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# Rowlett On the Move

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**A Great Community Begins with YOU...Get Involved and Make A Difference in YOUR Hometown!**

**Start Planning Your Neighborhood Party Now!**

## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

One of the factors keeping our community safe is the partnership between citizens and the Rowlett Police Department. We invite you and your neighborhood to participate in the 33rd Annual National Night Out, an event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to send a message to criminals letting them know that citizens are organized and fighting back. It also fosters neighborhood camaraderie, making them safer, better places to live. Together, we are making that happen! National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



Residents throughout the community are encouraged to turn on the porch light, lock the door and gather with neighbors to show unity against criminal activity. Many neighborhoods plan special events such as block parties, swimming parties, bike parades and cookouts.

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## **MAYOR APPOINTED TO REGIONAL COMMISSION BOARD**

**North Texas Commission** improves the economic vitality, infrastructure and lifestyle of North Texas by marketing the region, promoting collaboration and advocating on critical issues.

Mayor Todd Gottel has been appointed to serve on the board of the North Texas Commission (NTC). Established in 1971, the North Texas Commission is a 300-member regional non-profit consortium of businesses, cities, counties, chambers of commerce, economic development entities and higher education institutions in the North Texas Region. The NTC improves the economic vitality, infrastructure and lifestyle of North Texas by marketing the region, promoting collaboration and advocating on critical issues. As the fourth largest metro area in the nation with nearly 7 million people, North Texas is among the fastest growing regions in the country and is home to 21 Fortune 500 companies. To keep up, we need smart policies and active leadership. The NTC works to ensure North Texas is a key national logistics center.

Here in Rowlett, we all know what an extraordinary leader Mayor Gottel is and are very appreciative that he will now share his experience and expertise with this important commission, along with maximizing Rowlett's regional visibility as an excellent place to live, work and do business!



## National Night Out

If yours is one of those, the Rowlett Police, Fire Rescue and Public Works Departments would love the opportunity to drop in and visit with everyone. They can bring the SWAT vehicle, squad cars, fire engines, large construction vehicles and more for kids (and adults!) to climb on, into and enjoy. Mayor Todd Gottel and members of the City Council and City staff will also be dropping in on all the celebrations.



Please contact Officer Chad Caldwell in the Police Department's Community Services Division via [email](#) or at 972-412-6242 to sign up your neighborhood or for more information.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH SUMMIT



**Monday, September 12  
7-9:00 P.M.**

### Rowlett Community Centre

Interested in starting a Crime Watch group in YOUR neighborhood? Or, do you already have one? This event is for you! Join Community Services Officer Chad Caldwell for great information about crime prevention in our City and how to help make your neighborhoods safer by all working together.

## Update - Tornado Relief Center Donations Needed

We are now eight months out from the devastating tornado that hit Rowlett on December 26, 2015, but the recovery process for those that were affected still continues. The generosity shown by this community has been nothing short of miraculous, with hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash, gift cards, goods and services donated to those in need. But we're not done yet! So many of those whose homes were destroyed or severely impacted had no place to store donated items. Now that many homes are either liveable again or close to it, these residents are very much in need of everyday household items.

The **Tornado Relief Center, located at 4813**



**Rowlett Road** (right next to the DART light rail tracks), is very much in need of donations to assist these Rowlett residents! Please consider donating: non-perishable food, household goods, small household appliances, kitchen goods, cleaning supplies, storage supplies, baby and toddler items, toiletries, and bathroom supplies.

Financial donations specifically for the Tornado Relief Center can be made directly to First United Methodist Church of Rowlett at <http://www.fumc-rowlett.org/giving> (put "Tornado Relief" in the memo line) or to First Christian Church of Rowlett at <http://www.fccrowlett.org> (select "Donation Center" on the drop down menu).

**Items can be dropped off at the Tornado Relief Center during operating hours:**

**Tuesday and Friday, 5:00-7:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, Noon-2:00 P.M.**

**Donated items may also be dropped off during weekday hours at the following locations, please let them know it is for the Tornado Relief Center:**

**Cornerstone Assembly of God at 8200 Schrade Road**

**First Christian Church of Rowlett at 7301 Miller Road**

**First United Methodist Church of Rowlett at 4405 Main Street**

### Where is Rowlett in our recovery process?

*1,261 homes were affected, 470 of those were totally destroyed or structurally impaired. Repairs are underway, 1,222 of the damaged homes have been rebuilt, repaired or demolished. Only 39 homes have had little to no activity and 19 of those do have active permits.*

## Update - Rebuild Rowlett Case Management

Our community has generously donated to the Rebuild Rowlett fund, whether directly or through all of the incredible fundraisers that continue to occur. So far, over \$266,000 has been distributed through Case Management! And the Rowlett Long Term Recovery Committee continues to work directly with the North Texas Conference Recovery Center and Catholic Charities/St. Vincent de Paul to meet the long term and unmet needs of Rowlett disaster survivors.

there are still those in our community who need assistance. Rebuild Rowlett has raised \$228,476 and has \$122,012 remaining. There are still open cases. Without additional funds, Rebuild Rowlett won't be able to meet all those needs.

Cash donations are very welcome and can be made at [www.rebuildrowlett.org](http://www.rebuildrowlett.org). You can also give back by attending an upcoming fundraiser, such as the Bayside Regatta (details below)!

Although it's been eight months since the tornado,

### DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED ASSISTANCE?

Please register with a Rebuild Rowlett Long Term Recovery Case Manager

→ Catholic Charities/St. Vincent de Paul  
469-607-0909, [tornadorelief@ccdallas.org](mailto:tornadorelief@ccdallas.org)  
OR

→ North Texas Conference Recovery Center  
469-243-1008, [recovery@ntcumc.org](mailto:recovery@ntcumc.org)

*The Bayside Regatta, benefitting Rebuild Rowlett, is now open for registration! You don't have to be a sailor to have fun and raise funds for Rowlett residents that still need help recovering from the tornado. A BBQ cookoff, kids activities, live music and more will be onsite at Bayside for this fun, all day event hosted by the Rowlett Chamber Foundation.*

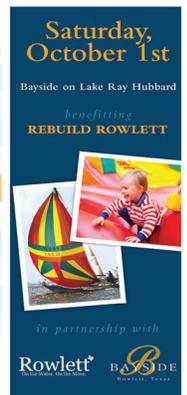
*Register to participate as a sailor, in the Rib Cookoff, or as a vendor with a booth [here](#).*



#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30-3:00	BBQ Rib Cook Off
9:00	Booths/Vendors Open
9:00	Kids Area Opens
9:00	MC Announcements
10:00	Boats Leave Bayside
12-10:00	Beer Garden Opens
4:00	Award Ceremony
5:00	Entertainment Starts
Jill Collins Band	
7:00	Main Band Infinite Journey
10:00	Closing

For more information about the event or to become a sponsor call 972-475-4700



## Emergency Management Specialist Receives *Hot Stuff Award*

Ed Balderas, Rowlett's Emergency Management Specialist, has received the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) "Hot Stuff" Award for the exceptional leadership demonstrated during the tornado response and in all of the months since. This award is given to stakeholders in the region in recognition of extraordinary participation and efforts that go above and beyond regular duties in helping NCTCOG build strong and effective regional emergency preparedness capacity.

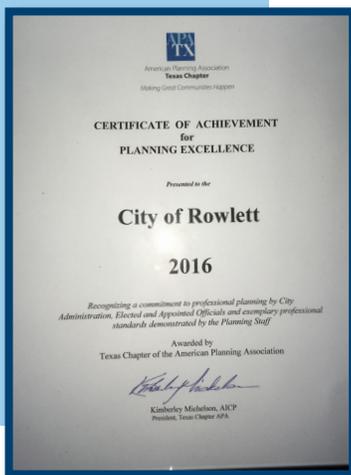
Others pictured are Stephanie Parker, far right, Emergency Management Coordinator for Ellis County, who received an award for her response to the December 26 storms in her county. Josh Roberts (Lewisville EMC) and Tonya Hunter (Best Southwest Cities EMC) also received an award and both of them provided response and recovery support to Rowlett.

Mistie Gardner (in red), Richardson's Emergency Management Coordinator was nominated by Ed and Assistant City Manager Jim Proce for her role in coordinating the deployment of public works mutual aid resources from around the NCTCOG region through the Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT).



*A special thanks to all of the regional emergency management personnel who assisted Rowlett in the tornado aftermath!*

## Planning Department *Recognized for Excellence*



The Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association has awarded the City of Rowlett Planning Department their 2016 Certificate of Achievement for Planning Excellence. This certification recognizes the professional planning standards demonstrated by department staff and the support exhibited by our City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission. More specifically, the department meets the goals of increasing awareness of professional planning, enhancing neighborhood and citizen recognition of planning efforts and aiding in economic development and community image!



## Rowlett Employee *Recognized for Leadership*

Will Plexico, a member of the Streets team in the Rowlett Public Works Department, has been recognized for his leadership and innovative thinking by the American Public Works Association (APWA). Although his primary job involves the pavement management program in Rowlett, analyzing and tracking the pavement condition index, Will is also a member of the City's Wellness Team. The City has a very active and incentivized Wellness Program wherein employees are given the opportunity to participate in physical challenges, compete in activities, receive education on health and wellness topics, all to manage and maintain health and well-being. Will realized that, due to their unique hours, the Public Works teams were experiencing scheduling conflicts that prevented them from accessing the facilities made available to employees. He then set out to repurpose a storage area in the Public Works building, design a workout area, identify funding strategies for equipment, and develop safety and employee accountability guidelines for the new facility. His passion for encouraging Public Works employees to actively participate in their health, along with an extremely detailed and well thought-out plan, met with a favorable response from City management and the Public Works gym became a reality. Will's approach to both work and leadership is one of service. With this recognition, Will is now eligible for the APWA Emerging Leaders Academy.

*“Never pass up the opportunity to help make a difference, not only for your coworkers while they're at work, but leave an impact that they carry home each and every day.”*

*Will Plexico*

***Will is also a superstar in his "real" job of pavement management. In an effort to educate the public and City Council, Will stars in his own video wherein he explains the principles in layman terms. This video has been recognized as far away as Australia! [Watch it here.](#)***

# RECENTLY IN ROWLETT...



## Citizens Fire Academy

12 Rowlett residents successfully completed the 18th Citizen's Fire Academy. They participated in lots of activities to learn just what a day in the life of a Rowlett Firefighter is all about. Students even took part in a live burn, where they were able to suit up and actually put out a fire. It was a huge success and fun for the entire group!



## RPD Attends Back to School Rally

Rowlett Police Department School Resource Officers had a great time participating in the NAACP Garland Unit Health Fair and Back to School Rally at the Curtis Culwell Center on Saturday, August 20.

## Rowlett Municipal Court **Presiding Judge Owen Lokken Retires**



After serving as Rowlett Municipal Court Presiding Judge for almost 26 years, Judge Owen Lokken will retire from his position on September 30.

Judge Lokken has a deep commitment to the Rowlett community, serving three terms on the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, one of those terms as Chairman. As a local attorney, he has also offered Pro Bono legal services to form and

secure exempt status for numerous non-profit organizations in Rowlett. Judge Lokken is also very active in his church congregation, serving as chairman and on church council several times, and spent eight years as vice president of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

An avid traveler, Judge Lokken has already been to all seven continents

and approximately 70 countries! He now looks forward to spending time with his family and continuing to travel the world.

The City Council will recognize Judge Lokken's service by proclamation at the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 20. Council will appoint a new Presiding Judge in the coming weeks.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### The City Offers Many Convenient Utility Bill Payment Methods!

**We know life moves fast so we've developed multiple ways to pay in an effort to better assist our citizens!**

#### **ACH Auto-Pay Bank Draft**

Allows payment to automatically draft from your checking account on the due date each month. Just drop by the Utility Billing Office, located at 4004 Main Street, with a voided check and complete an ACH Bank Draft Form. Activation of the ACH drafting normally takes 15-30 days to sync with your bank.

#### **Interactive Voice Response System (IVR)**

Call 844-238-8997. Enter your Account # and Customer ID# to pay your bill with a credit/debit card or by electronic check.

#### **Call Us!**

Customer Service Representatives are available at 972-412-6105, Monday through Friday from 7:30am – 5:00pm.

#### **Pay In-person**

Come see us at 4004 Main Street, Monday through Friday from 7:30am – 5:00pm.

#### **Online at [www.rowlett.com](http://www.rowlett.com)**

Online options require your Account # and Customer ID#. These numbers appear on your bill each month, separated by the hyphen (i.e. Account# - Customer ID). This option does not allow partial payments.

**Paymentus** - online and mobile friendly, Paymentus provides payment options allowing customers the option to sign up for recurring credit/debit card or auto draft payments as well as make one-time utility payments.

**Citizens Self-Service Portal** - For making one-time payments. You may view and print your bill, see the details of your bill, view consumption history and pay your bill with credit/debit card or by electronic check.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



## Senior Lunch Social

Thursday, September 8  
11:30 A.M.  
Rowlett Community Centre  
Held monthly on the second Thursday. Bring a side dish to share and the Parks & Recreation Department will provide the main entrée, which in September is Fried Chicken! Please pre-register by calling 972-412-6170



## AARP Smart Drivers Class

Saturday, September 10  
9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.  
\$15 AARP members  
\$20 non-members

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older and has helped millions of drivers remain safe on today's roads. It is designed to help tune up driving skills and update knowledge of the rules of the road. Call 972-412-6170 for more information or to register.



## Senior Health Checks

Tuesday, September 13  
Rowlett Community Centre  
This free service is provided by the Rowlett Fire Department. Firefighters take blood pressure and blood sugar readings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Rowlett Community Centre.



## Senior Winstar Casino Day

Wednesday, September 28  
8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.  
\$20

Jump on the bus at the RCC and enjoy a day of gambling, socializing, and an awesome buffet with your friends! Call 972-412-6170 for more information or to register.

## Free Family Fun!

### *Movies at Pecan Grove Park*

Fridays in September

5300 Main St., behind the Community Centre  
6:30 P.M.

Pack a picnic dinner and head on down to Pecan Grove Park for a memorable evening of family cinema under the stars! Free movies begin at dusk. There will also be face painting, music, lawn games and other children's activities. Popcorn, snow cones and snacks will be provided free of charge by local businesses and churches!



Friday, September 2  
*Minions*



Friday, September 9  
*The Good Dinosaur*



Friday, September 16  
*Hotel Transylvania 2*

### *Diversity Day!*

Saturday, October 1

11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
Rowlett Community Centre

The Community Centre is transformed into a global exploration of various cultures and heritages found right here in the City of Rowlett. Enjoy performances by exciting dancers, singers, storytellers and more from around the world. Experience and celebrate the variety of cultures by visiting booths featuring food tastings, activities and crafts.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



## Camp Fear!

Friday & Saturday  
October 28-29  
5:00 P.M. – 11:30 A.M.  
Pecan Grove Park

Rowlett's favorite Halloween party is back! Pack up your family, tent and sleeping bags and embark on an overnight camping adventure!

Participate in a large number of

family activities including games, a haunted hayride, tent trick or treating, s'mores, and spooky storytelling. Deck out your tent and compete in the Best Tent Decorating competition! **Space is limited, register now!** For more information please call 972-412-6170.



City offices and facilities closed Monday, September 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Garbage collection will occur as regularly scheduled.

## City Volunteer Organization Hosts Two Clean-up Events

### Keep Rowlett Beautiful Reuse, Recycle and Clean-up!



## Great American Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 10  
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

*Check-in at The Wet Zone for assignments*

Come join the fun! Volunteers of all ages are invited to join in a city-wide parks, streets and lakeshore cleanup effort. EVERYBODY (individuals, families, schools, groups . . .) is encouraged to do their part to help clean up our beautiful city. All volunteers are invited back to the pavilion after the cleanup for a volunteer appreciation luncheon. Enjoy hot dogs, drinks, chips and cookies. Listen to music and share your stories of the day. Take part in prize drawings of goods and services donated by local Rowlett merchants. Sign up online at [www.keeprowlettbeautiful.org](http://www.keeprowlettbeautiful.org) or contact Martha Brown at Keep Rowlett Beautiful, Inc. for more information: 972-463-3929, [mbrown@keeprowlettbeautiful.org](mailto:mbrown@keeprowlettbeautiful.org).



## Shredding & Electronics Recycling

Saturday, November 5  
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Rowlett High School parking lot

Get rid of the e-waste cluttering up your home! "E-waste" is defined as any electronic equipment that has reached its "end-of-life" or "end-of-usage," whether in working or non-working condition, such as Monitors, TV's, Computers, Laptops, Printers, Cell Phones, Corded Phones, Stereos, DVD Players, batteries of any type, ink and toner cartridges... almost anything that runs on electricity! This event also includes FREE document shredding! Email [info@keeprowlettbeautiful.org](mailto:info@keeprowlettbeautiful.org) or call 972-463-3929 for more information.

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



**The Story of Dallas!**

**Empty the Shelter day, held Saturday, July 23 for the City of Rowlett, resulted in the adoption of 19 pets!**

In one of the many kennels full of excited dogs and cute puppies at the Rowlett Animal Shelter sat a calm, handsome older blonde Akita mix just waiting for his forever home. Over two months went by, as Dallas was continuously passed over for the other available pets. Shelter staff and volunteers gave him plenty of love and attention and continuously advocated for him with potential adopters. Finally, Dallas' perfect family came into the shelter, looking to add an older dog to their loving home. They immediately fell in love with him and decided to adopt him on the spot! Dallas now has two kids to call his own, both of whom spoil him rotten.



## Code Enforcement tip of the month

### Keep those Trees and Shrubs Trimmed!

Overhead vertical clearance of public sidewalks must be seven feet; lateral clearance of public sidewalks must be six inches from each edge of the sidewalk.

Overhead vertical clearance of streets must be 12 feet, lateral clearance of streets, and no encroachment over or above the back of a curb or edge of pavement.



Sight clearance at intersections of city streets must have a sight distance of 200 feet. Sight clearance for signs must have an uninhibited sight distance of 100 feet.

Overhead vertical clearance of public alleys and easements is 12 feet; lateral clearance is 18 inches.



**The annual Pooch Plunge at the Wet Zone is one of FRAS most popular fundraisers!**



## Friends of Rowlett Animals Community Partner Provides Invaluable Support to the Animal Shelter!

Friends of Rowlett Animals (FRAs) was started by three concerned citizens who wanted to make a difference in the lives of homeless animals in our community. Up until 2012, there were only four members, but in the last few years their membership has swelled to over 200, 50 of which are considered "active".

The Rowlett Animal Shelter would absolutely not be able to maintain their amazing 98-100 percent live release rate without the tireless efforts of our FRAs partners. Volunteering at the shelter on a daily basis to help socialize and correct pet's behavioral issues, contacting rescue groups, marketing pets on Facebook, Petfinder, Adopt-a-Pet and other online resources, searching the many Lost and Found sites to try to match up strays that come into the shelter, taking professional-quality photos to market the pets, performing hands on evaluations in order to find strays the perfect homes and then offering assistance to

***"We are able to achieve these goals by the generosity of our sponsors along with the hard work, dedication, and time invested by our volunteers. Our group continues to adapt to the needs of the community as it expands in order to continue providing these services to help the Rowlett Animal Shelter maintain its exemplary live release rate."***

Friends of Rowlett Animals

adopters once the pet goes home (which helps keep animals from being returned to the shelter because of a "bad fit" with the adopters home), soliciting food and other donations when supplies run low, conducting off-site adoption events, which allow potential adopters to see the animals outside of the shelter environment, the list of assistance offered by FRAs is endless and all-encompassing.

FRAs also offers financial support. When an animal comes in with a serious injury, FRAs may pay for treatments, additional testing, or will utilize their vast network to find a rescue to take the injured animal. Spaying/neutering and vaccinations are sometimes necessary. They also sponsor heartworm treatments on a regular basis. A minimum of 90 percent of donations received are used directly for animal care and adoption support, with operational expenses kept between 5-9 percent.

# Back To School

## at the Rowlett Library

Enjoy a variety of programs and activities to entertain and educate audiences of all ages!



### The Library Goes Digital on Saturdays in September!

#### Hooray for *hoopla*!

**Saturday, September 10 - 2:00 P.M.**

Come learn how to utilize *hoopla*, the Library's latest digital platform. *hoopla* is a revolutionary new service, allowing you to instantly borrow digital movies, music, eBooks, comics, graphic novels and more, 24/7 and all with just your library card. From Hollywood blockbusters to best-selling artists and authors – not just the hits, but the niche and hard-to-find as well – you'll soon discover that *hoopla* provides you the freedom you've been searching for to experience, explore and enjoy what you want, when you want, and where you want!

### Digital Discoveries at the Library

**Saturday, September 17 - 2:00 P.M.**

Explore the world of digital resources available 24/7 from the Library!

Be entertained and enlightened, without leaving the comfort of your own home. Want to know more about streaming movies or music from *Hoopla*? Would you like to increase your Microsoft Office skill set or learn how to play an instrument? These and SO many more resources are available at your fingertips!

### Tech for Kids

**Saturday, September 24 - 2:00 P.M.**

Digital Library Resources aren't just for grown-ups. The Library has online adventures for kids as well as books to introduce kids to the world of coding. Kids and their parents will learn how to access digital content for school and fun!



### 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.

### Love on a Leash

**Wednesday, September 14 - 4:00 P.M.**

Independent young school-age readers have the opportunity to improve skills and read aloud to doggy reading companions in a safe non-threatening environment. Program occurs monthly on the second Wednesday. Call to make reservations, or sign up at the Library Service Desk today at 972 412-6161.

### 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!

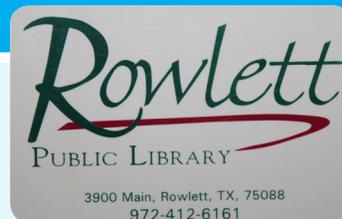
### Crazy 8's Math Club

**Thursdays @ 4:00 P.M.**

**Ages 6-12**

Elementary-age children learn that math is fun! Every week, kids build stuff and make a mess with math!

## SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



Celebrate with a trip to the library to explore all the many services and resources available! Lifelong learners and brand new students alike will enjoy educational programs and activities, in addition to a wide variety of reading resources that make learning fun. Nook and Kindle users can even check out e-books! The entertainment available from the Rowlett Library doesn't stop at reading material. Check out music CD's by top of the charts artists and the latest movie and television series on DVD! From free access to databases and homework help, to encyclopedias and test preparation materials, the Library has something for every student, too! Free library cards are available every day, but only in September will cardholders have a chance to win special prizes! For more information on how to sign up for a library card, stop by the Library at 5702 Rowlett Road today, call 972-412-6161, or visit us online at [www.rowlett.com](http://www.rowlett.com)!

*The library card is the smartest card in your wallet because it's your free ticket to lifetime learning and entertainment. Parents, it's the most important school supply of them all. Come on in to the Rowlett Public Library and get yours today!*

# ROWLETT LIBRARY OFFERS TECH ASSISTANCE!



Rowlett Public Library is excited to now offer library customers access to thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, audiobooks and digital comics through our new partnership with **hoopla Digital!** All materials can either be streamed through the **hoopla** website or downloaded to a portable device through the Android or IOS app. As with our other digital materials services, items checked out are returned automatically, so you don't have to worry about returning anything to the library. There are also never any late fees for these materials. Best of all, library cardholders have simultaneous access to materials on **hoopla**, which means you never have to wait for someone else to finish with what you want to borrow. Cardholders currently can check out up to five titles per month!

To start using the service, go to <https://www.hoopladigital.com>. In the upper right hand corner of the screen, click "Log In" then on the next page click "Sign Up Now" toward

## Phil's Technology Corner

### Fun New Digital Service - HOOPLA!

**Phil Barott, Information Systems Administrator with the Rowlett Public Library, offers a useful technology tip each month.**

the bottom of the screen. Rowlett Public Library should be one of the big blue options on the screen, but if it's not you can search for the library's name and click "Continue." At this point you need to provide an email address, create a password, and enter your library card number and PIN. If you aren't sure what those are, give us a call at 972-412-6161 and we can look them up for you. You'll receive a welcome email from **hoopla** that tells you how to use the service, but if you'd prefer to not receive any more emails you can change your notification preferences on the settings page.

After creating your account, you're all set to start enjoying **hoopla**. You can search for items or browse by type of material (eBooks, movies, etc). Within those separate browsing sections, the first screen you see is the Recommended page, which by default features a variety of popular or recent titles. However, if you scroll down to the bottom of the screen, you can click on a link to edit your Recommendation Settings by choosing your favorite genres. Then the Recommended page will display selections you're more likely to enjoy. You

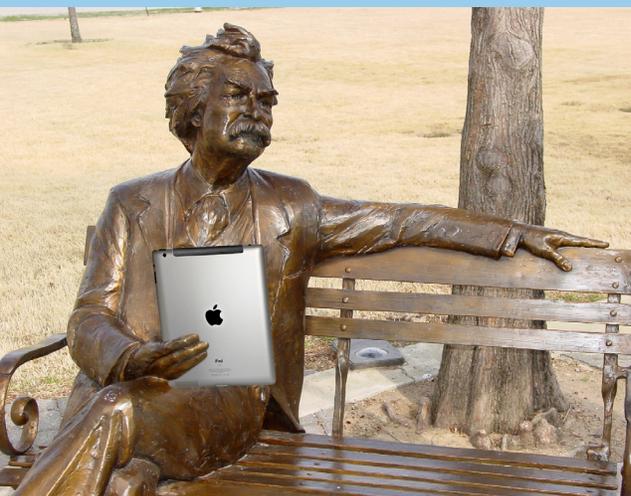
can also display materials by popularity and genre by clicking on the tabs toward the top of the screen. Once you've found something you want, check it out by clicking the blue "Borrow" button.

- eBooks, audiobooks and comics check out for 21 days.
- Movies and TV shows check out for three days.
- Music checks out for seven days.

Materials can either be streamed from the website, or downloaded to an app for offline viewing and listening. You're also able to add items to a Favorites list, so you can save for later anything that you don't want to check out right now.

We're very excited about this new service, and hope you'll all enjoy it. If you're interested in learning more or have questions about signing up and using **hoopla** (though we promise it is very straightforward), please attend the informational session at the Library on Saturday, September 10 at 2:00 P.M. Or, just give us a call at 972-412-6161 or come on in to the library, and we can walk you through it!

## One-on-One Technology Assistance



The library offers **FREE** one-on-one sessions to help you get the most from your computers and personal devices such as cell phones or tablets.

### One-on-One Tech Help

- Every Friday
- Rowlett Library
- Flexible times

Two 30 minute sessions are available every Friday for reservation. Contact Information Systems Administrator Phil Barott at 972-412-6161 or [pbarott@rowlett.com](mailto:pbarott@rowlett.com). Reservations are on a first come first served basis so call today!

# ROWLETT PARKS & RECREATION

**Back to School Means LOTS of Fun at the Rowlett Community Centre!**

## Young Anglers Club

6:00 P.M. Tuesdays, September 6-27

Sessions also available in October, November and December  
\$25

This fun program will get your kids outdoors and teach them how to do some good ole fishing. We will take turns fishing different fishing spots around Rowlett just to show that you do not need a boat to fish. We will learn techniques and skills for bank fishing. Each participant will get a Rowlett Young Anglers Club patch!



## Flag Football Clinic

Saturday, September 10, 9-11:00 A.M.

\$35, Boys and Girls, ages 7-12

Kids learn skills on both sides of the football including the core components of passing, catching and defense all in a fun and positive environment.

## Starting New at Golf (SNAG)

Saturday, September 24, 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

\$35, ages 5-8

Learn the fundamentals of swinging, putting and body positioning. 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. All equipment provided. This is a beginner's course where golfers will tee off for Skyhawks PGA Championships.



## Register NOW for Fall Athletic Leagues!

Youth baseball, youth and adult basketball, roller hockey, adult volleyball, softball and more! Get all the details at [www.rowlett.com/LakesideLeisure!](http://www.rowlett.com/LakesideLeisure!)

## Saturdays are for Soccer!

### Mommy/Daddy and Me Soccer

Saturdays, September 10-October 22

4:30-5:00 P.M., \$77

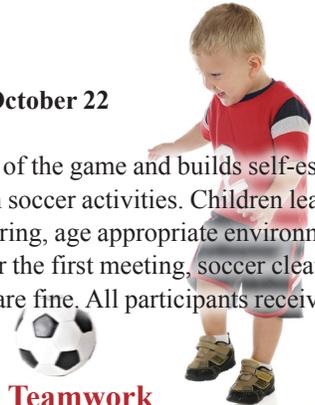
Introduce your toddler to the "World's Most Popular Game!" As you and your child participate in our fun age appropriate activities, your child will be developing their large motor skills and socialization skills. The fun happens on the field, and in Mommy/Daddy & Me Soccer, parents are part of the action, not watching from the sidelines! No specific equipment is required for the Mommy/Daddy & Me class. All kids receive a Kidz Love Soccer jersey!

### Tot Pre-Soccer

Saturdays, September 17-October 22

3:45-4:20 P.M., \$77

Teaches the basic techniques of the game and builds self-esteem through participation and fun soccer activities. Children learn to follow instructions in a nurturing, age appropriate environment. Shin guards are required after the first meeting, soccer cleats are optional, shorts and a t-shirt are fine. All participants receive a Kidz Love Soccer jersey!



### Soccer Techniques and Teamwork

Saturdays, September 17-October 22

3-3:45 P.M., \$77

Players will learn dribbling, passing, receiving, shooting, defense, etc. Fun skill games are played at every session, and every participant will have a ball at his or her feet. Small-sided soccer matches will be introduced gradually. Shin guards are required after the first meeting, soccer cleats are optional, shorts and a t-shirt are fine. All participants receive a Kidz Love Soccer jersey!

Call 972-412-6170  
to sign up!

**GET FIT, STAY ACTIVE AND BE ENTERTAINED AT  
THE ROWLETT COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**School is back in session...  
time to focus on YOU!  
Shape up with fall fitness  
classes!**

*Pilates*

*Spin*

*Full Body Ignite*

*Jazzercise*

*Mommy and Me Fitness*

*Kidz Fitness*

*Tae Kwon Do*

*Jujitsu*

*Tai Chi & Qi Gong Fitness*

## Senior Fitness Fun!

*Get Energized with Jill!*

*SAIL (Stay Active in Life)*

*PACE (People with Arthritis Can  
Exercise)*

*Senior Fitness Fun*

*Senior Stretch*

*Group Personal Training*

*Beginning Tap with Jill!*

*Line Dancing with Jill!*

*Walking Club*



# Rowlett

## City Calendar

# September

				1	2 <b>One-on-One Tech Help @ Library</b>  <b>Movies @ Pecan Grove Park 6:30pm</b>	3
4	5 <b>Labor Day</b> City offices and facilities closed	6 <b>City Council Meeting</b> 7:30pm @ City Hall	7	8 <b>Senior Lunch Social</b> 11:30 @ RCC	9 <b>One-on-One Tech Help @ Library</b>  <b>Movies @ Pecan Grove Park 6:30pm</b>	10 <b>Great American Cleanup</b> 9am @ Wet Zone  <b>Flag Football Clinic</b> 9am @ RCC  <b>Hooray for Hoopla</b> 2pm @ Library
11	12 <b>Neighborhood Crime Watch Summit</b> 7pm @ RCC	13 <b>Senior Health Checks @ RCC</b>  <b>Planning &amp; Zoning Meeting</b> 6:30pm @ City Hall	14	15	16 <b>One-on-One Tech Help @ Library</b>  <b>Movies @ Pecan Grove Park 6:30pm</b>	17 <b>Digital Discoveries</b> 2pm @ Library
18	19	20 <b>City Council Meeting</b> 7:30pm @ City Hall	21	22	23 <b>One-on-One Tech Help @ Library</b>	24 <b>AARP Drivers Class</b> 9-1 @ RCC  <b>Tech for Kids</b> 2pm @ Library
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