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On the Move

Spring Rains Raise Lake Levels

NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT LIFTS ALL WATER RESTRICTIONS

Twice Weekly Watering Allowed and \$6.97 Monthly Surcharge Lifted Effective May 1

On April 10, the North Texas Municipal Water District announced that, due to all of the rain North Texas has received this spring, they are lifting all water restrictions effective May 1, and up to twice-weekly landscape watering is once again allowed!

Runoff from recent rains has increased the levels of both Lavon and Chapman Lakes, which are key water supplies for the district. As the owner and operator of Lavon and Jim Chapman Lakes, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) monitors reservoir levels for flood mitigation, determining whether releases are required to protect public safety and reduce the potential for damage caused by a flood event. Lavon Lake reached its full conservation pool of 492' on Saturday, April 25, 2015, with an elevation of 492.05', so water was released downstream to flow into Lake Ray Hubbard.

Also effective May 1, as the North Texas Municipal Water District has lifted water restrictions, the City Council approved lifting the \$6.97 monthly water surcharge, which was put into place with the intent it would remain until the restrictions were lifted.



We also would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your exemplary conservation efforts and patience during this almost five-year period of water restrictions. Rowlett consistently met the district's water-use reduction goals and we couldn't have done this without your help and sacrifice!

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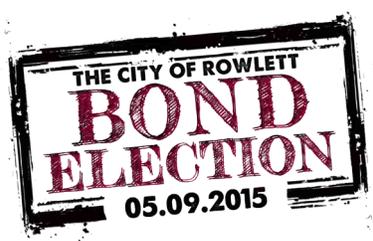
All Three Propositions Pass! 2015 Community Investment Program Bond Election Results

On Saturday, May 9, residents of Rowlett were asked to go to the polls to consider authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$25.8 million for three proposed bond propositions. Approximately 2,350 voters turned out to cast their votes and as a result, all three propositions passed. *Thank you to everyone who came out and let your voice be heard!*

Three propositions were included in the election: Proposition 1 - \$18,932,340 for Streets, Proposition 2 - \$4,206,110 for Parks and \$2,631,050 for Public Safety. The projects included in these three propositions, listed on the following pages, will now be prioritized, planned, scheduled and implemented.

The local option election to legalize package liquor sales for off-premise consumption also passed, which opens the door for stores such as Total Wine & More or Specs to open in Rowlett. City staff estimates Rowlett could eventually see up to a half million dollars in additional tax revenue.

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Proposition 1

STREETS \$18,932,340*



Lake Country Estates
Llano Street

Phase 1 Lake Country Estates Street Reconstruction - \$3,650,000

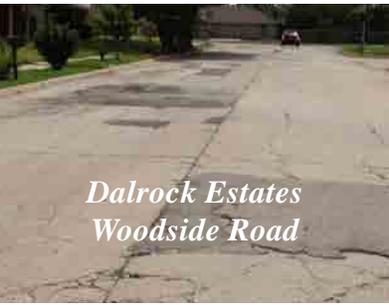
Rebuilding streets, sidewalks, curbs, drainage systems, street trees and lighting on Llano Street, Southridge Drive, Westview Drive and West Lynnwood Drive.

Advanced Traffic Management System - \$800,000

The installation of equipment, monitoring systems and upgrades for the traffic management systems throughout the City by means of an automated control center.

Right Turn Lane at Main Street and the President George Bush Turnpike - \$260,000

Intersection improvement in front of Rowlett High School on Main Street at the northbound PGBT service road.



Dalrock Estates
Woodside Road

Phase 1 Dalrock Estates Street Reconstruction - \$3,400,000

Rebuilding streets, sidewalks, curbs, drainage systems, street trees and lighting on Highgate Lane, Woodside Road and Yorkshire Drive.

Alley Reconstruction Program - \$2,000,000

Rebuilding the alleys and drainage systems identified in the Top 50 Restoration Plan.



Highland Meadows
Westfield Drive

Phase 1 Highland Meadows Street Reconstruction - \$3,030,000

Rebuilding streets, sidewalks, curbs, drainage systems, street trees and lighting on Miami Drive, Vernon Drive and Westfield Drive.

Primrose Lane Street Reconstruction - \$1,550,000

Rebuilding street, sidewalks, curbs and drainage systems.



Primrose Lane

Main Street Reconstruction - \$1,870,000

Rebuilding the street, sidewalks, curbs, drainage systems, landscaping and lighting on Main Street to extend the downtown "theme" from the Roundabout to the President George Bush Turnpike.

Sidewalk Connections - \$280,000

Identifying, planning and constructing priority areas around schools, parks and neighborhoods, and completing connections to existing sidewalks.

Phase 2 Merritt Road Interconnector - \$1,500,000

Design and property acquisition of the Merritt Road extension connecting to Liberty Grove Road.

Chiesa Road and Liberty Grove Road Intersection Traffic Signal - \$225,000

Installation of a traffic signal addressing identified traffic control needs in this intersection.

What is a Community Investment Program (CIP)?

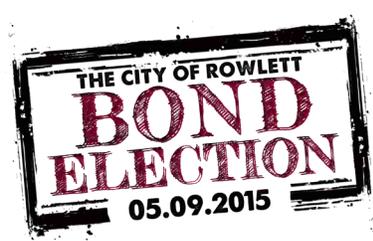
Recognizing community needs and balancing demands with the funding available, the CIP is a multi-year plan outlining the goals and objectives regarding the development, modernization or replacement of physical public infrastructure and facilities. It identifies, implements and manages these community improvement projects. For a project to be defined as a 'capital project', it should generally exceed \$25,000 in cost, be a non-recurring

expense, provide long-term benefit and be an addition to the City's fixed assets. This process combined input from City staff, citizens, the CIP Task Force and the City Council, and included addressing existing infrastructure needs, planning for future growth and responding to the quality of life wants and needs of our community. The CIP will prioritize the identified projects into yearly plans based on these categories.

* Includes the cost of issuance of the bonds and related expenses.

Proposition 2

PARKS \$4,206,110*



Wet Zone Waterpark - \$660,000

Pool resurfacing, restroom improvements, a new feature designed for 5-to-12 year-olds, new signage, foam replacement and hand rails.

Hike & Bike Trails Plan - \$300,000

Review the Hike & Bike Trails Plan, followed by the development and construction of priority projects, which will be identified in that process.

New Kids Kingdom Playground - \$557,500

Replace Pecan Grove Park's Kids Kingdom playground, in part funded by fundraising efforts.

Rowlett Community Centre Renovation - \$350,000

Repair the building foundation and structural components and add access doors for the lower level storage areas.

Lakeside Park - \$185,000

Picnic benches and tables, security lighting and erosion control.

Springfield Park - \$600,000

Trail widening, parking lot expansion, shoreline improvements and Disc Golf Course improvement.

Community Park - \$665,000

Trail improvements, enhanced open space, shoreline erosion control, concession roof replacement, irrigation improvements, lighting and picnic tables.

Paddle Point Park - \$165,000

A crosswalk to Lakeside Park, parking area improvements, lighting and signage.

Nature Trail - \$94,000

New fencing and parking area improvements.

Veterans Park - \$33,000

Improved landscaping features, benches and artwork.

Pecan Grove Park - \$75,000

Additional benches, trail improvements, water fountains and security lighting.

Shorewood Park - \$30,000

Parking area improvements and lighting.

Phase 2 Katy Railroad Park Construction - \$310,000

Fencing, pavilion, picnic areas and restroom installation.

Katy Railroad Park Soccer - \$100,000

Installation of two practice soccer fields.



Proposition 3

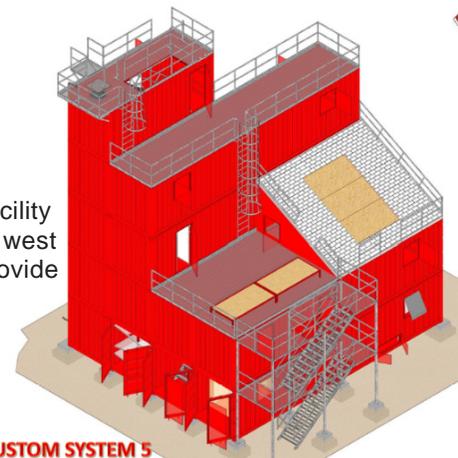
PUBLIC SAFETY \$2,631,050*

Public Safety Department Training Center and Close Fiber Ring - \$2,250,000

Hands-on training is one of the most important functions that public safety personnel need to become proficient at their job, which is to protect the community's citizens and property. This facility for the Police, Fire Rescue and Public Works departments, to be located on Schrade Road just west of Dalrock, will include a training tower, confined-space, and trench rescue training. This will provide great improvements in training. This proposition also includes a design plan for the future Fire Station 2, also located on this site.

Fiber Optic Communication Lines - \$330,000

Provides reliable and consistent communications and data transfer to public safety City-wide, linking Fire Rescue, Police, the Emergency Operations Center and City Hall.



* Includes the cost of issuance of the bonds and related expenses.

FIREWORKS AT BAYSIDE!

Saturday, July 4

6:00 – 10:00 P.M.

Bayside (Dalrock and IH30)



Join friends and neighbors for a fun-filled night for the whole family featuring live music, children’s activities, food and, of course... FIREWORKS!

The City of Rowlett is so excited to welcome Sister Sledge as the headline act for this year’s Fireworks at Bayside! They are established as one of the world’s most successful female groups, earning rave reviews and selling millions of records worldwide. The album, ‘We Are Family’ soared past the RIAA Platinum mark, reaching the top of both Pop and R&B charts. Siblings Debbie, Kim, Joni, and Kathy Sledge - collectively Sister Sledge - began singing at an early age at the Williams-Tempe C.M.E. church in their hometown of Philadelphia. Since the 1979 release of

their breakthrough album ‘We Are Family’, this remarkable group has received over one hundred awards and commendations for outstanding work in the entertainment field. Other big hits include ‘Lost in Music’, ‘Love Somebody Today’, ‘Reach Your Peak’ and the international Gold Record, ‘Frankie’.

Food and Fun

All your favorite festival foods, including brisket sandwiches, snow cones, nachos, funnel cakes, hot dogs, and much more! Kid’s activities include Bounce Houses, face painting, a touch-a-truck area where kids can see, touch and climb on all sorts of construction and public safety vehicles and more!

Thank you to our community sponsors!

Bayside Land Partners, LLC

98.7 KLUV

Lake Pointe Medical Center

First Rowlett Methodist Church

State Farm

Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront

Waste Management

Chick-fil-A

Jason’s Deli

Congressman Pete Sessions

Main Street Dental Care

About Bayside...

Bayside consists of approximately 257 acres situated on both sides of Interstate 30 at the Dalrock Road interchange. The north tract is located in Dallas County and consists of approximately 142 acres and the south tract, where the Fireworks on Bayside event will be held, is located in both Dallas County and Rockwall County and consists of approximately 115 acres. The City has been actively pursuing the purchase of this property from the City of Dallas for the past decade as it serves as the gateway into Rowlett on Interstate 30. The \$31.8 million property purchase has been funded, and will be innovatively master-planned, by the City’s development partner, Donohue Development. Once developed, it will not only become a regional destination for the DFW metroplex and east Texas that will make our citizens very proud, but will also bring significant tax revenue to the City.



WATERVIEW GOLF COURSE

RENOVATIONS CONTINUE

Clubhouse



City Council and Golf Advisory Board toured the facility on May 1



Pavilion



During the summer of 2014, the Golf Advisory Committee made several recommendations to the City Council regarding improvements to Waterview Golf Course. These included updating the clubhouse and pavilion, as well as improvements to tee boxes, bunkers, drainage and lakes along the course, all in an effort to offer a more dynamic golfing experience. Spring has arrived and these renovations are now just about complete! Drainage and the lake on the side of Hole 10 are now finished. Hole 18 has been rejuvenated as well with a new retaining wall. A number of additional projects are now complete including the over seeding and aerification of the green on old Hole 3. The tee box on old Hole 6 is now finished and is already receiving positive feedback. The good news is that improvements are not stopping there - the dining room now provides a larger area to

mingle or utilize as meeting space. The pavilion has also been redesigned and is now the perfect place to gather, it looks beautiful!

For more information about Waterview Golf Club, visit www.waterviewgc.com

Coming Soon

MINT BILLS

A convenient new way to pay Rowlett utility bills!

The City of Rowlett is proud to partner with Mint Bills, a consumer bill pay service with over 11 million customers in the United States and a member of the Intuit family of companies, which includes Turbo Tax, Quicken, and QuickBooks. Mint Bills allows customers on the go to



quickly and easily pay Rowlett utility bills with no added charges via cell phones and other mobile devices, such as iPads or tablets, through a downloadable app available from the App Store or Google Play. Mint Bills will also be accessible from the [Utility Billing page](#) at Rowlett.com.

Mint Bills allows customers to...

- Pay utility bills with all major credit cards including American Express, previously unavailable as a payment method.*
- Sign up for both recurring check and credit card payments and receive payment confirmations, along with making one time payments.*
- See all bills and accounts in one centralized place.*
- Schedule future payments and have the option to receive alerts when bills are due, funds are low or credit limits are close to being reached.*

Mint Bills will be available to Rowlett customers beginning in mid-May so download the app today! Customers who currently use NetBill for recurring payments will have until July 1 to migrate over to Mint Bills.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Memorial Day/Touch-a-Truck
Saturday, May 23
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Rowlett Community Centre



The City of Rowlett comes together to honor the brave men and women who dedicated their lives to preserving our freedom. Citizens, friends and family meet at the Rowlett Community Centre to pay homage to our fallen soldiers. This special day continues with Touch-A-Truck, a fun and educational opportunity for children of all ages to touch, climb on and explore over 25 trucks lined up throughout the Rowlett Community Centre parking lot. We will have a fire truck, ambulance, 18 wheeler, school bus and more!

*In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on Monday, May 25.

11th Annual Police Bicycle Rodeo
Saturday, May 23
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., P.M.
Rowlett Community Centre



Join the Rowlett Police Department for this always-popular, fun, free family event designed to teach kids 12 and under the importance of bicycle safety and the traffic laws that apply to bicycles on the roadway.

Please bring your bicycle, safety helmet and don't forget your camera! Children participating in the rodeo will ride on a special bike course and can get their photos taken with members of the Rowlett Police Department Bike Patrol Unit. Don't miss out on the door prizes and drawings for new bicycles! We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult.



AARP Smart Drivers Class

Call 972-412-6170 for date and time

\$20 for Non AARP Members

\$15 for AARP 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.



Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday, May 8

8:30 A.M.

Rowlett Community Centre

Mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters come together and celebrate Motherhood!

Treat Mom to a special catered breakfast just for her.

City of Rowlett offices and facilities will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 25

UNsung PUBLIC SERVICE HEROES!

May is a Unique Month in City Government

May not only contains Memorial Day, honoring members of the armed forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives for our country and its freedoms, but National Police Week, National Public Works Week, and National Emergency Medical Services Week as well!



In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National

Police Week is dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community, paying special recognition to those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

National Police Week May 10 - 16

YOUR ROWLETT POLICE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS A SIX-MINUTE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME!



This week celebrates the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. They are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Christmas, Easter, 4th of July and all the other family holidays. They are called out in the middle of the night to repair water issues that affect Rowlett residents' daily quality of life,

and often those repairs are complete by the time we wake up and we never know anything was wrong. They are the first to respond when the roads become icy, applying sand and de-icing materials so that we might all get to work and school the next morning safely. This is all in addition to planning, engineering, constructing, maintaining and repairing every aspect of the City's water, sewer and streets on a daily basis.

National Public Works Week May 17 - 23

DID YOU ENJOY YOUR SHOWER THIS MORNING? TRAVEL ON WELL-MAINTAINED STREETS? DID YOUR TOILET FLUSH? THANK YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT!

This celebration brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line."

In Rowlett, citizens are served by an award-winning EMS team who collectively provide some of the best pre-hospital care in Texas on a daily basis.

This year, Rowlett EMS debuted the Community Health Paramedic Program, which is now setting a new trend in the delivery of healthcare. In fact, recently Lake Pointe Hospital was awarded the Tenet Clinical Innovation Award for their part in this initiative. Tenet only gives out one award, this year's competition included 80 other hospitals within the Tenet family.



National Emergency Services Week May 17 - 23



Animal Shelter Maintains a 99% Live Release Rate!

The Story of Iris

Iris, a stray American bull dog, came to the shelter in February. At that time, she was not only underweight and in season, but very frightened and timid towards staff members. Turns out, this poor girl was heartworm positive as well. With lots of love from staff and volunteers, in the following weeks Iris became more confident and playful, and loved to play outside. As soon as she was deemed healthy enough, Iris was spayed. Her spunky

personality eventually began to emerge as she was recouping from her surgery at City Hall. The staff members and visitors there gave her lots of love and yummy treats! Iris slowly learned to trust people and let her little nub-of-a-tail wag freely, warming the hearts of everyone she came in contact with.

Happy, happy news: Iris was adopted by her forever family on April 2!

Animal Control Officer Monica Patterson Receives Commendation



Monica was formally recognized by Chief Brodnax with a Letter of Commendation, presented by Community Services Lt. Marvin Gibbs and Community Services Mgr. Maria Martinez, at the April 21 City Council Meeting.

Monica joined the RPD as an Animal Control Officer in 2014. Her enthusiastic and energetic personality and love for animals made her a perfect fit! With 30 years of experience in animal care, she consistently thinks outside the box and has come up with some very innovative ideas to find shelter pets new homes that have proved quite successful. When Mayor Todd Gottel requested that the shelter start bringing animals to the City Council Meetings for exposure, Monica jumped at the chance. She also

developed and implemented a new program called Doggy Day Out, wherein shelter dogs spend the day at various City offices and facilities in an effort to socialize them and also increase their visibility to citizens who may be conducting business or visiting. This has resulted in the adoption of several animals and is just one of the ways the Rowlett Animal Shelter maintains its exceedingly high 98-100% live release rate!

Doggy Day Out

Long-time shelter guests benefit from socialization services offered by City Secretary's Office staff!



It all started with a short visit by Sasha to see the ladies in the City Secretary's Office. From there, it blossomed into a therapeutic program that helps these furry babies shake off the emotional effects of spending too much time at the shelter before finding their forever homes and brush up on their people skills. Sasha (Top L) was adopted and rumor has it she is quite attached to her new person and gets along really well with her brother. Sam (Bottom L) and Rocky (Bottom R) then came to spend some time at City Hall, both sweet and active boys who were subsequently adopted. The ladies also hosted Gizmo, and then Sweet Iris (Top R), a shy girl who found comfort under the desk snuggled with her "babies." Then came Betty Boop (Middle) – a young-at-heart lady with a soft, gorgeous coat who loved to be near her people and be outside. She was quickly adopted by a family who had seen a post on the Friends of Rowlett Animals and Mayor Todd Gottel's facebook pages. They just had to come meet her in person, stating, "She must be a great dog if they were willing to let her spend the day at City Hall!" That makes a six for six success rate. The ladies love hosting 'their babies' and while each dog is missed after they are adopted, staff is so excited that they have found a loving home!

CODE ENFORCEMENT TIP

DUMP THE WATER!

April showers bring May flowers...but they also mean lots of standing water around your home. Dump it to help control mosquitos!



- 1 Be aware of any receptacles that can hold water, it doesn't take long for the water to become stagnant, becoming the perfect host for mosquito larvae.
- 2 Private property water leaks also lead to standing and stagnant water on properties.
- 3 If you have a Pool or spa, water clarity must be sufficient for the main drain to be readily visible from the surface of the deck above the pool or spa.

For more information, please contact Rowlett Code Enforcement at 972-412-6283.

RECENTLY IN ROWLETT...



YEA Investment Panel

On Wednesday April 1, 2015, the Young Entrepreneurs Academy held their investment panel at the Main Street Events Center in Rowlett. Mayor Todd Gottel emceed the event and the Economic Development department participated on the Investor Panel. Learn more about YEA [here!](#)



1.25 Million Gallon Main Street Water Storage Tank

Hoisting or raising of the tank took place throughout the day on April 1, lifting 8-10" every twenty minutes. The total height of this elevated storage tank is approximately 214', making it one of the tallest in North Texas! [Check out the time lapse video here...](#)



Police Department receives Best Practices Award

Chief Mike Brodnax, Assistant Chief Paul Sandman, Lieutenant David Nabors and Officer Kristi Savage accepted the Best Practices Award of "Recognized Law Enforcement Agencies" at the Annual Texas Police Chiefs Association Conference in Galveston on April 1. The Rowlett Police Department became the 106th agency in the state of Texas to be recognized since the program's inception in 2006 by proving that it met all 166 Best Business Practices for Texas Law Enforcement Agencies. Congratulations Rowlett PD!



Happy Trails Celebration

Rowlett residents enjoyed a day of food, live music, outdoor activities, crafts and more at this event to "close a chapter" of the Library's story...and celebrate the beginning of a new one! The Library will be closed the month of May and will reopen June 1 at their new location at 5702 Rowlett Road. [Watch a wonderful video about the Library here!](#)



Girl Scouts Tour Fire Station 3

On April 21, Paramedics Boroughs, McLerran & EMT Milles taught the girls from Rowlett Troop 7667 about first aid and provided helpful safety tips, including some on internet safety. The troop leader stated "These 3 gentlemen made a big difference in our girls' lives, without having to rescue them!"



Crime Watch Summit

Representatives from all of the City's Neighborhood Crime Watch groups attended the semi-annual Crime Watch Summit at the Rowlett Community Centre. The focus of this session was the use of social media to increase crime watch participation and communication.

RECENTLY IN ROWLETT...



Telephone Town Hall Meeting

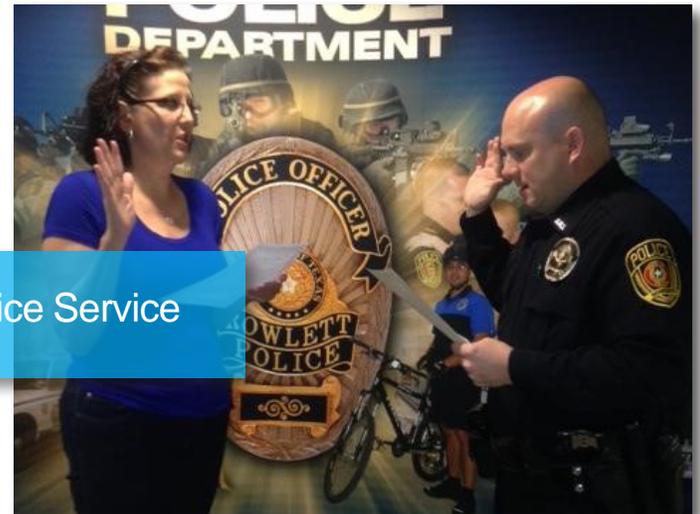
Held on April 23 and hosted by Assistant City Manager Jim Proce, this innovative technology offered Rowlett citizens an opportunity to learn all about the propositions included in the CIP Bond Election without ever leaving their homes! All residents with publicly listed phone numbers were called, and a call-in number was disseminated in the weeks before the meeting for those who did not receive a call.

“This technology has enabled us to reach out to previously unprecedented numbers of citizens in a convenient and concise format. Those who participated certainly provided positive feedback and expressed an interest in this type of information delivery.”

ACM Jim Proce



Volunteers in Police Service



Code Enforcement, Handicap Parking, Holiday Safety Patrols, Administrative Police Functions and Vacation House Checks.

Two new VIPs were sworn in by Officer Chad Caldwell: Fred Owen and Sharon Phillips join more than 30 active members currently volunteering for the Rowlett Police Department. VIPs assist with



Kid Fish

Hundreds came out to enjoy the Kid Fish event, sponsored by the Texas Jr. Angler Association! The weather was perfect and the pond at Community Park was stocked with 500 pounds of adult catfish. Prizes & trophies awarded to the winners in three age groups!



Dozens of contestants piloted their cardboard-and-tape creations across Community Park. Prizes were awarded in several categories, including the Titanic award for the most spectacular sinking!

2015 MOSQUITO TESTING AND ABATEMENT PLAN



THE CITY OF ROWLETT CONTRACTS WITH DALLAS COUNTY FOR MOSQUITO TESTING, ABATEMENT AND SPRAYING.

This contract covers ALL of Rowlett, including the portion that is located in Rockwall County.

In 2014, Dallas County increased the number of mosquito traps set in “zones” around Rowlett from five to six for a more even activity surveillance. Dallas County also changed the ground spraying strategy in an effort to more effectively combat the spread of West Nile Virus.

After studying the 2012 human cases, the County found it very difficult to determine just where the victims came in contact with the infected mosquitoes. Therefore, instead of waiting for a **human** to test positive for the virus, they now perform ground spraying of the entire zone when a **mosquito** testing positive is located.

- In Rowlett, mosquito testing will occur on Wednesdays.
- The City will be notified of results by 10:00 A.M. on Friday.
- If positive mosquitoes were present, ground spraying of the zone will occur at dusk **the same evening** (weather permitting).

The City will notify residents of the affected area through [Connect Rowlett](#) messages and information on the City’s website, www.rowlett.com.

WHAT IS DALLAS COUNTY DOING?

Dallas County Health officials are working with the City of Rowlett to minimize the risk of residents of contracting mosquito borne diseases. Dallas County uses an

Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) program to abate mosquito populations. IMM uses various techniques that include the following tools:

Surveillance – The collection of mosquitoes to determine the location, species, quantity and virus potential.

Source Reduction – Remove water sources that support mosquito breeding habitats.

Larvicide – The use of EPA approved products to kill mosquito larvae in standing water or stocking water with mosquitofish.

Adulticide – The spraying of EPA approved products from trucks and planes to reduce mosquito populations. The pesticides that can be used for mosquito control have been judged by the EPA not to pose an unreasonable risk to human health.



Ensure **YOU** receive ground spraying notifications, sign up for [Connect Rowlett](#) today!

What Can I Do? Mosquito Proof!

Follow the **Four D's**
Remember: the Best Offense
is a Good **D-fense!**

Dress

Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing to avoid mosquito bites when outside.

DEET

Use insect repellent products with “DEET” or other EPA approved repellents and follow product instructions.

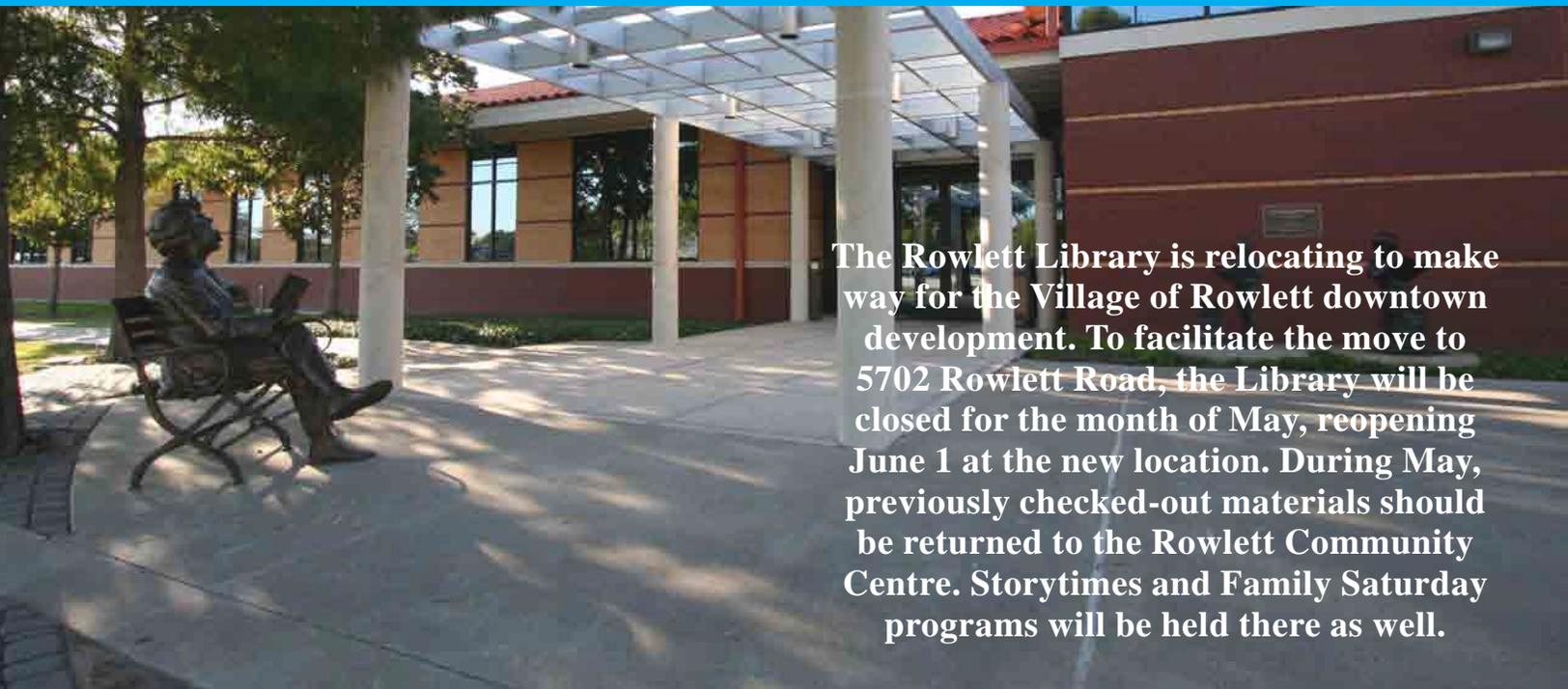
Drain

Inspect property for standing water, regularly clean roof gutters, dump water from potted plants, change birdbath and pet water daily. Upend wheelbarrows, buckets, tires, cans and other outdoor containers.

Dusk & Dawn

Stay indoors during dusk and dawn hours—when mosquitoes are most active.

Rowlett Library Closed in May - Programs Held at the Rowlett Community Centre!



The Rowlett Library is relocating to make way for the Village of Rowlett downtown development. To facilitate the move to 5702 Rowlett Road, the Library will be closed for the month of May, reopening June 1 at the new location. During May, previously checked-out materials should be returned to the Rowlett Community Centre. Storytimes and Family Saturday programs will be held there as well.

RED, WHITE & BLUE with the Rowlett Library!

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

Family Saturday Movie – *Star Wars*

Saturday, May 2

2:00 P.M.

Celebrate MAY THE FOURTH (BE WITH YOU) day by seeing the original STAR WARS on The Rebel Alliance, led by an unlikely band of heroes, attempt to destroy the Galactic Empire's space station, the Death Star. Rated PG, free for all ages and free popcorn, too!

Family Saturday Crafts

Saturday, May 9

2:00 P.M.

Free opportunity for families to get creative together!

Family Saturday Games

Saturday, May 16

2:00 P.M.

Get your game face on and outsmart your opponents in a variety of board and video games.



STORY TIME!

by the Rowlett Library

May Story Times are at the Rowlett Community Centre!



The Young & the Restless Baby Story Time

Every Monday @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

For babies up to age 2

May 4 – On the Go

May 11 – I Love You

May 18 - Shapes

May 25 – No Story Time

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

Every Wednesday @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Ages 18 months to 3 years

May 6 - Mother's Day

May 13 – Farm Animals

May 20 – Fun in the Sun

May 27 – No Story Time

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

Every Friday @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.

For children 3 years of age and older

May 1 – Z is for Zoo

May 8 – Mother's Day

May 15 – On the Farm

May 22 – Get Up and Move!

May 29 – No Story Time

Continue your child's introduction to letters and words through stories, books, rhymes and much more!

Prime Time Book Club

Thursdays @ 4:00 P.M.

Ages 6-11

May 7 – Star Wars

May 14 – Flat Stanley 50th Anniversary

May 21 – Summer Reading Preview

With books selected specifically for school-age children, this club for kids in grades 1-5 introduces new authors and genres to facilitate independent reading and creates opportunities for discussion and interaction.

Pajama Story Time

Thursdays @ 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!

2015 Summer Reading Program Begins June 8

"Every Hero Has A Story!"

Every Hero Has A Story!

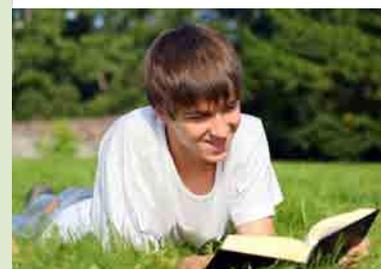
Kick-off Party

Monday, June 8

10:00 – Noon

NEW LOCATION! Rowlett Library - 5702 Rowlett Road

Come and enjoy bounce houses, carnival treats, and super hero games!! Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and see what fun and exciting events the Library has planned for readers this summer. Library staff will be on hand to recommend great books for readers of all ages!



**Teen Volunteers
Ages 15 & up:
We Need YOU!**

Assist participants signing up for their Reading Logs.

Award prizes when the reading goals are met.

Help with the many, many free programs offered all summer long.

Contact **Tonya Hartline** at 972-463-3922 or via [email](#) for info and attend the Summer

Reading Program Teen Volunteer Training!

"Every Hero Has A Story!" runs June 8 - August 1

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [CAMP ROWLETT](#)

ROWLETT LIBRARY OFFERS TECH ASSISTANCE!

Phil's Technology Corner

Online Library Resources

Phil Barott, Technical Services Supervisor with the Rowlett Public Library, offers a useful technology tip each month.



By now, you've probably heard that the library is moving to a new location at 5702 Rowlett Road. We'll be closed the month of May to move so you won't be able to check out any books or DVDs in person, however all of our online resources will still be available!

eBooks are some of our most popular online resources. We offer many of the same titles in electronic format that are available in physical form, as well as many titles that we don't have in the library. To access eBooks, have your library card number and PIN handy. All of our eBooks are integrated into the library's regular catalog, or just browse eBooks from our OverDrive page, found at <http://netldc.lib.overdrive.com/>. Find a title that you like and click the link to go to the download page. It's that easy! eBooks can be read on a variety of devices including smart phones,

tablets, and eReaders like the Nook and Kindle.

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There are also several online databases available. Chilton Library provides information on diagnosing and repairing vehicle problems. World Book Online is the digital version of the World Book Encyclopedia. JobView lists local job openings and provides a way to apply for them. Books and Authors has information on different authors, books and series,

and provides suggestions based on books you've enjoyed in the past. Learning Express Library, which is offered through the TexShare databases, has test prep and practice tests for the SAT, ACT, GRE and others. It also has adult education help with basic computer training, citizenship tests, and math and writing skill development. All of these databases are accessible through the Library's catalog page, or you can see a full listing by accessing the main library website and clicking on the Online Resources link.

Many of these links and more have been gathered together in one place on the library's web page: the 24/7 Digital Library. It lists all of the resources available even when our doors aren't open!

Remember, the Library will reopen on June 1. Please make sure you come out and see us at our new location at 5702 Rowlett Road!

GED Tutoring

***Mondays and Wednesdays
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.***

***Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:30 A.M. - Noon***

To sign up for classes or to become a tutor, please call 972-412-6161

English as a Second Language



Beginners:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 1:00 P.M.

High Beginners:

Mondays @ 6:00 P.M. and Wednesdays @ 1:00 P.M.

ESL classes focus on conversation and language skills, pronunciation, and cultural insights. Beginning and advanced level instruction is provided. Students of all languages are welcomed.



The Wet Zone, Rowlett's Family Water Park Opens for Summer!

Saturday, May 16

11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Park opens for weekends in May, open daily beginning June 5

Enjoy a full day of fun in the sun at the opening day party! Splash and swim in the lap pool, Haley's Ripple Slide, the lazy river or just hang out on the water playground.

An event-filled summer is planned at the Wet Zone, activities include the Jungle Jam, Flick 'n Float evenings, Sand Volleyball Tournament, BOGO Days and more!

Rent the Wet Zone for Your Special Event

There are several options...rent a pavilion, cabana or even the entire park!

Group Pavilions

Rent one of our many pavilions during the regular operating hours of the Wet Zone. Perfect for reunions, church groups, scout groups, school outings, team parties, company picnics, or any group looking to have a great time. \$85 for a 1.5 hour rental and \$30 for each additional 30 minutes. Price does not include admission. Group pricing of \$6 per person is available when a pavilion is reserved.

Private Cabanas

Enjoy a leisurely day in the park under your own private cabana. Three packages are available, your cabana rental comes with shade, a table and four chairs, two lounge chairs, free wifi and other amenities based on the one you choose!

Private Parties

Take over the Wet Zone for church group functions, corporate parties, family reunions, or birthday parties and let your guests have free rein to splish-splash around the park all by themselves! Catering packages are also available. For a detailed fee schedule, visit us online or call the park.

Birthday Pavilions

Enjoy your own pavilion with a party host and Haley the Hippo to help celebrate the birthday child! Parties include a tiara or crown, a snow cone for all the kids, birthday cake, plates, utensils and a t-shirt for the birthday child. Hot dog, chips and a drink for everyone are included in the guest fee. \$100 for a 1.5 hour rental and \$30 for each additional 30 minutes, plus \$9 per guest. The birthday child is free and the guest price includes all day admission into the park!

Visit www.wetzonewaterpark.com for more information.

ROWLETT PARKS & RECREATION

Activities for the Whole Family!

You Can Paint!

Saturday, May 9
9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
Ages 13 & over
\$20

Complete an amazing finished landscape, seascape or still life worthy of framing, step-by-step under the patient guidance of Robert & Susan Garden, award winning artists noted for their teaching talents. All art supplies and detailed instruction are provided. Bring paper towels and wear old clothes!



Beginners Knitting Class

Wednesdays, May 6 – 20
3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Rowlett Community Centre
Free, all materials provided

Class covers the basic styles of knitting and important techniques to make knitting more fun. Learn to cast on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch and binding off. Your project will consist of a 9" square dish cloth.

Summer Youth Basketball League Registration Open

Friday nights in June, July & August
Centre Member \$65/ Resident \$70/ Non-resident \$80
Ages 6-14

Coed and boys-only leagues, games will be on Saturdays, beginning June 13, and teams will play an eight game season.

Hey, parents...volunteer coaches wanted! Call 972-412-6170 to help!!

Adult Coed Volleyball League Registration Open

Friday nights in June, July & August
\$200/team before May 15, \$210 after

Grab some friends and join us for a little fun, exercise, and fellowship on the court! An eight game season will be played with a playoff tournament for the top four teams. Championship T-shirts will be awarded to the first place team.



Summer is
Coming!

GET FIT AND KEEP THE KIDS ACTIVE,
ENTERTAINED AND OFF THE COUCH!



Shape up with classes at the Rowlett Community Centre this spring!

U-Jam

An athletic cardio dance fitness program that unites world beats with urban flavor. The music will take you around the world from old-school hip-hop to Bollywood with an athletic, intense cardio workout!

Pound

A 45 minute group fitness class that fuses strength training, Pilates, and cardio moves with drumming. Using lightweight Ripstix, you will be channeling your inner rock star while training. Pound shifts focus of counting reps to drumming to the beat and making noise as you get a whole body workout.

Other fitness classes at the RCC include...

Zumba
Bokwa
Jazzercise
Spin

Pilates I & II
Body Works
Mommy & Me Fitness (NEW!)
Insanity (NEW!)

Are You Ready For the Summer?!



Check out all of the Parks and Recreation programming for kids, adults and seniors in the 2015 Camp Rowlett guide to summer fun right here in your own hometown at www.rowlett.com/CampRowlett!

Look Twice for Motorcycles

'Share the Road' Campaign Aims to Increase Motorcycle Safety Awareness for All Road Users

The Rowlett Police Department reminds motorists and motorcyclists alike to “share the road” in order to help prevent motorcycle crashes, deaths and injuries on Rowlett roadways.

Motorists and motorcyclists should “share the road” with each other. Motorcyclists are particularly vulnerable when riding on our streets and highways. Fatal crashes with motorcycles are on the rise, and helmet usage is on the decline. We all need to be more aware of motorcyclists in order to save lives.

Statistics show an alarming trend: in 2012, 4,927 motorcyclists were killed in traffic crashes, a continued increase from 2011 (4,630). Those deaths account for 15 percent of the total highway fatalities that year, despite motorcycle registrations representing only three percent of all vehicles in the United States in 2011.

“*With the weather warming up, more people are turning to motorcycles for pleasure riding and their daily commute. The Rowlett Police Department reminds motorists to stay aware, be alert, and always look twice for motorcycles on the road.*”

Sgt. Michael Godfrey
Rowlett Police Department

Helmet usage is also on the decline, dropping from 66 percent of motorcyclists wearing helmets in 2011 to only 60 percent in 2012. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that 1,699 lives were saved in 2011 because of proper helmet usage, but another 781 lives could have been saved if helmets had been worn.

Wearing a helmet is an important way for a motorcyclist to stay safe, but we all play a part. It's up to all motorists and motorcyclists to make our roads safer. All road users need to share the responsibility of keeping the roadways safe. By following road signs, obeying speed limits, and always staying focused on the road, deaths could be prevented.



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Motorcycle Awareness Safety Tips

Give Them Space!

Don't follow a motorcycle too closely. A motorcyclist's riding patterns are different from vehicle patterns and reactions may vary for the same road or weather conditions. Allow a full lane of travel space between your car or truck and a motorcycle.

Be Respectful!

Though a motorcycle is a small vehicle, its operator still has all the rights of the road as any other motorist. Allow the motorcycle the full width of a lane at all times.

Do a Double Take !

Look twice for motorcyclists at intersections, where they may be making a left turn, as well as on the highway, where a motorcyclist may be changing lanes. Clearly signal your intentions.

Anticipate Next Steps

Obstructions that you do not notice could prove to be deadly for a motorcyclist. Give motorcyclists plenty of space to react and make the road a safe place for you and others, no matter what form of transportation they use.

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City Calendar

May

					1	2 Safe Sitter Class @ RCC 10am-1pm Saturday Movie - Star Wars 2pm @ RCC
3	4	5 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm @ City Hall	6	7	8 Mother's Day Breakfast for Seniors 8:30am @ RCC	9 <i>Election Day</i> Family Saturday Crafts 2pm @ RCC
10 <i>National Police Week begins</i>	11	12 Planning & Zoning Meeting 7 pm @ City Hall	13	14	15	16 Wet Zone Opening Day 11am-6pm Family Saturday Games 2pm @ RCC
17 <i>National EMS Week begins</i> <i>National Public Works Week begins</i>	18	19 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm @ City Hall	20	21	22	23 Memorial Day/Touch a Truck & Police Bicycle Rodeo 10am-1pm @ RCC
24	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> City offices & facilities closed	26 Planning & Zoning Meeting 7 pm @ City Hall	27	28	29	30
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