# **ROCKWALL CITY NOTES**

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## **Rockwall Prepares to Celebrate Independence Day**

Every year, residents in Rockwall turn out for a patriotic Fourth of July celebration. It's a fun-filled day with activities for the whole family. This year's event is shaping up to be one of the best.

On Wednesday, July 4, the day starts out with a parade at 11 a.m. Later, free live music featuring *The Rub* runs from 7:45-9:15 p.m. at Harry Myers Park, and then the fireworks show starts at 9:30 p.m.

If you're interested in entering a float in the parade, please email <u>cdentler@rockwall.com</u>. For a detailed parade route and more information about the day's events, visit playrockwall.com.

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#### A Decade of Service in Downtown Rockwall

It's almost difficult to remember a time before the Rockwall Farmers Market filled the Square in Downtown Rockwall on Saturdays, 8 a.m.-12 noon, from May through September.

It's actually been 10 years since longtime volunteers Claudette Hatfield and Barbara Coleson started the farmers market. Their vision to create a unique venue and provide a family friendly gathering place for Rockwall residents has become a reality.

Today, thousands gather weekly on the square to shop, and visit, and it's one of the ways Rockwall has retained its small town charm. The market is almost completely volunteer run, with support from the City of Rockwall and Rockwall County. Additionally, the Rockwall Famers Market has had a long lasting positive impact on local business, as it draws so many visitors to the area to visit, shop and dine downtown.

# Happening Around Town

**Thursday-Saturday, May 3-October 27** San Jacinto Plaza Music Series, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 6:30-9 p.m.

Saturdays, May 5-September 29 Rockwall Farmers Market, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 8 a.m.-12 noon

Wednesday, July 4 Fourth of July Parade, Fireworks Show and Live Music, Harry Myers Park, starts at 11 a.m.

Thursday, July 5 Concert by the Lake Series, Southern Ride, The Harbor 7:30-9 p.m.

Thursday, July 12 Concert by the Lake Series, Professor D, The Harbor 7:30-9 p.m.

Thursday, July 19 Concert by the Lake Series, Party Machine, The Harbor, 7:30-9 p.m.

Friday, July 20 Family Fun Friday, The Incredibles, The Harbor, 6 p.m.

For more information: Rockwall.com, PlayRockwall.com

### **Out and About in Rockwall**



#### Swim Safety

The City of Rockwall offers a leveled swim lesson program at a reduced rate for residents. Lessons are taught at Harry Myers Pool. To find class times and register, visit playrockwall.com.





**New Councilmembers Sworn In** 

One incumbent and two new Councilmembers were sworn in and welcomed to the Rockwall City Council after the May 5 election. John Hohenshelt (pictured above, left) was reelected for Place 2. Trace Johannesen (pictured above, middle) and Patrick Trowbridge (pictured above, right) were elected to Places 4 and 6 respectively. At the same meeting, Councilmember Kevin Fowler was selected as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the coming year.



**Public Works Week Recognized** 

At a recent meeting, the City Council proclaimed Public Works Week, recognizing the efforts and efficient operation of programs and systems such as water, sanitary and storm sewers, streets and alleyways. Mayor Pruitt highlighted the quality and efficiency of local public works employees.



It's Time to Mow!

High grass and weeds can become a problem during the spring and summer, and we all need to do our part to keep Rockwall beautiful.

Also, heavy rains can cause an increased number of complaints about high grass and weeds. Here's how we can all help:

- Grass should be no taller than 10"
- Watch for mowers at medians and intersections

#### 2017 Water Quality Report

The City of Rockwall's Water Utility employees take pride in delivering safe, superior, quality drinking water for residents. Since 2007, Rockwall has earned a superior rating for its water system. To maintain the rating, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) must inspect and reevaluate the system every year. This is the highest ranking that can be achieved, and it means that the water system exceeds the requirements for safe drinking water. According to state records, only about 15% earn the superior rating.

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is an annual summary of the quality of drinking water the City of Rockwall provides to customers. The CCR lists all the federally regulated or monitored contaminants that have been found in the drinking water. The EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants. Our drinking water meets or exceeds all federal (EPA) drinking water requirements.

You can view the City of Rockwall's annual water quality report online at <u>rockwall.com/waterqualityreport.asp</u>. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please call 972-771-7730 if you would prefer to have a paper report delivered to your home.

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



Founders Day Fun!

It's another one for the record books. Thousands packed Harry Myers Park for the Founders Day Festival 2018 to see the Josh Abbott Band and Shooter Jennings on the Southwest Kia Rockwall stage