A Weekly Update from City Hall

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CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

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!

The Mayor’s Spotlight for January is now available! This month, Mayor Dana-Bashian highlights the stories of those City of Rowlett employees recognized for their Above and Beyond service to the citizens of Rowlett in 2019.

“The City of Rowlett provides innovative citizen-centered services that exceed the expectations of our residents, businesses, and guests.

Our purpose is to serve.” This is our City’s mission statement, and it is one your City staff takes very seriously!

Congratulations to Larry Glick, January Spirit of Rowlett Award winner! Enjoy this interview of Larry by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Matt Grubisich.

This award is to publicly recognize ordinary residents doing extra-ordinary things in our community, and the recipients are nominated by YOU – the citizens of Rowlett.

Larry was nominated by fellow Rowlett citizen, Larry Beckham, who says: “A very active member of the Rowlett community, Mr. Glick was chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission for around 10 years. He is on the Garland ISD School Board. He is member of the Rowlett Golf Advisory Board. He personally purchased numerous trees for the golf course from his own money. He is a member of the Rowlett Economic Development Advisory Board. He is also a member of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.” Congratulations Larry!

Important City Meetings

City Council –
Regular Meetings: Jan. 21; 5:30 pm @ City Hall; *check agenda on website* Friday before mtg
Special Meetings: Town Hall, Jan. 28; 6:30 - 8pm @ RCC
P&Z Commission – Jan. 28, 6:30pm @ City Hall
Animal Shelter Board – TBD, 7pm @ City Hall
Arts & Humanities Commission – Feb. 11, 6:30pm @ Library
Board of Adjustment – TBD, 7pm @ City Hall
Community Investment Advisory Board – Feb. 3, 6pm @ City Hall
Diversity Commission – Feb. 19, 6:30pm @ City Hall
Economic Development Advisory Board – Jan. 21, 9:30am @ Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
Golf Advisory Board – Feb. 4, 8am @ Waterview Golf Course
Library Advisory Board – Feb. 6, 6:30pm @ Library
Parks & Rec Advisory Board – Feb. 12, 6:30pm @ RCC**New Start Time**
Senior Advisory Board – Feb. 10, 10am @ City Hall
Youth Advisory Council – Jan. 27, 6pm @ RCC
2020 Census Complete Count Committee – Feb. 13, 6:30pm @ City Hall
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!

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. **

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Staff attended the International Council of Shopping Centers Red River States Conference & Deal Making last week, January 8th-10th. Almost four-thousand “Deal-Makers” from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma attended the one-stop-shop for education, networking and deal making.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During a natural or man-made disaster, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) assist Public Safety teams in doing damage assessment, accounting for residents and securing quick, accessible routes into their neighborhood. CERT members also help search for missing persons, and assist with evacuations, traffic control, courtesy patrols and with City events.

In the Community

ACTION CENTER – Weekdays 8 - 5 @ 972.412.6100 OR Online 24-7

State of the City Address – Presented January 2020

Mayor’s Spotlight – January 2020

Spotlight on Rowlett – December

Spotlight Story – GISD Superintendent Dr. Ricardo Lopez

Spirit of Rowlett – January 2020

Gardening in North Texas – Jan. 25; 8am-12pm @ McKinney ISD

Little Sweetheart Dance – Feb. 1, 7pm @ RCC

CERT Classes – Feb. 1 & 8, 8am – 6pm @ 4701 Rowlett Rd.

Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program

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
Rowlett CERT is actively recruiting residents to be trained in the CERT program that includes Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue, and Fire Suppression following FEMA guidelines. CERT is holding a two-day class on Saturdays, February 1st and 8th from 8am to 6pm. Both days are required. A course fee of $20 covers class administrative expenses. For more information or to register for class, visit www.RowlettCERT.com

Being prepared is everyone’s responsibility. Get Ready Today.

Join the City of Rowlett team! For more info about this and all of the other current openings, please visit us today for your next job!

LIBRARY

We said farewell to our Library Director Kathy Freheit at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 7th. Kathy served Rowlett for eight years and now will take some time for her and her family. Congratulations on your retirement Kathy – we will miss you!

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

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. Entry forms are available at the Library or at Dr. King Bookmark Contest.

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

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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.

Use Chrome or Firefox – not compatible with Internet Explorer

Your City Government


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 Liveability

Promote Operational Excellence

Enhance Quality of Life

Strategic Plan Community Dashboard
Teddy Bear Mobile of North Dallas will be on hand at the event creating a personal stuffed animal for your sweetheart for an additional fee.

To celebrate *A Night in Hollywood* on February 1st, we’ve put together a giveaway of prizes! One lucky winner will receive:

- 1 set of Little Sweetheart tickets for two 💖💃
- 1 name on the Hollywood walk of fame of your choice ⭐

Check out previous posts on Facebook and Instagram to learn how to enter your chance to win!

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!

Experience the thrill of Olympic style fencing! Your little musketeer will learn all the basics of the weapons used in fencing in a fun, safe and welcoming atmosphere. Classes will be Wednesday’s at 5:30-6:30pm at the Rowlett Community Centre. For additional information contact the Rowlett Community Centre at 972-412-6170!

Amaze yourself, family and friends with the beautiful oil paintings you’ll take home after each fun and easy Adult Oil Painting class. Learn a simple, time-saving approach using fine art principles taught by a professional artist. Beginners are welcome and all materials are furnished for you. Bring paper towels and wear old t-shirts. Ages 14 and up. Register Now for “Midwest Snow Scene” on Wednesday, January 29th at 6pm. Registration is $15 and a $15 supply fee due to the instructor at class.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Weekly Crime Reports** – Rowlett PD provides a link to the weekly crime reports so you, our citizens, can be informed about what is going on in your City.
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 and foundations for street lights, adjusting meter boxes, installing topsoil and sod on Cheyenne Dr.

MAIN STREET REHABILITATION AND PGBT NORTH BOUND RIGHT TURN LANE PROJECT

Contractor completed concrete of westbound lane and the parking spaces on the north side; contractor is waiting for Silva Cells to place the trees and then construction of the sidewalks will start.

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

Austin Raymond is currently working on 12 curb repairs and one sidewalk repair in the Lakeridge Estates, Kenwood Heights, Highland Meadows North 2 and Mariner Cove subdivisions. To date, there have been seventy 50/50 sidewalk locations inspected and thirty-six estimates sent with five submitted payments.

NORTH DALROCK CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Contractor completed the concrete pour on the top of the culvert and has started backfilling on each side of the culvert in preparation to install the guardrail and replace the road back.

SPRINGFIELD AND COMMUNITY PARKS IMPROVEMENTS

Contractor’s progress has slowed because of the weather. Backfill and sod was placed at Springfield Park; the irrigation system is complete at Community Park. Weather permitting, the contractor plans on adding the top soil and start placing sod next week at Community Park.

You can’t plant flowers if you haven’t botany…

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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