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CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Mayor’s State of the City Address
Tuesday, January 7th
7:30pm @ City Hall, 4000 Main Street

Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian delivered her Annual State of the City Address at Tuesday night’s Council meeting. We hope you enjoy hearing about the City’s numerous 2019 accomplishments, as well as the outlook going forward!

Your Rowlett City Council is hosting a Town Hall meeting Tuesday, January 28th from 6:30-8pm at the Rowlett Community Centre - join us and stay informed about what’s going on in your City! The meeting takes place in a relaxed setting, allowing everyone to speak freely and informally.

Hope to see y’all there, but if you can’t make it please join us on Facebook, we’ll be carrying the meeting live and will make every effort to address your questions there as well!!

REMINDER: Check out the Mayor’s Spotlight Story... AND

Email your questions to AskTheMayor@Rowlett.com
The newest video is now available for viewing and all are on the City’s YouTube channel – @ RowlettTexasVideo.

The FREE Newcomers Guide to Gardening in North Texas event was designed with you in mind! It’s Saturday, January 25th from 8am-Noon at the McKinney ISD Community Event Center.
REGISTER TODAY!

**The next City Academy class starts January 23rd!
Register TODAY!!**

City Facilities will be CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday January 20th.
CITY SECRETARY’S OFFICE

Are you interested in being a Councilmember?
The election for City Council will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020. For more information about the election and becoming a candidate, visit the Election page on the City’s website.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?
** You must register to vote or make any change of address by April 2, 2020 to vote in the local election on May 2, 2020. **

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The City of Rowlett and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Garland are partnering to provide financial and technical assistance for low to moderate income residents to enable decent, safe and sanitary housing. For more information, contact Susan Nix in the Community Development Department at snix@rowlett.com or 972.463.3927. There is a flyer available which has valuable information along with the application form.

ECO经济 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Young’s White Tiger Martial Arts, located at 8701 Liberty Grove Rd., is having an Open House on January 25th.

Staff attended the Annual Weitzman D-FW Retail Forecast at the George W. Bush Presidential Center on Tuesday. For more information on the event, including the conversation between Weitzman Chairman and Walmart’s JP Suarez, see Dallas News, BisNow, or Fort Worth Business Press. Inside Weitzman’s 2019 retail review, data points on Rowlett include:
1. The average asking rate for Class A space is $30, Class B is $17, and Class C is $9
2. Rowlett has 1,488,989 sq. ft. of gross leasable area with 6.94% or 103,319 sq. ft. vacant

LIBRARY

On Saturday, January 11th at 2pm, families can explore a winter wonderland (no matter what the weather is like outside) as we create different types of snowflakes.

Get ready to make a move in 2020! At 3pm on Saturday, January 11th, realtor Veronica Gardez from Keller Williams Realty will offer tips on buying a home. Contact Veronica at 214.773.7175 for questions or to RSVP.

It’s a T-Rex Tea Party on Saturday, January 18th at 2pm. Children will learn the dos and don’ts of tea party etiquette to act like proper ladies and gentlemen and not dinosaurs.

In the Community

ACTION CENTER – Weekdays 8-5 @ 972.412.6100 OR Online 24-7
Mayor’s Spotlight – December
Spotlight on Rowlett – December
Spotlight Story – GISD Superintendent Dr. Ricardo Lopez
Spirit of Rowlett – December
City Academy – Jan. 23, 6-9pm @ Various City Buildings
Gardening in North Texas – Jan. 25; 8am-12pm @ McKinney ISD
Little Sweetheart Dance – Feb. 1, 7pm @ RCC
PD Weekly Crime Report
Notify Me – Subscribe TODAY! Stay Informed and up to date
Connect Rowlett – Sign up today!
City Facilities Closed for MLK Jr. Day – Jan. 20
The Dr. King Bookmark contest runs from now until Friday, January 24th. Children are invited to design a bookmark celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Winning bookmarks will be printed and available at the Library in February. Pick your entry form at the Library today!

The Library will be CLOSED on Monday, January 20th for MLK Day.

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Swing into Spring with the City of Rowlett’s Youth Baseball League! Don’t strike out on your chance to spend your spring with us, our league is for ages 3-12. Games will be played on Saturday! Registration is open through February 23rd. Contact the Rowlett Community Centre for more details at 972-412-6170!

It’s that time of year! Adult co-ed Volleyball is a great option for anyone! Registration will open January 6th, and close on March 8th. Don’t wait, spots will fill up fast! Please call the Rowlett Community Centre, 972-412-6170, to learn how to get signed up! We hope to see you on the court!

Bump, Set, Spike into the New Year! Registration for the Rowlett Youth Girls Volleyball League opens December 30th and closes March 8th. The season will run from March 21st – May 16th. This league is for ages 7-12. Do not miss this opportunity! Contact the Rowlett Community Centre for more details at 972-412-6170!

Registration is now open for the annual Little Sweetheart Dance. Treat that special child to “A Night in Hollywood” at the Rowlett Parks and Recreation’s Community Centre on Saturday, February 1st. Families will enjoy a special evening of exciting dancing and games. Space is limited, so be sure to get your tickets today! Couples are $45 and each additional child is $15. Starts at 7pm.

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**Your City Government**

**Vision** – A well-planned lakeside community of quality neighborhoods, distinctive amenities, diverse employment, and cultural charm.

Rowlett: THE place to live, work, and play.

**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.

**Strategic Plan**

- Govern Transparently & Inclusively
- Foster Economic Vitality
- Ensure a Safe Community
- Invest in Transportation & Infrastructure
- Strengthen Neighborhood Livability
- Promote Operational Excellence
- Enhance Quality of Life

**Strategic Plan Community Dashboard**

**FRIDAY@5 – WEEKLY UPDATE FOR 01.10.20**
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Crime Reports
Rowlett PD provides a link to the weekly crime reports so you, our citizens, can be informed about what’s going on in the City.

The Police Department had several surprise visits during National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Liberty Grove Primrose School dropped off treats and handmade posters that were decorated with encouraging and supportive mottos; and Home Depot brought snacks and an orange Home Depot apron signed by employees with appreciation messages. Several of our local citizens brought cards and homemade goodies to officers and department staff. Thank you to all those for recognizing us on this day!

Rowlett High School celebrated Appreciation Day by presenting Officer Freeman and their SRO Officers with posters and other works of art.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PROJECT UPDATE

LAKE COUNTRY ESTATES RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE 2
Project Scope:
Rebuild streets, sidewalks, curbs, drainage systems, street trees and lighting on Cheyenne and Lynnwood. Contact: Robert Harris or Steven Wingo

Project Status:
Quality Excavation is currently installing conduit piping and fountains for street lights, installing topsoil and sod on Cheyenne Dr.

HIGHLAND MEADOWS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE 2
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 is finishing the final punch list; then project will be complete.

DALROCK ESTATES RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE 2
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 is diligently working to clean up the streets pushing toward final completion. All the streets and sidewalks will be swept and cleaned from debris.
MAIN STREET REHABILITATION AND PGBT NORTH BOUND RIGHT TURN LANE PROJECT
Contractor placed concrete on 80% of the westbound lane; parking spaces on the north side of Main St. are poured. Once the roadway is complete, the contractor will prepare to install the Silva Cells for trees and start construction of the sidewalks.

ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE SIDEWALK, CURB, GUTTER, AND UTILITY CUT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
Austin Raymond is currently demolishing concrete and installing flexbase on Tulip Ln., completing pours in the Lakeridge Estates and Mariner Cove subdivisions. As of today, there have been sixty-six 50/50 sidewalk locations inspected and thirty estimates sent out with four submitted payments.

ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION - AMBER AVE/JENNIFER LN/ ANDREA LN
Tri-Con started removing the failed pavement, compacted the native soil, put down flexbase and placed roughly 200 feet of new pavement on Jennifer/Andrea alley.

NORTH DALROCK CULVERT REPLACEMENT
Contractor completed the concrete pour on the bottom of the culvert and the main culvert walls. The forms for the top will be placed and poured by the end of next week.

PUBLIC WORKS CREWS WATER-MAIN MAINTENANCE
Public Works crews connected an existing 6” water main that dead ends just east of 8214 Paul’s Pl. to the existing water main at Dalrock Rd., to loop the lines. Public Works has frequently flushed the water main at Paul’s Pl. since the late 1980’s when the Lakecrest Subdivision was built. The crews have connected the water main and now will proceed to disinfect the line and send water samples to North Texas Municipal Water District for testing. The new water main could be in service as early as the end of the day today, January 10, pending a passed sample from NTMWD.

Public Works crews are in the process of installing approximately 475’ of 8” water main on Jackson St. to eliminate a 1 ½” galvanize water main and added a fire hydrant so serve the residents on Jackson St. As of today, the crew has installed 400’ of the new water line and foresee the line in service on January 15th pending a passing water sample from NTMWD.

My parents said that I would never amount to anything because of my procrastinating. I told them, “just you wait!”

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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