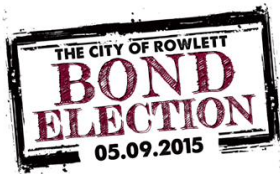


# 5PM ON FRIDAY

Top Stories in Rowlett for Week Ending 08.18.2017



## Community Investment Program Project Update

### Primrose Lane Reconstruction Project

*Project Scope:*

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

*Project Status:*

**Phase 1:** Project began on June 19; anticipate completion by mid-December 2017 (with no major weather delays). Contractor completed the 20 water service lines and will prepare to move the remaining utilities.



## Important Announcements

[Proposed FY2018 Budget](#) – 1 Cent tax rate reduction

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

[City Council](#) – Special Budget Meeting: August 29; Time/Place TBD – Check Agenda

[P&Z Commission](#) – August 22, 6:30pm @ City Hall

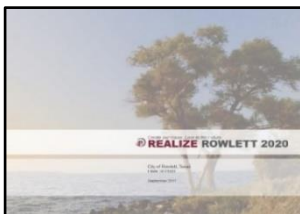
[Golf Advisory Board](#) – Sept. 5, 8am @ Waterview Golf Club

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

[Park Board](#) – Sept. 13, 7pm @ RCC

[Library Advisory Board](#) – Sept. 14, 6:30pm @ Library

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



[Bankhead Brewing Co.](#) has completed their mural located in the outside eating area – go check it out!



The Texas Historical Commission has more information about [Bankhead Highway](#). Mural by Artist [David Freeman](#).

**your VOTE is your VOICE**

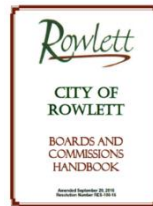
Special Election - The final Council Candidate forum will be held Saturday evening, August 19<sup>th</sup> at Church in the City, located at 6005 Dalrock Rd.

Start time is 7pm. The forum is sponsored by the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce.

Early voting began Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and as of 4:00pm today, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 937 citizens have voted. Early voting and Election Day voting (Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>) will be in the same building this year – the City Hall Annex Building, directly behind City Hall. (the same place water bills are paid).

Now accepting applications for Boards and Commissions

If you are interested in serving on one of the City's Boards or Commissions, click on the link above to find more information or call the City Secretary's Office at 972.412.6115.



City Manager's Office Update

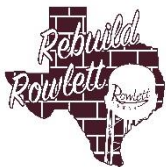
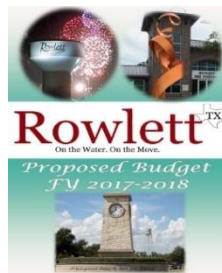
Reminder about the FY2018 Budget Adoption Schedule located on the City's website. Below are links to the FY2018 Proposed Budget:

Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget

FY2018 Budget Presentation

The Value of Rowlett City Operations

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



Deadline for Tornado Assistance is September 8<sup>th</sup> – There are still funds available! The deadline to contact Catholic Charities (469-607-0909 OR [tornadorelief@ccdallas.org](mailto:tornadorelief@ccdallas.org)) to apply for this assistance is 5 p.m. on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Neighborhood Life Coordinator Elise Bowers is presenting a Neighborhood Leadership Workshop on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Learn what you need to know to organize your community.

Register online by 5pm on September 7<sup>th</sup>.



**In the Community**

Future Bond Projects Input- Fill out form for projects to be considered for next bond election. CIAB Project Input Form

Summer Concert Series - August 18, 25; 7:30pm @ Pecan Grove Park

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

Early Voting Ongoing – Through August 22 in the City Annex Building

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

Crime Watch Summit – August 28, 7pm @ RCC. Designed for Crime Watch Leaders.

Tornado Assistance Deadline – Sept. 8, 5pm

Neighborhood Leadership Workshop – Sept. 9, 9-11am @ RCC

## Development Services Update



Housing Finance  
Corporation

The Rowlett Housing Finance Corporation conducted its inaugural meeting on August 8, 2017. This group is in full swing **and** has a full agenda on the horizon. Recognizing this work ahead of them, they had a follow-up meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> and are already scheduling another meeting before the end of August. Keep in tune for progress from this group!

Today, August 18<sup>th</sup>, the City of Rowlett formally kicked off its partnership with the Garland Area Habitat for Humanity (GAHFH) by accepting a total of nine applications from Rowlett residents. GAHFH will be working to perform housing repairs for qualified Rowlett residents. For more information on this program, please visit [www.rowlett.com/housingrehab](http://www.rowlett.com/housingrehab)

Pictured are Rich Buquet, Executive Director of GAHFH and Councilmember Debby Bobbitt, who is also a Board member for GAHFH.



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## Financial Services Update

The Accounting Division received the *Award of Financial Reporting Achievement* at the Council meeting on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) presents this award to departments who prepare the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and standards established by the Government Accountability Offices Government Auditing Standards. An independent auditor whose opinion encompasses the fair presentation of the basic financial statements and all contents of the financial section of the CAFR must also be included in the CAFR.



By receiving this award, it demonstrates the City's continued commitment to transparency and excellence in accurately reporting the financial position of the City. *This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year the City has receive this prestigious award!* Congratulations to all!

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## Library Update

It's Back to School time! Do you need **Help Now**? The Library's new online homework help service is just a click away. [Brainfuse](#) offers online tutoring and homework help, flashcard sets, online quizzes & games, a homework tracker to organize and arrange assignments, and even a writing lab for analysis of students' papers! Live tutors are available every day from 2 PM to 11 PM.



Have your Rowlett library card and PIN number ready when access their website. (click on logo or blue highlight above)

Parks and Recreation Update



Join your friends and neighbors on Friday nights in August for our annual “[Summer Concert Series featuring Food Truck Fridays](#)”, located at 5300

Main Street in Rowlett. Bring your blanket and lawn chair to enjoy a fun filled musical night.

**\*\*Concerts start at 7:30pm\*\***

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



The Wet Zone finished up the 2017 season strong last weekend with the annual Pooch Plunge. This event is sponsored by Friends of Rowlett Animal Shelter (FRAS) and about 290 furry friends attended! They all had a splashing good time!

Police Department Update

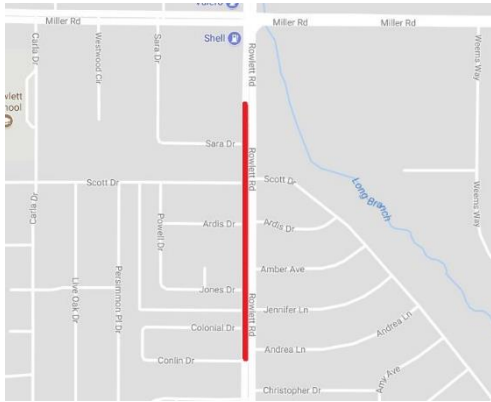
Four Communications Officers (CO) from the Police Department graduated from a month-long Regional Telecommunicator Academy at North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). All four graduates made Rowlett proud by their participation and leadership in the class. One of the COs served as president, another as vice-president and one was the Salutatorian of the class! Congratulations to all!



Public Works Update

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





## Annual Concrete Repair & Maintenance of Streets & Alleys

Demolition for panel replacements on Rowlett Road (southbound between Miller Road and Dogwood Trail) has begun. Please expect various lane closures, but know that all roads and alleys accessed from Rowlett Road will remain open during construction. The project is anticipated to take approximately one month to complete depending on weather conditions. We appreciate your patience and apologize for the inconvenience!

Construction Companies Group, LLC (CCG) completed pouring the Scott Dr. alley on the eastside of Rowlett Rd. CCG has started reconstructing the alley between Ardis Dr. and Scott Dr. on the west side Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.



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



**PULL FOR A CURE** –  
For A Good Cause

Members of Rowlett Fire Rescue and Police competed in the *Pull for a Cure* on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, benefiting the American Cancer Society. They competed against other Rowlett community members and each other. The Rowlett Police Department received a trophy for "Fastest Team Overall!" Way to go PD!