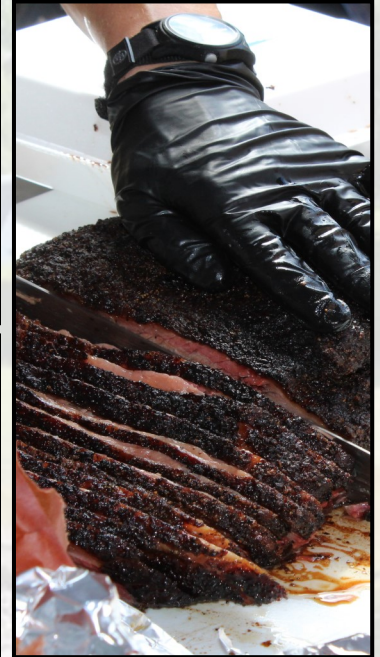
## Rib Rub Run and Roll Moves to Harry Myers Park

Once again, the best of the best in BBQ are firing up their grills and getting ready for the hottest competition around. The highly anticipated results determine who gets to claim the title of the Best in BBQ for the next year in the Outlaw BBQ Association sanctioned competition. The 14th Annual Rib Rub Run and Roll is coming up on Saturday, October 1.

The day is full of family fun, starting with a 5K, 10K and 1-mile fun run or walk. In addition, there is live music all day, fun zone for the kids with bounce houses and yard games, a car show, and food vendors galore.

While the Rib Rub and Run portions of the day's events are moving to Harry Myers Park to allow competitors to spread out a bit more, the car show or "Roll" portion will stay in Downtown Rockwall.

For complete details on Rib Rub Run & Roll 2022, including how to register for the race or as a BBQ competitor, please visit [PlayRockwall.com](http://PlayRockwall.com).



## Happening Around Town

### Fridays-Saturdays, May 6-October 29

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

### Saturdays, May 7-September 24

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

### Saturday, September 24

*Mother Son Dance, SpringHill Suites (2601 Lakefront Trail), 6-9 p.m. (Pre-registration required)*

### Saturday, October 1

*Rib Rub Run and Roll, Harry Myers Park, Car Show Downtown, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.*

### Friday, October 14

*Family Fun Friday, Encanto, The Park at Breezy Hill (4400 Ketten Dr.), 6 p.m.*

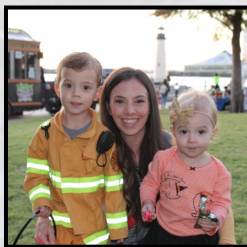
### Saturday, October 22

*Halloween Extravaganza at The Harbor, 6-9 p.m.*

### Saturday, October 29

*Scare on the Square, Downtown Rockwall, 2-5 p.m.*

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



## Suit up for a Ghoulish Good Time

The City of Rockwall has two fun events designed to excite and entertain Halloween goers of all ages. Coming up on Saturday, October 22 from 6-9 p.m., the annual Halloween Extravaganza at The Harbor returns. Once again, there will be a costume contest, bounce houses and fun prizes. Learn more at [PlayRockwall.com](http://PlayRockwall.com).

Then another event on Saturday, October 29, Scare on the Square, returns to Historic Downtown Rockwall. Hosted by the Downtown Rockwall Association (DRA), it takes place from 2-5 p.m., and festivities include trick-or-treating at the downtown shops, music, hay maze, games and so much more! Check out all the details at [Rockwall.com/mainstreet](http://Rockwall.com/mainstreet)



## Out and About in Rockwall



### PD Releases New Back to School Safety Video

To help keep students safe as they headed back to class, the Rockwall Police Department released a Back to School Safety video. The message to parents and other drivers was to slow down in school zones, avoid using cell phones, follow warnings from school crossing guards, and watch out for children in crosswalks and on sidewalks who may not be paying attention, and could dart into the street. You can view the video at [Facebook.com/CityofRockwall](https://www.facebook.com/CityofRockwall).



### Rockwall EDC Breaks Ground on New Phase

The Rockwall Economic Development Corporation (REDC) has broken ground on Phase Three of the Rockwall Technology Park. Mayor Kevin Fowler and City Manager Mary Smith were on hand for the ceremony. The new project includes infrastructure development for 210 acres of REDC land. This land helps the REDC diversify the Rockwall tax base, by attracting new businesses to the area.

## North Texas Municipal Water District Board Changes

With all the emphasis on water these days, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has come into prominence of late. Specifically of note, there have been some key changes with the City of Rockwall's representatives on the NTMWD Board of Directors. After nearly three decades, one representative has retired from his role, and a familiar face is stepping into his place.

Larry Parks has served since 1993 in various roles on the NTMWD Board of Directors, including President twice. Mr. Parks, a former banker and longtime Rockwall resident, is stepping down to enjoy retirement with his family. NTMWD Executive Director Jenna Covington thanked Mr. Parks for his many decades of service through much change, including building a new reservoir, four new water plants, and expansions of the three largest regional wastewater plants.



Former Rockwall City Manager Rick Crowley was selected to fill the role. He retired in 2020 after 42 years of municipal service, with 37 of those in the City of Rockwall. During his tenure, he served in several key roles, including Director of Public Works, Director of Municipal Services, Assistant City Manager, and City Manager from 2012-2020. Mr. Crowley's vast experience with water and wastewater utilities for the City makes him well suited for this new role.

## Explore the Great Outdoors in Rockwall Parks

There are so many ways to appreciate nature in the City of Rockwall. The Parks and Recreation system has eight butterfly gardens where residents can visit, observe and enjoy the beautiful butterflies. Seven of the gardens are designated as Monarch Waystations, or pollinator gardens, and one is a butterfly prairie meadow. The volunteers who maintain the butterfly gardens, the Butterfly Brigade, always need helpers. If you're interested, please email Wendy Young at [wyoung@rockwall.com](mailto:wyoung@rockwall.com).

Additionally, the Pettinger Nature Preserve provides three outdoor educational classrooms for residents to use at any time, free of charge. Operating hours at all Rockwall parks are 5 a.m.-10 p.m. The classrooms have been used by RISD science teachers to allow students an opportunity to spend quality time in the great outdoors. Residents are encouraged to put on their walking shoes, grab a camera, and explore the beauty all around!

