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Legacy project breaks ground!

Bayside

Plans Include a Crystal Lagoon and Largest Show Fountain in Texas

Bayside, the \$1 billion-dollar mixed-use lake-front development located at Dalrock and I30, will boast an *8-acre Crystal Lagoon that is 25 times the size of an Olympic swimming pool and equivalent to 10 football fields of sparkling turquoise water.* Ideal for sailing, stand-up paddle boarding and more, the environmentally sustainable Crystal Lagoon uses 50 percent less water than a park of the same size; 30 times less water than an 18-hole golf course; 100 times less chemicals than a swimming pool and up to 50 times less energy than conventional pool filtration systems.

In addition to offering beach life, the highlight of the Crystal Lagoon will be the largest fountain in Texas, which will be home to daily and nightly live entertainment with shows featuring music, fire and more – and it's all open to the public. The show fountain is one acre in size and 300 feet long with 250 water nozzles that shoot water up to 200 feet in the air, 29 fire nozzles, and two state-of-the art video mist screens that project an interactive performance daily and nightly for guests to enjoy,



The City of Rowlett and Bayside Land Partners hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, April 26.

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WATER METER STUDY AND RATE ANALYSIS

Independent auditor finds no exceptions in City billing system.

Water customers all across North Texas were concerned last summer when they began seeing the financial impact of outside irrigation after four years of drought and three years of water restrictions. Since water restrictions were lifted last May, customers were allowed to water three times as often. Last October, the City Council met to discuss customers' concerns regarding water usage and billing practices. At that meeting, Council expressed interest in analyzing Rowlett's water rate structure compared to other North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) cities and to have an audit conducted on City water meters and billing processes.

The City engaged an independent auditor, Weaver & Tidwell, to audit the meter reading and billing system for 68 random accounts, the amount they determined necessary to obtain a statistically valid sample. In addition, an agreement with the City of Garland was developed to perform the testing. As part of the agreement, Rowlett tested 68 of Garland's water meters.

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“It’s our new gateway into Rowlett on Interstate 30. Not only will it make our citizens very proud, it will increase the City’s tax revenue by 30 percent and that’s great news for residents. This is a once-in-a-lifetime economic development opportunity that will absolutely enhance our quality of life and allow us to welcome visitors from all over to enjoy Rowlett hospitality at its finest.”

Mayor Todd Gottel

especially while dining at the waterfront restaurants.

Bayside is more than just the Crystal Lagoon, though. The development also includes a world class resort and marina, two condominium towers, luxury apartments, single family homes and 1.5 million square feet of mixed use retail, entertainment, restaurant and office space. Other project amenities include 45 acres of open space with a Town Center Park, lush gardens and more than 2,000 new trees; 4.5 miles of hike & bike trails along the shore of Lake Ray Hubbard; and an open-style battery

operated bench trolley to ferry residents and visitors from one side of Bayside to the other.

Mass grading, utility and infrastructure construction has already begun for the first phase of the project, which includes 845 units of luxury multi-family developed by Western Rim; 600 units of lifestyle townhomes and single-family homes; and 400,000 square feet of commercial, retail and office space. Construction will get underway in the fall on the Crystal Lagoon.

Construction of the 8-acre Crystal Lagoon begins this fall!

For More Information about Bayside, visit www.DiscoverBayside.com

Announcement!

Bayside's First Special Event

Rowlett Bayside Regatta

September 30- October 1, 2016

Sailboat competition on Lake Ray Hubbard benefits Rebuild Rowlett, addressing the long-term needs of those affected by the December 26 tornado.

Event partners include Bayside Land Partners, LLC, Rowlett Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rowlett.

More details coming soon!

Meter Test Results

The water meters are tested at three different flow levels. The Low flow runs ¼ gallons per minute for 10 gallons, the Medium flow runs two gallons per minute for 10 gallons, and the High flow runs 15 gallons per minute for 100 gallons. These flow levels are recommended by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), to test residential water meters. Typically, the Medium flow represents normal household usage (i.e. toilet flushing, showering, etc.). Most usage happens around this level. The High flow is typical when running sprinklers or using multiple devices at the same time. The Low flow would represent very little usage or a small leak. Larger commercial water meters are tested at different flow rates.

Of the 68 water meters tested, one water meter had a broken dial, six read low and three read high. Average results ranged from 99.1 to 100.0. The lowest reading was 80.0 and the highest reading was 104.0.

As expected, exceptions that reported outside acceptable tolerances were older meters. For example, all three meters that read high were older than 10 years. All but one of the six meters that read low were older than 10 years. The broken meter was 12 years old. The City does have a Meter Replacement Program in place to address aging water meters.

Billing System Results

While the City of Garland tested the 68 water meters, Weaver & Tidwell audited customer water bills from the original water meter reading to the final bill. They obtained the Auto Read reports from the meter file, reviewed the file sent to the City's printing company, DataProse, and compared the meter readings in the Auto Read file to the meter readings in the final DataProse bills.

“The auditors took the accounts and audited the process all the way from the point where the meter was read until the final bill went out. They tested that process all the way through and found no exceptions.”

Brian Funderburk
City Manager

No exceptions were noted by Weaver & Tidwell in their testing. Two selections had no activity so no bill was mailed. Five of the meters selected were unable to be read by the radio-read software and were obtained manually. No exceptions were noted.

Comparative Rate Analysis

How do Rowlett's rates compare to other NTMWD cities? There is little consistency, however some common themes emerged:

Water-

1. 75% or nine of the 13 NTMWD Member Cities include 1,000-3,000 gallons in the base water rate.
2. 100% of the 13 NTMWD cities now have “tiered” water rate structures to encourage water conservation. While this lowers the base rate, it shifts the burden of rate paying to those who use more.
3. Other than numbers one and two, city rates and practices vary significantly.

Rowlett has had a two-tier water rate structure for many years, charging \$4.07 for the first 25,000 gallons and \$4.57 for each 1,000 gallons above that. While the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) does not mandate what the water rate structure must be, most NTMWD Member Cities and some Customer Cities have taken

NTMWD's lead in adopting multiple tiers with an inclining scale. Rowlett has a higher base rate when compared against the 13 NTMWD Member Cities; however, because of the “tiered” rate structure implemented by these cities, Rowlett's rate meets the NTMWD Member Cities average at 25,000 gallons and continues to move below the

Sewer-

1. Roughly half of the NTMWD Member Cities use winter averaging, which sets individual “caps” on sewer usage to represent the amount of water used when there is no outside irrigation, typically December-March.
2. Of the remaining Cities, most have caps at or around 8,000-12,000 gallons per month (Rowlett is 10,000 gallons).

average as the volume continues to increase. While there are many factors that drive decisions about rates, the most relevant here is that Rowlett opted to pass along annual rate increases from NTMWD (water) and Garland (sewer) over the past few years in the base rate due to uncertainty regarding the Stage 3 Water Restrictions.

A public meeting with the City Council will be held in the coming weeks to discuss these issues, please stay tuned to this newsletter, www.rowlett.com or the City of Rowlett Facebook page for more information.

Summer is almost here!

Give your Sprinkler System a Tune-Up

Leaks = Higher Water Bills

Fix them Now Before the Heat is On

Check for problems. Turn on each valve, one at a time, and look for wet spots that indicate there might be a leaking irrigation pipe.

Replace controller battery. Most irrigation controllers have a back-up battery that maintains the time and your system programming during power failures.

Straighten sprinkler heads. If they lean to one side they may create dry spots and also waste lots of water by shooting it directly into the ground instead of broadcasting it evenly. With the sprinkler turned on, look at the spray pattern. If it is spraying almost straight up into the air, you need to lean the sprinkler a bit, otherwise the water is just spraying straight up and all falling in the same place, or blowing away.

Replace any broken or malfunctioning sprinklers. Be sure to replace broken sprinklers with the same brand and model as the other sprinklers on the same valve circuit. Mixing different brands and models of sprinklers together on the same valve circuit can result in huge amounts of water (and money!) wasted. Don't mix spray-type heads and rotor-type sprinklers on the same valve zone, spray-type heads put out twice as much water as rotors

Water use in Texas averages 169 gallons per person per day and our population is projected to nearly double in the next 50 years. By adopting a few simple water saving measures you can reduce that amount and save money!

given the same size area so the grass near the spray-type sprinklers will be drowning, while the grass around the rotors has just barely enough water to keep it alive.

Adjust sprinkler heads to prevent overspray. When sprinklers are properly spaced and adjusted the water from each sprinkler should spray all the way to the next sprinkler in each direction. Also, be sure you're watering the lawn, not the street or your driveway!

Adjust your irrigation controller (timer) run time for seasonal changes in weather once a month. Simply making a monthly change to the irrigation operation times can save more water and money than any other thing you can do.

Watch a video featuring Mayor Todd Gottel & City Manager Brian Funderburk to help you understand just how much water your sprinkler system uses!



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Simple Ways to Save Water

1 Stop the Drip

Don't ignore leaky faucets; they are often easy and inexpensive to repair.

2 Turn it off!

Know where your master water shut-off valve is in case a pipe bursts.

3 Sweep, don't Spray

Don't waste water by cleaning patios or sidewalks with it; use a broom.

4 Protect the Pipes

Insulate hot water pipes.

5 Mulch the Lawn

Don't scalp lawns when mowing during hot weather and leave lawn clippings on the lawn instead of bagging.

December 26, 2016 Tornado - Four Months Later

City Begins to Address Code Compliance and Abandoned and/or Destroyed Structures

Code Compliance...

How the process works: once a property owner has been notified, they have 10 days to either address (correct) the issue or contact the community services office to request an extension. If no action is taken on the part of the property owner, the City can issue a citation and/or contract to have the violation abated at the owner's expense, which can take several additional days. Issues of life safety are a bit different and will be addressed within 48 hours.

Now that the City's contractor, Crowder Gulf, has completed debris removal efforts in the area of Rowlett affected by the tornado, we are transitioning into addressing regular compliance of City codes and ordinances. While we remain extremely sensitive to the many issues our residents in that area continue to face, protecting the health and safety of all Rowlett citizens must also be a priority. Spring rains and warmer temperatures have brought with them an abundance of high grass and weeds, which is not only unsightly but can harbor wildlife such as vermin, snakes and fire ants. Another common spring occurrence is standing water, the perfect breeding ground for mosquitos. Unsecured pools and appliances with doors left out in the open are examples of life safety issues, which are also being addressed.



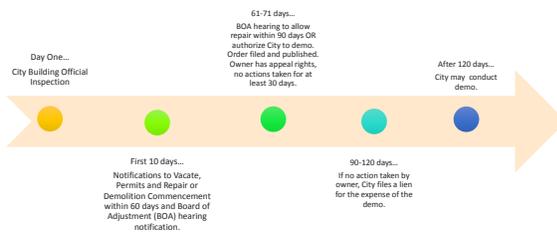
If you would like to report a code violation, please visit www.rowlett.com/ActionCenter or call 972-412-6100.

Abandoned or Destroyed Structures...

The City has also begun addressing unsafe structures that are abandoned or destroyed. Along with the health and life safety issues these structures pose, this is also an effort to preserve and encourage the restoration of our neighborhoods. The support, patience and understanding of those residents who have already repaired/rebuilt their homes, or suffered no damage at all, is greatly appreciated!

The City of Rowlett has adopted the provisions of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 edition (Section 78-91, Code of Ordinances). This includes debris remaining after a building has been destroyed by fire or other calamity where the building has not been rebuilt or removed within 90 days of the date of destruction. As it is now four months since the tornado, we must begin this phase of recovery for the good of our entire community.

Dangerous/Abandoned Structures Timeline



For those whose homes are identified as abandoned or destroyed in this process, we want to encourage an active communication process in an effort to facilitate a positive resolution and help find assistance whenever possible! For example, a Long Term Recovery Committee has been formed, whose purpose is to address long term or unmet needs. Please visit www.RebuildRowlett.org for more information.



For complete information including all the legal requirements and parameters, please visit www.rowlett.com/structure.

As a community, we've all taken this journey together and will continue to do so in the coming months. The City of Rowlett is very conscious of the impact the tornado has had on the lives of our citizens and will make every effort to educate and guide property owners through this phase of the recovery process.

Day One...

The process begins with an inspection by a City building official, code enforcement officer or fire marshal to determine if the structure is uninhabitable and unfit for occupancy.

First 10 days...

The property owner of record and lien-holder(s) will be notified via certified mail to vacate (if necessary) and that permits and work must be commenced to repair or demolish within 60 days of the notice. Also included will be notification of a public hearing before the City's Board of Adjustment (BOA), at which the owner or lienholder will be required to submit proof of the scope of any work and a reasonable timeline.

61-71 days...

If no response is received, the BOA will hold a hearing on day 61 and allow testimony from any owner or lienholder(s) in attendance, City building official and any neighbors or nearby property owners (who also may submit written evidence). The BOA will then either allow the owner or lienholder(s) to repair the structure within 90 days, submitting regular progress reports to demonstrate compliance, or authorize the City to secure and/or demolish it at City expense. This order will be filed with the County Clerk's Office within 10 days and served on the owner and lienholder(s) by certified mail. The owner and lienholder(s) have the right to appeal this order, so no actions will be taken until at least 30 days after the order is entered.

90-120 days...

After the 30 days, if the BOA ordered the structure demolished, the costs incurred must be assessed against the owner as well as the property as a lien. The earliest the City will demolish a structure is 120 days from the initial inspection as this is the final appeals deadline for the property owner or lienholder(s).

ROWLETT CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS

Councilmembers will be sworn in at the Tuesday, May 17 regular City Council Meeting.



**Councilmember, Place 3
Bruce Hargrave**

An 18 year resident of Rowlett, Bruce is now not only a retired minister, but maintains a private practice as a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Addiction Therapist here in Rowlett. For the past year and half he has served on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and was deeply involved with the rebuilding of Kids

Kingdom Playground. Bruce, who was heavily affected by the December 26 tornado, was recently honored along with Sammy Walker by the City Council for his part in saving the life of a neighbor that night.



**Councilmember, Place 6
Martha Brown**

A 5th generation native Texan, small business owner, wife, mother, and grandmother, Martha comes from a service-oriented family. A Rowlett resident for 24 years, she most recently served as Executive Director of Keep Rowlett Beautiful, where she wrote a grant garnering KRB the Governor's Community Achievement Award, a \$250,000 landscaping award for State Highway 66. Martha

has an extensive public service resume, including:

City of Rowlett, Community Investment Task Force (Bond Committee)
City of Rowlett, Charter Review Commission
City of Rowlett, LTTC (Long Term Recovery Committee)
Keep Rowlett Beautiful, Inc. (KRB)
TREES (Trinity River Environmental Education Society)
Kayak Instruction Foundation
Campus Improvement Team (CIT), Dorsey Elementary School, Rowlett
Member / Ladies of Honor
Richard Huff Excellence in Community Service Award

CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION

Passed

Proposition 1 - Prohibit liquor sales in residential areas.

Proposition 3 - Rename City Council and Mayor 'compensation' to 'stipend', and raise the monthly amount.

Proposition 4 - Update Municipal Court verbiage to harmonize with State law.

Proposition 5 - Clarify City Council attendance and vacancies verbiage.

Proposition 6 - Update Municipal Judge verbiage to harmonize with State law.

Proposition 7 - Clarify City Council residency requirement.

Proposition 8 - Repeal 5-year limit for outside auditors (allows for competitive qualifications without the automatic disqualification of auditors who have performed five consecutive annual audits).

Failed

Proposition 2 - Extend term limits for Mayor and Councilmembers from two to three terms.

Congratulations are also in order to Mayor Todd Gottle and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Tammy Dana-Bashian, who ran unopposed and were re-elected, and to Councilmember Debby Bobbitt, who was re-elected to her Place 4 seat.

Thank you to all of the Rowlett citizens who exercised their right to vote and make a difference at the local level!

CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY - SIGN UP TODAY!



Citizens Fire Academy

Rowlett Fire Rescue Kicks Off the Spring Session on Thursday, June 2

Rowlett Fire Rescue offers a free eight-week Citizen's Fire Academy. The class offers adults in the Rowlett community an interactive, in-depth, insider's view of the services provided by the City of Rowlett Fire Rescue Department. Participants receive fire safety education, fire safety training for both the home and the work place and hands-on experience in emergency operations.

The class culminates in a "burn day" where participants don Fire Rescue gear and put out a fire at the Garland Fire Department's training facility on SH 66. Come join the fun, make new friends and enjoy the experience of a lifetime!

For more information and to register, please call 972-412-6230.

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 15 - 21

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 15 - 21

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." EMS is an essential public function and a vital component of the medical care continuum. On any given day, EMS practitioners help save lives by responding to medical emergencies, including heart attack, difficulty breathing, a fall or accident, drowning, cardiac arrest, stroke, drug overdose or acute illness. EMS may provide both basic and advanced medical care at the scene of an emergency and en route to a hospital. EMS practitioners care for their patients' medical needs and show caring and compassion to their patients in their most difficult moments.

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.



National Emergency Services Week May 15 - 21

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Memorial Day/Touch-a-Truck

Saturday, May 28

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!

12th Annual Police Bicycle Rodeo

Saturday, May 28

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 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.

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

Saturday, May 28

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

\$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 Hat Show & Jewelry Exchange

Tuesday, May 10

11:30 A.M.

Celebrate Mother's Day by wearing your favorite hat. A prize will be given to the most original hat, the largest hat, the cutest hat and the most decorated hat. Also, bring your old jewelry that you might not wear anymore to trade for someone else's treasures. Bring a covered dish to share!

City of Rowlett offices and facilities will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30. Garbage will be collected on its normal schedule.



**Animal Shelter Maintains
a 99% Live Release Rate!**



Pet Adoptathon!

The Story of Margo!

Margo is a sweet pup that had lived most of her life in the backyard of her owner's house. She was surrendered to the shelter with her brothers and mother back in February, she was very timid and scared of everything. After weeks of coaxing and affection from shelter staff and volunteers, Margot finally came out of her shell. She loved to hang out outside with her brothers and mother, along with any other dogs that were friendly. After almost two months of being at the shelter, Margot's forever family came through the doors and fell in love with her. Margot is so very happy having a family to call her own.

Saturday, May 28

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**Rowlett Animal Shelter
(4402 Industrial)**

Reduced Adoption Fee - \$25

Come find your new best friend and help your Animal Shelter maintain its current live release rate of 99 percent! This is well above the national rate of 30 percent, thanks to Rowlett residents' willingness to open their hearts and homes to all the wonderful pets available at the shelter.

Bonus: The Arts & Humanities Commission is providing live entertainment and Palio's is handing out free pizza by the slice! Other activities include free face painting and Target gift card giveaway.

**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.

RECENTLY IN ROWLETT...



Isaac Scruggs Park

Landscaping and sail shades have been installed at Isaac Scruggs Park. A ceremony dedicating the basketball court to honor the memory of Devin Oliver, a former Rowlett High School basketball



star who passed away last year was held for the basketball court on Saturday, April 30.



Crime Watch Summit

54 representatives from Neighborhood Crime Watch groups attended the bi-annual Crime Watch Summit held at the Rowlett Community Centre on Monday, April 4. The summit is an opportunity for the groups to discuss issues and share ideas to make our community safer, network and brainstorm ways to recruit new crime watch neighborhoods.



Police Motorcycle Benefit Competition

Traffic Officers Hoff and Moore attended the 2016 Capital of TX Police Motorcycle Chute Out. The Fundraiser benefits the Center for Child Protection and the Sunshine Kids Foundation. This year's event was the 3rd annual and was held in Buda, Texas. In attendance were 123 Police Motorcycle Officers from 6 States and Canada. Officers Hoff and Moore represented the Rowlett Police Department and the community they serve with excellence!

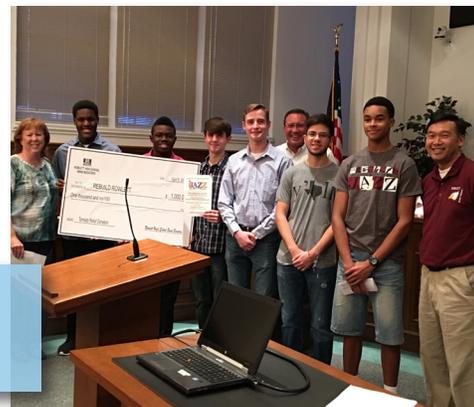


Organizers of the Rebuild Rowlett 5k held in March presented a check for \$40,655.29!!!



Rebuild Rowlett Fundraisers

Led by "The Soup Lady," who is very well-known in the area of Rowlett affected by the tornado for cooking then serving soup to volunteers and homeowners as they work, employees of Insight raised and donated \$1,767.00



The Rowlett High School Band raised \$1,000 at their Rebuild Rowlett Benefit Jazz Band concert held in March.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR! at the Rowlett Library

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

May the Fourth Be with You

Wednesday, May 4

7:00 P.M.

Celebrate all things Star Wars at Rowlett Public Library with "May the Fourth Be with You", including activities, crafts and photo booth. Free for all ages.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 7

All Day

The Library will have comic books for all ages available for free!

Love on a Leash

Wednesday, May 11

3:30 P.M.

Each month, the Library presents Love on a Leash where doggy reading companions listen to a story read by an independent, young reader in a safe, non-judgemental atmosphere. Sign up at the Library Service Desk today.



Story Writing for Kids

Saturday, May 14

2:00 P.M.

Local author Johan Twiss will lead a character development workshop for grade school kids. Kids will learn how to create vivid characters and rich stories and make superhero capes for their stuffed animals.

Story Time with Nancy Churnin

Saturday, May 21

2:00 P.M.

A special story time with *Dallas Morning News* Theater Critic and local author of the children's book *The William Hoy Story*. It's an inspiring story about a deaf man who found success in professional baseball while influencing the game. Brought to you by the Friends of the Rowlett Public Library.

STORY TIME!

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.

Pajama Story Time

Tuesdays @ 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!



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!

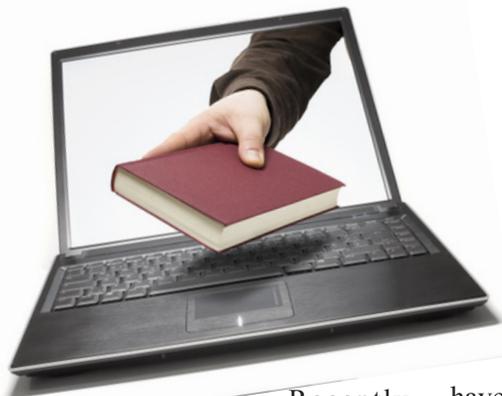
Prime Time Book Club

Thursdays @ 4:00 P.M.

Ages 6-11

Children can enjoy the community-building experience of meeting with friends to choose, read, and discuss books together. The meetings come to life with discussions, arts and crafts, and activities. By interacting with their favorite books, children can increase their comprehension and ability to discuss what they know. When children meet with their friends to complete arts and crafts, projects, and activities, they turn reading into a social activity, and that encourages them to keep reading.

ROWLETT LIBRARY OFFERS TECH ASSISTANCE!



Phil's Technology Corner

Reserve Express!

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

Recently, we've rolled out a new feature through our online catalog called Reserve Express. Reserve Express allows you to sign up to automatically be placed on hold for new titles from popular authors. It's a great way to ensure that you are towards the top of the waiting list whenever a new book comes out from one of these authors.

You sign up by first logging into the library's online catalog (<https://rowlett.biblionix.com>). You'll need your card number and PIN for this, so if you don't know those please give the library a call (972-412-6161) or come in and see us. After you've logged in, click on "My Account" in the top right corner

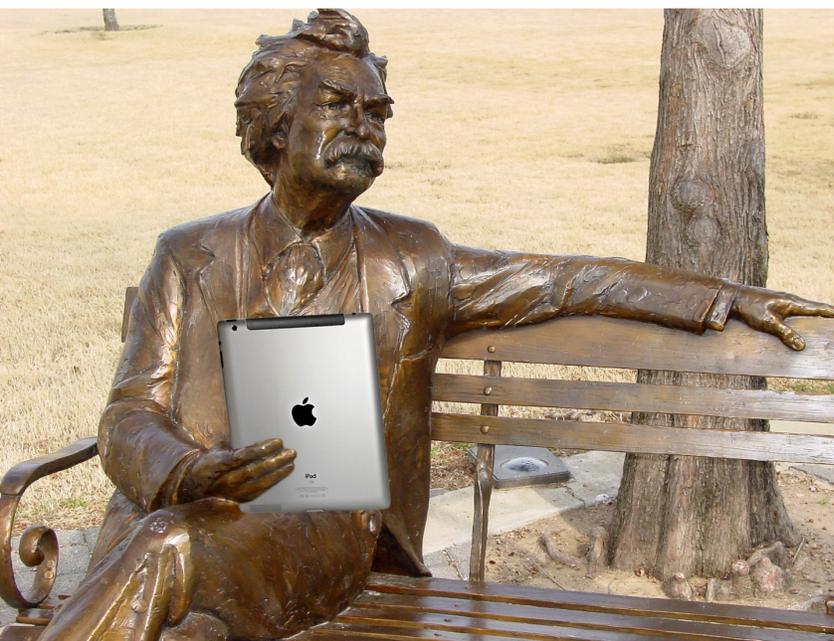
of the screen. Then click on the Reserves/Requests tab at the top. You'll see the items you currently have on reserve. Under that list of items, look for the line that starts with "Have some favorite authors?" In the sentence that follows, "receive new books" is a link. Click on it to open the Reserve Express menu. The list of authors we currently offer on Reserve Express will drop down. Simply click on the ones you like, and the font will change to bold to indicate your selection. And that's it!

Hold lists for these authors are assigned randomly. For example, right now we have three people signed up for James Patterson. Each time a new Patterson book comes out, those three will be at the top of the reserve list automatically. The system will randomly assign them a position, so one person won't always

be first in line. If anyone has separately submitted a request for purchase for a Patterson book, their names will also be mixed in to the hold list. The goal is to make it as fair as possible for the people using the service.

Since we've just started using the service, there are about forty authors on the list. If there's an author you'd like to see added to the list, let us know. We'd like to limit the list to popular authors that publish on a regular basis, but that doesn't mean we won't take suggestions for additions to the list. And if you'd like someone to walk you through signing up for Reserve Express, please come down to the library and we'd be happy to show you how it works. We think this is going to be a very useful feature for our customers, and want to make sure that everyone who wants to use the service is able to.

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 Technical Services Supervisor Phil Barott at 972-412-6161 or via [email](#). Reservations are on a first come first served basis so call today!

ROWLETT PARKS & RECREATION

Activities for the Whole Family!

Senior Fitness Activities...

Get Energized with Jill

Monday/Wednesday @ 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Low impact aerobic exercise class that includes dance moves, toning and stretching. Get that heart pumping to the latest music and have some fun while getting in shape!

SAIL

Tuesdays @ 10:30 A.M.

This program is designed to improve strength, balance and fitness for seniors. All exercises are done to music and designed for all to have fun. Improve your strength, balance and fitness. Join us Tuesdays at 10:30am for this free program.

Walking Club

Wednesday/Friday @ 8:15-9:00 A.M.

Enjoy the natural beauty of Pecan Grove trail as you walk your way to fitness. Participants will chart their walking progress and incentives will be provided for regular walkers.

PACE

Wednesdays/Fridays @ 9:30 A.M.

The PACE program was created for people with arthritis to help keep joints flexible, muscles strong and to help reduce the pain and stiffness associated with arthritis. The routines use gentle range-of-motion movements that are suitable for every fitness level.

Senior Fitness Fun

Thursdays @ 9:30 A.M.

This Senior program incorporates a warm-up, 20 minutes of low impact aerobics, hand-eye coordination exercises, flexibility training and relaxation movements. All exercises are guaranteed to loosen up stiff joints, get that heart pumping and even cause you to sweat a little.

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!

Pilates

Strengthen, tighten and tone the entire body. Combining strength training with weights allows this revolutionary new Pilates plan to rev the metabolism and burn 400-500 calories in a one hour session. Register by the month, half month or drop-in-daily.

Bokwa

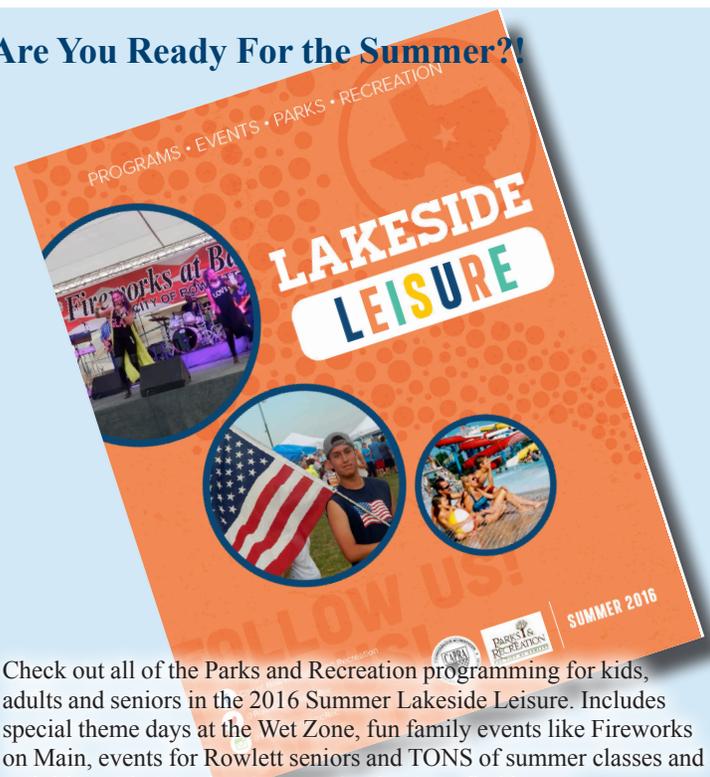
Fun for all ages and athletic levels. Draw letters and numbers on the floor while moving to the latest music. Sweat the alphabet and draw the digits. If you can move and spell, you can BOKWA!

Other fitness classes at the RCC include...

Spin
Jazzercise
Full Body Ignite

Zumba
Mommy 'n Me Fitness

Are You Ready For the Summer?!



Check out all of the Parks and Recreation programming for kids, adults and seniors in the 2016 Summer Lakeside Leisure. Includes special theme days at the Wet Zone, fun family events like Fireworks on Main, events for Rowlett seniors and TONS of summer classes and activities at the Rowlett Community Centre... find it at www.rowlett.com/LakesideLeisure/

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

Saturday, May 14

11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Park opens for weekends in May, open daily beginning June 3

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.

JULY 4TH 2016

FIREWORKS DISPLAY @9:45PM

FIREWORKS ON MAIN!



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6:00-10:00PM

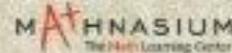
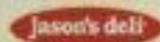
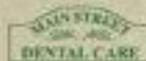
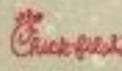
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(Behind the Wet Zone Waterpark)

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ROWLETT YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration closes
May 20th with a
\$10 late after
May 13th.

GAMES ARE PLAYED ON SATURDAYS FROM JUNE 18 THROUGH AUGUST 8 WITH PRACTICES BEGINNING IN EARLY JUNE.

AGE DIVISIONS

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6U Coed 10U Boys
8U Coed 12U Boys
 14U Boys

LEAGUE FEES

Center Member	\$65
Resident	\$70
Non Resident	\$80

*Fee includes jersey

*Volunteers are needed to **help coach the 2016 season.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 972.412.6170.**



Rowlett

City Calendar

May

1	2	3 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm @ City Hall	4 May the Fourth Be With You 7pm @ Library	5	6 One-on-One Tech Help @ Library	7 Free Comic Book Day @ Library
8	9	10 Mothers Day Party 11:30am @ RCC Planning & Zoning Meeting 6pm @ City Hall	11 Love on a Leash 3:30pm @ Library	12	13 One-on-One Tech Help @ Library	14 Wet Zone Opens 11am Story Writing for Kids 2pm @ Library
15 National Police Week National Public Works Week National EMS Week	16	17 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm @ City Hall	18	19	20 One-on-One Tech Help @ Library	21 Storytime with Nancy Churnin 2pm @ Library
22	23	24 Planning & Zoning Meeting 6pm @ City Hall	25	26	27 One-on-One Tech Help @ Library	28 Memorial Day/TAT, Police Bike Rodeo 10am-1pm @ RCC AARP Smart Driver 9am-Noon @ RCC Adoptathon 10am-5pm @ Shelter
29	30 Memorial Day - City of Rowlett Offices Closed	31				