

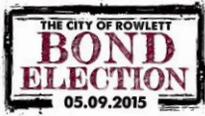
# A Weekly Update from City Hall

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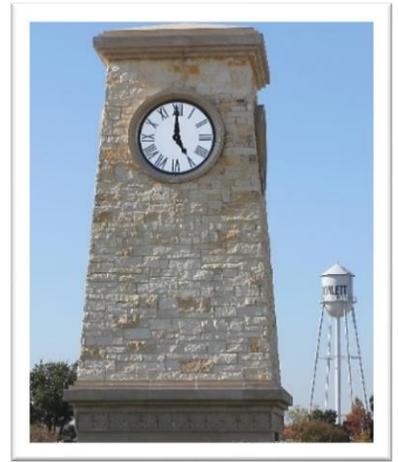
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**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT  
PROGRAM (CIP) PROJECT UPDATE**



### Lake Country Estates Reconstruction Project – Phase 1

#### Project Scope:

Rebuild streets, sidewalks, curbs, drainage systems, street trees and lighting on Llano St., Southridge Dr., Westview Dr. and west Lynnwood Dr. Contact: [Tony Creonte](#) or [Robert Harris](#)



#### Project Status:

The contractor work has been limited due to extreme cold weather; poured the final inlet for stormwater Line B, this line is 55% complete needing to tie-in at Miller Rd. and is scheduled to start at least two weeks out. The westbound lane of Westview Dr. is formed, rebar set and scheduled to be poured next Tuesday, weather permitting.

### Highland Meadows Reconstruction Project – Phase 2

#### Phase 1 – FINISHED

#### Project Scope:

Replace water/sewer lines, storm inlets and storm line; Willowbrook Dr. from Dalrock Rd. to Miami Dr.; Westfield Dr. from Linda Vista Dr. to Miami Dr. and remaining part of Miami Dr. Sidewalks and lighting will mirror Phase 1. Contact: [John Massad](#) or [Steven Wingo](#)



#### Project Status:

Quality Excavation installed the water line on Willowbrook Dr. and will flush and test it next week. The water line on Westfield Dr. will be soon.

### Dalrock Estates Reconstruction Project – Phase 2

#### Phase 1 – FINISHED

#### Project Scope:

Replace water/sewer lines, storm inlets and some storm lines. Replace Kensington Dr. and Chesham Dr. and remaining portions of Highgate Ln. and Yorkshire Dr. not done in Phase 1. Sidewalks and lighting will mirror Phase 1. Contact: [John Massad](#) or [Steven Wingo](#)



#### Project Status:

McMahon Contracting continues the installation of the sanitary sewer services along Kensington Dr. Contractor started removing the mail boxes along Kensington Dr. along with tree stumps.

## Important City Meetings

### City Council –

Regular Meetings: March 19, 5:00pm @ City Hall

Special Meetings: Town Hall, March 18, 6:30pm @ RCC

P&Z Commission – March 12 & 26 6:45pm @ City Hall

Animal Shelter Board – TBD, 7:30pm @ City Hall

Arts & Humanities Commission – March 12, 6:30pm @ Library

Board of Adjustment – TBD, 6:30pm @ City Hall

Community Investment Advisory Board – May 6, 6pm @ City Hall

Diversity Commission – Mar. 20, 6:30pm @ City Hall

Economic Development Advisory Board – March 19, 9:30am @ 4418 Main, Chamber of Commerce

Golf Advisory Board – April 2, 8am @ Waterview Golf Course

Library Advisory Board – March 14, 6:30pm @ Library

Parks & Rec Advisory Board – March 13, 7pm @ RCC

Senior Advisory Board – Mar. 18, 10am @ City Hall

Youth Advisory Council – Mar. 18, 6pm @ RCC



## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



### CITY REACHES AGREEMENT WITH BAYSIDE

with a future partner.

The agreement includes the acquisition of the 119-acre tract south of IH-30; assignment of the Crystal Lagoon license; and, transfer of the marina including rights to 1,005 boat slips. This agreement is a critical first step in a 120-day process during which multiple documents must be negotiated, developed and/or amended between the City and the Bayside parties and between the City and a future partner. Funding for this acquisition, including the earnest money, will be paid by that partner.

This agreement provides a path to achieve the City's vision, including a destination entertainment district, a world-class marina, a resort and conference center and public amenities such as the Crystal Lagoon and show fountain.

"We have been steadfast in upholding our community's vision," said Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian. "This is a one-of-a-kind property and we are excited to be moving forward in our commitment to develop the unique destination that our citizens deserve."

- ❖ **The City will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at the Rowlett Community Centre to inform the public about the agreement and next steps.**
- ❖ Here is the link to the updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about this project.



Do you have a question you'd like to ask the Mayor? Have you ever wondered WHY we do what we do? And perhaps even HOW we do what we do? Maybe you're interested in learning more about Specific projects going on around town?

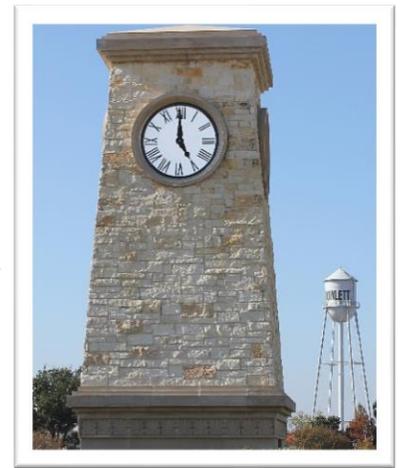
Well, here's your opportunity to get the answers you're looking for. We're starting a new segment on Rowlett on the Water...on the Move, the monthly news show hosted by Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian and City Manager Brian Funderburk, called "[Ask the Mayor](#)"!

Email your questions on ANY city-related topic to [AskTheMayor@Rowlett.com](mailto:AskTheMayor@Rowlett.com) and Mayor Dana-Bashian will answer some on next month's show.



[SafeHome.org](#) names Rowlett the #9 Safest City in Texas! This is great recognition for the City of Rowlett and demonstrates the City Council commitment to public safety and the outstanding work of our Rowlett Police Department. For information on the methodology used to compile the rankings, and to see where other area cities are ranked, please visit

[https://www.safehome.org/safest-cities/tx/?fbclid=IwAR14FMX13WN\\_afP2SAMypAJRatbx59luPYlgnd7ELrw6bmgSVVmdGV2gq4c](https://www.safehome.org/safest-cities/tx/?fbclid=IwAR14FMX13WN_afP2SAMypAJRatbx59luPYlgnd7ELrw6bmgSVVmdGV2gq4c).



## In the Community

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

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

**[KRB Electronic Recycling & Document Shredding Event](#)** – April 27, 9am-1pm @ Rowlett HS

**[Spring Main Street Market](#)** – May 4, 11am-6pm, Downtown Rowlett

**[Farmers Market](#)** – starts May 9, 4-8pm; every Thurs. thru August 29

**[2018 Strategic Plan](#)** – The City's long-term plan covering all aspects of the City.

**[AMI Access Sign-up](#)** – See your real-time water usage!

**[Notify Me](#)** – Subscribe to receive agendas, *Mayor's Spotlight*, *Friday@5*, lane closures/detours plus other important information, by email or text. Stay Informed!



## CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE



**REGISTER TO VOTE NOW!** April 5, 2019 is the **last day** to [register to vote](#) or make a change of address and it to be effective for the Saturday, May 4, 2019 General Election.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Director of Economic Development, Jim Grabenhorst along with members of the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) spent time in Austin this week for the 86<sup>th</sup> legislative session. TEDC is the state's leading advocate for public policies related to economic development and is a voice for economic development practitioners.

Economic Development Specialist Lexie Woodward graduated from the City of Rowlett (New) Employee Academy this Wednesday. New employees have the opportunity to over a six-week period to visit all of the City departments to learn what each does and how it all fits together.



Rumdoul – Asian Cuisine & Noodle House, will be opening at 8602 Lakeview Parkway, Suite E. *Rumdoul* is a species of flower highly regarded in Cambodia and Thailand. Menu items include lettuce wraps with ground pork, jicama, carrot, peanuts, and rice cracker, as well as caramelized pork with stir fry pork, pickled vegetables, and jasmine rice.

- The Spring [Main Street Market](#) will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 6pm.
- The [Farmers Market](#) season kicks off on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 8pm, recurring every Thursday through August 29<sup>th</sup>.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Municipal Court Update - Presiding Judge of the Rowlett Municipal Court Pam Liston, who is also the regional director of the Texas Municipal Courts Association (TMCA) and serves on the board of directors of the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center (TMCEC), had the privilege of teaching the Procedural Fairness curriculum to 168 judges gathered in Addison for the Regional Judges School this week. Recently, TMCEC has put forward an emphasis on Procedural Fairness – a wonderful curriculum comprised of the best research and data supporting the positive outcomes associated with the fair treatment of all people.

Thank you, Judge Liston, for representing the City of Rowlett honorably and staying on the front end of receiving important information and being able to contribute to the development of law that shapes our state's practices related to municipal court processes. You serve the citizens of Rowlett and other cities well by providing fair and impartial court services in a neutral manner.



Photo by TMCEC

## LIBRARY



[Spring Break](#) is next week, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>!  
For free, fun ways to keep your kids and teens engaged, look no further!



The [Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission](#) sponsors several great contests encouraging our community's participation in the arts throughout the year: Young Artist Exhibit, Annual Writing Contest and Rowlett Sings are just three of them!



**Attention Young Artists!** Artwork will be accepted at [4004 Main Street](#) on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3 to 5pm or Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 12pm.

The **Annual Writing Contest** deadline is Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Entries may be mailed or delivered to the Rowlett Public Library located at [3900 Main Street](#), Suite 200.



**Rowlett Sings** is back and will be held at the Rowlett Community Centre on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Entries are due no later than Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. See link for all details.

## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Put the Care into Lawn Care, Rowlett! Did you fight the lawn and the lawn won? Don't let it! The FREE course from [Texas A&M Agrilife Research Extension's Water University](#) will teach you proper maintenance techniques and efficient watering methods plus so much more! This FREE course will be held on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon at the RCC. Register [here](#).



The 2019 Easter Eggstravaganza is just around the corner! Be sure to make plans to join us in Pecan Grove Park on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for this fun, free family event. Bring the kiddos Easter baskets to hunt for over 20,000 eggs filled with treats for kids of all ages to enjoy! Egg hunts are categorized by age groups and are scheduled at various times throughout the event. The times for the age groups are:

Babies to 3 years	10:30 AM (Family allowed to assist)
4 to 6 years	10:45 AM (1 parent allowed to assist)
7 and up	11:00 AM (No parents allowed)
Angel Kids	11:15 AM (Family allowed to assist)

*WE HOPE TO  
SEE YOU THERE!*

The City of Rowlett has been notified that we have once again, for the 16<sup>th</sup> year in a row, been named a Tree City USA. The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees.



More than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA. The City of Rowlett has achieved Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ❖ **New weekly feature:** Rowlett PD will be providing a link to the weekly crime reports so you, the citizens, can be informed about what's going on in the City.

[Weekly Crime Reports](#)

This past week, the Rowlett Police Department Traffic Unit participated in The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital of Texas Police Motorcycle Chute Out (COTPMCO) in Buda, Texas. COTPMCO is a non-profit organization that focuses on providing Police Motorcycle Training across the United States as well as raise funds for non-profit



organizations. Over 130 motorcycle officers from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Mississippi and Nebraska represented their agencies during this four-day event. The event concluded with participants competing in several motorcycle riding courses. We are proud to announce that our very own Officer Wes Moore won second place in the Fairing Motorcycle Division, Expert Class.

Congratulations Officer Moore!!



Chief Brodnax received a very nice letter and two thank you cards from Litchfield Park, AZ courtesy of Tayler (12 years old) and Caleb (10 years old) Benedetto.

Tayler and Caleb have been sending thank you cards to police officers for the past few years and have also raised over \$3,000 to help purchase bulletproof vests for K-9s.

A huge thank you on behalf of the Rowlett Police Department to Tayler and Caleb.



Cheerful third graders from Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary greeted Officer Reeves with a shower of cards and notes to show their appreciation for the Rowlett Police Department.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **SCHRADE RD. PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER**

McMahon Contracting finished the last of the pavement this week and the irrigation crew will begin next week.



### **ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE SIDEWALK, CURB, GUTTER AND UTILITY CUT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE**

FY 2019 50/50 Sidewalk Program evaluated, measured and estimates sent to 99 addresses with 15 paid as of today. Currently, 10 water and sewer, 35 curb and gutter and 4 street repairs are scheduled. Austin Raymond Construction contractor is working on sidewalks in the Springfield East subdivision.



### ANNUAL CONTRACT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND ALLEYS

Cam-Crete Contracting poured the alley panel replacements in the Columbus Dr. and Chestnut Dr. alley.



### ANIMAL SHELTER

The Animal Shelter generator is installed and ready for service.



### NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will temporarily change the disinfectant in its water treatment process from March 4 through April 1, 2019. The annual, routine change is necessary to maintain the regional system and year-round water quality.



Disinfection is a critical part of the water treatment process that keeps drinking water free of harmful microorganisms, such as parasites and viruses. Disinfection involves a two-step process that first treats the water at the treatment plant and then chloramine disinfectant (chlorine + ammonia) is added to maintain water quality on its journey through the miles of pipes to homes and businesses. During the temporary change, NTMWD suspends adding ammonia and uses only free chlorine to keep water disinfected as it travels through pipes.

The absence of ammonia during these few weeks may make the chlorine disinfectant more noticeable. There are simple steps to minimize taste, odor or skin sensitivities, including placing a pitcher of water in the refrigerator overnight or adding a slice of citrus to the water. Adding a crushed 1000 mg Vitamin C tablet to bath water will remove the chlorine.

For more information, please see the fact sheet <https://www.ntmwd.com/do.../change-in-disinfectant-fact-sheet/>.



The [Action Center](#) is your one-stop-shop, offered by the City of Rowlett to assist citizens. Call 972-412-6100

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If you have any questions, please contact [Evette](#)*

