

A Weekly Update from the City Manager

5PM ON FRIDAY

Top Stories in Rowlett for Week Ending 09.08.2017

City of Rowlett Helping Those Impacted by Hurricane Harvey

The City of Rowlett has sent several crews to the areas hit by Hurricane Harvey in Southeast Texas. The latest is a crew from Public Works and they have been working tirelessly to help in that devastated area. Also, our crews need to be self-sustaining or they would be adding to the problems in the area.



This Rowlett Public Works Water and Waste Water division crew (l to r: Robert Weir, Michael Balleza, Fred Burns, Charles Anderson) is currently in Southeast Texas to assist with restoring utilities in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. In addition to the four volunteers, Rowlett also sent a vac-truck, dump truck trailing a backhoe, and a service truck.

The first assignment consisted of clearing the sanitary sewer system at the Deweyville High School in Orange, TX. The high school is a First Responders Shelter and they were very happy to see us! Once the high school sanitary sewer system was restored, the team headed to Port Arthur. Port Arthur requested assistance because most of their equipment was ruined in the flooding and the whole water and sewer system was inoperable. The crew continues to complete sewer work orders for Port Arthur and will do so through this week.

So far, this crew has volunteered over 188 hours and traveled 400 miles, sleeping at Deweyville High School and a water facility in Port Arthur. Join us in thanking this crew, along with our other departments that have sent crews to the affected areas and to the Dallas Mega Center located at the Dallas Convention Center. We feel fortunate to help our fellow Texans during this time of need and know firsthand how much they appreciate it.

The Dallas Mega Center at the Dallas Convention Center is providing temporary shelter for thousands from the hurricane zone. As of this morning (09-08-17), 9,289 people have taken refuge in three separate shelters in the Dallas area. Rowlett Police and Fire Rescue currently have staff deployed onsite at the Mega Center and we will remain there until the need for assistance has passed.

Bring new donations of necessities to City Hall located at 4000 Main St.

Visit www.DallasHelpForHarvey.org to learn how you can help or <https://www.volvy.org/disaster/index.html> to volunteer.



Important Announcements

[City Council – Special Council Meeting: Sept. 13; 5:30pm @ City Hall – Incoming/Outgoing Council](#)

[City Council – Regular Meeting: Sept. 19, 5:30pm @ City Hall](#)

[P&Z Commission – Sept. 12 & 26, 6:30pm @ City Hall](#)

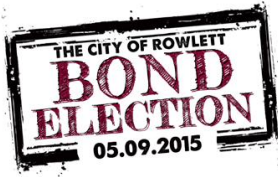
[Community Investment Advisory Board – Sept. 11, 6pm @ City Hall](#)

[Arts & Humanities Commission – Sept. 12, 6:30pm @ City Hall](#)

[Park Board – Sept. 13, 7pm @ City Hall](#)

[Library Advisory Board – Cancelled for September](#)

[Senior Advisory Board – Sept. 18, 10am @ City Hall](#)



Community Investment Program Project Update

Primrose Lane Reconstruction Project

Project Scope:

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

Project Status:

Phase 1: Project began on June 19; anticipate completion by mid-December 2017 (with no major weather delays). Contractor has lowered two 8" water mains in the Primrose and Bluebonnet intersection to support construction of the proposed 42" storm drain pipe. The project is progressing on schedule.



In the Community

Rowlett Helps Hurricane Harvey Victims –

www.DallasHelpForHarvey.org

Movies @ Pecan Grove Park –

Sept. 8, Dusk @ Pecan Grove Park

9/11 Memorial Ceremony –

Sept. 11 @ Fire Station #1

FCC Delivers New Polycarts –

continues thru Sept. 29

Neighborhood Leadership

Workshop – Sept. 9, 9-11am @ RCC

Habitat for Humanity Color

Fun Run & Walk – Sept. 30, 6:30pm @ Firewheel Golf Park

Future Bond Projects Input-

Deadline – Sept 30. Fill out form for projects to be considered for next bond election. [CIAB Project Input Form](#)

Main Street Market – Sept. 30 in downtown Rowlett

National Night Out – Oct. 3

City Secretary's Office Update

Please join us at City Hall on Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30pm for a special reception to thank outgoing Mayor Todd Gottel for his 10.5 years of service to Rowlett, as well as honor outgoing Councilmembers Bruce Hargrave and Robbert van Bloemendaal. Let them know how much you appreciate their contributions to our community!



After this portion of the meeting, we will then welcome the new Mayor of Rowlett and Councilmembers – Tammy Dana-Bashian, Blake Margolis, Brownie Sherrill and Matt Grubisich – as they are sworn in and take their seat at the dais.

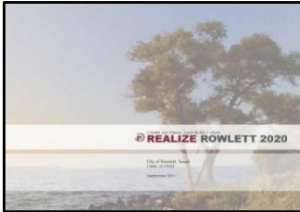


****Reminder to post your comments, photos with Todd or a selfie to Mayor Gottel****

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BestWishesBatMayor/>

(We're making a book of all your posts to give him!)

2020 Update



The City of Rowlett was once again the featured lanyard sponsor at North Texas Commercial Association of Realtors Expo (NTCAR) on Thursday, September 7 from 4-8pm at the Sheraton in Dallas.



The Economic Development Advisory Board and City Staff had a booth to promote development opportunities in Rowlett to prospective commercial realtors, developers, and brokers.



The new Starbucks located on the east side of Rowlett off of Highway 66 near Dalrock Rd. should be open next week. This Starbucks also has a drive-through.

Mark your calendars for the FIRST bi-annual [Main Street Market](#) coming to downtown Rowlett on Saturday, September 30th! Small businesses and artists will be showing their products and live music and food trucks will be there, too! Support your local businesses!



City Manager's Office Update

New water meter reading system, [AMI-Flexnet, is now online](#)...giving water customers (YOU!) the ability to access and track water consumption online. In fact, the system reads every hour so you can get real-time usage information. Simply create an account at www.rowlett.com/AMI then set up your alerts and start tracking your usage. Armed with this information, customers can spot and repair potential leaks before they result in a higher bill! Realizing that we all have to work together to reduce water use, improve the reliability and sustainability of our water system and minimize costs, over the past year the City replaced ALL of the radio antennas for this important upgrade to the water meter reading system. In fact, approximately 18,000 meter radio antennas were installed! These new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) antennas transmit water consumption data directly to the City's Utility Billing Department, thereby eliminating the need for staff to drive by each home and business to acquire the meter readings.

See the video by clicking on the picture below



Fire Rescue Update

The impact of Hurricane Harvey has affected our state as a whole. Tens of thousands are now without a home, and the full impact is still unknown. Here in Rowlett, we know this situation firsthand. Our community has lived this and we are ready to help. Rowlett Fire Rescue has sent two firefighter/paramedic units to help with the recovery relief.



9/11 Memorial Ceremony –
Sept. 11, 9am @ Fire Station #1



Library Update

24/7

Need library services after hours? Many of the Library's resources are available 24/7!

Here are just a few of the most popular services you can access *anytime* with your Rowlett Public Library card and PIN...

It all starts here! The **Apollo Library Catalog** - <https://rowlett.biblionix.com/catalog/> After you've logged in, choose from...

OverDrive - Ebooks and audiobooks!

Hoopla – Movies, music, ebooks, audiobooks, comics, music and TV shows!

RBdigital Magazines (Zinio) – Full digital copies of your favorite magazines!

Brainfuse – Online tutoring and homework help, plus assistance with your resume and job search!

TumbleBooks – Animated, talking picture books that teach the joys of reading!

Parks and Recreation Update



Movies at Pecan Grove Park will be taking place on Fridays this September. As part of the Downtown Event Series, Movies at Pecan Grove Park will take place on September 1st, 8th and 15th behind the Rowlett Community

Centre located at 5300 Main Street. Open seating is available at 6:30pm and the movie will begin at dusk. Each night will feature entertainment leading up to the movie. Come on out and have some fun with the family!

The **Rowlett Community Centre** is running a couple of fantastic membership specials through September 20th. Call 972.412.6170 for more information!

Movies at Pecan Grove Park	
**All movies start at DUSK	
September 1 – Moana **All movies start at DUSK	September 15 – Beauty and the Beast
September 8 – The Secret Life of Pets	

Police Department

Plan for [National Night Out](#) (NNO) NOW! It will be held Tuesday night, October 3rd. Contact Officer Dana Reeves in the Police Department's Community Services Division to register your neighborhood's celebration or for more information. dreeves@rowlett.com or 972.412.6242



Public Works Update

Annual Concrete Repair & Maintenance of Streets & Alleys – The contractor responsible for panel replacements on Rowlett Road south of Miller Road will be conducting a lane switch on **Monday morning September 11, 2017** after rush hour traffic. The left lane will be closed just south of Miller Road while street panels are being reconstructed. Please expect minor traffic delays during the morning and evening peak hours. Also, pay close attention to the advanced warning signs communicating to drivers which lane and path of travel to use through this work zone.



All Emergency Personnel will have full accessibility of Rowlett Road and the surrounding subdivisions while these repairs are being made.

We anticipate having Rowlett Road fully open again within a couple of weeks – weather permitting.

Big A Road Rehabilitation – The contractor responsible for the Big A Road rehabilitation project will conduct a lane switch on **Monday morning September 11, 2017** to begin the road work on the other lane of Phase 2. Big A Road will remain **Closed to Through Traffic** and will continue to be a **One Way Only** from **Rowlett Road to Greenway Drive** until Phase 2 is completed.



All residents leaving the Liberty Creek subdivision will be able to use Freedom Lane and Greenway Drive to exit the subdivision, but will still be required to turn left and drive eastbound toward the Target shopping until Phase 2 is completed.

All Emergency Personnel will have full accessibility of Big A Road from Rowlett Road to access the Liberty Creek subdivision as well as businesses located on Big A Road. This was the sole reason for Big A Road being a one way only from Rowlett Road to the Target shopping center until Phase 2 is completed.

The City will ensure the delivered project is the best product possible. We appreciate the continued patience and understanding of all the Liberty Creek Residents through this process. Contact Will Plexico with any questions: 972-463-3976 wplexico@rowlett.com

Message from FCC – Please **BEGIN USING THE NEW BLUE CART IMMEDIATELY** and **STOP USING YOUR OLD GREEN CART**.

FCC will be around within the next 2 weeks to pick up your old cart. Please continue to **PUT YOUR OLD GREEN CART OUT, EMPTY, ON YOUR DESIGNATED SERVICE DAY** until it is retrieved. Thank you!