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# Rowlett On the Move

## *Long Term Recovery Committee* **Assistance for Tornado Victims is Available**

**Case Management guides affected residents through the process from beginning to end!**

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 include Case Management, whose role is to 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.



*The Long Term Recovery Committee hosted a Tornado Recovery Forum on Saturday, February 20. If you were unable to attend, [watch the meeting here!](#)*

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## *Class C Misdemeanor - \$500 Fine* **CITY COUNCIL APPROVES SCAVENGING ORDINANCE**

**Amended ordinance prohibits scavenging of any solid waste or debris placed out for collection without prior consent of the owner of the property.**

Scavenging has become a concern since the tornado disaster event in late December 2015. Public safety personnel have received numerous calls and complaints regarding persons picking through piles of debris and even entering severely damaged or destroyed homes. Upon approach, some scavengers would even show a contractor registration receipt or solicitor's permit as a means to rummage through resident's belongings and debris. Although the City was not issuing permits for this type of activity this, coupled with an outdated ordinance for scavenging, was causing confusion and concern.

*“The purpose behind amending the ordinance is to deter people from picking up debris on private property. Even though it may be at the curb, it's still someone's property.”*  
**Mayor Todd Gottel**

This has been resolved by amending Section 50-8 “Scavenging” of Chapter 50 “Solid Waste” to be all-inclusive and to ensure property owner's permission is obtained before any rummaging or scavenging occurs within the City of Rowlett. Prior to this amendment, the ordinance only addressed the scavenging of recyclable materials such as plastics, aluminum and glass. As a further deterrent, violators face a class C misdemeanor, which carries a fine of up to \$500.

The City of Rowlett has formed a Long Term Recovery Committee, Rebuild Rowlett (LTRC), whose purpose is to meet the need for ongoing coordination among agencies providing volunteer, financial, spiritual and emotional/physiological support for people whose lives have been ravaged by the December 26, 2015 tornado. In addition, leadership will be provided in the discernment of long-term needs for recovery and rehabilitation, which can be most effectively met or assisted by this collaboration. Advocacy for the people most vulnerable to having their needs overlooked in the public recovery processes will also be provided.

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Erin Harwell  
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Michelle Bounds  
Martha Brown  
Cole Hedgecock  
Brian Hiatt  
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Brian Funderburk  
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Larry Glick  
Shelley Garrett

Eva Hummel  
Barry Young  
Bobby Montgomery  
Jim Proce  
Neil Howard

Mission of the Long Term Recovery Committee, Rebuild Rowlett  
*To provide recovery services to individuals and families affected by the  
tornado that hit Rowlett, Texas on December 26, 2015.*

## Need Help? Case Management - STEP ONE

If you sustained home and/or vehicle damage or injuries, register with a Disaster Care Management Agency to be assigned a Case Manager.

**Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul**  
**469-607-0909**

**OR**

**North Texas Conference Recovery Center**  
**469-243-1008**  
recovery@ntcumc.org

*If no answer, leave your name, phone number and  
brief description of your needs.  
They will return your call within 48 hours.*

## Assistance is Available

Case Management is here to help YOU with long-term and unmet needs.

### Case Managers...

...are caring people who help individuals and families adjust after a devastating disaster, recognizing it may take months or even years to fully recover.

...work hand-in-hand with disaster survivors to understand their situation, help them develop a plan and connect them to recovery resources.

...assist with forms, applications, processes and organizations to get the help needed.

## What Other Resources Are Available?

### Tornado Relief Donation Center

972-475-3667

4813 Rowlett Road

Monday - Friday, 4:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Saturday 9:00A.M – 4:00 P.M.

Food, household goods, toiletries,  
kitchen and baby supplies, storage  
bins and cleaning supplies.

### First Baptist Church

972-475-3510

4309 Main Street

Tue & Thur, 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Saturday 10:00A.M – Noon

Financial and housing assistance,  
food, household goods, toiletries,  
kitchen supplies, cleaning  
supplies and counseling.

### Rockwall Exchange

972-240-9696

5121 Grisham Drive

Monday - Sat, Noon – 6:00 P.M.

Sunday 2:00A.M – 6:00 P.M.

Food, toiletries, furniture, baby  
supplies and clothing.

### Church in the City

325-450-6659

6005 Dalrock Road

Daily 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Financial and housing assistance,  
food, toiletries, some furniture,  
household goods, baby supplies,  
counseling, some electronics and  
appliances.

## Debris Removal and Demo Assistance

Texas Baptist Men – 214-908-6239,

469-377-0290 or 214-381-3700

Crisis Response International -

256-426-0034, 214-288-9325

Thirst No More -

freedemo@citcdallas.org

United Methodist Committee On Relief

Disaster Response Team - 972-475-3667

Life Message  
4501 Rowlett Road  
877-518-1000

First United Methodist  
Church, 4405 Main St.  
972-475-3667

First Christian Church  
7301 Miller Road  
972-475-3559

Cornerstone Church  
8200 Schrade Road  
972-475-4403

C3 Church  
3700 Chaha  
972-412-4420

## FEMA Update

In February, Governor Abbott's office received denial from the federal government for the Individual Assistance (IA) portion of his January 26 request for a major disaster declaration. The Governor has 30 days to appeal this decision. As a result, the State of Texas is collecting damage and insurance information to assist with their appeal. Residents in the affected area were asked to complete the state's survey by February 28. Thank you to everyone who participated, those results will also be used in the appeal.

The federal government did grant the declaration for Public Assistance (PA). This is very important to our community and citizens as PA 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 are **three** separate types of assistance provided by the federal government in disasters:

**Individual Assistance** is used to help individual property and home owners who are uninsured or underinsured.

**Public Assistance** is used to help cities and counties recover a portion of the costs associated with the disaster, such as infrastructure repairs, debris removal, etc.

**Small Business Association** Disaster Assistance Loans are available to small businesses, homeowners and renters. If the Federal government declares a major disaster declaration for Individual Assistance, the SBA's disaster loan program is automatically activated. However, the SBA may make a separate "SBA only" declaration if FEMA is not involved.



**Deadline for Debris Removal Final Pass – Week of March 14!**



## Tornado Debris

Helpful Information for those in the Recovery Process

The City has contracted with Crowder Gulf, a vendor specializing in disaster debris removal, sorting and disposal, all to specific criteria and guidelines so that our community is well positioned to qualify for FEMA reimbursement of this cost.

Crowder Gulf has now completed their first pass of the affected area. **Their second and final pass will**

**Please be aware that as they work, temporary road closures may occur in neighborhoods for safety reasons.**

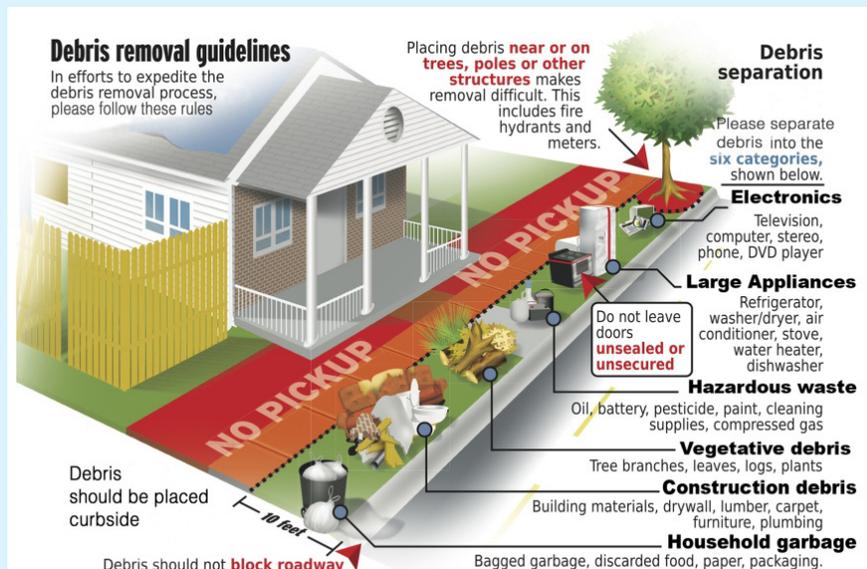
**begin the week of March 14.** This allows residents and volunteers almost two more weeks, including two weekends, to clear, sort and pile debris at the curb in order to be included in this final pass. Currently, Crowder Gulf crews are working on removing the debris accumulated at the staging location near the water tower on PGBT between Main Street and Miller Road.

## Please adhere to these debris separation and placement guidelines...

- Do not place debris in driveways or alleys.
- All debris **MUST** be placed off the street but in the right-of-way (area behind the curb). If the debris extends past the sidewalk into your yard (private property), it will not be removed.
- Debris should be separated as demonstrated in the graphic to the right.
- Place debris away from obstacles such as mail boxes, water meters and fire hydrants.
- **Volunteers:** please consolidate smaller piles into bigger piles, sorted as demonstrated in the illustration to the right. Those doing tear-downs, please make contiguous piles beginning at the curb line.

**Material which will NOT be picked up includes:**

- Concrete slab demo debris.
- Contractor debris.
- Swimming pool demo debris.



# It's Time to Rebuild My Home

## What Now? A Guide to Working with the City of Rowlett

Questions?  
Call Building Inspections at 972-412-6125

### **My Home Was Destroyed**

Demolition – If your property is heavily damaged and cannot be repaired or you will not be repairing the existing structure, a permit to demolish the structure is required. Be sure to contact the utilities offices to have any electric and/or gas services removed prior to the demolition.

If rebuilding on existing slab, an engineer letter stating the slab is suitable for construction is required.

Check zoning requirements with Garrett Langford at 972-412-6166\*

Visit [www.rowlett.com/residential](http://www.rowlett.com/residential) for New Residential Checklist.

Hire a general contractor who is registered with the City of Rowlett.

Fill out a permit application.

\*Suspension of Zoning Requirements: Residents may re-build to at least the previous standard established. For example if a home was built with only 75% masonry materials (i.e. brick), you will only be required to construct to that amount of masonry material.

### **My Home Sustained Severe Damage**

Check zoning requirements with Garrett Langford at 972-412-6166.

Hire a general contractor registered with the City of Rowlett.

Fill out a permit application. In lieu of Building Plans, an insurance estimate detailing scope of work will be accepted.

Visit [www.rowlett.com/residential](http://www.rowlett.com/residential) for New Residential Checklist.

Structural damage (i.e. wall, room or any permanent portion) repairs require a permit with designed reconstruction plans, including electrical, plumbing and mechanical work.

### **My Home Sustained Minor Damage**

What does not require a permit? Painting, wallpapering, replacing sheet rock, carpeting or cabinets, foundation repairs, trim work, and replacing windows. New windows must meet current Energy code.

Fence replacement requires a permit unless it is less than 25% and of the same material, same height and same location as the previous fence.

Visit [www.rowlett.com/residential](http://www.rowlett.com/residential) for specific repair project forms or permit requirements and hire a contractor registered with the City of Rowlett.

#### **Does the City license contractors?**

No. The City registers contractors so that we have the means to contact them in the event it is warranted.

#### **Does the City perform structural engineering inspections?**

No, the City does *not* perform such inspections. The property owner or contractor is required to hire a structural engineer.

#### **What do the red tags that the City placed on my home mean?**

These tags were placed by City staff to perform a topical assessment of homes post-tornado. They do not represent a determination as to the percentage loss of a home.

## **Contractor Information**

Contractors must register at the City's Development Services Building, located at 3901 Main Street, and carry proof of this registration in the form of a receipt with them at all times. Exceptions are those supervised or contracted by the City for right-of-way response or vehicle extraction. A list of contractors currently registered is available at [www.rowlett.com/contractorlist](http://www.rowlett.com/contractorlist).

## **Post Disaster Contractor Practices**

When recovering from a disaster reputable contractors are an important part of recovery efforts. However, citizens need to be aware of and prepared to protect themselves from attempts at fraud and deception by a relatively small number of disreputable companies. Chapter

58 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code specifies that a contractor cannot require a full or partial payment before work begins; this includes contractors who ask for cash up front. Chapter 58 also says this provision does not apply to a disaster remediation contractor that

has a physical business address located in the county of the affected property or in an adjacent county for at least a year preceding the date of the contract. This is to allow residents who know a contractor to be reputable and reliable to go ahead and contract services quickly.

- Door-to-door sales are quite common in post-disaster areas. Under Texas law, the seller must advise you of your right to cancel the sale within three days. Always ask for a physical address and references. Be wary of any contractor that asks for full payment in advance or provides you a contract with blank spaces in it.
- When interviewing a contractor, ask questions, ask for identification and ensure any contractor you hire is in good standing with the Better Business Bureau.
- It is critically important that you safeguard personal info.
- Others may include fraudulent building or housing inspectors and contractors, phony pleas for disaster donations or fake offers of local, state or federal aid. As state and federal assessment teams survey the damage, they will always have identification and will never ask for or accept money.
- If you suspect fraud or have a complaint, call the Texas Attorney General Consumer Protection Hotline at 800-621-0508.

## Great Texas Warrant Roundup

Rowlett Police Department joins law enforcement agencies throughout North Texas in an effort to clear open warrants.

Beginning Sunday, March 5 and running through Sunday, March 13, more than 160 law enforcement jurisdictions throughout the greater North Texas area will conduct the Great Texas Warrant Roundup. In this wide ranging effort, officers will seek out and arrest people with outstanding warrants pending before their respective Municipal Courts.

There are options available to warrant offenders which will keep them from being arrested during the roundup, but the time to discuss those options is *before* officers arrive at the door. By that time it's too late and offenders will be posting a bond, paying their fine, or immediately going to jail. During the Warrant Roundup, the Rowlett Warrant Division and the Rowlett Municipal Court will be conducting a period of amnesty for cases that have gone into warrant status. All persons with Alias Warrants who pay the original fine amounts in full will have their Fail to Appear (FTA) and Violation of Promise to Appear cases/fines associated with the original fines dismissed. This will only take place with FULL payment of the original fines in Alias Warrant cases. **This provides a savings of nearly \$300** to those with an FTA warrant in addition to their original charge. No special court date or hearing is required, those wishing to have their FTA's dismissed may contact the Warrant Clerk at 972-463-3938 or the Warrant Desk at 972-412-6210.



*“While we normally focus on those with multiple warrants and higher bond amounts, during a warrant roundup every single warrant will be pursued. Persons who think that we will not seek them out because they have only one warrant should not be comfortable with that idea.”*

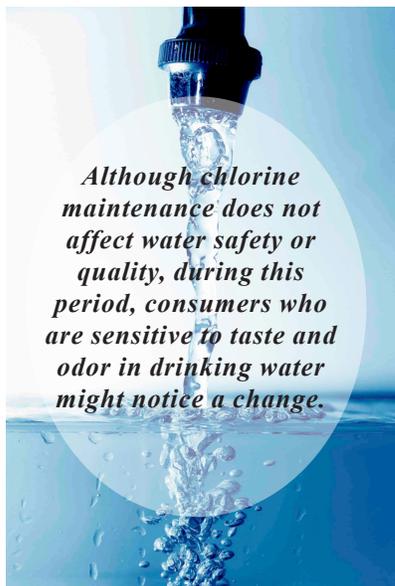
Lt. Leroy Brantley  
Rowlett Police Department

## NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

### 28 DAY CHLORINE MAINTENANCE

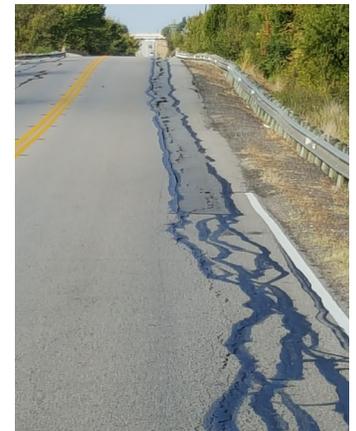
The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will conduct a chlorine maintenance of its transmission system and its customers' distribution systems, including the City of Rowlett, from March 7 – April 4.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) allows water suppliers to perform chlorine maintenance to help reduce the need for water suppliers to flush systems in order to maintain chloramine residual (required by the TCEQ) during the warm weather periods, thus conserving water.



*Although chlorine maintenance does not affect water safety or quality, during this period, consumers who are sensitive to taste and odor in drinking water might notice a change.*

The NTMWD utilizes chloramines, which are a combination of chlorine and ammonia, to provide the disinfectant residual in the transmission and distribution systems as required by the TCEQ. Chloramines provide a longer lasting residual disinfection in water pipelines and storage facilities.



## Miller Road Bridge Project to begin Monday, March 28!

**Section 1:** From Sunrise east to the railroad crossing just east of C.A. Roan Road.

Scope: The old asphalt surface will be milled to a depth of 3". A fiberglass mat will be installed and then a new asphalt surface will be applied at the same thickness. The fiberglass mat will provide stability and reduce the amount of reflective cracking. This is a cost effective way to extend the life of an existing roadway.

**Section 2:** From Sunrise to the President George Bush Turnpike. Scope: The old asphalt surface will be milled to a depth of 2" and a new asphalt surface will be applied.

**Traffic Control:** Through traffic will be detoured to northbound PGBT service road to SH-66. Message boards will be set out to let motorists know when the surfacing project will take place.

# RECENTLY IN ROWLETT..



## Arbor Day Daffodils are in Bloom!

*The 5,000 Daffodil bulbs planted by volunteers on Arbor Day 2014 as a 9/11 memorial are blooming in parks all over Rowlett, as well as at all four fire stations and the Rowlett Police Department /*



*Municipal Court building. These daffodils will naturalize and multiply in the flower beds and will be a welcoming sign that spring is just around the corner for years to come.*



## Atmos Energy Makes \$50,000 Donation to CERT

*To honor their commitment to the Rowlett community, Atmos Energy presented the Rowlett Citizen Corps Council with a \$50,000 donation. In the first week after the tornado alone, Rowlett CERT members volunteered over 2,200 hours.*



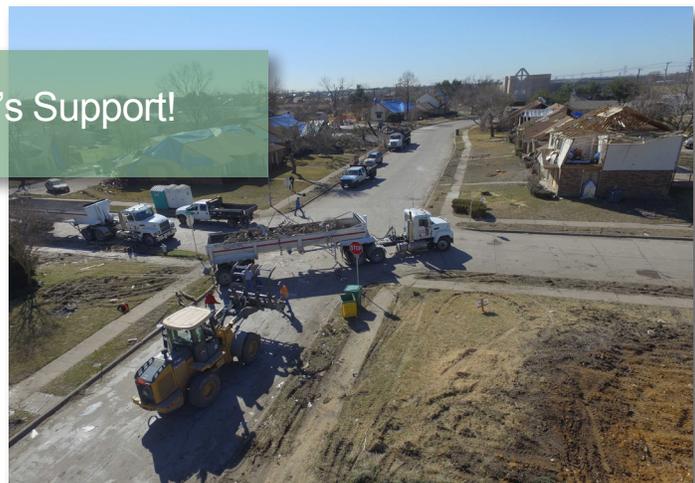
## KRB "Love Your Neighbor" Cleanup Event

*On Saturday, February 6, Keep Rowlett Beautiful sponsored a Love Your Neighbor cleanup event to help residents in the areas of Rowlett affected by the tornado. 5,000 cubic yards of debris was cleared by the 300 citizens who participated!*



## Tri-Con Lends it's Support!

*Local company Tri-Con once again came through for the Rowlett community, donating resources in the form of manpower and equipment to haul debris for one week. Working alongside City crews, this added capacity enabled staff to clear more debris and*



*make fewer trips back and forth to the staging area on PGBT between Main and Miller, under the water tower. Tri-Con also gave invaluable assistance during the Kids Kingdom build week, volunteering materials, manpower and equipment. What a great community partner, thank you Tri-Con!*

# COMMUNITY SERVICES NEWS



**Animal Shelter Maintains a 98% Live Release Rate!**

## The Story of Sarina!

Sarina was one of the many animals who found herself separated from her family in the aftermath of the tornado. Extremely stressed about her ordeal, Sarina found comfort in the attention she received from the volunteers and staff after

arriving at the shelter. Due to her breed, most people passed Sarina by, not knowing what kind of love bug was hidden underneath her tough-looking exterior. Sarina waited patiently for the right family to come along. That day finally arrived when Sarina's adoptive parents came in specifically to look at her and fell in love at first sight. She is now enjoying life with a sister, lots of land and a family that loves her to pieces.

**Code Enforcement Tip of the Month**



## An Early Spring Message from the Rowlett Code Enforcement Department

***Mow those Shamrocks!***

The Rowlett Code Enforcement Department would like to remind everyone to take a look at their yards! Due to the warm winter and recent rains we've just experienced, the grass and weed growth have both exploded in the past few weeks. Remember, City ordinance requires you keep your grass and weeds under 12" to avoid a citation!



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

### Another incredible example of neighbor helping neighbor on the night of the tornado, Roy Moss, Manager of Operations for Atmos Energy, was honored by proclamation at the February 2 City Council Meeting.

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.

After heeding the alert received on his cell phone, Roy and his family took shelter in a closet under the staircase in their home. When the freight-train roar and sounds of breaking glass and flying objects receded, Roy opened the door, looked up and saw the sky. The roof was gone. He was unable to believe the destruction in his home, but so grateful they had all lived through this. After pushing through the debris that once was his home, Roy opened the front door and was astounded at the destruction in his neighborhood: overturned cars, crushed houses, and debris littered yards and clogged the streets



*Roy Moss was recognized by proclamation at the February 2 City Council Meeting.*

Alarmingly, the streets were also filled with an overwhelmingly strong odor of natural gas. Roy was well aware that the possibility of explosion or fires existed, so safety was a top priority. He also knew he was "boots on the ground" at this point. He immediately ran back inside, waded through his own debris and grabbed some tools, hard hat, safety goggles, gloves and an old pair of Air Force combat boots. He then proceeded up and down the neighborhood streets, shutting off his neighbors' natural gas.

The Moss home is a 100 percent loss and will have to be leveled and rebuilt. Roy's insurance adjuster commented that he has been all over the United States assessing damage from natural disasters and he has never seen a greater sense of community than here in Rowlett, mostly due to citizens like Roy, willing to put their own personal safety aside to protect and assist their neighbors. Roy and his

family have also expressed they are overwhelmed with gratitude from the volunteer spirit and kindness they have seen from the Rowlett community.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Easter Egg Hunt!**  
Saturday, March 19  
10:00 A.M. - Noon  
Pecan Grove Park  
Free!



Kids, grab your Easter basket and hippity-hop on over to hunt for 20,000 treat-filled Easter eggs! Enjoy face painting, bounce houses, music, photos with the Easter Bunny and much more. The hunt is divided by age group so everyone has a chance to get as many eggs as their baskets can hold!

**Pup-a-Palooza!**  
Sunday, March 20  
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
Herfurth Park  
\$10 per dog

Dress your dog up as someone famous for the "the best look-a-like contest" or in a bonnet for the "best-bonnet" contest!



Dogs of all sizes are invited to hunt for eggs filled with doggie treats, along with special prize eggs. Remember to bring your Easter basket, leash and proof of rabies vaccination.

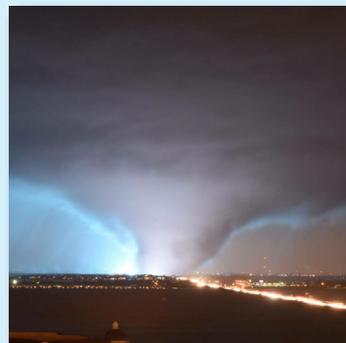
## Great American Cleanup

Saturday, April 9  
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Keep Rowlett Beautiful sponsors this popular semi-annual cleanup our community event. This one will concentrate on picking up tornado debris in addition to the general litter around town. All ages are welcome, EVERYONE is encouraged to do their part! Sign up to volunteer online at [www.keepprowlettbeautiful.com](http://www.keepprowlettbeautiful.com).



## SENIOR ACTIVITIES @ THE ROWLETT COMMUNITY CENTRE



### Emergency Preparedness

Tuesday, March 8  
10:00 A.M.

The Senior Advisory Board and Rowlett Fire Rescue present a program to educate citizens on what to do in the case of an emergency.

### Senior Trip - Audie Murphy Cotton Museum

Wednesday, March 30  
9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

The Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum is nestled among ten acres of land in the heart of Hunt County. Learn about the

history of this region, from cotton fields, battlefields, to a local war hero!



### St. Patrick's Day Lunch

Thursday, March 17  
11:30 A.M.

We will be providing small snacks and bingo, but please bring an appetizer to share with everyone! Please Pre-register and don't forget to wear your green!



### Senior Health Fair

Tuesday, April 12  
9:00 A.M. - Noon  
Rowlett Community Centre

Free annual event presented by the Senior Advisory Board features door prizes and free screenings plus over 40 vendors, all with a focus on senior health. These may include home health

care, retirement communities, doctors, pharmacies, and specialty organizations with the latest information on different diseases.

# SPRING IS IN THE AIR! at the Rowlett Library

Visit the library for a variety of programs and activities to entertain and educate audiences of all ages!

## Family Saturday Movie & Popcorn

Saturday, March 5- *Divergent*

2:00 P.M.

### Rowlett Community Centre

Families are invited to enjoy free movies & popcorn! In a world divided by factions based on virtues, Tris learns she's Divergent and won't fit in. When she discovers a plot to destroy Divergents, Tris and the mysterious Four must find out what makes Divergents so dangerous before it is too late. Rated PG-13.

## ESL Conversation Class

Tuesday, March 8

10:00 A.M.

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

## Love on a Leash

Wednesday, March 9

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.

## Crafternoon - Yarn Easter Eggs

Saturday, March 12

2:00 P.M.

Make yarn Easter eggs with us, just like the ones you see on Pinterest.



## Health Club

Saturday, March 19

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 each other on. Be the person you've always wanted to be in 2016!

## Did the Mafia Kill JFK?

Saturday, March 19

2:00 P.M., Rowlett Community Centre

Jim Gatewood, local author, Dallas historian, history professor at Collin County Community College, and founder of the Dallas County Assassination Review Board, delivers an account of what has been reported to the review board about JFK's assassination.

# SPRING BREAK AT THE LIBRARY

Come to the Rowlett Public Library during the break from school  
Monday, March 7 - Friday, March 11 for free, fun activities!

## Monday - Community Coloring Party

Come help us color a giant mural of Mark Twain!

## Tuesday - Scavenger Hunt

Enjoy a scavenger hunt around the Library.

## Wednesday, 4:00 P.M. - Create it at your Library

Part of Teen Tech Week.

## Thursday, 4:00 P.M. - Tech Adventures

Easy and fun, hands-on tech toys for all ages.

## Friday - Game Day!

Come wind the week down by relaxing and playing board games.

## Teen Tech Week!

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those that are offered through Libraries. These include DVDs, databases, audiobooks and videogames. Teen Tech Week encourages teens to use Libraries' non-print resources for education and recreation, and to recognize that Librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Exploring, creating and sharing content helps teens succeed in school and prepare for twenty-first century careers.

# ROWLETT PARKS & RECREATION

## SOAR Spring Break Out Day Camps!

Make Plans Now to Attend Rowlett Parks and Recreation Activities at the Community Centre!

**March 7 - 11**  
**7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Kids ages 11-14**  
**\$15 per day**



Looking for fun, safe Spring Break activities? Get the kids up and active this spring break! Drop them off at the Rowlett Community Centre (RCC) where Parks and Recreation staff will be providing entertaining, theme based activities to keep them up and moving all day long. Games, gym time, fitness activities and cultural activities each day has it's own theme. Kids need to bring water bottles, snacks and a sack lunch.

In addition to all of the physical activities kids will have “free play” every afternoon when they can choose an activity for 30-45 minutes. Choose from game room activities including pool, ping pong and air hockey, Wii mini-tournaments, cup stacking, crafts or reading time.

**Different activities every day will keep kids active and entertained!**

*For more information or to register your child, stop by the **Rowlett Community Centre** or call **972-412-6170**.*



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**Days of Spring Break Activities!**

### **Manic Monday**

Start the week with games, activities and contests. Improve teamwork and problem solving skills. Awesome games and cool arts and crafts are sure to add a burst of fun to your Monday!

### **Rookie Tuesday**

Rookie Tuesday is an awesome sports-filled day with games such as basketball, flag football, soccer and kickball, just to name a few. Have a great time while getting tons of exercise.

### **Wacky Wednesday**

Have fun on Wednesday playing some wacky games and wearing some wacky clothes! This day will have a special theme where participants can have a little fun and enjoy activities that will go along with the theme.

### **Twisted Thursday**

Participants have an exciting day playing crazy games and doing twisted activities. The main attraction on this day focuses on participants creating the coolest tie-dye creations on shirts, socks, pillow cases-if it's white, you can tie-dye it! The more you bring, the more you'll create!

### **Fantastic Fun Friday**

Prepare for adventure, challenges, laughter and teamwork on Fun Friday. Game shows, nature exploration, arts and crafts, and gym games are all entertaining ingredients of this recreational program.

# ROWLETT PARKS & RECREATION

Something for Everyone at the Rowlett Community Centre!

## Girl Powered Engineering Using Lego

Mondays, March 14 – May 2

10-11:30 A.M.

\$170, ages 5-7

A NEW Play-Well offering for girls who love to build! Taught by women engineers and scientists, this course will provide a supportive environment for girls to build engineer-designed projects such as skyscrapers, bridges, mazes and motorized cars. Explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO building system!

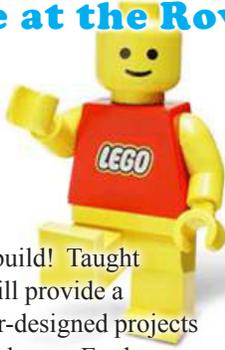
## Girl Powered Engineering

Wednesdays, March 16 – May 4

10-11:30 A.M.

\$170, ages 8-12

Taught by women engineers and scientists, this course will provide a supportive environment for girls to build engineer-designed projects such as arch bridges, motorized cars, skyscrapers and amusement parks! Design and build as never before, and explore your craziest ideas in an interactive environment. Curriculum created for LEGO lovers and newbies alike!



## Little Kickers Soccer

Thursdays, March 17 – April 7

6:00 P.M.

\$35, Ages 3-5

This five week instructional program is for kids who are interested in playing the awesome sport of soccer and having fun! Basic soccer skills will be covered.



## S.A.T. Prep

Saturdays, March 19-April 23

9:00 A.M. – Noon

\$75, ages: 14-18

Improve your chances of getting into the college of your choice by increasing your SAT scores. The SAT Prep course consists of 18 hours of classroom pre-test, post-test and instruction in math, grammar and writing. Writing and grammar are covered in the first half of the course, and math is covered during the second half of the course. Students complete two practice tests and two essays. The cost does not include the SAT book.



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

*Plan Ahead and Be Prepared*

## “Time” to Change Batteries!



## Daylight Savings Begins March 13

### Rowlett Fire Rescue Urges Homeowners to Change Smoke Detector Batteries when you ‘Spring Forward’!

Smoke is responsible for three out of four fire-related deaths. One of the best ways you can protect your family from fire is to make sure you have good working smoke detectors inside your home for early smoke and fire detection. Change your batteries when you set your clocks forward each spring and back in the fall!

Do you or someone you know need assistance with changing smoke detector batteries?  
Call Fire Administration at 972-412-6230.

# Rowlett

## City Calendar

# March

		1 <b>City Council Meeting</b> 7:30 pm @ City Hall	2	3	4 <b>One-on-One Tech Help @ Library</b>	5 <b>Movie &amp; Popcorn-Divergent</b> 2pm @ RCC  <b>Pinterest Crafts</b> 2pm @ Library
6	7 Spring Break programs at the Library and RCC begin (thru Friday)	8 <b>Seniors Emergency Preparedness</b> 10am @ RCC  <b>Planning &amp; Zoning Meeting</b> 6pm @ City Hall	9 <b>Love on a Leash</b> 3:30pm @ Library	10	11 <b>One-on-One Tech Help @ Library</b>	12 <b>Crafternoon - Yarn Easter Eggs</b> 2pm @ Library
13 <b>Daylight Savings begins - set clocks ahead one hour</b>	14	15 <b>City Council Meeting</b> 7:30 pm @ City Hall	16	17 <b>Seniors St. Patrick's Day Lunch</b> 11:30am @ RCC	18 <b>One-on-One Tech Help @ Library</b>	19 <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> 10am @ RCC  <b>Health Club</b> 10am @ Library  <b>Did the Mafia Kill JFK?</b> 2pm @ RCC
20 <b>Pup-a-Palooza</b> 2pm @ Herfurth Park	21	22 <b>Planning &amp; Zoning Meeting</b> 6pm @ City Hall	23	24	25 <b>One-on-One Tech Help @ Library</b>	26
27 <b>Easter</b>	28	29	30 <b>Senior Trip - Audie Murphy Museum</b> 9:30am @ RCC	31		