

## ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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#### Celebrate Heart Health Month

Rockwall is home to beautiful parks and trails that make exercise enjoyable. Staying active is one of

the best ways to keep your heart healthy. Here are some great spots to visit:

• Harry Myers Park: This beloved Rockwall destination offers something for everyone! With scenic walking trails, open green spaces, and disk golf course, it's the perfect spot to enjoy fresh air while boosting your heart health. Bring along your furry friends for a walk—just remember, leashes are required on the trails, but the dog park provides a safe, off-leash area for them to play. For a little friendly competition, check out the pickleball courts, a great way to get moving and have fun. And don't forget the kiddos! The KidZone playground is fully gated, handicap accessible, and packed with colorful play equipment.

The Trails at Squabble Creek: If you prefer a more challenging workout, these trails are ideal for

hiking or biking. It's a serene escape that benefits both your heart and your mind.









#### TEMPORARY CHANGE IN WATER DISINFECTANT

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will implement its annual temporary change in water disinfectant beginning in March for approximately one month. This routine maintenance ensures water quality and safety by using chlorine-only disinfection during this period. Residents may notice a slight change in taste or smell, but the water remains safe to drink and use. The process, required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, includes ongoing testing to meet safety standards. Certain groups, such as dialysis patients, aquatic animal owners, etc., may consider taking necessary precautions. For more details, visit https://www.ntmwd.com/195/Temporary-Change-in-Disinfectant.

### City Council Elections May 3, 2025

The City of Rockwall will hold its City Council elections on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Positions up for election include Mayor and City Council Places 1, 3, and 5. These roles are vital in providing leadership, shaping policies, and engaging with the community to maintain Rockwall's high quality of life. Residents must be registered to vote by April 3, 2025 to participate in this election. Early voting begins on April 22, 2025, and ends on April 29, 2025. For more information on voter registration and polling locations, please visit the Rockwall County Elections Department website at https://www.rockwallvotes.com/.



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#### **INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES**



TxDOT is launching significant projects in Rockwall, including the widening of I-30 bridges over John King Blvd and FM 3549/Stodghill Rd. Expect closures of on-ramps to the Interstate. These upgrades will involve adding lanes in the center of the existing bridges. 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 substructure for the I-30 eastbound frontage road on the lake is nearing completion, and drilling has started on the westbound side. 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 <a href="https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/signup/35720">drivetexas.org</a> Sign up for text alerts at <a href="https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/signup/35720">https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/signup/35720</a>

#### CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY

Dive into the action and gain firsthand experience in the world of firefighting with the 2025 Citizen's Fire Academy! Over eight weeks, you'll explore topics like fire service history, emergency apparatus, fire operations, and fire & arson investigations. Get hands-on with breathing apparatus, search and rescue, firefighting exercises, and even portable fire extinguishers. Plus, you'll ride along with firefighters during live operations!

Classes are Thursday evenings, April 3- May 22 and one Saturday. www.rockwall.com/fire\_CFA.asp









# Maddie Month

Hi! I'm Maddie, a sweet 5-year-old Pit/Lab mix looking for my forever family. I was surrendered because I didn't get along with young kids, and I have cataracts that make it hard for me to see, so I'd do best in a calm home with adults or kids 16+ who can approach me slowly.

I'm house-trained, crate-trained, walk well on a leash, and get along with other dogs (a meet and greet is encouraged). I've been waiting over 150 days to find my new home and am now a Diamond Dog! My adoption fee is \$75, and I'm spayed, microchipped, up-to-date on vaccines, and heartworm-negative. Let's meet soon!

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TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC

February is the ideal time to prepare your landscape and equipment for the busy spring season ahead. Start by sharpening or replacing your mower blades and giving your mower some care with an oil change and a new air filter. Inspect your irrigation system thoroughly and make any needed repairs to ensure everything is in top shape when watering season arrives.

Before March 1st, focus on pruning your trees, cutting back ornamental grasses and perennial plants, and planting new trees and shrubs. Mid to late February is also the perfect time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent spring and summer weeds from taking over. By tackling these tasks now, you'll set the stage for a healthy, thriving landscape this spring!

Starting Spring projects? Check out projects that require permits before you start: https://www.rockwall.com/buildinginspections\_int.asp



### Mark your Calendar

Animal Shot Clinic - March 29 Harry Myers Park

SNAP Easter Egg Hunt - April 5 Yellow Jacket Park

**Spring Eggstravaganza - April 12**The Harbor

Fishing Derby - April 26 Harry Myers Park Founders Day - May 17 Harry Myers Park https://www.rockwall.com/EventCalendar.asp

Concerts by the Lake - Kick Off on May 1 The Harbor Thursday nights, May - July

San Jacinto Music Series - Kick Off on May 2 San Jacinto Plaza Downtown Friday and Saturday nights, May - Sept

