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Rowlett

On the Move

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The City of Rowlett will hold a **Community Investment Program bond election on May 9, 2015.**

If passed, residents will **NOT** experience an increase to the City tax rate!

\$25.8 million bond package in three propositions to fund street, park and public safety projects.

In February 2015, the Rowlett City Council voted to call a Bond Election. Residents of Rowlett will be asked to go to the polls on Saturday, May 9 to consider authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$25.8 million for three proposed bond propositions. Each of these projects was carefully

considered and proposed by the Council-appointed Community Investment Program Task Force, and the City Council voted unanimously to place these propositions on the ballot for the citizens' consideration.

How were the projects to be included in the bond package identified?

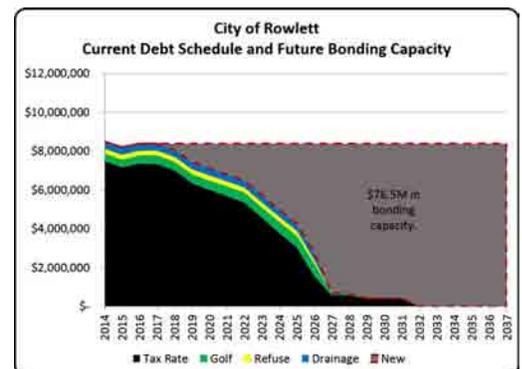
Late last summer, the City Council directed the formation of a citizen ad-hoc committee, aptly named the Community Investment Program Task Force (CIPTF), which was tasked to develop a recommendation for projects to be included in the bond election. This recommendation included project identification, ranking, and prioritization. The CIPTF met every two weeks throughout the fall and early winter, touring City streets, parks and facilities in an effort to develop a

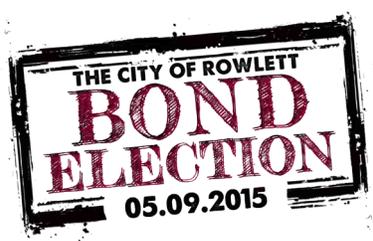
comprehensive project list that could then be refined and presented to the City Council for approval. They welcomed citizen input to assist in the identification of projects through a series of public meetings with citizens, civic groups and City advisory boards and commissions. Citizen input was also received through social media, an interactive website, RTN16 broadcasts, email and hand-written suggestions, and face-to-face conversations.

How is this possible with no tax rate increase?

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2018, the City's annual general obligation debt service starts to dramatically decline. This provides an opportunity to capture some of that capacity, without an increase to the tax rate, through a series of bonds issued over the next three years. All without a tax increase.

It has been nearly 10 years since the last measureable governmental bonds were issued. As a result, the City has a large curve where bonded indebtedness will significantly drop off in the near future. This freed up bond capacity could provide for as much as \$76.5 million over the next 10 years without a tax rate increase. This includes the ability to issue \$25.8 million over the next three years.





Proposition 1

STREETS \$18,932,340*



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

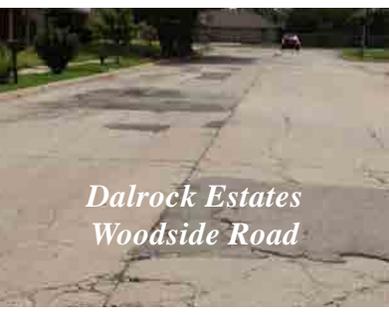
Rebuilding streets, sidewalks, curbs, drainage systems, street trees and lighting on Llano Street, Southridge Drive, Westview Drive and West Lynnwood Drive.

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.



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.



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.

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)?

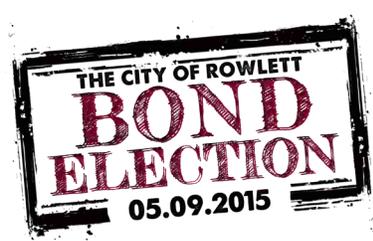
Recognizing community needs and balancing demands with the funding available, the CIP is a multi-year plan outlining the goals and objectives regarding the development, modernization or replacement of physical public infrastructure and facilities. It identifies, implements and manages these community 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

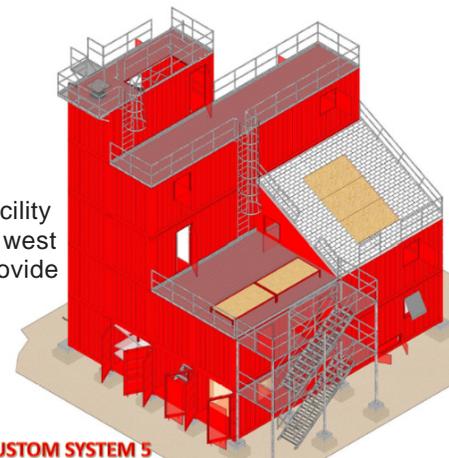
PUBLIC SAFETY \$2,631,050*

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.



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Elgin B. Robertson Property Purchase

The City has been actively pursuing the purchase of this property, now known as **Bayside**, from the City of Dallas for the past decade as it serves as the gateway into Rowlett on Interstate 30!

The property purchase will be funded, and innovatively master-planned, by the City's development partner, Donohue Development.

What and where is the Bayside property?

The property 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 is located in both Dallas County and Rockwall County and consists of approximately 115 acres.

Why is the City interested in purchasing the Bayside property from the City of Dallas?

As it is the gateway into Rowlett on Interstate 30, the City has been actively pursuing the purchase of this property from the City of Dallas for the past decade. 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.

How much is the purchase price?

\$31.8 million

How will it be paid for?

The \$31.8 million purchase will be funded by the City's development partner, Donahue Development. In order to provide the best and most expedient services to our citizens, Rowlett will provide the infrastructure, including police and fire rescue response, as the land is developed.

Will it remain a park? If not, what will be built there?

Bayside will not remain parkland, but will be innovatively master-planned and developed. Donahue Development is working through these plans and will be presenting the vision to the City soon. This acquisition is just the first step in a multi-year development process.

KEY DATES

March 3
Rowlett City Council Work Session discussion regarding the purchase agreement and boundary adjustments.

March 17
Rowlett City Council will take action regarding the purchase agreement and boundary adjustments.

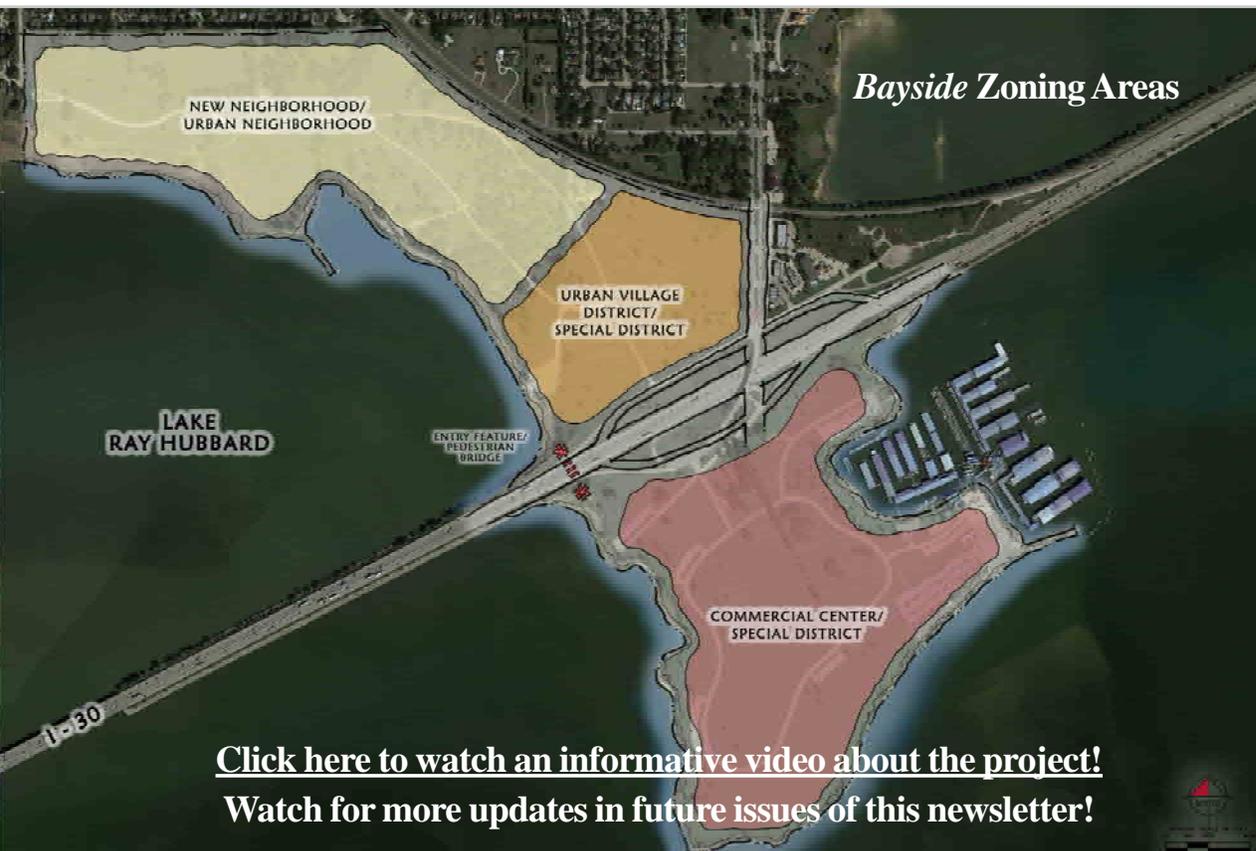
March 25
Dallas City Council will take action on the second set of boundary adjustments.

April 14
Rowlett Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing and recommendation on zoning.

April 21
Rowlett City Council Public Hearing and will take action on zoning.

April 21
Rowlett City Council will take action on Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) creation for infrastructure needs.

April 30
Property sale closes.



[Click here to watch an informative video about the project!](#)
Watch for more updates in future issues of this newsletter!

Once Every Two Week Landscape Watering in Effect Through at Least May 31



North Texas Municipal Water District *Extends* Stage 3 Water Restrictions

DESPITE RECENT RAINS, LOW LAKE LEVELS PERSIST.

The City of Rowlett is a customer city of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), meaning the City purchases its water from the District and is subject to their implementation of water restrictions and the rules each level brings. In response to the ongoing drought and historically low lake levels, the Board of Directors voted to extend the Stage 3 seasonal watering restrictions through the month of May.

The goal of Stage 3 is a 10 percent reduction in water use and increased awareness in ongoing water conservation efforts. While recent rains have certainly helped, *as of*

March 26, Lake Lavon was at 77 percent. Lake Chapman, another NTMWD water source, was at 86 percent.

Last year, legislation granted the NTMWD an exemption to the Lacey Act for all aquatic invasive species, allowing them to now transport water from Lake Texoma through pumps that are located in both Texas and Oklahoma. A pipeline extension project was completed last May as well, and is now transporting water from Lake Texoma. This restored 28 percent of the NTMWD's water supply.

STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE:

PROHIBIT OPERATION OF ALL ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS TO THE EXTENT THEY USE TREATED WATER.

PROHIBIT WASHING OR RINSING OF VEHICLES BY HOSE EXCEPT WITH A HOSE END CUTOFF NOZZLE.

EXISTING SWIMMING POOLS MAY NOT BE DRAINED AND REFILLED (EXCEPT TO REPLACE NORMAL WATER LOSS).

PROHIBIT USING WATER IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO ALLOW RUNOFF OR OTHER WASTE.

PROHIBIT HYDRO-SEEDING, HYDRO-MULCHING, OVER-SEEDING, AND SPRIGGING.

WHEN CAN I WATER?

Landscape watering is allowed once every fourteen days based on the last number of your physical address.

No landscape watering is allowed between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Exceptions to this Schedule

Foundations, new landscaping, new plantings (first year) of shrubs, and trees may be watered for up to 2 hours on any day by a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip/bubbler irrigation system.

Registered and properly functioning ET/Smart irrigation systems and drip/bubbler irrigation systems may irrigate without restrictions.

Golf courses, using NTMWD water, may water greens and tee boxes without restrictions.

Locations using other water sources such as well water, water reuse, or reclaimed water for irrigation may irrigate without restrictions.

Public athletic fields used for competition may be watered twice per week.

APRIL 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
0	3 & 4	1	6 & 7	2	8 & 9	5
NO WATERING						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
0	3 & 4	1	6 & 7	2	8 & 9	5
NO WATERING						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
NO WATERING						
26	27	28	29	30		
0	3 & 4	1	6 & 7	2		
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View the [NTMWD Water Plan](#).
For More Information call the City of Rowlett
Action Center at 972-412-6100.

RECENTLY IN ROWLETT...



Read to Children Week

During Read to Children Week, Fire Marshal Bryan Beckner read Dr. Seuss to the Kindergarten classes at Dorsey Elementary. The kids weren't the only ones who had a good time!



Public Safety Volunteers Presentation

Officer Chad Caldwell, along with members of the City volunteer groups Volunteers in Police Service and Community Emergency Response Team, gave a presentation to area seniors on how to get involved.



Easter Egg Hunt

Hundreds of children hunted for treat-filled eggs, enjoyed bounce houses, face painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny and all manner of fun at Pecan Grove park on Saturday, March 28.



Easter Pup-a-Palooza!

Our furry-friends had a great time hunting for their own treat-filled Easter eggs at Herfurth Park on Sunday, March 29!



Waterview Golf Club Renovations

Spring has arrived and the renovations continue at Waterview Golf Club! Drainage and the lake on the side of Hole 10 are now complete. Hole 18 has been rejuvenated as well with a new retaining wall. A number of additional projects are now complete including the overseeding 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 pavilion is also close to completion, air



The Golf Advisory Board held their March meeting in the new pavilion.



conditioning and electric have been installed. Stay tuned for updates on restroom and club house renovations!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Lakeshore Cleanup!

Saturday, April 11
(rescheduled from March 21 due to wet weather)

9 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Lake Ray Hubbard's former
Marina del Ray
2413 Rowlett Road

City of Rowlett and Keep Rowlett Beautiful are partnering up again for this popular community beautification volunteer event! Adults and children 10 yrs. or older are invited to celebrate the beginning of spring by doing their part to help clean up our beautiful city, picking up litter and debris along the lakeshore that serves as the southern gateway into Rowlett. Families with young children will be assigned safer areas around town. Event includes a volunteer appreciation luncheon of hot dogs, drinks, chips and cookies while we share stories of the day. Take part in prize drawings of goods and services donated by local Rowlett merchants. Contact Martha Brown at Keep Rowlett Beautiful, Inc. for more information: (972) 463-3929, mbrown@keeprowlettbeautiful.org.



Kid Fish Outdoor Extravaganza

Saturday, April 25
9:00 A.M. - Noon
Community Park
8500 St. Andrews

The pond at Community Park will be generously stocked with 500 pounds of catfish prior to this FREE event sponsored by the [Texas Junior Anglers](#). The Kid Fish event is designed to promote the sport of fishing to our youth. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to winners in three age divisions. It is recommended that families bring their own fishing equipment however TJA will provide loaner rods, reels, bait and tackle to those who need them.



Cardboard Boat Regatta

Saturday, April 25
1:30 P.M.
Community Park
8500 St. Andrews

8-13 years (Youth)
14 and up (Adult)
The second annual Cardboard Boat Regatta is open to participants ages

8 and up. Teams will construct boats from cardboard and race them across the Community Park pond. This is the perfect "team-building" opportunity for schools, sports teams, scout organizations, churches and local businesses! Prizes will be awarded in both age categories.

Prizes will also be awarded for the following contests:

Best Construction Technique Award

Best Decorated Boat

The Titanic Award – for the most spectacular sinking!

CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY - SIGN UP TODAY!



Citizens Fire Academy

*Rowlett Fire Rescue Kicks Off the Spring Session
on Thursday, April 30*

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.

YOUTH AND TEEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Rowlett Police Department's School Resource Officers are pleased to announce the second annual Rowlett Summer Youth and Teen Police Academies. These officers have developed one and two week Youth and Teen Police Academies to create better understanding and communication between young citizens and the police department, providing positive interaction with police officers while educating our community's youth. These academies will not only enhance the student's knowledge of law enforcement, but will also offer a way for kids interested in law enforcement as a future career choice to learn more about what it takes to be an officer.

The academies are free, include lunch every day, AND a free trip to the Wet Zone on the last day of each session. They are available to students who live and attend school in Rowlett and consist of the following curriculum:

SWAT	Penal law
Crime Scene Investigation	Use of Force
Criminal Investigations	Leadership
Patrol	Communication
Community Services	Internet Safety
Negotiating	Gun Range & Weapon Safety
Driving While Impaired/Traffic	Defensive Tactics
Pursuit Driving	Bicycle Patrol
Building Searches	Jail
Internet Safety	Dispatch
Gun Range & Weapon Safety	Drug and Alcohol Recognition
Defensive Tactics	Penal law
Bicycle Patrol	Use of Force
Jail	Leadership
Dispatch	Communication
Drug and Alcohol Recognition	



Age Divisions & Dates

YOUTH STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADES 4-6

JUNE 15 - 19
JUNE 29 - JULY 3
JULY 13 - 17
AUGUST 3 - 7

TEEN STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADES 7-11

JUNE 22 - 26
JULY 20 - 24

YOUTH & TEEN ACADEMIES BOTH RUN 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. MONDAY - FRIDAY

Register by May 8

[YOUTH ACADEMY REGISTRATION FORM](#)

[TEEN ACADEMY REGISTRATION FORM](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT OFFICER BRANDON HERRING VIA [EMAIL](#)

SAFE SITTER CLASS REGISTER NOW!



Saturday, May 31
Rowlett Community Centre
Ages 11-16
\$60

When people hear "babysitting training", what generally comes to mind? Many immediately think diaper changing, bottle feeding and keeping kids entertained. Yes, caring for infants and children does involve all of these important tasks. However, this well-rounded youth development program with a medical basis focuses on so much more. It presents serious life skills in a fun way!

Safe Sitters are not just highly-qualified babysitters. They're young business owners with practical life and safety skills-many already with an eye toward future endeavors! In addition to being knowledgeable about safe childcare (including first aid, choking child rescue and CPR), Safe Sitters gain confidence in themselves.

SAFE SITTERS...

...learn beginning business skills such as how to market themselves as qualified babysitters, how to assess job requirements and decide whether or not to take a job, how to negotiate an hourly rate, and how to deliver a proper handshake.

...are encouraged to be active participants in making a difference in their communities.

...feel comfortable staying home alone (and perhaps taking care of their younger siblings while parents are away) because they've learned about personal safety and what to do in an emergency.

Call 972-412-6230 to register today!

COMMUNITY SERVICES NEWS



The Story of Sasha!

This sweet, pretty girl is Sasha. Sasha came into the shelter on July 26, 2014. She was scared and very, very shy when she first arrived. She was especially leery of men. Prospective adopters visiting the shelter to look at dogs would just walk right by her because she would just lay in her kennel, head down and timid. That made people think she was not nice when she really was.

Poor Sasha spent eight months in the shelter. It took a lot of love, attention and socialization from shelter staff, volunteers...even the ladies at City Hall let her come for extended visits, where she received plenty of petting and treats...for her to learn to trust. Which she did!

Sasha was finally adopted by a kind man on March 14 and is now living a wonderful life!

Animal Shelter Maintains a 100% Live Release Rate!

Facebook @
Friends of
Rowlett Animals



GARAGE SALE SUCCESS!

Spring Cleaning often results in a garage sale - here are the City's garage sale ordinances to assist citizens in conducting a successful event!



1 No permit is required for garage sales, although only three sales in a twelve month period are allowed.

2 Sales are limited to personal property only. No merchandise acquired solely for the purpose of resale may be included.

3 Sales may last up to three consecutive days.

4 Garage sale signs may be placed on personal property only.

5 Garage sale signs may not be placed on public property. Public property includes street or road right-of-ways, which is normally between the utility poles and street curbs or between fences and street curbs. Signs are also prohibited in medians and on trees and utility poles.

6 If garage sale signs are found in violation, they will be removed and discarded at no liability to the City of Rowlett.

7 Please remove all signs within 48 hours after the sale has ended.

For more information, please contact Rowlett Code Enforcement at 972-412-6283 or visit the [Garage Sale Information](http://www.rowlett.com) page of www.rowlett.com

ROWLETT LIBRARY GETS CREATIVE!

Young Artists Shine!

Arts and Humanities 14th Annual Young Artists Contest

Winners Recognized at the March 3 City Council Meeting

2D Category Winners



Sailing the Paper Waves
Alexis Williamson
Amy Parks Elementary



Step In
Micah Berkshire
Rockwall Christian Academy



Bug Attack!!!
Nicholas Moulder
Rowlett High School

3D Category Winners



Gymnast
Litzy Herrera
Springer Elementary



Saber Gear
Elizabeth Trujillo
Hudson Middle School



Homer
Simpson Ashley Hibbs
Rowlett High School

Arts & Humanities Commission

Annual Writing Contest

Entries Due by April 20



Do you have a story inside of you just itching to get out? Are you convinced that you are raising the next great American author? Do you write poems on every available scrap of paper including the kid's paper placemats at restaurants? Are you always saying "Come on kids, let's put on a show," only to make them perform the play you wrote last fall?

Then here is your chance to prove that you or your kids have what it takes, enter the Arts & Humanities Writing Contest!

Categories

Short Works (plays, essays, etc.)
15-30 minutes in length

Short Story
1-3 pages, double spaced

Poem
1-2 pages, double spaced

Divisions

Youth – Grades 1 through 12
Adult - 18 years and older

All first place winners will receive a cash award of \$100 for each adult category and \$50 for each youth category. These awards will be presented at the Rowlett City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 18.

For complete rules and more information please visit the [Arts & Humanities page](http://www.rowlett.com) of www.rowlett.com.

It is the goal of the Arts & Humanities Commission to encourage appreciation of, and participation in, the arts in the City of Rowlett!

SPRING IS IN THE AIR! at the Rowlett Library



Saturday Movie and Popcorn: *The Cat in the Hat*

Saturday, April 4

2:00 P.M.

A young brother and sister are visited by a mischievous cat when their mother leaves them home alone. Rated PG. Free for all ages and free popcorn, too!

Family Saturday Games

Saturday, April 18

2:00 P.M.

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

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 stop by the Reference Desk.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes

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

Hi Beginners: Mondays @ 6:00 P.M. & 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.



STORY TIME!

The Young & the Restless Baby Story Time

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

For babies up to age 2

April 6 – Look At Baby

April 13 – Night Time

April 20 – Itty Bitty

April 27 – At the Zoo

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

April 1 - Easter Eggs

April 8 - Bunny Hop

April 15 - April Showers

April 22 - Bouncing Balls

April 29 – Bugs

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

April 3 - Easter Fun

April 10 - April Showers

April 17 - Libraries are Fun!

April 24 - Earth Day

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

April 2 – Dr. Seuss

April 9 – Mark Twain

April 16 – Hans Christian Anderson

April 23 – Star Wars

April 30 – Space stories

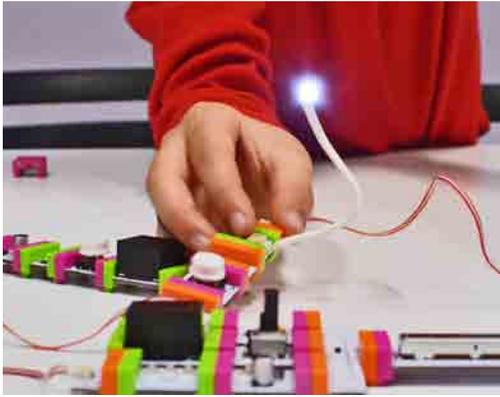
April features classic children's tales from the Library's Juvenile Fiction collection. Be sure to check out this story time just for kids!

Pajama Story Time

Thursday, April 16 @ 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!

ROWLETT LIBRARY OFFERS TECH ASSISTANCE!



Phil's Technology Corner

Check-out eMagazines with Zinio!

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

Your Rowlett Library has made eBooks available for customers to check out for quite some time now. Our patrons love them, but we've received several requests for digital versions of favorite magazines as well as books. So, we listened! The library is now offering a service called Zinio, with which our customers can now check out 39 different eMagazines, chosen based on the most popular types of magazines currently in the library's physical collection, online. View the choices at www.rowlett.com/library, click on eMagazines (Zinio). Or, just log directly into the library catalog and click the link.

eMagazines can be read with the Android, Windows, or Apple apps, streaming on the web through your browser, or with a free,

downloadable program called Zinio 4. The first step is to go to the library's Zinio page and create an account, or log in if you've already created an account. You can then browse the magazines we've subscribed to and check out any issues you want to read. Zinio magazine titles have unlimited simultaneous access, which means everybody can look at them at the same time. If a customer has the latest issue of Bloomberg Businessweek checked out, that doesn't prevent anyone else from checking out that same issue. As long as you don't delete the issue from your device manually, it will stay on there indefinitely.

Reading through your web browser is fairly straightforward. Once the magazine is open, click the grid icon on the left to open up a thumbnail list of all the pages, allowing you to more easily click through to another article. Since the browser reader is fairly new, it doesn't have any features other than

that, so you may have a better experience downloading magazines using either the Zinio 4 software on your computer or the mobile app. With the app, you can bookmark pages, and it's easier to zoom in to make the magazines more legible. For the most features, you'll want to download the Zinio 4 software. With it, you can search, share pages, bookmark articles, as well as print pages.

So, please check Zinio out and let us know what you think. All you need is your library card and for your account to be in good standing. And if you haven't checked out our eBooks through OverDrive, make sure to take a look at those too.

If you have any questions about this, or any of the other Tech Tips we've covered, please come on in and see me at the Rowlett Public Library or give me a call at 972-412-6161.

National Library Week

April 13-18

First sponsored in 1958 by the American Library Association, National Library Week is observed in libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use.

Come by the Library this week and enter to win a basket filled with books and prizes!

Rowlett Library Closed in May



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.

ROWLETT PARKS & RECREATION

Something for Everyone at the Rowlett Community Centre!

Friday Night Live!

Friday April 17
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

\$15

Ages 11-15

Parents, drop the kids off and go have some fun while we entertain your child. Kids, enjoy food and drinks as you dance the night away to the latest music, but don't forget to stop by our picture station so you have something to always remember the night. Bring your A-game because there'll be contests and raffles throughout the night for a chance to win some awesome prizes, too!

No Sew Fleece Project

Sunday, April 26
3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Rowlett Community Centre
\$10

Have you ever wanted to learn how to make a blanket, but don't have the sewing skills to do it? Are you looking for a gift idea that is homemade and easy to make? Come to the RCC to learn the basics of creating a fleece blanket that can be used for a graduation gift, Mother's Day present or just to create a blanket for yourself!

Shape up with classes at the Community Centre

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

This dance fitness class is 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!

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!

Other fitness classes at the RCC include...

Spin

Jazzercise

Yogalates

BodyWorks

Zumba

Mommy & Me

Insanity

Personal Training by

Paramount Fitness

For more information and to register for programs, please contact the Rowlett Community Centre at 972-412-6170.

SENIORS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Mother's Day Breakfast

Wednesday, May 6

8:30 A.M.

Mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters join us to celebrate you and your loved ones! Treat your Mom on her special day with a catered breakfast.



Senior Health Fair

Tuesday, April 14

9:00 A.M. - Noon

Free annual event presented by the Senior Advisory Board features door prizes and free screenings plus over 40 vendors, all with a focus on senior health. These may include home health care, retirement communities, doctors, pharmacies, and specialty organizations with the latest information on different diseases.

Senior Programs at the Rowlett Community Centre

SENIOR HEALTH CHECKS
TUESDAY, APRIL 7

SENIOR POTLUCK LUNCH
THURSDAY, APRIL 9
11:30 A.M.

BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE!

SENIOR FITNESS PROGRAMS:
S.A.I.L.

P.A.C.E.

SENIOR FITNESS FUN
SENIOR STRETCH

Connect Rowlett Emergency Notification Service



The success of this system depends on Rowlett citizens!

The reason for a mass notification system is to expediently alert citizens about emergencies and other events of interest in their community. Having a mass notification system allows the City to do that with one simple message.

As many residents have moved away from the traditional “land line” and now use their cell phones for calls, text and email, ***it’s imperative that everyone register as individuals rather than as a household.*** This will ensure as many people as possible are notified when a disaster or emergency strikes!



CONNECT ROWLETT FAQ

1

WHAT IS CONNECT ROWLETT?

An emergency notification service which allows Rowlett residents to opt-in and receive information via phone, text messaging, e-mail and more based on locations and subjects relevant to them. These notifications would include events that may affect home, workplace, families, schools and more.

2

WHEN WILL IT BE USED?

This system will be used to notify residents of imminent threats to health and safety as well as informational notifications that affect home and/or work environments. The City will send notifications regarding severe weather, flooding, gas leaks, police activity and more.

3

WILL I STILL GET EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS IF I DON’T SIGN UP?

Yes, emergency notifications will still be sent to citizens in Rowlett based on 9-1-1 data, but citizens are encouraged to sign up to customize the way information is delivered.

4

WHAT IF MY PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES?

Stay informed! If contact information changes, residents should visit their profile and update the information.

5

WILL MY CONTACT INFORMATION BE SHARED WITH OTHERS?

No. The information that citizens provide will be used only for City of Rowlett notification purposes. We will not give or sell contact or location information to any vendor or other organization.

Connect Rowlett Profile

CITIZENS CREATE THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL SAFETY PROFILE TO INCLUDE:

HEALTH CONDITIONS (I.E. NEEDS OXYGEN, ON DIALYSIS, ALZHEIMERS, SEVERE ALLERGIES, ETC.)

PETS

VEHICLES

AN EMERGENCY CONTACT

MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS

HOME ACCESS POINTS

THIS ALLOWS FIRST RESPONDERS TO BE PREPARED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE WHEN A CALL TO 911 IS PLACED

CITIZENS MAY ALSO CHOOSE THE TYPE OF MASS NOTIFICATIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE (I.E. SEVERE WEATHER, COMMUNITY EVENTS, ETC.)

Rowlett

City Calendar

April

			1	2	3 One-on-One Tech Help @ Library	4 Saturday Movie - The Cat in the Hat 2pm @ Library
5	6	7 City Council Meeting 7:30pm @ City Hall	8	9 Senior Potluck Lunch 11:30am @ RCC	10 One-on-One Tech Help @ Library	11 Lakeshore Cleanup 9am-1pm
12	13 National Library Week begins	14 Senior Health Fair 9am-Noon @ RCC Bond Election Info Meeting 6:30pm @ RCC Planning & Zoning Meeting 7pm @ City Hall	15	16	17 Friday Night Live 7-9pm @ RCC	18 Family Saturday Games 2pm @ Library
19	20	21 City Council Meeting 7:30pm @ City Hall	22	23 Bond Election Telephone Town Hall Meeting 888-409-5380 @ 6:30pm	24 One-on-One Tech Help @ Library	25 Kid Fish 9am-Noon @ Community Park Cardboard Boat Regatta 1:30pm @ Community Park
26 No Sew Fleece Project 3-5pm @ RCC	27 EARLY VOTING BEGINS!	28 Planning & Zoning Meeting 7pm @ City Hall	29	30		