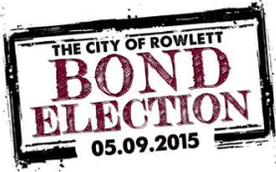


A Weekly Update from the City Manager

5PM ON FRIDAY



Top Stories in Rowlett for Week Ending 12.22.2017



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM PROJECT UPDATE

Primrose Lane Reconstruction Project

Project Scope:

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

Project Status:

Project began on June 19; anticipate completion by mid-December 2017 (**NOW mid-January 2018 – due to weather delays & unforeseen utilities in the area**). Contractor is finishing sidewalk & ADA ramp at Trumpet Ln. and Irrigation contractor is making repairs to homeowner's irrigation systems. The utility relocation will happen once it is safe to work in the area and should be complete by mid-January, weather permitting.



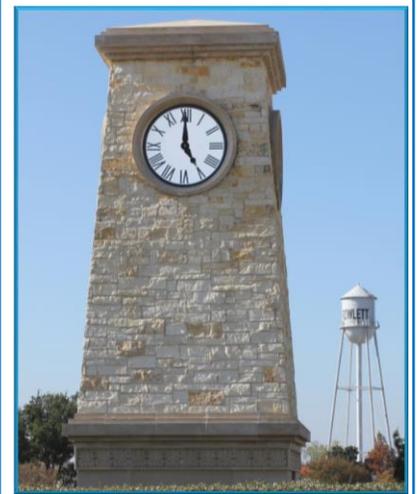
Dalrock Estates Reconstruction Project

Project Scope:

Rebuilding of Dalrock Estates Phase I includes replacing Woodside Road and portions of Chesham Drive and Highgate Lane. Storm drainage, water and sewer lines will be repaired or replaced; widen sidewalks, trees and decorative street lights will be installed.

Project Status:

Project began on Nov. 27, 2017; anticipate completion by summer of 2018 (with no major weather delays). Quality Excavation has moved passed the intersection of Woodside Road and Highgate Lane with the sewer main. They will continue towards the east with replacing the sewer main and services. Dirt work is expected to start next week on the west side of Woodside Rd.



Important Announcements

City Council –

Regular Meetings: ** NO MEETING ON JAN. 2 ** Jan. 9, Jan. 16 – appx. 5:30pm @ City Hall

P&Z Commission – Jan. 9, 23 – appx. 6pm. Jan. 9 Meeting Place TBD.

Arts & Humanities Commission – Jan. 9 @ 6:30pm @ Library

Community Investment Advisory Board (CIAB) – ** Jan. 8, 6pm @ City Hall

Golf Advisory Board – Jan. 2, 8am @ Waterview Golf

Library Advisory Board – Jan. 11 @ Library

Parks & Rec Advisory Board – Jan. 10, 7pm @ RCC

Senior Advisory Board – Jan. 29; 10am @ City Hall

**** CITY OFFICES CLOSED ****
DEC. 25 & 26 AND JAN. 1

**** There will not be an issue of 5pm on Friday for Friday, December 29, 2017. We'll catch up with you in the New Year! ****

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE UPDATE



“And Still We Stand” Donation – In the aftermath of the 2015 tornado, Peninsula Neighborhood resident Bonnie Rangel (sixth from left) salvaged a portion of wooden fencing, which had been destroyed by the storm. She later put her artistic talents to work by painting the

fencing to commemorate the tornado event and its outcome. Bonnie says, “And Still We Stand” is a tribute to the value and strength of community, as well as to the resilience and determination demonstrated by the citizens of Rowlett. The art debuted at the Peninsula Neighborhood's National Night Out block party in 2016, and was donated to the City on December 19th at the City Council Meeting by Peninsula resident Joy Dickey (fifth from left).

In addition to recognizing Ms. Rangel and Ms. Dickey for this gift, special thanks are also due to Peninsula neighbors Cheryl Smith (fourth from left), for her assistance in coordinating the donation, as well as to Cheryl's husband, Teamon (Tim) Smith (third from left), who volunteered his woodworking talents by stabilizing, preserving and framing the painted art piece in preparation for its presentation to the City. The artwork will be placed in City Hall.



Rowlett Chamber of Commerce Donates \$2,500 to the Rowlett Animal Shelter – The Chamber of Commerce recently held its 27th Annual Golf Classic with 110 players attending, and identified the Rowlett Animal Shelter as a recipient for a portion of the proceeds from this tournament. The Chamber partners with the City of Rowlett throughout the year in various events and is very excited

to give a donation of \$2,500! Community Services Manager Maria Martinez was thrilled to accept the donation, mentioning that this was going to come in very handy as, among other needs, the shelter's dryer was having issues (as you can imagine, laundry is a critical component to shelter operations)! Thank you Rowlett Chamber of Commerce!

Neighborhood Life – [Light Up Rowlett!](#)

We are so excited to announce the winners of our Light Up Rowlett contest, which recognizes those who have created outstanding outdoor holiday displays! Instead of City staff choosing the winners, this year YOU have determined who has the best displays through your “Likes” on the photos entered by friends and neighbors. Congratulations to the four winners, one in each quadrant of Rowlett (addresses and quadrant are in the comments of each photo).

Thank you so much to everyone who participated this year, whether by entering a neighborhood favorite, through your votes, or by creating a beautiful, festive display for all to enjoy! Your efforts delight and inspire us every time we drive by and we all appreciate the special effort it takes to brighten the holiday season for us all!



In the Community

CPR Class – Dec. 16, 8:30am-12:30pm @ RCC

Scavenge Rowlett – Dec. 14 – 26; Help raise money for Tornado First Response Fund

**** City Offices CLOSED** – Dec. 25 & 26; Also Jan. 1 **

FCC CLOSED – Christmas Day, Dec. 25 and New Year's Day, Jan. 1. Trash & recycling pickup delayed by one day.

Citizens Police Academy – Register today for Feb. 1 start date.

Low Cost Vaccine Clinic for Animals – Jan. 7, 2-5pm @ Liberty Grove Animal Hospital

City Offices Closed – Jan. 15 for MLK Jr. Day

Rowlett Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet – Jan. 27 @ Hyatt Place



Click on [Light Up Rowlett](#) to see all of the 2017 winners!



The [December Monthly Mayor's Message](#) is now available. This month, Mayor Dana-Bashian recognizes those who serve through volunteerism and offers information on how YOU can get involved and provide input in 2018 on some of the strategic decisions that will shape our community!



CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE UPDATE



Thanks to all in Rowlett who came out Saturday to contribute to the Red Kettle Campaign for The Salvation Army. Garland may have beat us in the two-hour Mayor challenge, but I am proud to say, for the entire day, Rowlett raised \$1,086, which is twice the amount that is usually contributed at that Rowlett Walmart location.

Special thanks to the bell ringers - City staff members: Brian Funderburk, Mark McAvoy, Maria Martinez, and Richard Jones; and City Council members and family: Matt Grubisich, Martha Brown, Randy Brown, Brownie Sherrill, Blake

Margolis, Ethan Margolis, Pamela Ingram Bell, Clayton Dana-Bashian, and Barry Dana-Bashian; and special guest, Todd Gottel.

Also, would like to shout out to a few folks that came out specifically during the two-hour challenge to help fill the kettle; Cheryl Sinner Stewart, Jenni Vines Velazquez, Jeff Winget, and Kim Lott!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Meet Kringle, Mayor Dana-Bashian's featured shelter pet at the City Council Meeting on December 19th. Kringle is 3-year-old male mixed-breed (primarily Labrador Retriever), who loves other animals and people, is trained, and is very well behaved. He charmed everyone in attendance at the meeting! Kringle is available for the reduced adoption fee of \$25 from the [Rowlett Animal Shelter](#), open 10am to 5pm, Monday through Saturday, at 4402 Industrial Street. Can't think of a better present under your Christmas Tree than Kringle. Let's help Kringle find his forever home!



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



New [Village of Rowlett-Downtown Parking Map](#) is now available!

As you shop and dine downtown during the holidays – and after – this resource will give you lots of [parking options](#)! This map is on the [Village of Rowlett Downtown](#) site as well as the Rowlett on the Move website (Rowlett Economic Development Department)!

LIBRARY UPDATE

Super Mario Kart Tournament – Kiddos had fun competing in a three-round, single elimination battle using the Library's Wii-U on Saturday, December 16th. Those in wait completed Mario and Luigi crafts, and fake mustaches were a big hit with everyone. They even offered suggestions for the next kind of tournament the Library should host!



PARKS & RECREATION UPDATE



Coming soon: Rowlett's first off-leash dog park! During the City Council Meeting on December 19th, a \$20,000+ donation from the Sachse Park Pals was gratefully approved and accepted to fund this long-desired community amenity. The new dog park will be installed in Herfurth Park, will include both large and small dog areas, and....will open in early March, 2018!!!

The City of Rowlett would like to extend a hearty THANK YOU to the [Sachse Parks Pals](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SachseDogPark/about/) for their generosity to our community's dogs...and dog-parents! Join the Herfurth Dog Park Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SachseDogPark/about/>

Is your New Year's resolution to be a better you? Maybe it's to get out more and try something new? Or, maybe you're looking for a new place to go work out. Look no further because the [Rowlett Community Centre](#) is the place for you! We are excited to announce our New Year's Resolution Membership Drive happening January 2-17. Come into the Rowlett Community Centre to receive 20% off your NEW annual membership, valid for residents and non-residents. Already a member? We've got you covered, too! Enjoy 10% off when you renew!

Please call the Rowlett Community Centre at 972-412-6170 for more information!



New Year, New You!
Join the Rowlett Community Centre today and take advantage of our **New Year's Resolution Membership Discount!**

MEMBER BENEFITS
- Weight Room (24+ hours)
- 2 Recreational Courts
- 2 Full-size Basketball Gyms
- Indoor Walking Track
- Game Room/Play Area
- FREE Wi-Fi
- CHILD-Friendly
- AND MORE!

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Call us TODAY for more information or come in to sign up TODAY!
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POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



[Blake Powers](#) from KLUV 98.7 FM stopped by the Rowlett PD with a honey baked ham and all the fixings. Thanks KLUV! Patrol will have lunch on Christmas day!

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

The 2017 Public Works Pancake Breakfast was held Thursday, December 21st. Over 100 people attended and were served pancakes by the Public Works crew! Almost \$700 was collected and donated to Life Message along with several hundred canned goods. Life Message was thankful and very grateful for the donations, especially at this time of year. Thank you to all who attended and donated cash and canned goods, it is greatly appreciated by all.



ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE SIDEWALK, CURB, GUTTER – F and F Concrete Inc. working on backfilling areas around the 5' sidewalk in front of Barrett Motors on Century Dr. and they repaired a street-sidewalk on 1800 Walnut Hill Dr. at Indian Trail.



HISTORIC TANK REFURBISHING – Site Prep continues as the safety trailer arrives for sandblasting of the Historic Tank. Tarps are being connected to tower to encompass the safety zone of the tank to control the paint removal.



WATER QUALITY – To ensure the highest quality drinking water is delivered to our customers, our water quality staff has flushed 20 of our State required dead end water main lines this week. Flushing the lines keeps fresh water moving through them and allows us to keep chlorine at acceptable levels. They've also delivered 24 water samples to the laboratory at the North Texas Municipal Water District. The samples are analyzed there to make sure we are delivering quality drinking water.



MIAMI/VAGAS WATERLINE REPLACEMENT – Work continues with 900 linear feet of mainline replaced and 24 new water services installed in preparation for the upcoming pavement replacement project, tentatively scheduled to begin soon.



Happy Holidays from the



City of Rowlett Employees