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Tornado-damaged Water Tower to be Demolished



ROWLETT, TEXAS-- The water tower located on Martha Lane, which was severely impacted by the December 26, 2015 tornado, will be demolished on Monday, February 6, 2017. After undergoing extensive months-long examinations and testing by City staff, consultants, the Texas Department of Emergency Management, FEMA, and the Texas Municipal League (TML), the water tower was determined to be damaged beyond repair thus warranting removal. Funding for the demolition process is provided by FEMA and the City's insurance through TML. This is

one of the City's oldest water towers and will not be replaced, it has been offline for over a year and the water utility system has absorbed the functions it previously performed.

“Over the past year, the Martha Lane water tower became an icon throughout our community, an unofficial symbol of Rowlett’s resilience and of the bonding that occurred as a result of the tornado,” says Rowlett Mayor Todd Gottel. “To commemorate the closing of this chapter in our history, pieces of the structure will be preserved for use in future Arts and Humanities Commission public art installations in our community!”

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