



# ROCKWALL CITY NOTES

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## Get Ready to Dance the Night Away



Every year it's a packed house for families across Rockwall. The annual Daddy Daughter Dance draws hundreds of smiling faces for a sellout event. The evening is filled with princess dresses, flowers and loads of laughter.

The event takes place at the Hilton at the Harbor from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, January 26. Some of the day's activities include family photos, refreshments and lots of dancing. It's a long-standing tradition for some families, where memories are made for a lifetime. Tickets sell out quickly, and you must pre-register. Please visit [playrockwall.com](http://playrockwall.com) for more event details and ticket information.



## Downtown Rockwall Honored with Award

In the short time Ted Cain's Corner Park has been in Downtown Rockwall, it has already become an iconic part of the landscape. And now the Texas Downtown Association (TDA) has awarded Ted Cain's Corner Park with the Best Improvement Project for 2018.

The project to renovate the historic structure was a collaborative effort between the City of Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department, Rockwall Main Street, and the Cain Family. The former used car dealership was transformed into a quaint park and public restrooms. Today, visitors and patrons can use the park, herb garden and restrooms anytime they're downtown.

Prior to this award, Rockwall residents rallied to win the TDA People's Choice Award for Best Improvement for the same project. Votes for that competition were tallied online via Facebook.

## Happening Around Town

### Wednesday-Friday, December 26-January 4

*Christmas Tree Drop-off, Tuttle Sports Complex Parking Lot, (1550 Airport Rd.)*

### Saturday, January 26

*Daddy Daughter Dance, Hilton Dallas-Rockwall Lakefront, 6-9 p.m.*

### Saturday, February 16

*S.N.A.P. (Special Needs & Adaptive Programming) Prom, The Center (108 E. Washington St.), 6-10 p.m.*

### Monday, February 18

*Kickoff of Youth Softball and Baseball Spring Season, Tuttle Sports Complex (1550 Airport Rd.)*

### Monday-Friday, March 11-15

*Spring Break Rock Camp, Harry Myers Community Center, (815 E. Washington St.), 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.*

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

## Out and About in Rockwall



### The Giving Spirit

Rockwall residents gathered to deliver and serve meals to our neighbors in need. We are Rockwall, or WAR, started several years ago as an annual community-wide event to bring families together. Volunteers from various churches and non-profits set aside one day to provide meals to an estimated 500 people locally.



### Rockwall Shops Small

Local shoppers headed into the holiday season early by choosing to shop small. Across the City, many area businesses participated in the annual Small Business Saturday event. The national effort helps raise awareness and boost patronage for small businesses.



### Road Construction

A reconstruction project has begun on Highland Drive in front of Reinhardt Elementary. The project is part of the 2018 street bond funding approved by voters in May. The estimated completion date for the project is summer 2019.



### Comprehensive Plan Update

The City of Rockwall's Planning and Zoning Department hosted an open house to present the *OURHometown Vision 2040* Comprehensive Plan Update. P&Z staff answered questions from the general public. You can find a link to more information at [Rockwall.com](http://Rockwall.com).



### Rockwall Hosts "Mappiest" Day

**Did you know?** There's an educational event playfully referred to as the "mappiest" day of the year. The City of Rockwall recently hosted the fifth annual GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Day open house and map gallery event.

GIS Day is an international event that showcases how GIS is used and what the technology offers. The open house provides a fun opportunity for residents to learn about maps and how GIS technology brings value to the community daily.

### Defend Your Drains—Think Before Putting that in the Sink

During the holiday season, we tend to create more FOG than normal. Fats, oils and grease, or FOG, comes from meats, butters and margarine, lard, food scraps, sauces, salad dressings, dairy products and cooking oil.

When FOG goes down the drain, it hardens and causes sewer pipes to clog. This can lead to a sanitary sewer overflow where **raw sewage actually backs up into your home, lawn, neighborhood and streets.**

Not only does this nasty mess cause health issues, it's also expensive to fix, and can run into a nearby stream or river, which affects our drinking water.

Here's how to properly dispose of FOG:

- Put oil and grease in sealable containers for recycling
- Wipe excess grease from pans and throw away
- Toss food scraps in garbage instead of disposal



### Recycle Your Old Christmas Tree

Once the Christmas season comes to a close and you're ready to toss your live tree, please do so responsibly. The City of Rockwall has a program to recycle trees and use the mulch in public parks. Tree drop-off begins Wednesday, December 26, and runs through Friday, January 4. Be sure to remove all lights, ornaments and stands and take your tree to the Tuttle Sports Complex parking lot located at 1550 Airport Road.