

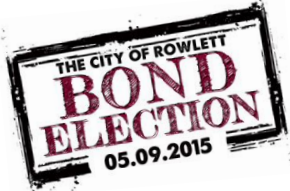
# A Weekly Update from City Hall

## FRIDAY @ 5



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### COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PROJECT UPDATE

#### 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 placed the remaining sod and they poured some of the missing sections of sidewalk. Preparations are being made to transition the areas where new pavement connects with the older pavement.

#### 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:

Tri-Con Services is mapping out the ADA ramps along Miami Dr. and Vernon Dr.; next up they will pour the concrete around the sewer cleanouts and finish the sidewalks; the trees have been ordered and should arrive soon.

#### Lake Country Estates Reconstruction Project – Phase 1

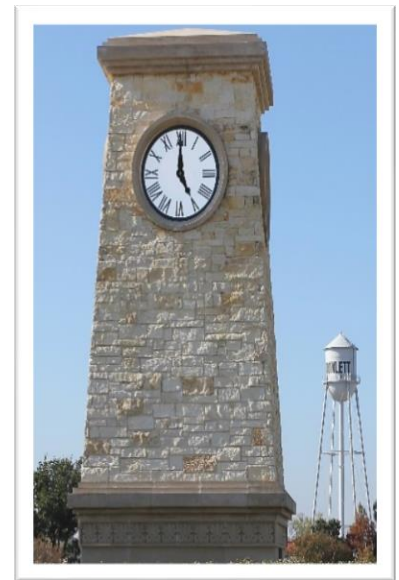
##### Project Scope:

Rebuilding of the streets, sidewalks, curbs, drainage systems, street trees and lighting on Llano St., Southridge Dr., Westview Dr. and west Lynnwood Dr.



##### Project Status:

Contractor completed demolition of Llano St. eastbound lane from Aspen Dr. to Herfurth Park and Southridge Dr. northbound lane from Westview Dr. to the Village of Rowlett. Lime and cement stabilization commenced in these areas. Weather permitting, preparation will start next week for concrete pours. Demolition of the house at 4505 Skyline Dr. is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>.



### Important City Meetings

#### City Council –

Regular Meetings: Oct. 9 & 16,  
5:30pm @ City Hall

**\*\*NO COUNCIL MEETING ON OCT. 2<sup>ND</sup> – Proclamation Only for NATIONAL NIGHT OUT\*\***

Special Meetings – None at this time.

P&Z Commission – Oct. 9 & 23,  
6:45pm @ City Hall

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

Community Investment Advisory Board – Oct. 1, 6pm @ City Hall

Diversity Commission – Oct. 17,  
6:30pm @ City Hall

Economic Development Advisory Board – Oct. 16, 9:30am @  
Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Golf Advisory Board – Oct. 2,  
8am @ Waterview Golf Club

Library Advisory Board – Oct. 11,  
6:30pm @ Library

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

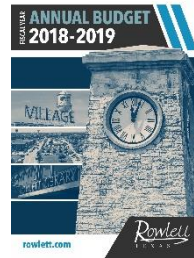
Senior Advisory Board – Oct. 15,  
10am @ City Hall

Youth Advisory Council – Oct. 15,  
6pm @ RCC



## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

FY2019 Budget: The City Council formally adopted the FY2019 Budget on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The new tax rate will become effective on October 1, 2018. The budget book will be uploaded to our website next week.

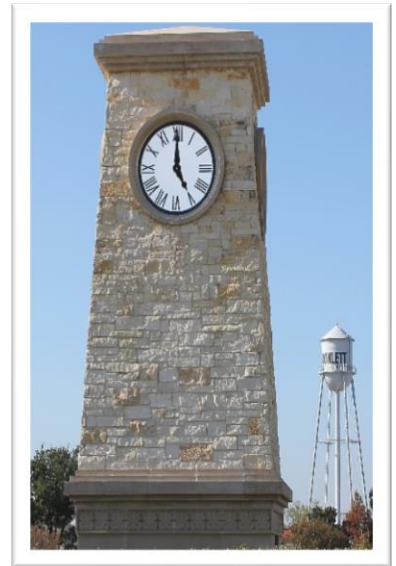


At Tuesday night's meeting, your City Council formally adopted the [2018 City of Rowlett Strategic Plan](#) – a visionary long-term plan covering every aspect of the City, providing vision and structure for our continued collaboration, goal-setting, and progress across all areas of your local government.

**City of Rowlett Vision:** A well-planned lakeside community of quality neighborhoods, distinctive amenities, diverse employment, and cultural charm. *THE* place to live, work, and play.

**City of Rowlett Mission:** The City of Rowlett provides innovative citizen-centered services that exceed the expectations of our residents, businesses, and guests. Our purpose is to serve.

[Scarecrows on Main](#) - tell your story in straw! Celebrate fall throughout the Downtown Village of Rowlett. Sign up by September 28! Call 972.412.6165 for details.



## CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE



At the Council meeting on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Dana-Bashian and the City Council honored WWII veteran [Sergeant-Major Robert Blatnik](#) - a real American hero - during the Rowlett Veterans Recognition Program. Those in attendance were treated to a living history lesson as he regaled the room with stories of storming the beach at Normandy and serving under Generals Roosevelt and Patton. What an amazing man with a true

servant's heart, at 98-years-young (as he will tell you), Robert still volunteers at the Dallas VA Hospital. He is very vocal about his love for Rowlett and this community, and WE are so very lucky he calls Rowlett home!

[Here](#) he is, leading the packed Council Chambers in a spontaneous, rousing rendition of God Bless America ❤️



Reminder – You MUST complete registration by October 9<sup>th</sup> to vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>! And, you have a couple of ways to register:

- ✓ Come by City Hall, 4000 Main Street, and pick up a paper form at the Action Center – fill it out and mail it in.
- ✓ Register online at <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/register-to-vote/> - this way takes about two minutes of your time to complete!

## In the Community

**[ACTION CENTER](#)** – Contact us online 24-7 OR week days, 8am-5pm at 972-412-6100.

**[Movies on Main](#)** – Sept. 21 @ Dusk in Downtown Rowlett

**[Creating Community](#)** – Starts Sept. 27 thru Nov. 1, 6:30-8:30pm @ City Hall

**[National Night Out \(NNO\)](#)** – Oct. 2, in Your Neighborhoods!

**[Rowlett Recycles Day](#)** – Oct. 6, 9am-1pm @ Rowlett High School

**[International Festival](#)** – Oct. 6, 11am-2pm in Downtown Rowlett

**[Pickleball Tournament](#)** – Oct. 5-7, @ Herfurth Park

**[Low Cost Vaccination Clinic](#)** – Oct. 7, 2-5pm @ [Liberty Grove Animal Hospital](#)

**[Scarecrows on Main](#)** – Oct. 7-Nov. 7, Downtown on the Square

**[Fall Main Street Market](#)** – Oct. 13, 3-8pm @ the Village of Rowlett Downtown

**[CPR Class](#)** – Oct. 20, 8:30am-12:30pm @ Fire Admin Building

**[Tri-City Cleanup](#)** – Oct. 20, 8am-2pm @ Hella Shrine Pavilion

**[Camp Fear](#)** – Oct. 26-27, 5pm on Oct. 26 @ Pecan Grove Park



## LIBRARY

[Parking Map](#) for Library and Downtown Rowlett.



Love on a Leash encourages school-age youngsters to practice their reading skills in the company of specially- trained reading therapy dogs like Oakley, assisted here by his trainer, Courtney. Love on a Leash reading sessions are held on Tuesdays at 3:30 and 6:30 pm. For more information and to register, please call the Library at 972.412-6161.

Conversational English classes are held at the Library on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Participants build communication and language skills to enhance their work and everyday lives. Pictured here is English as a Second Language tutor Ozzie Cutter with her Tuesday morning students.



REMINDER – September is [Library Card Sign-Up Month!](#)

## PARKS & RECREATION



The City of Rowlett Parks and Recreation Department is honored to announce that we were named the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation 2018 City of the Year for population 35,000 to 74,999! We are honored to have even been considered within an organization of cities and people who give so much to our young athletes!

REMINDER: [Sign up now](#) for the [Thorlos Rowlett Rumble Fall Smash Pickleball Tournament](#). Held at Herfurth Park October 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.



**VENDORS NEEDED!** Calling all vendors! Our [International Festival](#) is just around the corner – it's on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> this year! Please call the Rowlett Community Centre for more information on how to join in the event 972.412.6170!

Our LAST [Movies on Main](#) is **TONIGHT**, September 21<sup>st</sup>! Join us in Downtown Rowlett for a movie under the stars (or might be clouds tonight!) *Despicable ME3* begins at dusk but come early to get a good seat and enjoy pre-movie entertainment!



Pack a picnic dinner and bring a blanket. Snow-cones will be provided by Rowlett Friendship Baptist Church.

**\*\*\*If it rains – please check the [Rowlett Facebook page](#) for up-to-date event information!\*\*\***

See you there!



## POLICE DEPARTMENT



On Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, a jury convicted Ioannis "John" Makris of Capital Murder for his role in the death of the Police Department's VIPS volunteer Laura Grillo. He was sentenced to life in prison without the chance of parole.

A HUGE thank you to everyone that worked so hard on this case. Both the state's attorneys and the defense attorneys congratulated the Rowlett Police Department on an excellent investigation.

Great job by everyone involved!



The Police Department successfully passed the re-recognition process by the Texas Police Chiefs Association's Texas Law Enforcement Recognition Program and has been **REACCREDITED!!** The two-day re-recognition process consisted of interviews and the examination of the department's policies, procedures, equipment, facilities and operations.

Great job Rowlett PD!

### What is the Law Enforcement Agency Best Practices Recognition Program?

*The program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 166 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk and the protection of individual's rights.*

## PUBLIC WORKS

### CDBG ALLEYS - 2017

The contractor had some delays this past week due to the rainfall and is working on drying the areas. The contractor is preparing for lab testing and concrete pours on the Pollard Alley and Scenic/Greenlawn alley this week.



### LARKSPUR/DAISY/WILLARD ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION

Repairs continue along Christopher Alley. The contractor Urban InfraConstruction is compiling the priority punch list items for the Larkspur and Willard alleys.



### ANNUAL CONCRETE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF STREETS & ALLEYS

Cam-Crete is removing panels on Rowlett Rd. between Beech St. and Kenwood Dr. The contractor has resumed operation from the recent rains, and is preparing to pour concrete this week.



### BLUEBONNET SEWER SERVICE REPAIR

Utilities crews repaired a sewer service and installed a property line cleanout on Bluebonnet. Our staff regularly repairs sewer laterals to make sure we provide continued sewer service to our residents.



**FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE**

Our one-man fire hydrant crew maintains over 2,000 fire hydrants with the goal of touching each one annually. During maintenance, flushes, flow tests, scrapes, paints, and lubricates each hydrant. This ensures all our hydrants are always operational for fire suppression and main line flushing.



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** you can call 972.412.6100 weekdays from 8am to 5pm to report any issues or ask questions.

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