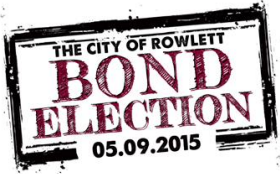


# A Weekly Update from City Hall

## FRIDAY @ 5



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### COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PROJECT UPDATE

#### **Primrose Lane Reconstruction Project**

*Project Scope:*

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

*Project Status:*

Recent weather continues to hamper progress on finishing the punch list for this project. (no pictures)

#### **Dalrock Estates Reconstruction Project – Phase 1**

*Project Scope:*

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

*Project Status:*

Quality Excavation continues eastward with the south side of Woodside Rd. The weather has slowed construction however approximately 800 feet of concrete has been poured. (pics 1 & 2)



#### **Highland Meadows Reconstruction Project – Phase 1**

*Project Scope:*

Rebuilding of the streets, sidewalks, curbs, drainage systems, street trees and lighting on Miami Dr., Vernon Dr. and Vagas Dr.

*Project Status:*

Existing manhole #8 is being removed this week; progress is slow due to rain. (pics 3 & 4)



**\*\* ATTENTION HIGHLAND MEADOWS RESIDENTS \*\***

#### **Paddle Point Park Project**

North Rock Construction had to delay the starting of improvements at Paddle Point Park due to rain. The contractor will install erosion control in preparation for the mobilization of equipment and begin demolition soon. (no pic)



### **Important Announcements**

**City Council –**

**Regular Meetings:** [March 6 & 20](#), appx. 5:15pm @ City Hall

**Special Meetings:** None at the time of publication.

**P&Z Commission –** [March 13 & 27](#), 6:45pm. @ City Hall

**Animal Shelter Advisory**

Board – [March 13](#), 7:15pm @ City Hall

**Arts & Humanities**

**Commission –** [March 13](#), 6:30pm @ City Hall

**Community Investment**

**Advisory Board (CIAB) –** [March 12](#), 6pm @ City Hall

**Golf Advisory Board –** [March 6](#), 8am @ Waterview Golf

**Library Advisory Board –**

[March 8](#), 6:30pm @ Library

**Parks & Rec Advisory Board**

– [March 14](#), 7pm @ RCC

**Senior Advisory Board –**

[March 19](#), 10am @ City Hall

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE UPDATE



Weather permitting, [Oncor](#) will be pruning trees away from power lines in areas served by their Dalrock substation throughout March. [Wright Tree Service](#) will be performing the trimming on [these streets](#).

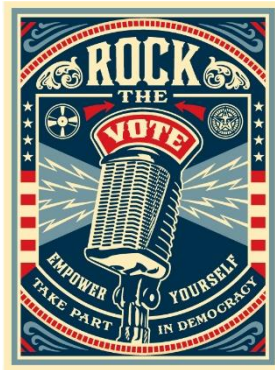
Do you ride [DART Light Rail](#)? If so, you'll want to download the free app, which enables you to report incidents to [DART Police](#) more discreetly than making a phone call. DART employees will be at the Downtown Rowlett station on Wednesday, March 7, from 7-9 a.m. promoting the app. Those that have the app on their phones just might receive some fun giveaways!



"Many people are afraid to call the police during a situation, but no one pays attention if you are typing on your smartphone," DART Police Chief James Spiller said. "The DART Say Something app allows customers to send updates to dispatchers on what's happening without being noticed. Having instant, detailed information from witnesses on the scene will help us resolve incidents faster."

Non-smartphone users can call the system's text-a-tip service at 214-256-1819. Learn more about the DART Say Something app at <http://www.dart.org/riding/dartpolicealerts.asp>.

## CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE UPDATE



Early voting for the March 6, 2018 Primary closes today, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

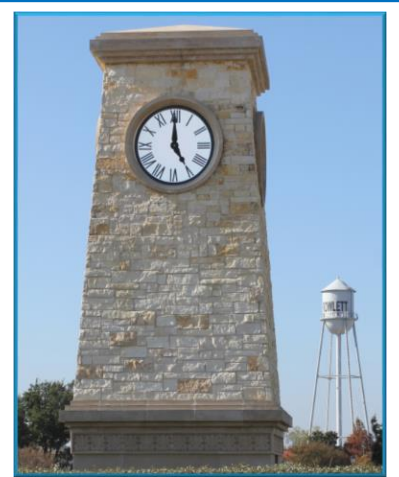
[ELECTION DAY VOTING](#) for Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, is available on the Rowlett website. There is a listing of Dallas County and Rockwall County Democratic and Republican Party Precinct locations. Sample ballots are available, too.

Reminder – a [photo ID is now required to vote in Texas](#). Information is posted on the City's website.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



[Main Street Events](#) sponsors [Amateur Community Theatre of Rowlett](#) presenting "[Honeymoon at Graveside Manor](#)", a comedy by Pat Cook, coming March 9-11 and March 16-18, (Friday and Saturday @ 8PM, Sunday @ 2PM). Bringing family friendly theater to Rowlett since 1999!



## In the Community

[ACTION CENTER](#) – contact them online 24-7 OR week days, 8am-5pm at 972-412-6100. We are here to serve!

[Grand Opening of Scental Bark!](#) – March 17, 10am @ Herfurth Park

[CPR Class](#) – March 17, 8:30am-12:30pm @ RCC

[Animal Services](#) – Open 10am -5pm, Mon.-Sat. @ 4402 Industrial St.

[Low Cost Vaccine Clinic for Animals](#) – March 4, 2-5pm @ Liberty Grove Animal Hospital

[Young Artists Exhibit](#) – March 26-April 20 @ Annex Building

["Rowlett Sings" Contest](#) – Entries submitted March 23-24; Live Show – April 28 @ RCC

[Easter Egg Hunt](#) – March 24, 10:30am @ Pecan Grove Park

[Easter Pup-a-Palooza](#) – March 25, 2-5pm @ Herfurth Park

[NTMWD Chlorine Maintenance](#) – Feb. 26-March 26. [Fact Sheet](#)

[New Comer's Guide to Gardening in North Texas](#) – March 3, 8am-1pm @ Collin College Conference Center

## FIRE RESCUE UPDATE

Station 4C attended the "Dr. Seuss Day" at Back Elementary. Firefighter Lopez read one of Seuss's popular books, *McElligot's Pool*, to Back Elementary's first graders. It was fun for everyone!!



## LIBRARY UPDATE



We know there is serious talent here in our community, so the [Rowlett Arts & Humanities Commission](#) has created a new contest for our town's talented vocalists.

- Both solo and group entries are accepted, and submissions will be judged based on vocal performance.
- Finalists will be asked to perform at a live show at the Rowlett Community Centre on

April 28, with winners being judged and selected in each category.

• Entries may be submitted via YouTube, mailed to the Rowlett Public Library, or dropped off at the City of Rowlett Annex Building at 4004 Main St. during one of the take-in times: Mar. 23, 3-5pm, or Mar. 24, 10am-12pm.

For more information on contest requirements and instructions to enter, please visit [rowlett.com/rowlettsings](http://rowlett.com/rowlettsings).

## PARKS & RECREATION UPDATE



Mark your calendars for the grand opening of Scentral Bark! The grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am and going until 12pm.

We want to say thank you to [Sachse Park Pals](#) again!

Join us for the [Annual Easter Eggstravaganza](#) on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am – noon at Pecan Grove Park. Kids, bring your baskets and hunt for more than 20,000 treat-filled eggs, then enjoy lots of fun stuff like face painting, bounce houses and photos with the Easter Bunny!

Egg hunts are categorized by age groups and are scheduled at various times throughout the event.

Babies - 3 yrs old 10:30 am  
4 - 6 yrs old 10:45 am  
7 and up 11:00 am  
Angel Kids 11:15 am  
Rainout date: Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>



[Easter Pup-a-Palooza!](#) Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at Scentral Bark Park in Herfurth Park. Dogs of all sizes are invited to hunt for eggs filled with doggie treats and special prize eggs.  
Fee: \$10 per dog

Remember to bring your Easter basket, leash and proof of rabies vaccination!

## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Officer Evan Clark receives a Letter of Recognition from Chief Brodnax for the outstanding job he did on Tuesday night, February 26, 2018, when a teen was arrested with a rifle and ammunition near Rowlett High School. Regarding Officer Clark's actions, Chief Brodnax states, "...We may never know his true intentions. What we do know is that you and your shift did an outstanding job and most likely saved the lives of many individuals. Job well done."

Complete details of the arrest on Tuesday night can be found here: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/North-Texas-Teen-Arrested-With-Rifle-Ammo-Near-High-School-475610673.html>

On Friday, February 23, 2018, Sergeant Kevin Harrelson and Sergeant Chris Caves graduated from the 124<sup>th</sup> School of Police Supervision at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration (ILEA). This four-week school recognizes the importance of supervision as a major management function in law enforcement.



In honor of Richardson Police Officer Sherrard and in support of his family, the Rowlett Police Officers Association started a Blue-Line Bracelet fundraiser. With the determination of city employees and the cooperation of city volunteers, the association hopes to raise over \$1,000 for the Sherrard family. On behalf of the Rowlett Police Association we would like to thank everyone for their support during this tragic time.

The rubber bracelets are printed with Officer Sherrard's badge number and End of Watch (EOW) date on the blue line, and are \$5.00 each. We are grateful to several people who have also made cash donations.

This week, we had the privilege to see retired VIP (Volunteer In Police) and Veteran Urban Ray Tinckham, who despite health restrictions, came to the Rowlett Police Department to purchase a bracelet and grace us with his sincere condolences. Mr. Tinckham was a kind reminder of the wonderful citizens who are in our community and why courageous men and women in blue are proud to protect, to serve, and to offer support for their fellow Officers. Bracelets can be purchased from the Community Service Department during regular business hours.

## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

### Annual Concrete Repair and Maintenance of Streets and Alleys

Cam-Crete Contracting, Inc. was delayed by the recent rain. They will resume operations on Killarney Dr. and Rowlett Rd. at the beginning of next week, weather permitting.



### Annual Foam Injection Pavement Leveling

Nortex Concrete Inc. is foam injecting low areas in streets in the Westwood Shores Phase 2 and Waterview Phase 5A sub-divisions where standing water gathers. Preventative maintenance allows the City of Rowlett to "Keep the Good Streets Good".



### Traffic Signal at Liberty Grove Road and Chiesa Road

Durable Specialties started assembling and mounting the mast arms for the signal. The control panel wiring, installing the lighting and setting up the video system should be finished today.



### Toler Bay 2 Lift Station Upgrade Project

Contractor Felix Construction completed demolition of the existing lift station floor. Contractor has exposed the existing force main in preparation to remove and replace pipe and install a new bypass connection.



### Historic Tank Refurbish

The downtown historic tank progression is slow due to the rain over the past weeks.



### Annual Concrete Sidewalk, Curb, Gutter and Utility Repair Maintenance

Public Works is in the process of securing a new vendor for the program. Currently we have 54 requests for 50/50 sidewalk repairs.



### Blocked Storm Drains Cause Flooding

Crews had to clean out storm drains that had become blocked with debris due to the heavy rains this week.



The [Action Center](#) is your one-stop-shop offered by the City of Rowlett to assist citizens.

Available online 24-7 to report a problem or concern **OR** call 972.412.6100 weekdays from 8am to 5pm to report any issues or ask questions. We are here to serve!



You may find any City-related information on our website, [www.rowlett.com](http://www.rowlett.com), [Facebook](#) page or call the Action Center during business hours at 972.412.6100.