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TORNADO RESPONSE

Debris Removal Update

Cleanup from the December 26 EF4
tornado estimated to take 10-12 weeks.

Debris removal in the affected areas continues. The City originally estimated 10 weeks to complete the debris removal, and current data shows that it will take at least that long, more than likely 12 weeks. Unfortunately, this isn't a "quick fix".

First, the path of the tornado was about 3½ miles long with a debris field of ½ mile. This is significant. It affected 1,110 homes and 35 businesses.

Second, the total amount of debris to be removed is estimated at about 290,000 cubic yards. Although it's only been one month since the tornado, crews have already removed about 120,000 cubic yards of debris. This means there is about 170,000 cubic yards of material left. Check out the picture below, or drive by the water tower on the southbound service road of the PGBT between Main and Miller, to see the amount of debris removed, it's staggering.

For perspective, the estimate for Garland is about 100,000 cubic yards total, about 1/3 less than Rowlett. Garland has already removed 50,000 cubic yards and estimate that it will take about six weeks to remove the entire 100,000 cubic yards of debris. Based on both Garland's experience and Rowlett's, 10-12 weeks for the City to complete our debris removal is very likely. Rest assured every effort is being made to move forward as quickly and safely as possible so that together we can Rebuild Rowlett.



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FEMA Aid Information

PRESIDENT OBAMA DELIVERS DISASTER DECLARATION

Public Assistance granted, Individual Assistance is still under review.

On Tuesday, February 9, President Obama approved Governor Abbott's request for Public Assistance. This is used to help cities and counties recover a portion of the costs associated with the tornado, such as infrastructure repairs, debris removal, etc., from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). At this time, Governor Abbott's request for Individual Assistance (IA), which provides aid to individual property owners who were uninsured or underinsured, is still under presidential review. If granted, affected citizens in the declared counties may be eligible for IA grants of up to \$33,000 from the federal government and low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. In fact, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is called upon more frequently following major disasters than FEMA.

In January, the City of Rowlett and the State of Texas both took formal action and issued disaster declarations, one of the prerequisites for a declaration at the federal level. Since that time, the City, State and Federal government have been constantly surveying, evaluating and assessing to determine the extent of the damage. On Friday, January 29, Governor Greg Abbott formally requested both Individual and Public Assistance from the President for Dallas and Rockwall counties, along with many other counties throughout Texas. This declaration and request comes after preliminary damage assessments were finalized and federal declaration criteria was met. Thank you so much to all of the residents who submitted their level of insurance coverage information during our recent survey, it was a tremendous help!

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The City has formed a Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC), the role of which is absolutely essential to ensure the wellbeing of those affected by the December 26 tornado. There are and will continue to be many unmet needs and the collective goal of this committee is to help these disaster victims get those needs met. Members include representatives from the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce, Rowlett Citizens Corp Council, GISD, RISD, Keep Rowlett Beautiful and five area churches, along with a Rowlett resident, two City Councilmembers and two City of Rowlett staff members.

Sub-committees will include case management, which will conduct assessments to identify family needs and facilitate appropriate provision of resources, resource development to benefit individuals and the community, volunteer coordination, and spiritual and emotional care.

We will share more information to assist those affected by the tornado as the committee develops program procedures. More info is also available at www.rowlett.com/LTRC.

ROWLETT TORNADO RECOVERY FORUM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
2:00 - 4:00 PM
CHURCH IN THE CITY
6005 DALROCK

An informative forum for residents affected by the December 26 tornado.

Topics Include:
 How do I get help?
 What other assistance is available?
 Rebuilding Your Home-
 Zoning Requirements,
 Permitting, etc.
 FEMA information

PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION

There are three separate types of assistance provided by the Federal government in disasters: Individual Assistance (IA), Public Assistance (PA), and Small Business Administration (SBA).

Individual Assistance is used to help individual property owners who are uninsured or underinsured. The threshold for Individual Assistance is 800 properties that are uninsured or underinsured “and” fall into the category of major damage or totally destroyed. Based on estimates in previous disasters, roughly 25 percent will fall into those categories, although this number will change depending upon the actual community. As a result, Rowlett may only account for about 125-175 homes toward the 800 needed for Individual Assistance (this is why we asked affected residents to complete the insurance information survey). We then reported the results in the hopes that between Rowlett, Garland, Sunnyvale, Glenn Heights and other communities impacted by the storm, we had enough properties for this declaration.

The second type is **Public Assistance**, which is used to

help cities and counties recover a portion of the costs associated with the disaster, such as infrastructure repairs, debris removal, etc. There were two dollar thresholds which had to be met, one at the County level (\$8.0 million for Dallas County) and one at the State level (\$35.5 million for Texas). This is very important to Rowlett because the cleanup alone could cost as much as \$8.0 million.

The third type is the **SBA's Disaster Assistance Loans**. The SBA offers assistance not only to small businesses, but also to homeowners and renters. If the Federal government declares a major disaster declaration for Individual Assistance, the SBA's disaster loan program is automatically activated. If FEMA does not become involved, the SBA can make a separate “SBA only” declaration. The threshold for this declaration is at least 25 homes and/or businesses that sustain at least 40 percent uninsured property damage. We do want property owners to know that these loans would require an acceptable credit history and the ability to repay the SBA loan.

IF President Obama Grants Individual Assistance... Next Steps

Primary types of disaster assistance available under the FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) Program

Individuals and Households Program (IHP)

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Sequence of Delivery

In order to ensure that applicants receive all the assistance they are legally entitled to and to reduce the duplication of benefits, the Sequence of Delivery is the specific order in which assistance is provided to disaster survivors through FEMA and other disaster relief partners.

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| 1. Emergency Assistance (VOLAGs) | 4. Disaster Loans (SBA) |
| 2. Insurance | 5. Other Needs Assistance (IHP) |
| 3. Housing Assistance (IHP) | 6. Unmet Needs (VOLAGs) |

More Information About Individual Assistance, should a federal disaster declaration occur...

Applying for FEMA Individual Assistance

- Apply online anytime at <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>.
- Apply in person at any FEMA Disaster Recovery Center.
- Call 800-621-FEMA (3362) or, for people with speech and hearing disabilities, at 800-462-7585 (TTY). Those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS) may call 800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available as well.
- By smartphone or tablet, use m.fema.gov, or for devices with the Android operating system, a FEMA App can be downloaded at market.android.com/details?id=gov.fema.mobile.android.

Applicants will receive a nine-digit registration number that can be used for reference when corresponding with FEMA.

More Information About Applying for Individual Assistance, should a federal disaster declaration occur...

A DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER LOCATION WOULD BE IDENTIFIED.

FEMA WOULD SET UP HERE AND HAVE REPRESENTATIVES AVAILABLE ONSITE TO ASSIST AFFECTED RESIDENTS WITH THEIR REQUESTS FOR AID.

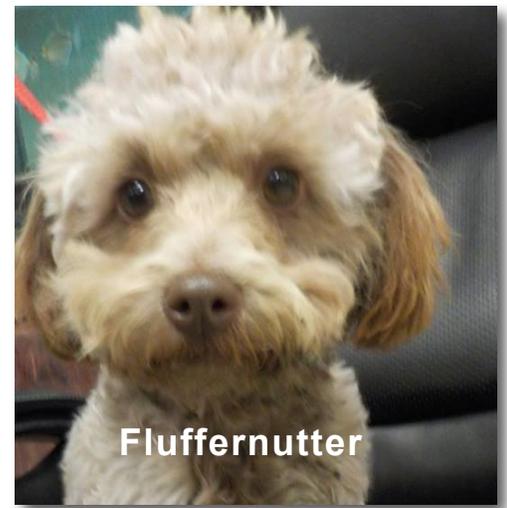
ONCE IDENTIFIED, THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE FOUND ON CABLE CHANNEL 16 (RTN16, ROWLETT'S TELEVISION NETWORK), ROWLETT.COM AND THE CITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE.



Carley



Champ



Fluffernutter

Animal Shelter staff and FRAS took care of our community's pets!

The days after the tornado were very traumatic for both citizens affected by this event and the pets we all love. 92 displaced animals were brought in to the shelter. Friends of Rowlett Animals

jumped in and began networking and once the shelter was full, foster homes were found, area vet clinics opened their doors to house pets, and other animal shelters even pitched in. Many, many,

many pets have been reunited with their families, like those pictured here. To date, only 17 animals remain at the shelter!



Honey



Lunchbox



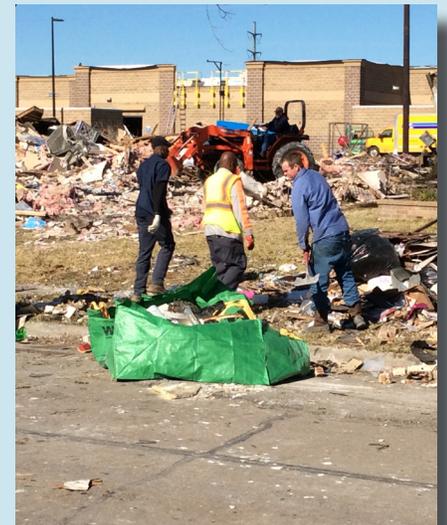
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Waste Management Dumpsters & Bagsters *Partnering With Residents on Debris Cleanup*



Your Rowlett Public Works crews have completed multiple debris cleanup passes through the areas and neighborhoods affected by the tornado, clearing streets and right-of-ways to ensure traffic and public safety vehicles have clear passage. In an effort to assist residents and volunteers dispose of home debris, Waste Management brought in nine roll-off dumpsters, which were staged throughout the affected area. **Thank you Waste Management!**

Here's another way to help you dispose of tornado debris: free Waste Management Bagsters (aka the Dumpster in a Bag) are now available at Rowlett Public Works, located at 4310 Industrial Street. [Watch this video](#) to see just how much these Bagsters can actually hold!



Thank You to our Community Organizations...



Community Emergency Response Team

50 Rowlett Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members responded and were staged within an hour, setting up a command center inside the Rowlett Community Centre. CERT organizations from EastTex, Sachse and all of the mutual aid CERT program partners then responded. Almost 280 CERT members representing 22 CERT programs came to the aid of Rowlett citizens, braving the cold, driving rain, trudging through mud and debris to assist with search and rescue operations and to complete a windshield type damage assessment. In the days following the tornado, Rowlett CERT members walked the debris field day after day, handing out water, supplies and information to those still in their homes without power.

Please know that your service is valued and not taken for granted.

Keep Rowlett Beautiful

KRB held a special document shredding and electronic recycling event on January 9 at Rowlett High School, just to ensure affected residents had a way to safely dispose of debris as they cleaned up their homes.

A "Love Your Neighbor" event is happening on Saturday, February 6 to help Rowlett residents affected by the tornado with their debris cleanup. Sign up to volunteer today at www.keeprowlettbeautiful.org!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

In the moments following a disaster, such as the EF4 tornado that hit Rowlett on December 26, 2015, first responders can quickly become overwhelmed with calls for help. Our Rowlett community really pulled together on that evening, with neighbors helping neighbors in many cases when access to areas presented a challenge and every moment counted for those trapped in the debris that once was their home. This is just one of those stories.

During the tornado, Bruce Hargrave and Sammy Walker each took shelter in their own homes, Bruce and wife Cathy in their laundry room, Sammy and his family in the 10x10 tornado shelter he had previously built in his garage. Once it had passed, they came out to survey the damage and make sure neighbors on Willowbrook Drive were all ok and accounted for.

Hearing calls for help across the street, they ran to neighbor Barbara Griffith's home, which was severely impacted. Her adult son, along with other neighbors, were attempting to free Barbara and her brother, Neil Heslop. Uninjured, Barbara was able to make her way out of the room she was semi-trapped in. However, Neil was trapped inside under about two feet of debris, which included brick and mortar. Sammy, Bruce and the others, which included Sammy's son Daniel Walker and son in law Travis Griswold, dug Neil from the rubble. Neil was in shock and had several noticeable severe injuries, among them an obvious compound fracture of his arm,

including arterial bleeding. A neighbor who is a nurse used Bruce's belt as a tourniquet and slowed the bleeding. At that point, first responders arrived on foot, they were unable to drive into the area due to all the debris so they grabbed their medical bags and response equipment and hiked in. They stabilized Neil and installed him on a backboard, then loaded him

into the back of Sammy's SUV, radioing ahead to Lake Pointe Medical Center. Sammy and Bruce, along with Barbara and her son, raced him to the hospital, driving over storm debris and downed power lines and dodging around congested traffic stalled by the storm by traveling on roadsides and over medians, flattening all four tires in the process. When they arrived at Lake Point, the hospital was itself overwhelmed with those injured, but Sammy, an Olympic weight lifter who also competed in shotput and discus, was able to demonstrate that Neil's injuries were such that getting him to another hospital would not be an option.



Sammy Walker and Bruce Hargrave were recognized by proclamation at the January 19 City Council Meeting.

Both Mr. Hargrove and Mr. Walker have expressed that they did not do anything out of the ordinary, nothing that anyone else wouldn't do and in fact what their whole neighborhood DID do, that they just each had a pair of hands and a willing heart.

Mr. Heslop passed away at Parkland Hospital on Sunday, January 10 due to complications from his injuries.

North Texas Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

The Garland Independent School District responded immediately. Steadham Elementary School was opened as a Red Cross temporary shelter. Then, in the week following the tornado, before children returned to school, GISD mounted a huge communication effort to get in touch with families to ensure student's transportation, school supplies, and clothing needs were met. So many families were displaced in communities all over north Texas and GISD was not about to let the children suffer any more stress, it was imperative that they have at least a small sense of "normalcy" by way of returning to THEIR school, THEIR classrooms and teachers, and THEIR friends. *Way to go, GISD!*

Our North Texas neighboring communities have also demonstrated their outpouring of love and support for those affected by the tornado. At the January 19 City Council Meeting, Flower Mound Mayor Tom Hayden, along with Police Chief Andy Kancel and Fire Chief Eric Greaser, presented over \$8,300 in gift cards collected from Flower Mound citizens who wanted to help.



Thank you so very much, Flower Mound!

Local businesses have shown their support in many, many ways. Thank you ALL for being such amazing community partners!

Rowlett Business Community ROCKS!



The Home Depot donated supplies for the response effort and organized staff groups to volunteer and assist residents.



Rowlett Gold and Silver auctioned off a 3-carat diamond ring to raise \$640!



Chik-Fil-A was onsite almost immediately with warm food for first responders, volunteers and Lake Point Hospital staff. In fact, for the first time in their history, they opened on Sunday to continue that effort.



Raising Canes held a spirit night at their Rowlett and Rockwall stores, 100% of their sales (not PROCEEDS, but the actual SALES) were donated. \$36,518 in one evening!



Spirit Outfitters has designed a powerful "Rebuild Rowlett" logo and is selling shirts and auto decals as a fundraiser.

Just a few of the many who have provided their support to the Rowlett Community...

Dickey's BBQ
Hubbard's
Kyoto
Opa
McCallister's Deli
Scooter's Coffee
Walmart
Operation BBQ

Premier Vet Care
First Step Chiropractic
DART
Chili's
Frito-Lay
Napolis
Uhaul
Black Tie Moving

Advantage Storage
Regency Roofing
ASSI Gymnastics
Tom Thumb
Forever Floors
24 Hour Fitness
Anytime Fitness
Lifetime Fitness

Mr. Jim's Pizza
Sammee's Pizza Ghatti
Jimmy John's
Moe's Southwest Grill
The Original Pancake House
The Track
Burger Island

Golden Eagle Roofing
Animal Hospital of Rowlett
Palio's
Dunkin Donuts
Hot Diggity Dog Grooming
Body Enhancement Spa
Barrett Motors
Jordan's Goodyear

Rowlett Churches Take Care Of Us All!

This tornado did not pick a specific race, religion, socio-economic background, it impacted EVERYONE. And our churches responded. The doors were flung open, volunteers and donations organized those affected were provided WHATEVER assistance needed, be it shelter,

financial, supplies, hot meals, laundry service, showers, counseling, clothing, the list goes on and on. The level of care and compassion shown to those affected by this disaster by our church community is unprecedented and we will NEVER be able to thank them enough.

*First Christian Church Rowlett
First United Methodist Church
First Baptist Church
Church in the City
C3 Church*

*Crossroads Church
Life Message
Cornerstone Church
Lakepointe Church
Firewheel Church*

*Holy Trinity by the Lake
Mt. Hebron
Zion Baptist
Stillwater Community Church
Lighthouse Baptist*





Rowlett Fire Rescue Awarded Best Practices Recognition Status by The Texas Fire Chiefs Association

One of Only FOUR in the State of Texas!

On December 22, 2015, Rowlett Fire Rescue received the coveted award and designation of "Recognized Best Practices Fire Department" from the Texas Fire Chiefs Association Best Practices Recognition Program. Begun in 2013, the Recognition Program evaluates a Fire Department's compliance with over 117 Best Business Practices for Fire Departments in the State of Texas. These Best Practices were developed by Fire Service professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service to communities. These Best Practices cover all aspects of

Fire Department management and services including but not limited to Administration and Organization, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Prevention, Risk Reduction, Community Outreach, Safety and Health and Professional Standards and Conduct.

This voluntary process required Rowlett Fire Rescue to conduct a critical self-review of the department's policies, procedures, facilities and operations. The department began the lengthy process in October of 2014 to become a "Recognized" Fire Department in the Best

Practices Program by preparing proofs of compliance for each of the Program's areas of concentration. Upon completion of an internal review, an outside audit and review was requested. This final on-site review took place on November 23, 2015. The on-site review is conducted by trained Fire Chiefs and Assistant Fire Chiefs from other areas of the state. The result of this review was then sent to the Texas Fire Chiefs Best Practices Recognition Board for final analysis and decision to award "Recognized" status.

Charter Review Commission Presents Recommendations to the City Council

Joint Meeting Held
January 12, 2016

When the Commission first met in September, they split up into three sub-committees to review the Charter as follows: Council and Charter, Government and Officers, and Financial and Legal. Each sub-committee reviewed the Articles related to their subject matter, keeping in mind the scope as set forth by the Council. The Commission has been diligently working toward the recommendations below, which were presented to Council on January 12. By reviewing the Charter, it helps to ensure that it stays pertinent to where we are as a City and the direction we, as residents of Rowlett, want to go. It is a changing document that can grow with us as we continue to be *On the Move*.

View the CRC recommendations [HERE](#)



Rowlett Senior Shuttle Free Senior Transportation now available to the Rowlett Community Centre

Seniors, the City of Rowlett is partnering with STAR Transit to provide senior members of the Rowlett Community Centre free round-trip transportation to the Community Centre and back home!

To qualify for this free service, passengers must be 60 years old or older, reside in the Rowlett city limits and have a current membership to the Rowlett Community Centre or have a program receipt. Senior (60 years and up) Individual Community Centre Memberships cost \$10.00 annually and provides access to all Rowlett Community Centre standard facility amenities and all free senior programs.

Those qualifying for this service may make reservations by calling 877-631-5278 and pressing 5. A dedicated agent takes calls Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The hours of bus operation may vary monthly based on the activities taking place at the RCC.

For more information regarding the new service, call 877-631-5278 (press 5), Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm or visit www.STARtransit.org.

This month, use the Senior Shuttle to come to:
Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday Celebration
Tuesday, February 9
11:30A.M.

Celebrate the official Fat Tuesday of the Mardi Gras season! Be ready to participate in our cake walk and come decked out in your best Mardi Gras attire. We will be providing light snacks but please bring a dish to share.

Did You Know? Rowlett Community Centre Offers Seniors Discounted Annual Memberships!

Available to everyone 60 years and better!
Activity membership - \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents
Full membership - \$10 for residents and \$144 for non-residents

Activity memberships include participation in the many free programs and access to the walking track. Full memberships include access to the entire facility, including a fitness area, basketball gyms, racquetball courts, game room and all of the free programs.



City Offers a New Utility Bill Payment Method

Recurring Credit Card and Pay by Smartphone options

An enhancement to the utility bill payment methods currently available to City of Rowlett customers is coming this month. Mint Bills will end their online and mobile app payment services on February 19, 2016. As a result, we are proud to announce our new partnership with Paymentus. Paymentus provides enhanced online payment options and will be available beginning February 19.

We have listened and understand your desire for recurring credit card payments. As a result, we have great news: Paymentus will provide customers with the option to sign up for recurring credit card payments along with the option to make one-time utility payments! Another added feature, Paymentus will also offer payments via smart phone. Beginning February 19, you can find a link to create your Paymentus profile at www.rowlett.com/UtilityPayments.

In addition to the option listed above for Paymentus, the City of Rowlett will continue to offer numerous options for utility bill payments including:

- Recurring ACH.
- Integrated Voice Response (IVR) 1-844-238-8997.
- Citizen Self Service Portal online at www.rowlett.com.
- Drop boxes located in front of the former Minyard's location and at the Utility Billing office.
- Wal-Mart customer service desk.
- In person at 4004 Main Street.

We hope you enjoy the added conveniences our new partnership with Paymentus will bring!

Library Receives Excellence Award 11th Year for this Designation!



The Rowlett Public Library was awarded the *2015 Achievement of Library Excellence Award* from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA). This is the eleventh consecutive year your Library has received this distinction, recognizing the quality programs and services offered in furthering the continued education and personal enrichment of community residents.

Each year, the TMLDA confers awards in recognition of outstanding contributions made by public libraries. To successfully receive this award, applicants must provide documentation in each of ten categories which span the library service spectrum. Award criteria ranges from marketing and collaborative efforts, to demonstrated literacy support and a summer reading program.

Of 556 public libraries and library systems in the State of Texas, the Rowlett Public Library was among only 41 receiving the award this year.

Rowlett Offers Text to 9-1-1 Call if you can, Text if you can't!

Text messaging is one of the primary ways people communicate today, especially younger people and members of the hearing and speech disabilities community. According to Forrester Research, an estimated 6 billion SMS messages are sent every day in the United States, or more than 2.2 trillion per year. The 9-1-1 community is constantly striving to meet the evolving needs of the public, and right now that means implementing text-to-9-1-1 solutions.

There are many significant benefits to consumers, especially in cases when the caller cannot communicate verbally. For example, text-to-9-1-1 is very useful to the approximately 34 million Americans who are hard of hearing, deaf, or speech-impaired. Text-to-9-1-1 is also helpful in situations when a crime is in process; the caller is facing domestic abuse; the caller is injured and cannot speak; or other scenarios.

The best way to contact 9-1-1 will continue to be via voice communications whenever possible.

RECENTLY IN ROWLETT...



Sprouts is now open in Rowlett! Grand opening was held on Wednesday, December 29.



Walmart Neighborhood Market completed their tornado damage repairs and reopened on Wednesday, January 27.



Welcome to Rowlett, Backcountry Brewing Company! Visit them on Enterprise Drive across from the Post Office!



Valentine Fun at the Rowlett Library

February is Love Your Library Month!

Pinterest-Worthy Crafts: Romantic Bath Melts Club

Saturday, February 6

2:00 P.M.

Ever see a craft on Pinterest and thought, "I could make that?!" Now you can! We supply the tools and materials, you provide the creativity. When you craft with us, we take care of the clean-up. This month; Romantic Bath Melts! Keep your skin soft all winter with these luxurious bath melts. Thirteen and older, please.

ESL Conversation Class

Tuesday, February 9

10:00 A.M.

Learn English in a relaxed conversation group. All languages and skill levels welcome!

Love on a Leash

Wednesday, February 10

3:30 P.M.

Each month the Library presents Love on a Leash where doggy reading companions listen to a story read by an independent, young reader in a safe, non-judgemental atmosphere. Sign up at the Library Service Desk today.

STORY TIME!

The Young & the Restless Baby Story Time

Tuesdays @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

For babies up to age 2

An interactive story time between baby and caregiver, which includes board books, songs, nursery rhymes, baby sign language, peekaboo, bubbles and parachute play.

Giggle, Wiggle Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Ages 2-4

Toddlers will have lots of fun learning as they are introduced to letters of the alphabet and new words to build their vocabulary.

Shake, Rattle and Read Preschool Story Time

Thursdays @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Preschoolers

Continues a child's introduction to the alphabet and promotes early word recognition by encouraging little ones almost ready for school to read along and learn rhymes.

Pajama Story Time

Tuesdays @ 7:00 P.M.

Families are invited to wind down the day with a blankie, pillow, lullaby and bedtime story. Yes, kids are encouraged to wear their jammies and parents should wear their slippers!

Family Saturday Movie & Popcorn

Saturday, February 13 - *The Princess Bride* – Interactive!

2:00 P.M.

Rowlett Community Centre

Families are invited to enjoy free movies & popcorn! Enjoy the beloved movie classic *The Princess Bride* like never before by joining us for the Library's audience-participation showing.

Financial Literacy

Saturday, February 20

2:00 P.M.

Rowlett Community Centre

We all learned to add, subtract, and count money in school; but when did we learn to manage our money? Find out how to save, how much to save and options to make your money work for you. Steven Owen from Edward Jones will answer these and other questions about your financial stability.

Health Club

Saturday, February 20

10:00 A.M.

The Library is here to help you meet your New Year's Fitness Resolutions! Attend a Fitness Check-In the third Saturday of every month where participants discuss accomplishments and frustrations and cheer in 2016



Whatever on Wednesdays

Wednesdays @ 4:00 P.M.

Ages 13-18

Get together with other teens and discuss current books, media and online content. Topics could include the best TV series for a weekend binge, the best Internet viral videos, the best games from Tabletop and of course, the best Young Adult books. Best of all? This material can all be found at the Rowlett Library!

Prime Time Book Club

Thursdays @ 4:00 P.M.

Ages 6-11

Children can enjoy the community-building experience of meeting with friends to choose, read, and discuss books together. The meetings come to life with discussions, arts and crafts, and activities. By interacting with their favorite books, children can increase their comprehension and ability to discuss what they know. When children meet with their friends to complete arts and crafts, projects, and activities, they turn reading into a social activity, and that encourages them to keep reading.

ROWLETT PARKS & RECREATION

Something for Everyone at the Rowlett Community Centre!



Child's Play

Mon, Wed & Fri 8:30am-11:30am

Mon-Thurs 5:00pm-8:00pm

\$3.00/ visit per child or \$20/ ten-visit punch card

This drop-in play time program provides a stimulating environment for your child to explore, play and interact with other children while you enjoy a great workout or fun class at the RCC!

Little Athletes

Thursdays, February 4-25

6-6:45 P.M.

\$35, ages 3-5

Little Athletes is a parent and child sport class for 3-5 year olds that introduces participants to a variety of sports such as soccer, baseball, basketball and football and teach them the basic fundamentals of each sport. Each week, we will learn a new sport. It is a great time to spend more time with your children, help them develop sport skills and have an awesome time!



Honor Academy

Tuesdays, February 16-March 15

6:30-8:30 P.M.

\$60, ages 10-15 years

Tweens and teens: are you ready to STEP UP your game in life? Then STEP IN — to Honor Academy! Through this five-week life-coaching character boot camp, a team of mentors will help you unlock the keys to success. Participants learn the basics of ethics, leadership and responsibility that will equip you to take ownership of every endeavor, from academic goals, to athletic dreams, to personal challenges.



SNAG (Starting New at Golf)

Tuesdays, February 2-23

6-7:00 P.M.

\$49, ages 5-8

Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals of swinging, putting and body positioning in this beginner course. Using the SNAG® (Starting New at Golf) system, we have simplified instruction so that young players can make an effective transition onto the golf course.

Spring Athletic League Registration Now Open!

Men's Basketball

Attention athletes ages 18 and up!

Register Now!

Grab your friends and join us for a little fun and friendly competition! **Men's Open Basketball League** will run on Monday nights in March and April. The cost is \$350 per team, Teams that register by February 15, will receive a \$25 discount.

All leagues will include an eight game season with the top 4 teams making it to the playoffs. Championship t-shirts will be awarded to the top four teams. Sign your team up today in person at the Rowlett Community Centre located at 5300 Main Street.

Spring Youth Girls & Adult Coed Volleyball

Register Now!

Youth Girls league play is on Saturdays in March, April and May. Teams will play seven regular season games and will participate in a single elimination playoff tournament at the end of the season. The league fee is \$65 for Centre members, \$70 for Rowlett Residents and \$80 for Non-Residents. A league jersey is included in the fee.

Co-ed Volleyball will run on Friday nights in March and April and the fee is \$210 per team, teams that register by February 15 will receive a \$10 discount.



For more information and to register for programs, please contact the Rowlett Community Centre at 972-412-6170.

Rowlett

City Calendar

February

	1	2 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm @ City Hall	3	4	5 One-on-One Tech Help @ Library	6 KRB “Love Your Neighbor” clean-up event 8:30-1, RHS Pinterest Crafts 2pm @ Library
7	8	9 Seniors Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras 11:30am @ RCC Planning & Zoning Meeting 7pm @ City Hall	10 Love on a Leash 3:30pm @ Library	11	12 One-on-One Tech Help @ Library	13 Movie & Popcorn-The Princess Bride 2pm @ RCC
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