



Rockwall Celebrates Founders Day

Thousands of residents and visitors gathered on Saturday, May 16, to celebrate Founders Day 2026 and the City of Rockwall's 172nd birthday. From morning to night, the community came together to enjoy a day filled with live music, family activities, local shopping, and hometown pride.

The celebration began in Downtown Rockwall with the popular Farmers Market and a community wine walk featuring local boutiques and businesses. Festivities continued at Harry Myers Park with family-friendly attractions including bounce houses, a rock climbing wall, food vendors, and a variety of local merchants.

The evening concluded with free live entertainment featuring performances by Billie Jo Jones, co-headliners Randy Houser, and The Randy Rogers Band. Families and friends gathered to enjoy an unforgettable night of music and celebration under the stars.

The City of Rockwall extends its sincere appreciation to the performers, vendors, sponsors, volunteers, City staff, and public safety personnel whose hard work and dedication helped make Founders Day 2026 a success.



Councilmembers Officially Sworn In for New Term

As a result of May elections, returning and newly elected councilmembers were sworn in during the May 18th City Council meeting. Incumbent Councilmembers Mark Moeller (Place 2) and Anna Campbell (Place 6), along with newly elected Councilmember John Hagaman (Place 4), each took the oath of office to begin their

two-year terms. For more information about Rockwall City Councilmembers visit <https://www.rockwall.com/council.asp>

Mark Moeller - Place 2
John Hagaman - Place 4
Anna Campbell - Place 6



Rockwall Art Commission Unveils Mosaic Tractor

The Rockwall Art Commission proudly unveiled its newest public art installation — a stunning mosaic tractor now located in front of the Rockwall Historic Museum at Harry Myers Park.

Created by local artist, Barbara Dybala, this unique piece celebrates Rockwall's agricultural heritage while adding a colorful and interactive artistic feature for residents and visitors to enjoy.



The mosaic tractor offers a fun photo opportunity and an up-close look at the craftsmanship and creativity behind the installation. Visitors are encouraged to stop by, explore the artwork, and experience this exciting addition to Rockwall's growing public art collection.

Rockwall's Independence Day Celebration Returns July 4

Rockwall is gearing up to celebrate Independence Day with a full day of family-friendly fun on the 4th of July! The festivities begin with Rockwall's patriotic parade at 11 a.m., starting at the Rockwall County Courthouse and ending at Dobbs Elementary. Residents and visitors are encouraged to arrive early, wear their red, white, and blue, and enjoy a festive celebration honoring our nation's independence. End your night with a bang at Harry Myers Park.

There will be no on-site parking this year. Charters will begin running at 3P. Charter buses will run from:

- Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium
- Rockwall High School.

The day kicks off with our Downtown Parade at 11 AM, featuring festive floats, community groups, and plenty of red, white, and blue.

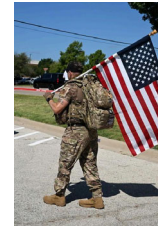
Then, join us in the evening at Harry Myers Park from 5 PM to 10 PM for:

- Delicious Food Trucks

- Live Music
- A Spectacular Fireworks Show

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, food, and drink to settle in for an evening of great tunes.

For full event details, visit: https://www.rockwall.com/event_july4th.asp



City Council Recognizes Groups Serving our Community

At the City Council meetings in May, we celebrated service, heritage, and leadership in our community through a series of proclamations and recognitions:

- Police Memorial Week – Honoring the brave officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. We remember and thank you. Rockwall Police Department
- Older Americans Month – Recognizing the invaluable contributions of our seniors, with a special thank you to Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County for their continued support.
- Travel & Tourism Week – Recognizing the importance that tourism plays a in our community—especially in destinations like Historic Downtown and The Harbor District.
- Carles Richardson – his outstanding achievements in scouting and service to the community as he earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
- Youth Advisory Council (YAC) – We proudly recognized our graduating seniors for their leadership and involvement in local government. The future is bright!



We are grateful for every person and organization that helps shape Rockwall into the vibrant, compassionate city we call home.





Pools Now Open!

Pools are open for open swim beginning Monday, June 2. Open Swim is available at Harry Myers Pool and Gloria Williams Pool.

- Monday through Friday: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Closed on Sundays

Summer swim lessons are available for children ages 3-12 with multiple sessions to choose from.



[More Swim Info](#)

A Heartfelt Goodbye

We celebrate the service of outgoing City Councilman Sedric Thomas, whose leadership and community involvement has had a tremendous impact to Rockwall.

Councilman Thomas brought a strong record of public service, having previously served on the Planning and Zoning Commission before being appointed to City Council Place 4 in May 2023.

Beyond city hall, he has served the broader community as a member of the Helping Hands Board of Directors (Past President) and the Rockwall Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Thank you for your dedication in serving Rockwall and its residents.



Travis' Toolbox

Tips from Travis Sales, Director of Parks and Rec

Ever wonder why the water in our park ponds sometimes looks blue or black, or whether they're stocked with fish? The City of Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department manages a year-round biological and ecological maintenance program to keep our ponds healthy, scenic, and enjoyable for everyone. Each year, with the help of Texas Parks & Wildlife, the city stocks local ponds with finger-length Largemouth Bass, Blue Catfish, Fathead Minnows, and Bluegill to support recreational fishing and ecosystem balance. But it's not just about fish, but also keeping the water clean and algae-free is a top priority. From March through October, the Parks Department partners with Solitude Lake Management to treat ponds for algae and aquatic weeds twice a month during the summer and once a month in early spring and fall. Algae and weed growth are often caused by a combination of sunlight, warmer temperatures, fertilizer runoff, and lack of rainfall. That distinct blue or black tint in the water it's from non-toxic fishsafe dyes like Aqua Shade and Five Star, which block specific light spectrums that fuel plant photosynthesis. The dyes used alongside other treatments help reduce unwanted growth while maintaining the pond's natural look.



Rockwall County Mayor's Breakfast Marks National Day of Prayer

Community leaders, residents, elected officials, and faith leaders gathered for the 25th Annual Rockwall County Mayor's Breakfast in observance of the National Day of Prayer.

The event provided an opportunity for attendees to come together in reflection and unity while offering prayers for our community, local leaders, first responders, schools, and nation. This longstanding tradition continues to serve as a meaningful reminder of the importance of community, service, and shared support for one another.



Spring Growth, City Code: Keep Your Yard in Check This Season

Spring is a season of fresh starts and fast-growing grass! With warmer weather and spring rains, lawns, shrubs, and trees seem to come alive overnight. But as plants

thrive, it's important to keep an eye on their growth to stay in compliance with City ordinances and help maintain a clean, safe, and beautiful Rockwall.

Grass and Weeds: Stay Below the 10-Inch Limit

Grass, weeds, or brush over 10 inches tall are considered a nuisance and can pose fire hazards and public safety concerns. This rule includes all areas of the property, front, back, and side yards, including the parkways (the grassy strip between the sidewalk and the curb or alley).

Don't Just Cut, Clean It Up

Trimming tall weeds or grass is only half the job. Any cut debris must also be promptly removed. Leaving it behind can still result in a violation.

Public Right-of-Way? That's Your Job, Too

Property owners (or tenants) are responsible for maintaining the public right-of-way adjacent to their lot. That means residents need to trim grass, remove brush, and maintain overgrowth in bushes and trees in these areas as well. Trees and shrubs can't block street signs, streetlights, sidewalks, or intersections. Residents are required to maintain:

- 12 feet of clearance over streets and alleys
- 8 feet of clearance over sidewalks
- 6 inches of clearance from the curb or alley edge

What Happens If You Receive a Violation?

If a code violation is found, the City will issue a notice. Residents have 7-10 days to resolve the issue before further enforcement action is taken. If a violation isn't addressed after a notice, the City may take action and send the bill. Maintaining yards isn't just about avoiding fines, it helps prevent pests, improves neighborhood appeal, and keeps sidewalks and roadways safe for everyone. Thank you for doing your part to keep Rockwall beautiful this spring!

More Info



Pet of the Month

Meet Kaia, a 6-year-old American Bully weighing approximately 54 pounds who is ready to leave shelter life behind and find a loving, stable home. As of 05/18/26, Kaia has been in our care for 142 days and is now one of our Diamond Dogs, which means her adoption fee has been reduced to \$75 to help her find the right match. She came to us due to a military relocation and has handled the transition with

remarkable calmness and resilience. Kaia is a gentle, well-mannered companion who thrives on being close to her people. She is house trained, crate trained, and has a calm, steady personality that makes her a great fit for a more relaxed home environment. She enjoys quiet time, companionship, and especially loves belly rubs. Kaia forms strong bonds with her people and does best in a home that offers consistency and understanding.



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

Welcome IKEA

The Mayor and City Council joined City staff, community partners, and business leaders to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new IKEA store in Rockwall.

The addition of IKEA marks an exciting milestone for the community, bringing new shopping opportunities, jobs, and economic growth to the city. Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, attendees were given a first look at the new store as it officially opened its doors to customers.

We are excited to welcome IKEA to Rockwall and look forward to the positive impact it will have on our residents, visitors, and local economy.



Pay your Water Bill Online

Paying your water bill just got a whole lot easier! Rockwall's online billing portal is up and running, and it's designed with you in mind.

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.

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

Concerts by the Lake

The Harbor
Thursday Nights, May-October, 7pm-9pm

San Jacinto Music Series

San Jacinto Plaza Downtown
Friday and Saturday Nights, May-October, 7pm-9:30pm

Rockwall Farmers Market

Downtown Square
Saturday Mornings, May-September, 8am-12pm

Independence Day Celebrations - July 4

Downtown Parade, 11am
Fireworks at Harry Myers Park, at dusk



Event Calendar

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