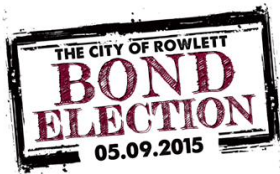


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Top Stories in Rowlett for Week Ending 08.11.2017



Community Investment Program Project Update

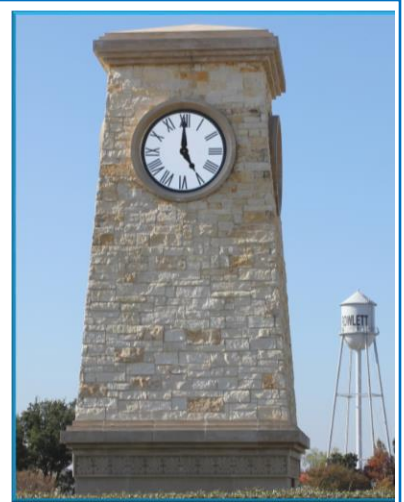
Primrose Lane Reconstruction Project

Project Scope:

Rebuilding of Primrose Lane including sidewalks, curbs and drainage systems.

Project Status:

Phase 1: Project began on June 19; anticipate completion by mid-December 2017 (with no major weather delays). Crews continue to replace water service lines; 10 of 20 are complete.



Important Announcements

City Council – Regular Meeting: August 15, 5:30pm(apx) @ City Hall

City Council – Special Meetings: August 17 & 29; Times/Places TBD – Check Agendas

P & Z Commission – August 22, 6:30pm @ City Hall

Arts & Humanities Commission – August 8, 6:30pm @ City Hall

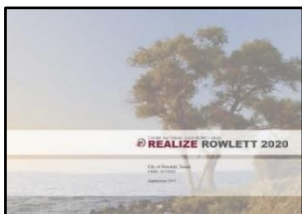
Park Board – August 9, 7pm @ RCC

Library Advisory Board – August 10, 6:30pm @ Library

Senior Advisory Board – August 21, 10am @ City Hall

2020 Update

Realizing Rowlett



Yogurt Queen is coming to Rowlett!

Address: 3109 Lakeview Parkway



Featured Business – Blue Sky Glass Design
3109 Lakeview Parkway, Rowlett
www.blueskyglassdesign.com

Blue Sky Glass Design



Born and raised in Boston, Mark Anthony Portolano – Principal/Artist/Designer, founded [Blue Sky Glass Design](http://www.blueskyglassdesign.com) (BSGD) as his expression of love for the creative and artistic. BSGD is a full-service, client-first company that provides custom, site-specific works of art in glass and mirror.

For over 10 years, Mark and his team have worked directly with architects, interior designers and builders, to provide them unique glass material solutions for any space, any ambiance and to a client's specification. BSGD glass creations can be found in North American, Europe, Asian, Middle Eastern and other global high-end facilities- from large conference rooms to intimate settings and public spaces.

City Secretary's Office

**your VOTE
is your VOICE**

[Special Election](#) - The Mayoral debate was held Monday evening, August 7th at Church in the City. This debate/forum was sponsored by the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce.

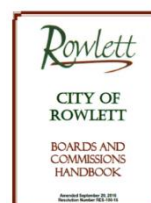
The next, and finale, debate/forum will be held on August 19th from 7 to 9pm, again at the Church in the City, located at 6005 Dalrock Rd.

Click on picture to view the forum recorded by Creative Services Producer Drew Rist.



[Early voting began](#) Wednesday, August 9th and as of 5pm today, 440 citizens have voted. Go to the [City's Facebook](#) page, look for the video City Secretary Laura Hallmark and Drew Rist created on Wednesday, August 9th to help you know exactly where to go to vote early and on Election Day, Saturday, August 26th.

[Now accepting applications for Boards and Commissions](#)



In the Community

[Future Bond Projects Input](#)
Fill out form for projects to be considered for next bond election. [CIAB Project Input Form](#)

Candidate Debate – August 19, 7-9:00pm @ Church in City, 6005 Dalrock Rd. Sponsored by Rowlett Chamber of Commerce

[Summer Concert Series](#) - August 11, 18, 25; 7:30pm @ Pecan Grove Park

[Early Voting Ongoing](#) – Through August 22 in the City Annex Building

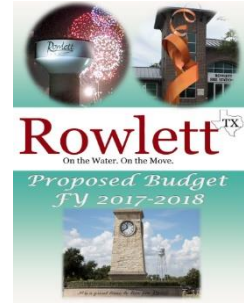
["Pull for a Cure"](#) – August 12, 10am @ Rowlett Home Depot

[Arts & Humanities Commission Artists Reception](#) – August 12, 1-3pm @ Fire Station 1, 3900 Miller Rd.

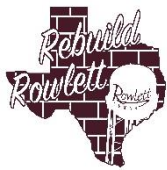
[Special Election Day](#) – August 26, 7am-7pm in the City Annex Building (no other voting location/s)

City Manager's Office Update

On Tuesday, August 8th, City Manager Brian Funderburk presented the [Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget](#) to the Rowlett City Council. The Proposed Budget includes a 1 cent reduction to the tax rate! Mr. Funderburk also shared the [FY2018 Budget Presentation](#) to Council and those attending the Special Meeting along with a special video titled [The Value of Rowlett City Operations](#) which shows how much the average citizen pays for everyday services the City provides. The dates for the [FY2018 Budget Adoption Schedule](#) is located on the City's Website.



Please take a few minutes to view the PowerPoint presentation and the video – it's well worth your time.



Deadline for Tornado Assistance is September 8th – Many of those impacted by the EF4 tornado that struck Rowlett on December 26, 2015 have received assistance through the Long-Term Recovery Committee (LTRC), working with Catholic Charities. There are still funds available! Rowlett residents who need assistance may qualify to receive \$1,000/family to help with replacement costs OR up to \$15,000 to help with reconstruction costs. The deadline to contact Catholic Charities (469-607-0909 OR tornadorelief@ccdallas.org) to apply for this assistance is 5 p.m. on Friday, September 8th.

\$300,406 was donated to assist Rowlett residents impacted by the tornado.
 \$258,304 has been disseminated to Rowlett residents seeking recovery assistance.
 \$43,706 is still available.

We know there are still those in our community who need assistance, please share this information and help us reach them!

July Volunteer Information:

FTE – 10.8

Cost savings - \$46,804.15 (based on The Independent Sector's Texas rate of \$25.15 per volunteer hour).

Department	Number of Volunteers	Hours Volunteered
Animal Shelter	30	67
Library	22	447
VIPS	27	619.5
Clerical & Interns	4	159.5
Parks	12	64
Warrant Release (Parks Maintenance)	0	0
Community Service (Animal Shelter)	53	504
July Totals	148	1,861



[Neighborhood Life](#) - The North Texas Municipal Water district is sponsoring a "[Water Efficient Landscape Design](#)" class for Rowlett and surrounding communities on September 12, from 10am-12pm at the Rowlett Community Centre. It will be presented by the Water University at the Texas A&M Agrilife Center-Dallas. The class is free but you will need to pre-register.



[Rowlett City Academy](#) – Remember to register for the next Rowlett City Academy being held this Fall, from September 13 – December 6, 2017. The Fall Academy will be conducted during the day to accommodate those who can't make it at night and will start at 10:30am finishing around 1pm; included is a light luncheon each week. Please consider signing up for this informative series educating citizens about the inner workings of your City! Registration closes on September 1.

Library Update

The Arts & Humanities Commission will hold a reception in celebration of the City's three public artwork installations on Saturday, August 12th. This "come & go" event is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. at Fire Station #1, 3900 Miller Road. The public is cordially invited to learn more about these new community enhancements. Refreshments will be provided



Parks and Recreation Update



****Concerts start at 7:30pm****
Join your friends and neighbors on Friday nights in August for our annual "[Summer Concert Series](#)

featuring [Food Truck Fridays](#)", located at 5300 Main Street in Rowlett. Bring your blanket and lawn chair to enjoy a fun filled musical night.

Summer Concert Series & Food Truck Lineup	
August 4 – Escape (Journey) Food Trucks – The Guava Tree, Sir Franks Dogs & Sausages, Castle Sno'zone	August 18 – Me and My Monkey (The Beatles) Food Trucks – Mel's Grill, Castle Sno'zone
August 11 – Time Train (Variety) Food Trucks – La Rosita, 4M Concession, Kona Ice	August 25 – Memphis Soul (Variety Band) Food Trucks – Rock and Roll Tacos, Kona Ice, Su Amazing Foods



Archery Play Day is Saturday, August 12th! Come to the Rowlett Community Centre to try archery for free! The program is for all ages and skill levels, first time participants will be taught the basics while others can hone their skills. Preregistration is required so call 972.412.6170 to get your name on the list.

Public Works Update

Big A Road Rehabilitation – Big A Road Phase 2 construction is underway! Travel will be limited to one lane from Rowlett Rd. to Greenway for the remainder of the project, so please expect delays. Pending weather delays, Big A will be complete at the end of August. Contact Will Plexico with any questions: 972-463-3976, wplexico@rowlett.com Thank for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience!

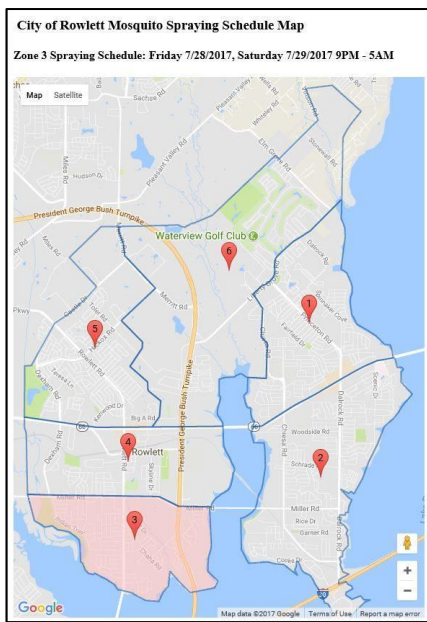




Public Works crews cut back vegetation on Big A road to improve the site distance for vehicles exiting Green Lawn.



TxDOT Landscaping Project – Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has retained, All Around Landscape & Construction Company (AALC), to begin their State Highway 66 Median Landscape Enhancement Project. This project focuses on two locations and the first location starts in median at Antioch Drive and extends to PGBT in front of Raising Canes and is under way. The second location starts East of Chiesa Road and extends to Scenic Drive. During the construction expect traffic delays and lane closures. For questions, please contact **Fred Moore** at TxDOT, #214-240-3375.



[Mosquito tests positive for the West Nile Virus in Rowlett - ground spraying to occur.](#)

Mosquitoes testing positive for the West Nile Virus were discovered in Rowlett's northwest, northeast, and southeast quadrants (Zones 1, 2 and 6). As a result, Dallas County's planned ground spraying of the general area will take place Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12 during the overnight hours between 9:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M., weather conditions permitting.