



City Council Recognizes Community Achievement and Service

During the July 6 City Council meeting, Mayor Tim McCallum presented several special recognitions celebrating education, parks, and public safety. Anna Jane Weible was honored with a proclamation designating Anna Jane Weible Memory Master Day in recognition of her outstanding achievement through the Classical Conversations Memory Masters program, where she successfully memorized and recited an extensive body of knowledge spanning history, geography, science, math, English grammar, and Latin.

The Council also proclaimed July as Parks & Recreation Month, recognizing the Parks & Recreation Department for providing exceptional programs, events, and well-maintained parks, trails, playgrounds, and athletic fields that enhance the quality of life for Rockwall residents.

Additionally, the Rockwall Professional Firefighters Association presented commemorative gifts to Mayor McCallum and Council Members Hagaman, Henson, Lewis, and Campbell in appreciation for their participation in Fire Operations 101, a hands-on training experience that provided valuable insight into live fire suppression and the daily challenges faced by Rockwall firefighters.



Applications Now Open for the 2026–2027 Rockwall Youth Advisory Council

Do you have a Rockwall high school student looking to learn more about their community? Applications are now open for the 2026–2027 Rockwall Youth Advisory Council (YAC)! The Rockwall YAC provides students with a unique opportunity to learn how local government works while developing valuable leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. Throughout the year, members meet with City leaders, tour City facilities, participate in community events, attend a leadership conference, and gain firsthand experience in municipal government. Applications are due Friday, August 28, with interviews scheduled for Tuesday, September 1. The application takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and requires one letter of recommendation. If your Highschooler is looking to grow as a leader and make a positive impact in the Rockwall community, we encourage them to apply today! Learn more and apply at: www.rockwall.com/citysec_yac.asp



Water Smarter This Summer



Just because temperatures are soaring doesn't mean your lawn needs water every day. In fact, most North Texas lawns only need about one inch of water each week, applied over two watering days.

To get the most out of every drop, use the cycle and soak method. Instead of watering all at once, break your irrigation into shorter cycles with a little time in between. This allows our North Texas clay soil to absorb more water, getting it down to the root zone where your grass needs it most while reducing runoff into the street.

Before your next watering day, take a few minutes to check your sprinkler system. Make sure sprinkler heads are aimed at your lawn and landscaping—not the sidewalk, driveway, or street. After all, concrete doesn't grow grass!

For the best watering schedule based on local weather conditions, sign up to receive Weekly Watering Advice delivered directly to your email or phone every Monday at <https://waterisawesome.com/>. You can also visit www.watermyyard.org for customized watering recommendations for your lawn.

Discover Friendship and Fun, with Rockwall's Senior Programs

Looking for a great way to stay active, meet new friends, and have fun? If you're 55 years or older, Rockwall Parks & Recreation invites you to be part of our vibrant Senior Programs. Whether you enjoy staying active with exercise classes, testing your skills during bingo, bridge, ping pong, or getting creative with the Yarn & Darn group, there's something for everyone. We offer educational opportunities and luncheons designed to promote healthy living, lifelong learning, and meaningful social connections. To view the current schedule of activities and upcoming special events, visit PlayRockwall.com or call 972-771-7740 for more information.



The Senior Resource Fair will take place at The Center on September 11 at 9am. Join Rockwall Parks and Recreation & Rockwall Chamber of Commerce's Senior Service Alliance, as we help educate our senior population on options for health care, retirement planning, end of life planning and more from business right here in the Rockwall community! This event is FREE from 9am - 12pm and includes snacks and refreshments, health screenings and dozens of door prizes (must be present to win)!

Fall 2026 Little Kickers Registration Now Open

Get ready to kick off the fall season! Little Kickers is a fun, interactive soccer program for children ages 3–6, designed to teach fundamental soccer skills while building confidence, teamwork, and friendships. Sessions are held at Harry Myers Park and meet twice a week for three weeks, with two fall sessions to choose from; Sept. 1 - 17 or Sept. 21 - Oct 7.

Space is limited, so register early at <https://www.rockwall.com/parks.asp>



Don't Let a Small Battery Become a Big Problem: Keep Batteries Out of the Garbage

A battery tossed into the garbage may seem harmless, but it can quickly become a dangerous fire. As more everyday household items rely on rechargeable batteries, especially lithium-ion batteries, the risk of fires in garbage trucks and waste facilities continues to grow. Items such as old cell phones, rechargeable power tools, toys, flashlights, electric toothbrushes, laptops, tablets, and even some greeting cards contain batteries that should never be placed in household garbage or recycling carts.



When a garbage truck compacts waste, batteries can become crushed or damaged. Lithium-ion batteries contain flammable materials that can overheat, ignite, and release hazardous gases when punctured, bent, or crushed. Fires caused by improperly discarded batteries have become an increasing concern nationwide, resulting in costly equipment damage, hazardous cleanup, service disruptions, and serious injuries.

In many cases, the safest way to handle a fire inside a collection truck is for the driver to immediately dump the entire load onto the roadway before the flames spread to the vehicle. While this helps protect the driver and surrounding community, it creates a dangerous situation that requires emergency responders and extensive cleanup.

The good news is preventing these fires is easy. Never place lithium-ion or rechargeable batteries in your garbage or recycling cart. Instead, residents can safely dispose of batteries and other household hazardous waste through the City of Rockwall's convenient at-home collection program. The City partners with Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Solutions to provide collection of household hazardous waste, including batteries, directly from residents' homes.

Residents can schedule a Wednesday pickup by visiting www.hhwsolutions.com or calling 972-440-2040. In addition to batteries, HHW Solutions accepts many common household hazardous waste items, including chemicals (in their original containers), automotive fluids, paints, and other approved materials.

It takes one battery to start a fire but it only takes one simple decision to prevent one. Keep batteries out of the garbage and recycle them safely through HHW Solutions.

HHW Solutions Info

Wrap Up Summer with a Splash!

Looking for the perfect way to beat the Texas heat? The revamped Sprayground at Harry Myers Park is open and ready for fun! The Sprayground is open daily from April through October, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Simply touch the foot activation sensor to start the water features, which run in 10-minute cycles. Whether you're looking for a quick cool-down after the playground or planning a family outing, the new Sprayground is a great way to enjoy the outdoors all summer long. Grab your sunscreen, towels, and friends, and come make a splash at Harry Myers Park!



Harbor Fountain Improvements Underway



Work is beginning on improvements to the Harbor Fountain as the existing fountain basins have been drained and cleaned in preparation for the installation of new liners. Installation is expected to begin within the next one to two weeks, with the project anticipated to take approximately 30 days to complete. We appreciate your patience as these improvements are made to enhance the Harbor experience for residents and visitors.

Travis' Toolbox

Tips from Travis Sales, Director of Parks and Rec

A tiny beetle is causing a big problem for ash trees in Rockwall County. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)—a highly destructive, invasive insect that targets ash trees was first identified in Rockwall in July 2025 and has since been identified at multiple locations throughout Rockwall County. This small metallic-green beetle, originally from Asia, has spread across the U.S. since the 1990s, killing millions of ash trees. It was first detected in Michigan in 2002 and is now confirmed in Rockwall County by both City staff and the Texas A&M Forest Service. All types of ash trees are susceptible—including White Ash, Green Ash, and Black Ash, with Green Ash being the most common in our area.

What to Look For:

- “D”-shaped exit holes in the bark
- S-shaped tunnels under the bark
- Sudden dieback of ash tree branches or entire trees

What Should You Do?

- **Dead Trees in Natural Areas:** If an infected tree is in a greenbelt or natural area and does not pose a danger to people or property, it can be left in place.
- **Valuable Landscape Trees:** Trees in yards, parks, or public areas may benefit from treatment if still healthy. The most effective method is injection with emamectin benzoate, which must be done by a Certified Arborist.
- **Older Ash Trees:** Many Arizona Ash trees planted in the 1970s–80s are nearing the end of their lifespan. If impacted by EAB, removal is likely the best option.

If you suspect your tree is affected, contact an ISA Certified Arborist for inspection and treatment options.

Fun Fact: The Emerald Ash Borer is the only insect that leaves behind a D-shaped hole when it exits the tree!



Pet of the Month



Molly is a 6-year-old Anatolian Shepherd/Pit Bull mix who weighs approximately 93 pounds and is looking for the right home to match her loyal and intelligent personality. Molly was surrendered to our facility after she was not compatible with the other dogs in her previous home. Molly is very treat-motivated, knows several basic commands, walks well on a leash, and even knows some fun tricks like offering her paw for a shake. She appears to be both house trained and crate trained, which should help make her transition into a new home a smooth one. As a middle-aged, extra-large breed dog, Molly prefers a calmer environment and is well past the puppy stage. Because of this, she would do best in a

home with children 16 years of age or older, or in an adult-only household. Molly does not do well with female dogs but may coexist with a calm, large-breed male dog. If you currently have a large male dog in the home, a meet and greet will be required prior to adoption to help ensure a good fit. Molly is now a Diamond Dog, which means her adoption fee has been reduced to just \$75 in hopes of helping her find the loving home she deserves. Molly has been in shelter care for over 150 days. Molly is spayed, microchipped, heartworm negative, current on her rabies vaccination, and up to date on her basic boosters. Apply online to meet Molly today!

Rockwall Adoption Center
1825 Airport Road, Rockwall, TX 75087
(972) 771-7750 ext 2
<https://rockwalladoptions.com/>

Pay your Water Bill Online

Is your water bill still coming in the mail? Did you know you can receive it straight to your email and pay through our online billing portal?

With just a few clicks, you can:

- ✓ View your bill anytime
- ✓ Make secure online payments
- ✓ Sign up for paperless billing
- ✓ Set up auto-pay and never miss a due date

Note: You'll need to "Sign Up" if this is your first time logging into your account online. Make sure your name matches exactly as it appears on your bill.

[Enroll or Log In](#)

City Council Meetings

The City of Rockwall holds its City Council Meetings at 6:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month. If the meeting falls on a holiday, it will be rescheduled to the next business day.

Council Chambers
Rockwall City Hall
385 South Goliad St
Rockwall, TX 75087

In accordance with state law, notices of meetings are posted at least 3 business days in advance. This posting occurs inside the boundaries of the City at its City Hall building, and on the website: <https://www.rockwall.com/meetings.asp>

Residents may attend in person or they may watch the meeting online at this link:
<https://www.rockwall.com/video.asp>

Residents who attend in person can participate in the Open Forum. This is a time for anyone to address the Council and public on any topic not already listed on the agenda or set for a public hearing. Please note, in accordance with Council policy, public comments are limited to three (3) minutes to ensure everyone has a chance to speak. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits Council from responding to comments made during Open Forum, as the topic has not been posted on the agenda 3 business days in advance. This allows other citizens with similar concerns to participate in the discussion at a future meeting.

Events Coming Up

Little Kickers Soccer Program

Sept - Oct
Signups begin August 1

Senior Resource Fair

The Center
Sept 11, 9am -12pm

Mother Son Dance

Springhill Suites
Sept 12, 5PM-6:30PM or 7PM-9:30PM

Rockwall Farmers Market

Downtown Rockwall - 8AM -12PM
Saturday mornings, May - Sept

San Jacinto Music Series

San Jacinto Plaza Downtown 7PM - 9:30PM
Friday and Saturday nights, May - Oct

Concert by the Lake Series

The Harbor - 7PM - 9PM
Thursday nights in Oct

Scare on the Square

Downtown Rockwall
Oct 24, 2PM - 5PM



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