



ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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A Vacation to Remember for Area Students

Second Annual Summer Safety Camp a Success

Once again, the Rockwall Police Department has reached out to students in the community to educate, inform and inspire. The PD recently hosted the second annual Summer Safety Camp for local students going into grades 5-6.

The camp is free, and each group attended a week long session to learn more about police operations and procedures. In addition, the instructors also covered safety and personal development topics such as social media safety, drug awareness, bullying, and personal goal setting.

A class favorite is when the young cadets have the opportunity to work a mock crime scene and interact with members of the Rockwall PD SWAT Team and K-9 officers.

Happening Around Town

Thursday-Saturday, May 3-October 27

*San Jacinto Plaza Music Series,
Historic Downtown Rockwall, 6:30-9 p.m.*

Saturdays, May 5-September 29

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

Tuesday, September 4

*Rockwall Baseball and Softball League (RBSL)
Fall Season Starts, Tuttle Athletic Complex,
Pre-registration required

Friday, September 14

*Family Fun Friday, The Emoji Movie,
The Park at Fox Chase, 6 p.m.*

Saturday, September 15

*Rockwall Dog Dayz, Harry Myers Dog Park,
10 a.m.-12 noon*

Saturday, October 6

*Rib Rub Run & Roll, Historic Downtown Rockwall,
8 a.m.-5 p.m.*

For more information:

Rockwall.com, PlayRockwall.com



Rockwall FD Raises Awareness about Fire Safety

While some recognize Fire Prevention Week every year, the Rockwall Fire Department dedicates a whole month to fire safety education and awareness, including visits and instruction at all area schools.

This year's theme is, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere."

- Look for places fire could start.
- Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Learn two ways out of every room; ensure exits are clutter-free.

Out and About in Rockwall



Downtown Area Gets a Facelift

Take another look at downtown Rockwall. The north end of San Jacinto has received a new facelift. All of the businesses in the area have recently received exterior improvements including fresh paint to brighten their façades. The streetscape was redone in 2016 as part of the downtown improvements.



Honoring Our Sheriff

The Mayor and City Council recently recognized Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eavenson for his years of service and dedication. He has just completed his yearlong term as President of the National Sheriff's Association.



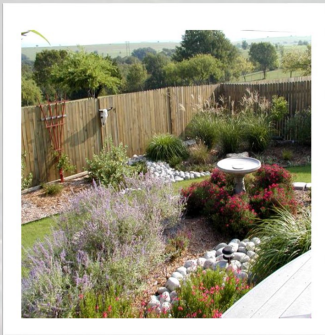
Fourth of July Fun

Rockwall residents turned out in huge numbers to celebrate Independence Day. Events included the annual parade, food and festivities in the park, live music and a show stopping fireworks display.



Recognizing a Local Legend

Longtime resident, Barb Coleson, dedicated her life and works to helping make Rockwall a better place to live, work and play. City officials recently honored her with a plaque located downtown in the San Jacinto Plaza. Among Mrs. Coleson's many legacies: Rockwall Farmers Market, Rockwall Summer Musicals and Friends of Downtown Rockwall.



Consider Texas SmartScape™

Texas SmartScape™ provides design, care, and plant search tools that are "Smart" for North Central Texas. Plants require less water, which helps with conservation, and improves storm water runoff by decreasing the amount of pesticides, fertilizer and herbicides used in traditional landscaping. Additional benefits include:

- Aesthetic – Looks good year round with little effort
- Ecological – Attracts butterflies, birds, beneficial animals
- Economic – Requires less fertilizer and water
- Stress Relief – Less worry about plants and flowers wilting



Tree Trimming any Time of Year

Did you know? Homeowners in Rockwall are required to trim their overhanging trees and bushes, and keep them clear of the public right of way? This includes keeping limbs from obstructing views of intersections and street signs. Here are a few more helpful tips to remember:

- Maintain minimum clearance of 12 feet above streets, alleys
- Maintain minimum clearance of eight feet above sidewalks
- Shrubs and trees must not encroach upon streets or alleys

Love Your Landscaping: Caring for Trees in the Harsh Summer Months

North Texas has experienced varying degrees of drought conditions so far this summer, and that can wreak havoc on plants and trees. Here are some tips to help your trees survive the harsh summer months:

1. A tree with brown leaves is not necessarily dead. It may be dormant due to lack of water
2. Avoid pruning during a drought. It reduces the tree's ability to survive
3. Most importantly: water! Once a week on mature trees and twice a week on young trees

