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Rowlett On the Move

Catalytic Development Will Serve as a Beautiful Gateway into Rowlett from IH30!

Bayside

On May 15, the City of Rowlett, along with development partner Bayside Land Partners, completed the transaction and closing with the City of Dallas, ushering in a new legacy project to begin for Rowlett!

For months now, you've been hearing and reading about the City of Rowlett purchasing the former Elgin B. Robertson property. In fact, the City has been actively pursuing the purchase of this land from the City of Dallas for the past decade. Once developed, Bayside will not only become a regional destination for the DFW metroplex and east Texas that will make Rowlett citizens very proud, but will also bring significant tax revenue to the City.

The \$31.8 million purchase price has been fully funded by the City's development partner, Bayside Land Partners, and will be beautifully and innovatively master-planned and developed. Bayside Land Partners is currently working through these plans and has presented some really exciting options for their vision. Closing on this property is just the first step in a multi-year development process so expect to hear a lot about the progress as these plans are finalized and executed! On the City side, in order to provide the best and most expedient services to citizens, Rowlett will provide the infrastructure, including police and fire rescue response, as the land is developed.



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Get Rid of Standing Water Around Your Home: Unusually Wet Spring Leads to More Breeding Areas!

MOSQUITO SEASON IS HERE!

A concerted effort to guard against the West Nile Virus by Health Department agencies across North Texas depends on participation in mosquito prevention by the public.

In 2012, a significant part of North Texas experienced the largest outbreak of West Nile to date. In Rowlett alone, there were ten confirmed human cases of West Nile disease and one fatality. On that note, four North Texas county health departments combined their planning and efforts to make a collective impact on West Nile Virus season. Similarities are reflected in Dallas, Tarrant, Collin and Denton Counties through year-round abatement and trapping and testing more mosquitoes earlier in the season. A major component of this unified approach is to encourage the residents of these counties to eliminate mosquito breeding areas in and around their homes. Prevention is the key to reducing human cases of the West Nile Virus.



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Bayside

Bayside Land Partners plans for Bayside to become a mixed-use development utilizing the City's form-based codes. Bayside will include housing options for every stage of life, from condos right on up to large luxury homes, expansive green space areas with water-front parks, marinas and resort-style amenities!

Approximately 1,750,000 square feet of commercial space.

Approximately 3,000 residential units.

8-10 year build out.



NORTH SIDE PROJECT AREA CONCEPT PLAN - 142 ACRES

Urban Village District - 50 acres
 Mixed multi-family residential - 700 units
 Office/medical office - 215,000 square feet
 Commercial retail - 165,000 square feet

New Neighborhood District - 92 acres
 Single family residential - 360 units

SOUTH SIDE PROJECT AREA CONCEPT PLAN - 117 ACRES

Urban Village District - 22 acres
 Mixed multi-family residential - 1,774 units
 Office/medical office - 215,000 square feet
 10-story condo tower - 100 units

Special District - 95 acres
 Specialty retail - 310,000 square feet
 Specialty restaurants - 150,000 square feet
 Hotel (limited service) - 200,000 square feet
 Resort hotel - 500,000 square feet



“ROWLETT'S COMMITMENT TO BAYSIDE ENSURES THE CREATION OF A TRULY UNIQUE PLACE, WHICH WILL BE ENJOYED BY THIS GENERATION AND MANY MORE TO COME. WE ARE EXCITED TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH THIS LEGACY PROJECT FOR ROWLETT AND THE ENTIRE DFW METROPLEX!”

Kent Donahue - Bayside Land Partners

FIREWORKS AT BAYSIDE!

Saturday, July 4
6:00 – 10:00 P.M.
Bayside (Dalrock and IH30)

Join friends and neighbors for a fun-filled night for the whole family featuring live music, children's activities, food and, of course... FIREWORKS!

The City of Rowlett is so excited to welcome Sister Sledge as the headline act for this year's Fireworks at Bayside! They are established as one of the world's most successful female groups, earning rave reviews and selling millions of records worldwide. The album, 'We Are Family' soared past the RIAA Platinum mark, reaching the top of both Pop and R&B charts. Siblings Debbie, Kim, Joni, and Kathy Sledge - collectively Sister Sledge - began singing at an early age at the Williams Temple C.M.E. church in their hometown of Philadelphia. Since the 1979 release of



their breakthrough album 'We Are Family', this remarkable group has received over one hundred awards and commendations for outstanding work in the entertainment field. Other big hits include 'Lost in Music', 'Love Somebody Today', 'Reach Your Peak' and the international Gold Record, 'Frankie'.

Food and Fun

All your favorite festival foods, including brisket sandwiches, snow cones, nachos, funnel cakes, hot dogs, and much more! Kid's activities include Bounce Houses, face painting, a touch-a-truck area where kids can see, touch and climb on all sorts of construction and public safety vehicles and more!

Thank you to our community sponsors!

Bayside Land Partners, LLC

98.7 KLUV

Lake Pointe Medical Center
First Rowlett Methodist Church

State Farm

Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront

Waste Management

Chick-fil-A

Jason's Deli

Congressman Pete Sessions

Main Street Dental Care



Fireworks at Bayside Parking

Parking for the event will be in the grass fields of Bayside.

When leaving the event:

- The right lane out of Bayside will be routed onto eastbound IH30.
- The left lane will have the choice of entering westbound IH30 or continuing on Dalrock into Rowlett.

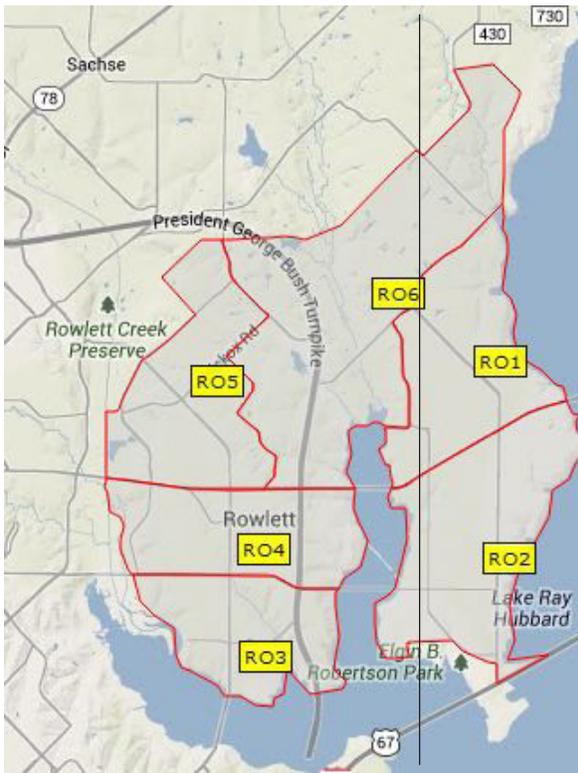
The intersection of Dalrock and Chiesa will be closed at approximately 9:45 P.M. for traffic control purposes, so even if you don't plan to attend the event, please be aware of the traffic plans for the area.



MOSQUITO SEASON IS HERE

AFTER AN EXTREMELY WET SPRING, PLEASE INSPECT YOUR PROPERTY FOR STANDING WATER!

2015 MOSQUITO TESTING AND ABATEMENT PLAN



THE CITY OF ROWLETT CONTRACTS WITH DALLAS COUNTY FOR MOSQUITO TESTING, ABATEMENT AND SPRAYING.

This contract covers ALL of Rowlett, including the portion that is located in Rockwall County.

In 2014, Dallas County increased the number of mosquito traps set in “zones” around Rowlett from five to six for a more even activity surveillance. Dallas County also changed the ground spraying strategy in an effort to more effectively combat the spread of West Nile Virus.

After studying the 2012 human cases, the County found it very difficult to determine just where the victims came in contact with the infected mosquitoes. Therefore, instead of waiting for a **human** to test positive for the virus, they now perform ground spraying of the entire zone when a **mosquito** testing positive is located.

- In Rowlett, mosquito testing will occur on Wednesdays.
- The City will be notified of results by 10:00 A.M. on Friday.
- If positive mosquitoes were present, ground spraying of the zone will occur at dusk **the same evening** (weather permitting).

The City will notify residents of the affected area through [Connect Rowlett](#) messages and information on the City’s website, www.rowlett.com.

WHAT IS DALLAS COUNTY DOING?

Dallas County Health officials are working with the City of Rowlett to minimize the risk of residents of contracting mosquito borne diseases. Dallas County uses an

Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) program to abate mosquito populations. IMM uses various techniques that include the following tools:

Surveillance – The collection of mosquitoes to determine the location, species, quantity and virus potential.

Source Reduction – Remove water sources that support mosquito breeding habitats.

Larvicide – The use of EPA approved products to kill mosquito larvae in standing water or stocking water with mosquitofish.

Adulticide – The spraying of EPA approved products from trucks and planes to reduce mosquito populations. The pesticides that can be used for mosquito control have been judged by the EPA not to pose an unreasonable risk to human health.



What Can I Do? Mosquito Proof!

Follow the **Four D's**

Remember: the Best Offense
is a Good **D-fense!**

Dress

Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing to avoid mosquito bites when outside.

DEET

Use insect repellent products with “DEET” or other EPA approved repellents and follow product instructions.

Drain

Inspect property for standing water, regularly clean roof gutters, dump water from potted plants, change birdbath and pet water daily. Upend wheelbarrows, buckets, tires, cans and other outdoor containers.

Dusk & Dawn

Stay indoors during

dusk and dawn hours—when mosquitoes are most active.

Ensure **YOU** receive ground spraying notifications, sign up for [Connect Rowlett](#) today!



Ryder Finds his Ideal Family

A medium size ball of white fluff came into the shelter on April 13. He was a young dog, very sweet but also a little nervous, which was understandable. He was given the name Ryder, because he was a perfect mix of heeler, husky and humor. While at the shelter, he enjoyed playing with all the other dogs and portrayed country hospitality with all his visitors. He would sit when given treats and take them gently from people's hands. His baby blue eyes were inquisitive, always seeking toys or someone to play with, it was obvious that his ideal home would

be one that had children to keep him busy. However, it only took a few weeks before Ryder became bored at the shelter, barking occasionally to let shelter staff know his high energy needs were not being met. He also became depressed and started to shed his white fluffy coat. The Doggy-Day-Out program was perfect for Ryder, enabling him to visit several City departments for daytime outings and exercise. Also, the City Council members invited Ryder to a meeting and Mayor Gottel introduced him to the City. Rowlett's Human Resource Department even offered to sponsor Ryder's adoption fees that night! Ryder's luck changed on May 7, as he spent the day at one of the City departments. The children of a staff member were also visiting, and the chemistry was perfect!. The children were delighted by Ryder's goofy behavior, he enjoyed showing off for them, running around them and bestowing puppy kisses. Ryder was the happiest he had been since coming to the shelter and was blessed with his ideal fur-ever home that day, thanks to the joint efforts and devotion of the City's dog enthusiasts and his newly adopted family.

Animal Shelter Maintains a 99% Live Release Rate!

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Public Works Helps Out at the Animal Shelter

Improvements have been made by Public Works staff at the Animal Shelter Facility. This includes the removal of the existing mulch and replacing it with mulch from the Kirby Elevated Storage Tank. Also, the removal of the existing internal



fencing located at the back of the facility and replacement of new fencing in the form of a play area with additional kennels and a dog run that will enable staff and volunteers to leash the tenants without the possibility of them escaping. Privacy slats to create shade in the kennels were also added.



Eagle Scout Project Benefits Shelter Dogs

Michael Reilly, a Life Scout with Troop 1020 on Main Street (chartered by First United Methodist Church), completed his Eagle Scout Project and made 25 elevated dog beds for the Rowlett Animal Shelter. Michael spent several months and worked over 50 hours to ensure our community's shelter dogs had a more comfortable place to sleep while waiting for their "fur-ever" family to come take them home!



CODE ENFORCEMENT TIP

CLEAN IT UP!

Do your part to keep our community clean and attractive...get rid of items stored outside to avoid a code violation!



- 1 There shall be no permanent or temporary keeping of materials, goods, or products.
- 2 Materials, goods, or products could be building materials, lawn equipment, bricks, pallets, lumber, indoor furniture, etc.
- 3 Be sure not to leave items stored in public view visible from the street or alley.



Parks and Recreation *Honor Academy*

Enhancing juvenile crime prevention is just one of the many roles that the Parks and Recreation department has in the City's operation. Involving youth in positive activities keeps them from choosing otherwise negative recreational activities that would have them interfacing with Public Safety in an adverse way. As part of this effort, the Honor Academy program was initiated at

the Rowlett Community Centre in April. Targeted weekly lessons based on CHASE (Character, Honor, Accountability, Sacrifice and Excellence) are delivered to students in 5th – 10th grades, and in fact the Rowlett Community Centre is the first of its kind to roll

out the program. A "trait" per month is taught, with kids and adults alike rewarded when "caught" presenting good behavior, all in an effort to help participants CHASE their dreams!

Involvement in this program is part of an initiative taking place City-wide, including within the Garland Independent School District. This community effort is something that yields large dividends because community leaders are working with youth to deliver a consistent message regarding their growth and development. Students attending Rowlett High School are expected to behave according to regulations established and exhibit the characteristics of the CHASE program. The same behavior becomes the expectation at the RCC, their place of worship or in any other public setting. Rowlett Parks and Recreation anticipates this becoming a great national community development model!



Safewise Top 50 Safest Cities in Texas *Rowlett is #32!*

Home and community safety experts, SafeWise, paired data from the most recent

FBI Crime in the U.S. Report, with their own thorough research to create a comprehensive list of the Top 50 Safest Cities in Texas, with 10,000 residents or more. Rowlett managed to reduce reports of property crime by quite a bit. From 1,007 reports in 2012 to 897 in 2013, the police force clearly took on the challenge of reducing property crime throughout the City. Along with nominal crime in Rowlett, they found that "although Rowlett has long offered a number of residential and business services aimed at crime prevention and quick police action, the Rowlett Police Department started a new visibility campaign to make community members and business owners more aware of the services they provide." They went on to say that "a growing population can be difficult to manage, but Rowlett is doing it swiftly and with grace." This designation is based on data from 2013, the most recent released by law enforcement agencies.

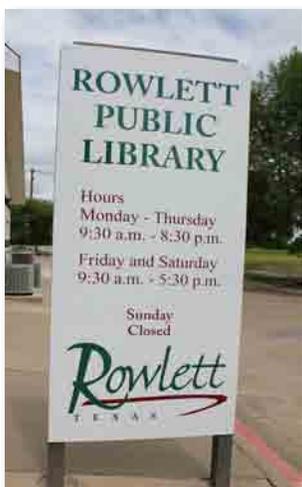
Fire Department Adds Ambulances



As Rowlett continues to grow, Rowlett Fire Rescue is doing its part to keep up with the community's needs. Two new ambulances to help meet the increased demands for Emergency Medical Services have been placed into service. Medic two and three are the first two of the three to transition away from a generator dependency and airbag suspension system. The new units have a suspension system designed to add a level of safety and comfort on the diverse roadways traveled by the ambulances, and are more fuel efficient and emissions friendly as well. As Rowlett Fire Rescue responds to more and more calls for service, more people needing transport to the hospital and as the community grows and service needs increase, keeping the fleet fresh will allow an overall savings of taxpayer dollars. Following a time-honored fire service tradition, the two new units were "christened" by a chaplain with a prayer, hosed down and then pushed back into the fire station to be dried off by the crew.

Rowlett Public Library *Now Open in New Location* *5702 Rowlett Road*

The Rowlett Library opened Monday, June 1 in our new location. Please come visit, our friendly staff is eager to welcome you and show off our new digs! As always, we have lots and lots to choose from, whether you're looking for a fun summer read, children's books and storytimes, DVD's, audiobooks, computers onsite so you can access lots of useful online databases, and even ebooks to read on your Kindle, Nook or tablet. One more thing...the Summer Reading Program begins Monday, June 8, we'll help you keep those kiddos reading all summer long! We hope to see you soon at the Rowlett Public Library.



RECENTLY IN ROWLETT...



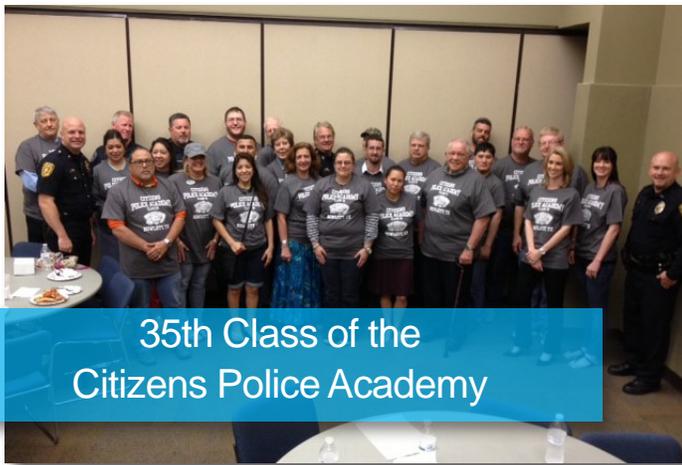
Harmony Hills Construction Begins

Sitework has begun on Harmony Hills, the 654 unit upscale luxury apartment community on Merritt Road near the President George Bush Turnpike.



VIPS Training

On Saturday, May 2, Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) completed CPR/First Aid Training at Fire Station 3, this important training enables VIPS to quickly react and assist in case of an emergency until paramedics arrive.



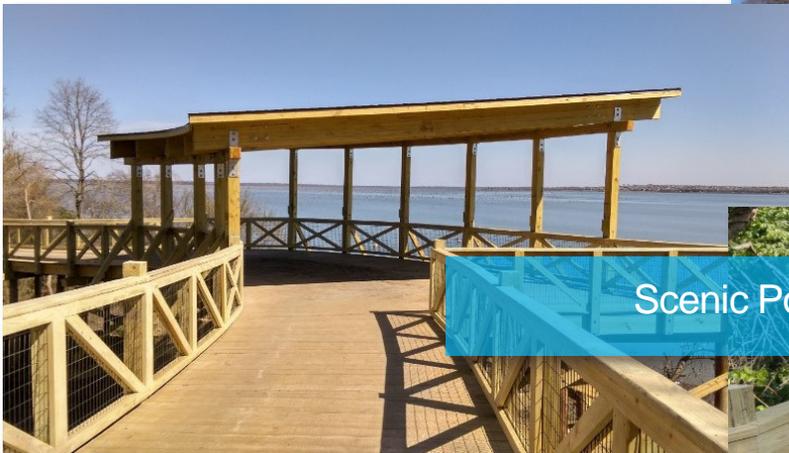
35th Class of the Citizens Police Academy

On Thursday, May 7, 24 citizens graduated from the 35th Class of the Citizens Police Academy (CPA) at the Community Centre. Your Police Department doesn't know who enjoys the 12-week CPA more – the attendees or the officers teaching them!



Rowlett Police Visit Field Day

RPD officers helped out at the Stephens Elementary Field Day on May 22. Corporal Nosit did some recruiting and held tryouts for the SWAT team!



Scenic Point Park

The boardwalk project is substantially complete, a 65 day extension has been granted to allow the timber to properly weather before final painting occurs. What a view!



RECENTLY IN ROWLETT...



Rowlett Fire Explorers Compete – and Win!

Rowlett Explorers dominated the day at the recent Explorer Games, bringing home nine trophies altogether, including second and third places in overall competition. We are extremely proud of all the teens in the program, great job everyone!!!



Chamber of Commerce Relocates!



The historic Chamber of Commerce building, which was originally the First Christian Church of Rowlett, was relocated up the street on Saturday, May 23, to make way for the Village of Rowlett downtown project. Main Street was closed for most of the day to accommodate this move and lots of long-time Rowlett residents came out to watch...including a couple that was married in the church 56 years ago! The

Chamber will soon be open for business in their new location on the corner of Centennial and Main Street, the former site of Rowlett's Central Fire Station.



Memorial Day/Touch-a-Truck

Rowlett came together to honor the brave men and women who dedicated their lives to preserving our freedom. Kids then enjoyed Touch-A-Truck, where they climbed all over the big vehicles lined up in the parking lot!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Chamber of Commerce Freedom 5K

Saturday, July 4
7:45 A.M. - 1 Mile Fun Run
8:00 A.M. - 5K
\$25 for adults
\$10 for kids 12 and under
Come on out for a fun morning and support your Chamber of Commerce. Contests include

Most Patriotic and *Most Patriotic Pet!* Prices are good until June 19 to guarantee a shirt, after that the price will increase by \$5.00 and \$10.00 up to and including race day.

Register at www.Rowlett5K.com



Standard First Aid/CPR Class

Saturday, June 6
8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Rowlett Community Centre
\$30

Seconds count in emergency situations, come learn how to assist until first responders can arrive. Rowlett Fire Rescue sponsors the

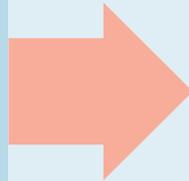
American Heart Association Standard First Aid/CPR class, which is open to anyone 16 years or older. Classes will have up to 12 students, who will receive a book and a two year course completion card. Space is limited, for more information or to register call Fire Administration at 972-412-6230.

City Facilities Closed Monday, July 6 for the Independence Day holiday.

Fiscal Year 2015 Update

54 New Businesses

447 New Jobs Created
\$68,618,000 - Estimated Value of New Commercial



Economic Development

It's hard to drive anywhere in our City and not see some form of construction going on. While the rain was welcomed across our region, it did have its collective impact on construction schedules causing delays region-wide. The following commercial developments are underway in some phase of construction:



Dairy Queen (SH66 just east of PGBT) Parking area paving is expected soon and then the building should start to go vertical.

Bankhead Brewing Co. (Downtown) Building permits have been submitted and site preparation should begin shortly.

QuikTrip (corner of SH66 & PGBT) Getting ready to break ground.

Sprouts (SH66 west of Rowlett Road) The underground utilities are almost complete and the building should start going vertical in the coming weeks.

Glaser Dental (SH66 east of PGBT) This new building next to Bahama Buck's is close to completion, with only the interior finishes left.

Lakeview Medical (SH66 west of Chiesa) Medical office building is still in the process of installing its underground utilities and paving.

DR Horton Title (Miller Road & PGBT) DR Horton's office headquarters expansion is nearing completion with just interior finishes left.

...and the following single-family residential neighborhoods are building homes:

Springfield Commons

Water's Edge

The Vineyards

Lakehill





Why Participate in the Summer Reading Program – *Every Hero Has A Story?*

It's not only FUN and offers great prizes, it will boost a child's comprehension levels and help them become a more successful student in the ensuing year.

over the summer can slide backward in all subject areas. This can mean a big loss in their literacy growth compared to those who do continue learning all year long. Early and sustained summer learning opportunities lead to higher graduation

Library Summer Reading Program

2015 Theme: *Every Hero Has A Story!*

The Rowlett Library's high-quality summer programs keep students engaged in learning, teach them new skills, allow them to develop previously unseen talents and foster creativity and innovation!

“The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress, and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect.”

Kathy Freiheit,
Director of Library Services

Readers of all ages will soar up, up, and away this summer during the Summer Reading Program. Library programs will have kids designing costumes, learning about all kinds of heroes, testing superhero skills, creating super art projects, exploring the science of “super” and much more!

Studies show that many children involved in a summer reading program gain significant vocabulary, socializing and self-disciplined learning skills during this time. Children are more apt to learn during the summer months when the pressure of full-time school and other events is on hold.

Testing shows that kids who read for pleasure in the summer do better and forget less when they go back to school. And not just in reading. Kids who don't read

rates, better preparation for college, and positive effects on children's self-esteem, confidence, and motivation.

Enroll in the 2015 Summer Reading Program – *Every Hero Has A Story!*

- The number of books read during the summer is consistently related to academic gains.
- Reading is the single summer activity most strongly and consistently related to summer learning.
- Children in every income group who read six or more books over the summer gained more in reading achievement than children who did not.
- More than any public institution, the library contributes to the intellectual growth of children during the summer.

Every Hero Has A Story! Kick-off Party

Monday, June 8
Noon - 2:00 P.M.

Rowlett Library - *NEW LOCATION*
(5702 Rowlett Road)

Come and enjoy bounce houses, carnival treats, and super hero games!! Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and see what fun and exciting events the Library has planned for readers this summer. Library staff will be on hand to recommend great books for readers of all ages!

Stop by the Reference Desk or call the Rowlett Public Library at 972-412-6161 for more information about the 2015 Summer Reading program!



Details

Every Hero Has A Story

- Program runs June 8 - August 1
- Books, ebooks or audiobooks qualify
- Read 3-5 hours per week
- Prizes awarded weekly

Prizes Include Free Food Certificates

McDonald's
Whataburger
Chick-fil-A

Raising Cane's
Sonic
Carino's

Prizes Include Free Tickets

The Wet Zone
Frontiers of Flight Museum
Ringling Bros. Circus
Bowl-a-Rama
Texas Rangers!!!



Summer Reading Program - Every Hero Has A Story
Sponsors include Keith's Comics, First Baptist Church of Rowlett, First Rowlett United Methodist Church and Friends of the Rowlett Library



Every Hero Has A Story!

Summer Reading Program *for Children*

Ages 12 and under
Read 3 hours per week



Encourage a lifetime of learning and enjoyment in young readers! Kids are awarded fun and yummy prizes just for reading, and in the process

learn about setting and achieving goals. Free activities at the Rowlett Community Centre include live entertainers every Tuesday and

COMIC BOOK CELEBRATION

Tuesday, June 23

2:00 P.M.

Check out all that is new and “super” in the comic book world!

AMATEUR COMMUNITY THEATER OF ROWLETT

Tuesday, July 21

2:00 P.M.

Explore the fundamentals of theater and try out your improv skills with members of Rowlett’s own community theater group, A.C.T.O.R.!

PIPDILLY POWER MUSIC SHOW

Tuesday, June 30

2:00 P.M.

An action-packed show bursting with powerful original songs and stories that are “magically” flavored with lots of laughs.

CRITTERMAN

Tuesday, July 28

2:00 P.M.

Meet “Extra Furry Animal Ambassadors” that will spark children’s interests in learning about the world around them.

BE A SUPERHERO!

Tuesday, June 9

2:00 P.M.

Put on your best superhero costume, like Spider-man, Superman, or a Disney Princess, for a fun romp with other costumed characters!

K-9 OFFICERS ON PATROL

Tuesday, July 7

2:00 P.M.

Enjoy a visit and demonstrations from the Officers and their canine partners in the Garland Police K-9 Unit!

MAGIC SHOW WITH TODD MCKINNEY

Tuesday, June 16

2:00 P.M.

This high-energy interactive magic show, which features amazing magic tricks, story telling and lots of audience participation, will wow the crowd!

PUPPETS WITH NANCY WORCESTER

Tuesday, July 14

2:00 P.M.

Nancy weaves storytelling and ventriloquism together with her puppet “family” in an entertaining show that will delight children of all ages!



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Unmask!

Summer Reading Program *for Teens*

Ages 13-18
Read at least 5 hours per week



COSPLAY

Wednesday, June 10
2:00 P.M.

Learn about this costume craze, along with the best festivals and local events.

SUPER HERO MASK

Wednesday, June 17
2:00 P.M.

Create your own secret crime fighting identity and make a mask to reflect your inner Super Hero. Materials will be provided for teens to create items based on actual 3D crafted masks.

Teens looking for fun, challenging and crazy activities this summer will find what they like during the Summer Reading Program as they *Unmask!* Parents, incentives help the teens set reading goals, encourage

motivation to complete them and foster reading for enjoyment. Free activities at the Rowlett Community Centre include live entertainers every Tuesday and movies on Thursdays!

MEDIEVAL TIMES

Wednesday, June 24
2:00 P.M.

Get ready for *Super Saturday Knights and Princesses* by creating a medieval costume to wear. Materials will be provided!

PATRIOTIC T-SHIRTS

Wednesday, July 1
2:00 P.M.

Be patriotic this July Fourth with your own hand decorated t-shirts. Materials, including t-shirts, will be provided!

FEMA DISASTER PREP

Wednesday, July 8
2:00 P.M.

Do you have what it takes to survive a disaster of epic proportions? Learn from FEMA how to respond to Super Volcanoes, total Internet meltdown, hurricanes, earthquakes, and lack of essential food.

NAIL ART

Wednesday, July 15
2:00 P.M.

Just for fun, let's paint fingernails and create shimmering, polished art.

PUPPETS!

Wednesday, July 22
2:00 P.M.

Explore the dramatic arts while entertaining each other with puppets.

PARTY FOR TEENS

Wednesday, July 29
2:00 P.M.

Bring your summer photos and your great summer stories and get together with other teens for fun and friendship and free food.



Stop by the Reference Desk or call the Rowlett Public Library at 972-412-6161 for more information.



Rubber Ducky Club Story Times!

Summer Stories *for babies, toddlers and preschoolers*



Rowlett Public Library is promoting reading this summer, including reading to young children. Choose an early literacy activity for you and your baby. Check or color the duck when an activity is completed. Bring your

log in once a week to record each early literacy activity completed. After completing the summer early literacy activities, baby will receive a rubber ducky and a board book.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS SUMMER PLAY DATE

Mondays @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Babies ages 0-2

An interactive story time between baby and caregiver, which includes board books, songs, nursery rhymes, baby sign language, peekaboo, bubbles and parachute play.

- June 15 – Puppets
- June 22 – Teddy Bears
- June 29 – Parachute Play
- July 6 – no story time
- July 13 – Bouncing Balls
- July 20 – Musical Instruments
- July 27 – Stuffed Animals
- August 3 – no story time
- August 10 – no story time
- August 17 – Water, Water
- August 24 – Things with Wings
- August 31 – Clap for Baby

GIGGLE, WIGGLE STORYTIME SUMMER PLAY DATE

Wednesdays @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Ages 18 months to 3 years

Toddlers will have lots of fun learning as they are introduced to letters of the alphabet and new words to build their vocabulary.

- June 10 – Look What I Can Do
- June 17 – Fathers are Heroes
- June 24 – Policemen are Heroes
- July 1 – America’s Birthday
- July 8 – Picnics
- July 15 – Boats Float
- July 22 – Animals Save the Day
- July 29 – Hot! Hot! Hot!
- August 5 – no story time
- August 12 – no story time
- August 19 – Big, Wide Ocean
- August 26 – Crazy Cars

PAJAMA STORY TIME

Every Thursday
7:00 P.M.

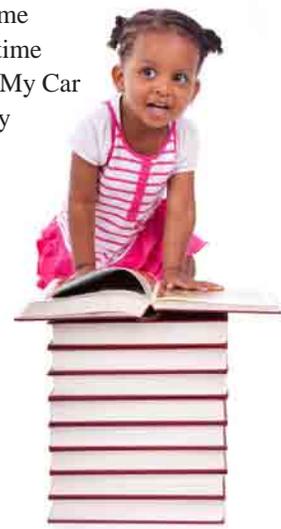
Bring a pillow and blanket, wear your jammies and enjoy bedtime stories that are sure to give your little ones sweet dreams.

SHAKE, RATTLE AND READ SUMMER PLAY DATE

Fridays @ 10:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Ages 3 years and older

Continue your child’s introduction to letters and words through stories, books, rhymes, music and marching and much more!

- June 12 – Learning to be Big
- June 19 – Heroes in My Family
- June 26 – Storybook Heroes
- July 3 – Firefighters are Heroes
- July 10 – Doctors are Heroes
- July 17 – Storybook Heroes
- July 24 – Animals Heroes
- July 31 – Ready for School!
- August 7 – no story time
- August 14 – no story time
- August 21 – Zoom in My Car
- August 28 – In the Sky



Stop by the Reference Desk or call the Rowlett Public Library at 972-412-6161 for more information.



Heroes Save the Day!

Summer Reading Program *free movie and popcorn!*

Every Thursday
2:00 P.M.
Rowlett Community Centre

As part of the Summer Reading Program, the Library offers families a way to beat the summer heat

without spending a dime! Enjoy a great family movie and **FREE popcorn!**

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Thursday, June 11

Rated PG

Larry becomes a night guard at New York's Museum of Natural History. He thinks it's going to be an easy job, but is he in for a surprise! Based on Milan Trenc's children's book.

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Thursday, June 18

Rated PG

Middle school is not an enjoyable experience for preteen Greg Heffley, who chronicles his misadventures, thoughts and opinions in a diary to prepare for the day that he will no longer have to put up with all this nonsense! Based on the very popular Wimpy Kid book series.

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

Thursday, June 25

Rated PG

Follow heroic Hiccup, who befriends an injured dragon he calls Toothless. Based on the popular children's book series.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Thursday, July 2

Rated PG-13

Unfriendly aliens try to destroy our planet's population on the July Fourth weekend, but are thwarted by the efforts of some brave earthlings!

MAN OF STEEL

Thursday, July 9

Rated PG-13

Go back to the beginning, to the origins of Superman, and watch how he must become a hero to save those he loves from a dire threat.

THE LIGHTNING THIEF

Thursday, July 16

Rated PG

After he is kicked out of school, Percy Jackson must attend a special Summer Camp where he learns that he must save the world!

THE FANTASTIC FOUR

Thursday, July 23

Rated PG-13

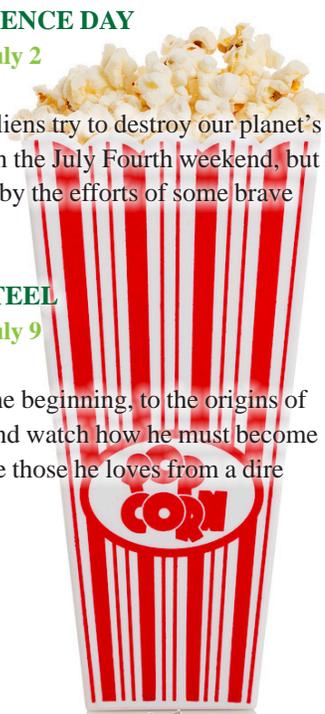
When four people teleport to an alternate universe, which alters their physical form and grants them new abilities, they must learn to harness their abilities and work together as a team to save the Earth from a familiar enemy.

X-MEN

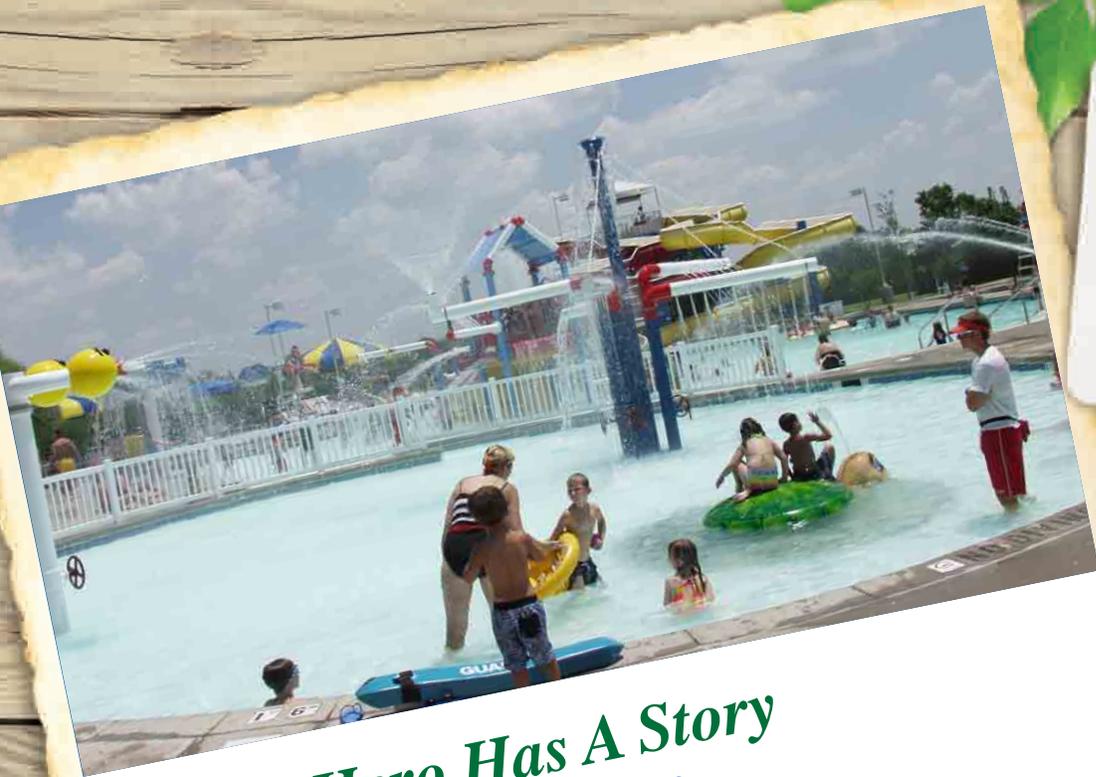
Thursday, July 30

Rated PG-13

A battle of good versus evil erupts between people possessing superhuman powers.



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Every Hero Has A Story
Summer Reading Program
End of Summer Party!

Saturday, August 1
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
The Wet Zone

Summer Readers: gather for some fun in the sun and a last splash as the Summer Reading Program draws to a close. Readers who report hours for each week are

eligible for a free pass to the Wet Zone and any accompanying adults, children or friends not participating in the program will receive discounted admission!

Thank you to the Summer Reading Program Sponsors!

McDonald's
Whataburger
Chick-fil-A
Raising Cane's

Sonic
Carino's
Frontiers of Flight
Museum

Ringling Bros. Circus
Bowl-a-Rama
Texas Rangers!!!

For more information about the
Every Hero Has A Story! Summer Reading Program,
call the Rowlett Public Library at 972-412-6161.





Family Super Saturdays

The Summer Fun *for Everyone Continues!*

The Summer Reading Program isn't the only thing going on at the Library this summer...check out the **FREE** Library activities planned for kids of all ages at the Rowlett Community Centre!!

KNIGHTS AND PRINCESSES!

Saturday, June 27

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Wear your best medieval costume and be prepared for super trivia and super games.

SUPER GROUPS

Saturday, July 25

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Celebrate Super Heroes with costumes, games, and prizes, too!

MINECRAFT

Saturday, August 29

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Themed activities such as keychain making, 3D Minecraft with paper blocks, creeper toss, Minecraft-inspired treats and more! Please do not bring laptops or mobile devices to the Minecraft Party.



Library Camp @ The Rowlett Community Centre!

Free End-of-Summer Fun *just for kids 12 and under*

Jedi Training

Friday, August 7

2:00 P.M.

As Yoda would say, “Sharpen your skills you must!” Learn the essentials of a good Jedi and finish out the summer with a fun time! Learn about the FORCE, make your own tiny Jedi army, and battle the evil empire.

3D Pen Printing

Friday, August 14

2:00 P.M.

Learn about the newest way to create 3D objects - using a pen! Similar to 3d Printers, this technique allows creativity and imagination to flow into a wonderful sculptural item.

Rule the School!

Friday, August 21

2:00 P.M.

Sharpen your back-to-school skills and finish the summer with some fun. Learn how to navigate school, what supplies are best to bring, what makes the best lunch, the latest in backpack design and how to avoid those playground spats!



Are You Ready for the Summer?!

Rowlett Parks & Recreation *Summer "Camps"*

The Parks and Recreation Department has a "camp" for every child. Kids will learn, have fun, stay active and make new friends!

For more information or to register call 972-412-6170 or visit www.Rowlett.com/ParksandRec!

MARTIAL ARTS CAMP

Ages 12 and up

Jujitsu

June 1-29, July 2-30, August 1-31

\$30, \$50 or \$60/month

Taught by US Martial Arts Hall of Fame instructor, Grand Master Duane Ethington, Jujitsu is an explosive and effective system offering easy and applicable methods of protecting yourself.

Tae Kwon Do

Tuesday & Thursday

June 2 – 30

July 2 – 30

August 4 – 27

Beginner – 6:30 P.M.

Intermediate/Advanced – 7:30 P.M.

\$30/month for 1 night per week, \$50/2

Learn traditional Tae Kwon Do in a positive atmosphere with 5th degree black

belt Bobby Blakey. With 30+ years of training experience and numerous black belts under him, Bobby sits on the board of the Texas Martial Arts Federation. Discipline, power, focus and conditioning are just some of the positives taught in this year round program.



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Monday – Friday

June 8 – August 14

7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Ages 11-14, \$15 per day or \$70/week

SOAR Summer Day Camp

Drop the kids off at the Rowlett Community Centre where Parks and Recreation staff provides

entertaining, educational, themed-based fun to keep them up and moving all day long.

Manic Monday

Start the week with games, activities, crafts and contests on this Monday-fun day. Improve teamwork and problem solving skills.

Rookie Tuesday

A sports program with a focus on FUN! Kids will play basketball, flag football, soccer, volleyball, pickleball and other fun games like Frisbee and golf. Everyone has a great time while getting tons of exercise!

Wacky Wednesday

Play some wacky games and wear some wacky clothes! Wednesdays will have a different theme each week with fun, wardrobe and activities tied into it.

Tidal Wave Thursday

Water is the name of the game! Kids cool down from the hot Texas heat with a day full of wacky wild water fun! Participants will enjoy an EXTREME cool down, fun in the sun at Wet Zone Waterpark, and lots of wild water games!

Fantastic Fun Friday

Prepare for adventure, challenges, laughter and teamwork. Game shows, nature exploration, arts and crafts, and gym games are all entertaining ingredients at this recreational program.



Are You Ready for the Summer?! **Rowlett Parks & Recreation *Summer "Camps"*** *(cont. from page 18)*

For more information or to register call 972-412-6170!

MAVS BASKETBALL CAMP

June 8 – 12

Ages 8-15

Young basketball players of all skill levels can learn the game of basketball from an experienced and professional coaching staff. Combining this excellent coaching program with personalized instruction for each player provides valuable lessons and plenty of fun! Each camper will receive a reversible jersey, camp certificate and photo.



ADVENTURES IN ART CAMP

Monday – Thursday,

July 13 – 16, 2:00 – 4:45 P.M.

August 3 – 6, 9:00 – 11:45 A.M.

Ages 5-13, \$60

Finally, an art camp for youth emphasizing fine art and creative thinking instead of just crafts! Your young artist will complete eight amazing finished works of art in this four-day camp. Paint with oils, watercolors and acrylics using color theory, time-saving techniques and more. Bring paper towels, snacks and wear old clothes!

SPACE-THE FINAL FRONTIER CAMP

Monday – Thursday

June 15 – 18

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 5-11

\$140

Blast off to explore the Final Frontier on an AMAZING ADVENTURE through SPACE! Build and launch a solid fuel rocket that goes over 100 feet into the stratosphere. Discover the amazing secrets of our planetary neighbors and visit the planets of the solar system. Join us and blast off on a fun journey among the stars!

KIDZ LOVE SOCCER CAMP

June 22 – 26

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 4-10, \$115

Kids spend a week enjoying the world's most popular sport in a fun, recreational environment while building skills at this age-appropriate camp. Learn and practice soccer skills including dribbling, passing, receiving and shooting. Everyone is a winner as the week's fun culminates in a "World Cup" tournament. Don't forget your shin guards, soccer shoes, water bottle and sunscreen!

OUTRAGEOUS INVENTION CONVENTION CAMP

Monday – Thursday

June 22 – 25

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 5-11, \$140

Calling all Inventors and Engineers! Design your own game to play with the camp, create a musical instrument to play in our Camp Orchestra, and engineer a Pasta-Mobile to race against other campers. Use our junkyard to imagine, create and build an invention that solves a daily problem. Outrageous Fun for all our future engineers and inventors!

YOU CAN PAINT CAMP

Saturdays

June 27, July 11 or August 8

9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Ages 13 & Up, \$20

Complete an amazing finished landscape, seascape or still life worthy of framing, step-by-step under the patient guidance of Robert & Susan Garden, award winning artists noted for their teaching talents. All art supplies and detailed instruction are provided. Bring paper towels and wear old clothes!



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Are You Ready for the Summer?!

Rowlett Parks & Recreation Summer “Camps” *(cont. from page 19)*

For more information or to register call 972-412-6170!

LEGO CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES CAMP

Monday – Friday, June 29 – July 3
9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 5-8
\$179

Dig into engineering with big trucks, construction vehicles and super machines. Explore the engineering terms, concepts and vocabulary. Learn about steamrollers, bulldozers, wrecking balls, tower cranes and more while building with LEGO!

LEGO BASH ‘EM BOTS CAMP

Monday – Friday, June 29 – July 3
1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Ages 7-12
\$179

Have you ever wanted to learn how to make a massive motorized LEGO machine? Our Play Well Engineering instructors guide students as they re-engineer standard LEGO vehicles into mechanized machines that can traverse challenging obstacles and battle against fellow bots!

MUSIC DISCOVERY CAMP

Wednesdays, July 8 – August 12
12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

Ages 5-13
\$65

Introductory-level piano class to develop a child’s understanding of the fundamentals of music. Material will be carefully laid out to help students build a solid musical foundation. Musical involvement with

other children encourages development of positive social skills and a great sense of self-reward!

GUITAR CAMP

Thursdays, July 9 – August 13
12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

Ages 8-13
\$65

Learn how to pick, strum & shred on the guitar! Acoustic and electric lessons with a focus on blues, rock, jazz, metal and country. Please bring your own guitar.

SKYHAWKS BASKETBALL CAMP

Monday – Friday, July 13 – 17
1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Beginner, Ages 6-9
Intermediate, Ages 7-12
\$110

A fun, skills-intensive week-long camp for the beginning to intermediate player. The progression-oriented curriculum focuses on the whole player, teaching kids the skills needed to be a better athlete both on and off the court. After a week of passing, shooting, dribbling and rebounding, your child will show you why this is one of our most popular programs.

SKYHAWKS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Monday – Friday, July 20 – 24
1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Beginner, Ages 6-9
Intermediate, Ages 7-14
\$110

All aspects of volleyball are taught through

drills and exercises that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. Boys and girls will learn fundamental skills through games, speed drills and daily scrimmages aimed at developing the whole player.



SKYHAWKS BEGINNING GOLF CAMP

Monday – Friday, July 27 – 31
9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 5-8, \$110

Golf is a challenging lifelong sport, so young athletes need proper focus on the fundamentals of form, swinging, putting and body positioning right from the beginning. Skyhawks has adopted the SNAG (Starting New at Golf) system to its curriculum. Specifically designed for the entry-level player, SNAG simplifies instruction so that young players can make an easy and effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment is provided, no need to bring your own clubs!

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Are You Ready for the Summer?!

Rowlett Parks & Recreation *Summer "Camps"* *(cont. from page 20)*

For more information or to register call 972-412-6170!

JEDI ENGINEERING LEGO CAMP

Monday – Friday, August 17 – 21

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 5-8, \$179

Young Jedi will explore worlds far, far away and engineering principles right in front of them. Defeat the Empire by designing and refining LEGO® X-Wings, R2-units and settlements on far-flung edges of the galaxy. Imagination and engineering combine to create motorized and architectural projects such as energy catapults, shield generators and defense turrets.

JEDI MASTER ENGINEERING LEGO CAMP

Monday – Friday, August 17 – 21

1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Ages 9-12, \$179

The Force is strong in this class. Build complex machines and structures based on the best designs from a galaxy far, far away. Projects include LEGO X-Wings, AT-AT walkers, Pod Racers, Star Destroyers, Cloud Cities, settlements and fortresses. Play-Well's Jedi instructors reinforce key engineering concepts and more as students tap into the powerful forces of imagination and engineering.

Camp Opportunity!

These camps are for teens with a focus on the future!

ACT MINI-CAMP

Monday – Friday, July 27 – 31

5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

Ages 14-18, \$40

Improve the chances of getting into the college of your choice by increasing your ACT scores. This 10-hour course includes instruction in math, grammar and writing, then students will complete one practice ACT test.

SAT PREP CAMP

Saturdays, August 22 – September 26

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Ages 14-18, \$75

Improve the chances of getting into the college of your choice by increasing your SAT scores. This course includes 18 hours of instruction in math, grammar and writing, then students will complete two practice SAT tests.



Camp Rowlett is Not Just for Kids!

Opportunities to Stay Fit and Have Fun for Everyone

Fitness Fun all Summer Long!

There is a multitude of fitness classes at the Rowlett Community Centre, in fact there is

truly something for every age group and fitness level!

Pilates

Spin

Jazzercise

Insanity

Pound

BodyWorks

Zumba

U-Jam

Mommy & Me Fitness

Personal Training by Paramount Fitness

PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise)

Senior Fitness Fun

Senior Stretch

SAIL (Stay Active In Life)

Call 972-412-6170 or visit
www.Rowlett.com/ParksandRec
for more information or
to sign up today!



AquaFit!

Get Fit...in the Water at the Wet Zone Waterpark!

Tuesdays & Thursdays

June 2 – June 25

July 7 – July 30

6:45 – 7:45 P.M.

\$100/session or \$150/both sessions

AquaFit Water Fitness transfers the basic principles of aerobics and resistance training to the water, combining water aerobics with water walking to exercise every muscle and joint in the body at the same time. Water buoyancy helps reduce strain and stress on the joints for a well-rounded, full body workout that is perfect for EVERYBODY!



Aquafit BOOTCAMP!

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Saturdays, 9:30 – 10:30 A.M.

June 1 – June 27, July 6 – August 1

\$165/session or \$300/both sessions

An awesome mix of traditional boot camp drills mixed with fun high energy exercises done in the water. Turn your body into a “fat burning” machine! Highlights include body composition measurements, nutritional guidance, fat burning workouts along with group support and accountability.

Camp Rowlett is for Seniors, too!

Stay active and have fun this summer with trips and events!

Rowlett Parks and Recreation Department offers Summer Senior Programming

Senior Potluck Lunch Social

Second Thursday of each month

11:30 A.M.

Rowlett Community Centre

Bring a side dish to share and the Parks & Recreation Department will provide the main entrée, a new theme every month!

June 11 - Chicken

July 9 - Pizza

August 13 - BBQ

Seniors Father's Day Breakfast

Wednesday, June 17

8:30 A.M.

Rowlett Community Centre

\$3

Fathers, grandfathers, brothers and sons gather to celebrate each other and loved ones!



Seniors AT&T Stadium Tour

Wednesday, June 24
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
\$20

Wanna check out the home of the Dallas Cowboys? Travel with us to “JerryWorld” and see it first-hand! Fans will have access to the field, Cowboys locker room, cheerleader’s locker room, Field Club and post-game interview room to explore at their leisure. Price includes admission and transportation.

AARP Safe Driver Class

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation’s first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. Tune up driving skills and learn about normal age-related physical changes, and how to adjust driving to allow for these changes. Call 972-412-6170 for date and time.



Visit www.rowlett.com or call 972-412-6170 for more information or to make reservations.

Dive in!

The Wet Zone, Rowlett's Family Water Park

Get wet and have a great time at the "cool" events all summer long!

Learn to Swim!

Ensure children are safe when visiting friends and relatives. Swim lessons are offered all summer long, from June 11 through August 3, for ages 6 months right on up to adults! With group sessions, semi-private and private lessons offered, there is a class for everyone.

Don't Fry Day

Friday, June 5

Safety first! Get summer started on the right foot, show us your bottle of sunscreen and get \$1 off admission! Short presentations from 12-2 p.m. about the importance of sunscreen, how to apply and fun trivia games for prizes!

Angel Swim

Saturday, June 6

8:30 – 10:30 A.M.

This swim time is specifically set aside for those with special needs and their families. Play, swim and enjoy the Wet Zone without all the crowds!

Jungle Jam

Saturday, June 6

1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

School's out for summer! Kick it off with hula hoop contests for mom, swim noodle races for the kids and belly flop competitions for dad! It's a great time to come meet all the new staff, check out new programs and try all the tasty new treats.

Father's Day at the Wet Zone

Sunday, June 21

Noon – 6:00 P.M.

Give back to Dad and secretly get to have a little fun, too! Enjoy games, contests and fun activities for dads and kids all day long. Dads get in free with one paid child's admission.

Flick 'n Float

Monday, June 15 – *Dolphin Tale 2*

8:30 – 10:30 P.M.

Enjoy a movie from the comfort of lawn chairs or floats! Free with your daily admission or \$6 after 7:00 P.M. Special meal price of \$3 for a hot dog, chips, and a drink starts at 7:30!

Junior Lifeguard Training

June 15 – July 2

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Ages 11-15

\$65

Don't sit at home all summer! Work with the Wet Zone lifeguards and learn what they do as well as valuable lifesaving skills.

Season Pass Day

Monday, June 22

We appreciate our season pass holders - this is our chance to show you how much! Bring a friend with you to the Wet Zone and they can enjoy the day on us! Each pass holder can bring one guest free of charge.

For more information visit
www.wetzonewaterpark.com

Summertime is Barbecue Time!

Outdoor Cooking Safety

Fire Marshal Bryan Beckner Offers Some Important Home Safety Advice. Remember...*safety is up to you.*



One of the most treasured activities of summer is cooking and eating outdoors with family and friends. The popularity of this activity is evidenced by the number and variety of outdoor grills or “barbecues” sold each year. Grills are fun to cook on and make fantastic summer meals, but they can also be dangerous and should be handled with care.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)

When LPG is used to fire a home barbecue, it is contained under pressure in a steel cylinder. The contents, vaporized and in a confined area, have the explosive force of several sticks of dynamite. Therefore, the wise user of LPG will be aware of the dangers involved and the precautions that must be taken to avoid accidents.

- Do not transport LPG cylinders in the trunk of a passenger vehicle.
- Never leave a cylinder in a parked vehicle.

- Ensure that all connections are tight by applying a soapy water solution to detect leaks.
- Do not allow grease to drip on the hose or cylinders.
- Never use a gas-fired barbecue inside any structure.
- Never store any LPG cylinder - either attached to the barbecue or as spare cylinders - inside any part of a structure, including porches and balconies.

Stay Prepared!

Keep a working fire extinguisher handy in case of an outdoor cooking emergency.

CHARCOAL GRILLING

Although charcoal may sound less dangerous than LP gas, safety precautions are still necessary!

Never use a charcoal barbecue in an enclosed space.

Burning charcoal emits carbon monoxide gas.

Do not add starter fluid once a charcoal fire has been started.

Fire may follow the stream of fluid back to the container, causing an explosion and scattering flaming liquid.

Wet ashes thoroughly with water before emptying the barbecue.

This prevents any live coals from starting a fire.



Practice Safe Food Handling When Cooking Outdoors

Marinate Safely

Marinate foods in the refrigerator - never on the kitchen counter or outdoors.

Cook Food Thoroughly

Always use a food thermometer to be sure food is completely cooked.

Keep Ready Food Hot

Moving it to the side of the grill rack keeps it hot but prevents overcooking

Don't Reuse Platters or Utensils

Using the same platter or utensils that previously held raw meat, poultry, or seafood allows bacteria from the raw food's juices to spread to the cooked food.

For more information, contact Fire Marshal Bryan Beckner at 972-463-3940 or via [email](#).

Neighborhood Crime Watch

One of the most effective ways to prevent crime in your area, make a difference in your community by joining today!



Officer Caldwell hosted the Semi-annual Neighborhood Crime Watch summit in April.

In a nutshell, Neighborhood Crime Watch is a group of neighbors looking out for each other. It's about getting to know each other and becoming familiar with each other's habits and vehicles so it

is readily apparent when something is suspicious or out of the ordinary. Crime Watch participants then report such activity by calling 9-1-1, thereby assisting the police in preventing crime before it ever occurs. This doesn't make you a nosy neighbor - it makes you a good neighbor in the old-fashioned sense of the word. Rowlett currently has 32 active crime watch neighborhoods, with several more in the process of organizing. These groups are an integral part of our community and help police tremendously in fighting crime.

Don't Have One? Start a Neighborhood Crime Watch!

When In Doubt, Call 9-1-1

Many people don't want to bother the police because they are afraid that it may not be a real emergency or that they may be embarrassed if their suspicions turn out to be unfounded. The police would much rather be called out to investigate than to be notified after a crime has been committed. When in doubt, always call 9-1-1. The 9-1-1 dispatch center is staffed with trained operators who will evaluate your call, rank its priority and dispatch it to the appropriate officer.

*To learn more about starting a Neighborhood Watch program, or to find out if your neighborhood already has one, contact **Crime Prevention Officer Chad Caldwell** at 972-412-6242 or via [email](#).*



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Neighborhood Crime Watch Tips

Set the Area!

Decide on the area the Crime Watch group will be responsible for - it could be a street, a block, or the entire neighborhood.

Establish the Leadership

Select a block captain and a coordinator to be responsible for welcoming new neighbors, organizing meetings and disseminating information.

Communicate!

Distribute materials to members. Available from the Police Department, this may include Operation ID stickers, booklets on how to safeguard property, etc. Post a Crime Watch sign in the Neighborhood Crime Watch area to further deter criminals.

Hold Neighborhood Crime Watch Meetings

Host meetings at least once a year with Officer Caldwell to learn new ideas and to reinforce your Neighborhood Crime Watch program.

Don't Put Yourself at Risk!

Don't take unnecessary chances by attempting to confront any suspicious persons. Crime Watch does not mean being a vigilante. Participants do not confront suspects or take any personal risks at all.

Rowlett

City Calendar

June

	1	2 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm, City Hall	3	4	5 Don't Fry Day @ Wet Zone	6 Angel Swim & Jungle Jam @ Wet Zone CPR Class 8am @ RCC
7	8 Summer Reading Program Kickoff Party Noon @ Library	9 Be a Supperhero 2pm @ RCC Planning & Zoning Meeting 7pm, City Hall	10 Cosplay for Teens 2pm @ RCC	11 Free Movie & Popcorn 2pm @ RCC	12 Father's Day Breakfast for Seniors 8:30am @ RCC	13
14	15 Flick 'n Float 8:30pm @ Wet Zone	16 Magic Show 2pm @ RCC City Council Meeting 7:30 pm, City Hall	17 Teens Superhero Mask 2pm @ RCC	18 Free Movie & Popcorn 2pm @ RCC	19	20
21 Father's Day @ Wet Zone	22 Season Pass Day @ Wet Zone	23 Comic Books 2-4 pm @ RCC Planning & Zoning Meeting 7pm, City Hall	24 Senior's AT&T Stadium Tour 10am @ RCC Teens Medieval Times 2pm @ RCC	25 Free Movie & Popcorn 2pm @ RCC	26	27 Knights & Princesses 2pm @ RCC
28	29	30 Pipdilly Music Show 2pm @ RCC				