

Get Ready to Dance—the SNAP Prom is Here!

Prom season is always a fun time in Rockwall, and the Parks and Recreation Department offers a way for residents of all abilities to shine on the dance floor. The third annual Special Needs and Adaptive Programming (or SNAP) Prom is coming up on Saturday, February 9.

The event has grown over the past few years and is lots of fun for everyone. The dance floor stays packed all evening, and lasting memories with friends and family are made. With the help of several sponsors, the City has been able to offer the program free of charge.

This year's SNAP Prom is expected to be even bigger. The free event takes place at The Center, located at 108 East Washington Street, from 6-10 p.m. For more information, please visit <u>playrockwall.com</u>.



Rockwall Calls General Election

The City of Rockwall will hold an election on May 4, 2019 to select the Mayor and three City Councilmembers for Places 1, 3 and 5. All four incumbents are eligible for re-election for the two-year terms.

Interested candidates may view an informational packet online at <u>rockwall.com/citysecretary.asp</u> or may obtain one at City Hall (385 South Goliad Street). The period for submitting an application for a place on the May 4 ballot runs from Wednesday, January 16 through Friday, February 15. Information concerning the election may be directed to City Secretary Kristy Cole at 972-772-6406 or kcole@rockwall.com.

Early voting is scheduled for Monday, April 22 through Tuesday, April 30 (excluding Sunday). Election Day voting will be held Saturday, May 4 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Happening Around Town

Saturday, February 9

S.N.A.P. (Special Needs & Adaptive Programming) Prom, The Center (108 E. Washington St.), 6-10 p.m.

Tuesdays, February 12-April 23

Citizen's Police Academy (pre-registration required), Rockwall Police Dept. (205 W. Rusk St.), 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Monday, February 18

Kickoff of Youth Softball and Baseball Spring Season, Tuttle Sports Complex (1550 Airport Rd.)

Thursdays, February 21-May 2

Citizen's Fire Academy (pre-registration required), Fire Station 2 (920 Rockwall Pkwy.), 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday, March 11-15

Spring Break Rock Camp, Harry Myers Community Center, (815 E. Washington St.), 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

For more information: Rockwall.com, PlayRockwall.com

Out and About in Rockwall



Rockwall Parks Honored

The Texas Turfgrass Association named the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex as the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex of the year.

The Leon Tuttle Sports Complex was also previously honored with the 2017 Pioneer Athletics Fields of Excellence award.



Employees Give Back

Employees with the City of Rockwall got in the holiday spirit by lending a helping hand. They signed 836 Christmas cards for troops deployed during the holidays. And they donated, delivered and sorted gifts for the Rockwall County Helping Hands annual Toy Drive.



Santa Cops for Kids

Children lined up for the Santa Chase at the Third Annual Santa Cops for Kids 5K, 10K and 1 mile fun run. The event has raised more than \$40 thousand dollars so far for the Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County.



Christmas in Downtown

Thousands turned out to help ring in the holidays in Historic Downtown Rockwall. The day started early with the annual Kiwanis parade, then snow on the Plaza for the Hometown Christmas celebration, and ended late in the evening with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at City Hall.



Take Care with Golf Carts in Parks

The City of Rockwall has 22 beautiful parks and many miles of trails. It's important to remember we need to work together to keep them nice. Bringing motorized vehicles into parks and on the trails is not only unsafe, but it can also cause a lot of damage. Motorized vehicles include golf carts, ATVs, motorized scooters, cars and trucks.

Motorized vehicles in parks are against City ordinances, which means citations can be issued to help with enforcement. If you do take a golf cart to an area park, please be sure to park the vehicle in a designated, legal parking spot.

Learn More about Police and Firefighters

Did you know? There are a couple of fun and exciting ways to engage with and learn more about the Rockwall Police and Fire Departments and what it takes to join

their teams.

The annual Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) takes place every spring, and this year's class runs from February 21 through May 2. Classes meet every Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Please visit rockwall.com/firedepartment to register. Space is limited.

The annual Citizens Police Academy (CPA) will take place from February 12 through April 23. Classes meet Tuesdays from 6:30-9 p.m. Please visit <u>rockwallpolice.org</u> to learn more. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.







Prepare Your Lawn and Landscape for Warmer Days Ahead

It may not be top of mind right now, but February and March are important months to start preparing your landscape for the growing season. Here are a few tips:

- Scalp your lawn to remove all the dead leaves in early March
 - Cut back roses and perennials to prepare for new growth in February
- Apply pre-emergent in early February to prevent spring weeds
- Grass grows when soil temperatures hit 65 degrees