

Anticipation Builds as Annual Founders Day Festival Nears

Every year, fans flock to the Rockwall Founders Day Festival, especially since it is one of the most highly anticipated events in the *Free Live Music Capital of North Texas.* Wait for the big announcement of this year's headliner on the

Southwest Kia of Rockwall Main Stage, because you won't be disappointed. This year's event takes place on Saturday, May 18, at Harry Myers Park from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and here are a few of the planned festivities for the day-long family event:

- Wide variety of food vendors from Texas BBQ to funnel cakes
- Unique specialty foods, arts and crafts, local organizations
- Kids' zone with bounce houses and games for all ages
- Live music all day on the Dallas Harley Davidson Day Stage
- Main event on the Southwest Kia Rockwall Stage at 6 p.m.





Art Rocks with New City Guitar Project

Art is about to get a lot bigger in the City of Rockwall! An upcoming project by the Art Commission is set to change the face of the City.

As a way to honor Rockwall's official title, as the *Free Live Music Capital of North Texas*, the new art project includes adding five life-size fiberglass guitars in strategic locations around town. Five local artists will festively paint the guitars in designs approved by the City Council.

The statues stand about 5' tall, and will be located in the San Jacinto Plaza, Ted Cain's Corner Park, City Hall, Harry Myers Park, and at The Harbor. The guitars are scheduled to be installed by this June.



Happening Around Town

Saturday, March 30

Woofstock (Low-cost vaccinations and pet registrations), Harry Myers Park, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

17th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Harry Myers Park East, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 13

3rd Annual SNAP (Special Needs and Adaptive Programming), Easter Egg Hunt, Yellowjacket Park, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, April 26

Family Fun Friday, The Park at Hickory Ridge, Little Giants, 6 *p.m.*

Saturday, May 18

Founders Day Festival, Harry Myers Park, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday, May 24

Family Fun Friday, Northshore Park, Sky High, 6 *p.m.*

For more information: Rockwall.com, PlayRockwall.com

Out and About in Rockwall



State of the City Address

Rockwall Mayor Jim Pruitt, along with the mayors from Heath, Fate and McLendon-Chisholm, addressed a packed crowd at the Rockwall Area Chamber's State of the City luncheon. Mayor Pruitt highlighted the City's steady growth, and what that means for the future of the area.



Mayor for a Day

Recently, first grader Kaylee Klutts stepped in as Mayor for the Day for the City of Rockwall. During her tenure, Kaylee had an opportunity to visit with Animal Services, tour Historic Downtown Rockwall, and learn how to help the Police and Fire Departments keep the City safe.



STEM Gals—Gathering Steam

To attract more young women to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers, the Rockwall High School robotics team, Full Metal Jackets, created STEM Gals. It's a robotics competition coming this fall to promote women in the field. The Rockwall City Council recognized the group for their ability to effect change.



Easter in the Park



Did you Gnow? The City of Rockwall has two highly anticipated Easter events coming up on Saturday, April 13. The 17th Annual Easter Egg Hunt takes place at Harry Myers Park East; children line up to find that extra special prize-winning egg. There will be bounce houses, a petting zoo, and a photo-op with the Easter Bunny.

Also on Saturday, April 13, the 3rd Annual SNAP (Special Needs and Adaptive Programming) Easter Egg Hunt takes place at Yellowjacket Park. Children can hunt for a prize-winning egg, and have fun with the bounce houses, petting zoo, or posing for pictures with the Easter Bunny. Look for details at playrockwall.com.

Love Your Landscaping... Tips to Get Your Lawn in Shape for Spring

It's time to prep your lawn for spring and summer and warmer days ahead, which means getting ready to fertilize and mow again. The first application of fertilization needs to be between late March and early April. Your grass needs approximately four pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet in the growing season.

Most North Texas lawns consist of either Bermuda or St. Augustine grass. To have healthy and thick turf, you should mow at least two times per week. An often overlooked item of importance is a very sharp blade to cut the turf, versus tearing the turf which can cause disease, insects, and increased water usage. Your mower blade should be sharpened or replaced at the beginning of every mowing season and sharpened or replaced mid-season.

