# ROCKWALL CITY NOTES



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ROCKWALL CELEBRATES FOUNDERS DAY

TOUNDERS DAY Thousands of residents and visitors gathered on Saturday, May 17, to celebrate Founders Day 2025. From sunrise to sunset, the City of Rockwall was alive with music, laughter, and community pride as we marked our city's 171st birthday. The day began in Downtown Rockwall with the always-popular Farmers Market, followed by an art fair in San Jacinto Plaza and wine walk that had guests sipping and shopping through local boutiques. Crowds made their way to Harry Myers Park for an afternoon of family fun featuring bounce houses, a ninja obstacle course, rock climbing wall, and a vendor fair filled with handmade goods and delicious eats. An evening of free live music kicked off with Will Jones and William Beckmann and finished off with a performance by headliner, Josh Turner. Families danced, sang along, and enjoyed the cool evening air under the stars. The City of Rockwall extends a heartfelt thank you to our performers, vendors, City staff, public safety teams, volunteers, and sponsors who helped make this happen.





#### **ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL SWEARS IN NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

At the City Council meeting held on Monday, May 19, the City of Rockwall officially welcomed newly elected officials during a swearing-in ceremony. Four positions, Mayor and Council Places 1, 3, and 5 were up for election this year, each serving a two-year term. Following the certification of election results, the oath of office was administered to the newly elected members. The newly-seated Council will continue to lead the City through upcoming projects, strategic planning, and community initiatives. For more information about Rockwall City Councilmembers visit <a href="https://www.rockwall.com/council.asp">https://www.rockwall.com/council.asp</a>

Tim McCallum - Mayor Richard W. Henson - Place 1 Melba L. Jeffus - Place 3 Dennis Lewis - Place 5

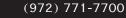








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## **2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT**

City of Rockwall Water Utility employees take pride in delivering safe, quality drinking water. The city's water system has again been rated 'superior' by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). This rating reflects the hard work and efforts by city employees to protect the health of the community by delivering and maintaining safe and reliable drinking water.

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is an annual summary of the quality of drinking water the City of Rockwall provides to customers. The CCR lists all the federally regulated or monitored contaminants that have been found in the drinking water. The EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants, and our city's drinking water meets or exceeds all federal (EPA) drinking water requirements. The annual water quality report for City of Rockwall's drinking water may be found online at: www.rockwall.com/water\_ccr.asp. The report contains important information about the source and quality of our drinking water. Please call (972) 771-7730 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

Usted podrá acceder el reporte anual de calidad de agua potable de la Ciudad de Rockwall a través del internet en www.rockwall.com/water\_ccr.asp. El reporte contiene valiosa información acerca de las fuentes de abasto y calidad de su agua potable. Si desea obtener por correo una copia del reporte de calidad de agua puede solicitar la misma comunicándose al (972) 771-7700.

### **INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES**

TxDOT's ongoing construction projects in Rockwall continue to bring major roadway improvements, including the widening of the I-30 bridges over John King Blvd. and FM 3549/Stodghill Rd. As part of this work, on-ramp closures and lane shifts are expected through the end of the year.

Speed limits have been reduced on frontage roads in City limits. Residents and drivers should use extra caution when navigating these lanes and temporary business driveways in the area.

Progress continues on the I-30 eastbound frontage road over the lake, with drilling underway on the westbound side.

For up-to-date information on daily lane closures, please visit <u>drivetexas.org</u> Sign up for text alerts at <u>https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/signup/35720</u>



**PET OF THE MONTH: BOB** 

Hi! I'm Bob! I'm an approximately 1 year old, male, Pit/Chihuahua mix and weigh about 35lbs. I have been looking for a home since October. I am full of puppy love and energy to match! I am looking for a family who has time to train me to be the best family pet I can be. Because of my energy, I am recommended in a home with kids 5 years old and up. I am crate trained and have the potential to be house trained quickly. I walk well on a leash but will need some training in minor things like not jumping. I could play fetch for hours if you let me. If you have another dog in the home, a meet and greet is encouraged to make sure we get along. I'm a Diamond Dog, so my adoption fee is \$75. I am neutered, microchipped, current on my basic boosters and rabies vaccine and am heartworm negative! Fill out an application to schedule a time to come meet mel heartworm negative! Fill out an application to schedule a time to come meet me!

1825 Airport Road

rockwalladoptions.com

# **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, 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 is often caused by a combination of sunlight, warmer temperatures, tertilizer runoff, and lack of rainfall. That distinct blue or black tint in the water? It's from non-toxic, fish safe dyes like Aqua Shade and Black Onyx, which block specific light spectrums that fuel plan



safe dyes like Aqua Shade and Black Onyx, 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. Did you know? There are over 72,500 species of algae on Earth and some can grow over 200 feet long! Thanks to consistent maintenance, our parks' ponds stay balanced and beautiful for all to enjoy.

#### Mark your Calendar

Concert by the Lake Series The Harbor Thursday nights, May - July

San Jacinto Music Series San Jacinto Plaza Downtown Friday and Saturday nights, May - Oct

**Rockwall Farmers Market** Downtown Rockwall Saturday mornings, May - Sept Public Pools Open - June 2 Harry Myers Park and Gloria Williams Park

Resident Shred Day - June 21 The Center from 8am-12pm

Independence Day Celebrations - July 4 Downtown Parade at 11am Celebrations at Harry Myers Park 5pm Fireworks at dusk



Check out more events online https://www.rockwall.com/EventCalendar.asp