

ROCKWALL CITY NOTES



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CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CAUSES

During the month of June, the City welcomed representatives from the Rockwall County Historical Foundation, who shared updates on the countywide America 250 initiative and presented Council with a commemorative flag marking our nation's upcoming 250th anniversary. More than 350 patriotic banners have been installed throughout Rockwall County, including many in Downtown Rockwall and at The Harbor.

Council also recognized several outstanding community members for their service and achievements. Telecommunications Operator Thompson was honored as the NCT911 Telecommunicator of the Year for his innovative use of Text-to-911 technology during a critical incident, and Officer Sarna received the Life Saving Award for his swift actions that helped save the life of an injured victim. Telecommunications Supervisor Rachel Zasik and Telecommunications Operator Peyton Garrett received the Certificate of Merit Award for their professionalism, teamwork, and ability to remain calm under pressure while managing multiple critical incidents involving numerous agencies and jurisdictions.

Mayor Tim McCallum proclaimed June 22–26, 2026, as Boys & Girls Club Week, recognizing the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Texas for providing local youth with safe, supportive environments where they can learn, grow, and succeed.

The City celebrated a milestone for the Rockwall School of Music, proclaiming June 9, 2026, as "Happy 30th Anniversary, Rockwall School of Music Day" in honor of Russ and Karen Porter and their dedicated staff for three decades of inspiring musicians and enriching lives throughout the Rockwall community.



HELP FIRST RESPONDERS BY KEEPING YOUR ALARM PERMIT CURRENT



The City of Rockwall requires residents and businesses with monitored security alarm systems to maintain a valid alarm permit and renew it annually. The annual permit fee is \$30 for monitored residential alarms and \$50 for commercial alarms. Keeping your permit information current helps ensure emergency responders have accurate contact information and reduces unnecessary responses to false alarms. Please note that residences and businesses may incur penalties for excessive false alarms. To apply for a new permit, renew an existing permit, or update your account information, visit the City's Alarm Permit Program website. <https://tinyurl.com/rockwallalarmpermit>



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MOSQUITO SAFETY MEASURES

The City of Rockwall encourages residents to take proactive steps to protect against mosquito population and mosquito-borne illnesses during the hot summer months. The recent storms and significant rainfall have created ideal conditions for mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn and can spread diseases such as the West Nile virus and Zika virus. Recommendations to help reduce exposure:

- Use Insect Repellent: Apply an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus every time you go outside. Follow the instructions on the label for safe use.
- Drain Standing Water: Regularly remove water from empty cans, tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters, and saucers under potted plants. Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water. Please note that the City can only treat stagnant water on public property.
- Wear Protective Clothing: Wear long sleeves and pants during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

As of June 22, there have been no confirmed human cases of West Nile Virus within the City of Rockwall. The City traps mosquitoes weekly in north, central, and south Rockwall from June through September. The mosquitoes are sent to Austin for testing for pathogens such as West Nile Virus. Reports are typically received within 48 hours. If a mosquito tests positive for a pathogen, a fogging operation is scheduled within a 1/2 mile radius around the positive trap. For further information, visit <https://www.rockwall.com/mosquito.asp>

RECYCLING HOW-TO

Recycle Coach will no longer be supported as of July 31, 2026. Please refer to Recycling Simplified by Republic Services for tips and guidelines for recycling in Rockwall. Reminder: please don't bag items in your recycle cart. <https://recyclingsimplified.com/>



PET OF THE MONTH: ARCHIE



Archie is an approximately 5-year-old German Shepherd mix who is ready to leave his past behind and finally step into the life he deserves. Once found running stray and never reclaimed, Archie has spent over 230 days waiting for someone to choose him. Now a Diamond Dog, his adoption fee has been reduced to just \$75. Archie is a loving, people-focused companion who enjoys being close to his humans, soaking up attention, and simply sharing space with those he trusts. Archie appears to be both house and crate trained, making his transition into a home even smoother. Archie does well with other dogs and especially prefers female or calm, respectful companions. He enjoys peaceful coexistence and would thrive in a home that matches his relaxed, easygoing nature. Archie is neutered, microchipped, and up to date on his vaccinations. He is heartworm positive, but his treatment is sponsored by Rockwall PAWS-giving him every opportunity to return to a happy, healthy life. If you're looking for a devoted companion who will quietly steal your heart and never let go, Archie is waiting to meet you. Apply online to meet Archie today!

1825 Airport Road

rockwalladoptions.com

TRAVIS' TOOLBOX

TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES,
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC

With summer having arrived and warmer weather ahead, now is the time to check in on your automatic irrigation system. Your landscape only needs 1 inch of water per week, whether from rainfall, sprinklers, or a hose. One broken sprinkler head or leak can waste up to 25,000 gallons of water in 6-months if not repaired, leading to costly water bills.

Quick tips to save water and protect your landscape:

- Run your system weekly to check for leaks and misdirected nozzles.
- Have a licensed (required by Texas law) irrigator inspect your system annually.
- Know your nozzle's precipitation rate to avoid overwatering. Nozzles vary from 0.25" to 2" per hour.
- Water between 3 a.m. and 10 a.m. for best results and reduced evaporation.
- Adjust watering for shade vs. sun, many plants need less than you think.
- Don't assume yellowing leaves mean it's dry. Overwatering is a #1 cause of plant decline and death. Also rule out insects or disease before increasing water.
- Remember to replace your rain gauge battery annually to keep your automatic sprinkler system functioning properly.



Visit WaterMyYard.org
for more info

Mark your Calendar

Concert by the Lake Series

The Harbor - 7PM - 9PM
Thursday nights, May - July

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



Check out more events online

https://www.rockwall.com/event_Calendar.asp